

Community Development

- FETAC Level 5



Content

This is a two year part-time course in Community Development. Participants have the opportunity to attain a FETAC Level 5 award in Community Development. The award covers the core concepts of community development theory and practice. It includes modules which prepare participants to work in community development projects. The syllabus is structured as follows:

- **Working with groups** : Participants receive an understanding of group dynamics/group development and group processes.
- **Understanding Community Development** : Imparts the key concepts and theoretical frameworks of community development.
- **Community Development Practice** : Offered in conjunction with 'Understanding Community Development', this module will help participants to integrate the skills of community development enabling them to engage effectively with stakeholders in the community development sector.
- **Intercultural Studies** : This module will facilitate participants to explore intercultural issues such as diversity, racism, prejudice, inclusion, conflict and community participation. It provides participants with an opportunity to acquire the skills necessary for active participation in a diverse and changing society.
- **Sustainable Development** : This module is designed to equip participants with the skills to understand the concept of sustainable development as it relates to the environment, society and the economy.
- **Social Studies** : This module provides a general introduction to sociology and social issues.
- **Work Experience** : A practical placement providing opportunities to investigate workplace learning related to community development.
- **Communications** : Provides participants with the key communication skills required for the working environment.

Assessment

Assessment consists of project-work, skills demonstrations and examinations. Participants are advised to familiarise themselves with the FETAC assessment protocols as well as the submission deadlines pertaining to each module. These may be accessed at www.fetac.ie. Further information will also be provided in a course handbook.

Features of the course

- Curriculum delivered by experienced community development trainers
- Saturday workshops
- Shared learning through group work and class discussions
- Supervised placement visits

Entry Requirements

Applications are invited from the following:

- Preferred level of entry consisting of FETAC Level 4, Leaving Certificate or equivalent qualifications and/or relevant life and work experience.
- Participants working either voluntary or full-time as community development workers.
- In addition participants with an interest in gaining a greater awareness of community development.

Additional requirements include:

- All participants are required to organise 10 sessions of work experience in a community development setting.
- Students will be visited by their course tutor for assessment purposes.

Application Procedures

Application is by enrolment, applicants are required to attend a course briefing before enrolling on the course. This will take place on the evening of enrolment. Please see enrolment dates for further details.

Certification

Awarding Body : FETAC
Major Award : Community Development
NQF Level : Level 5
Award Code : ECDXX

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Timetable 2010 - 2012

Year 1

Autumn Term

Course Title	Day	Time	Start Date	Finish Date
Social Studies	Monday	7pm to 9pm	Mon. 20th Sep. 2010	Mon. 29th Nov. 2010
Understanding Community Development	Wednesday 1 x Saturday	7pm to 9pm 9am to 3pm	Wed. 22nd Sep. 2010 To be decided	Wed. 1st Dec. 2010

Spring Term

Community Development Practice	Monday 1 x Saturday	7pm to 9pm 9am to 3pm	Mon. 24th Jan. 2011 To be decided	Mon. 4th April 2011
Working with Groups	Wednesday 2 x Saturdays	7pm to 9pm 9am to 3pm	Wed. 26th Jan. 2011 To be decided	Wed. 6th April 2011

Year 2

Autumn Term

Course Title	Day	Time	Start Date	Finish Date
Sustainable Development	Monday 1 x Saturday	7pm to 9pm 9am to 3pm	Mon 19th Sep. 2011 To be decided	Mon. 5th Dec. 2011
Communications	Wednesday	7pm to 9pm	Wed. 21st Sep. 2011	Wed. 30th Nov. 2011

Spring Term

Intercultural Studies	Monday 1 x Saturday	7pm to 9pm 9am to 3pm	Mon. 23rd Jan. 2012 To be decided	Mon. 16th April 2012
Work Experience	Wednesday	7pm to 9pm	Wed. 8th Feb. 2012	Wed. 14th March 2012

Fees

Year 1

Course Title	Award	Fee	Duration	Payment Code
Understanding Community Development	FETAC Level 5	160 Euro	26hrs	Autumn - EUC5A
Social Studies	FETAC Level 5	150 Euro	20hrs	Autumn - ESS5A
Community Development Practice	FETAC Level 5	160 Euro	26hrs	Spring - ECP5S
Working with Groups	FETAC Level 5	170 Euro	32hrs	Spring- EWG5S

Year 2

Sustainable Development	FETAC Level 5	160 Euro	26hrs	Autumn - ESD5A
Communications	FETAC Level 5	150 Euro	20hrs	Autumn - ECM5A
Intercultural Studies	FETAC Level 5	160 Euro	26hrs	Spring - EIS5S
Work Experience	FETAC Level 5	100 Euro	10hrs	Spring - EWX5S

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Enrolment

Year 1			Fee Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees to be made payable by cheque or postal order made out to the City of Dublin VEC. • All fees must be paid at the time of enrolment. • Under no circumstances will fees be accepted in installments. • Fees will not be refunded except where class does not form. • Minimum class size of 12 students. • Receipt/payment ticket must be shown to the teacher at the first class. • CE scheme invoices will be issued on receipt of an Invoice Request Form. • PPS number to be provided at enrolment. Course Briefing <p>All applicants are required to attend a course briefing before enrolling on the course. This will take place on the evening of enrolment. Applicants will then have an opportunity to discuss the course and its suitability to their learning needs.</p>
Term	Time	Date	
Summer 2010	5pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 31st May 2010	
	5pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 2nd June 2010	
Autumn 2010	6pm to 8pm	Mon. 13th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 8pm	Wed. 15th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 20th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 22nd Sep. 2010	
Spring 2011	6pm to 8pm	Mon. 17th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 8pm	Wed. 19th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 24th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 26th Jan. 2011	
Year 2			
Term	Time	Dates	
Summer 2011	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 30th May 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 1st June 2010	
Autumn 2011	6pm to 8pm	Mon. 12th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 8pm	Wed. 14th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 19th Sep. 2010	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 21st Sep. 2010	
Spring 2012	6pm to 8pm	Mon. 16th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 8pm	Wed. 18th Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Mon. 23rd Jan. 2011	
	6pm to 6.45pm	Wed. 25th Jan. 2011	
			Venue
			Liberties College Bull Alley Street Dublin 8 t. +353 (0)1 454 0044

Examinations and Portfolio Submission Schedule

Year 1			
Autumn Term			
Examination	Examination Date/Time	Portfolio	Submission Date/Time
Social Studies	Mon. 29th Nov. 2010 7pm to 9pm	Social Studies	Mon. 29th Nov. 2010 7.00pm to 8.00pm
		Understanding Community Development	Wed. 1st Dec. 2010 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Spring Term			
Examination	Examination Date/Time	Portfolio	Submission Date/Time
Community Development Practice	Skills Demo - to be arranged	Community Development Practice	Mon. 4th Apr. 2011 7.00pm to 8.00pm
Working with Groups	Skills Demo - to be arranged	Working with Groups	Wed. 6th Apr. 2011 7.00pm to 8.00pm