

This Certificate in Community Studies is tailored to the needs of those working, or wishing to work, in a community setting, a housing authority and/or voluntary group (paid or unpaid). It is designed to explore concepts of community and community development within a social analysis framework. It will introduce learners to key technical and analytical skills that support and encourage participation within a community setting.



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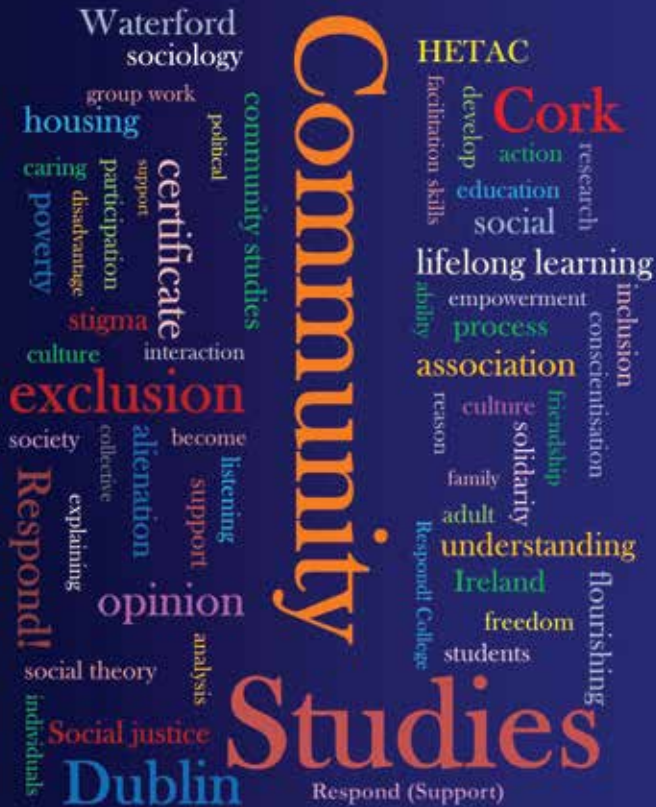
Certificate in Community Studies

QQI-HET Accredited Level 6 (Special Purpose Award)



Course Commences September 2015

Venues:
Dublin, Cork & Waterford



This course is suitable for anyone who:

- Hopes to become more involved in their community and is looking to learn more about how this can be achieved;
- Is interested in the social structures that shape community living;
- Wishes to develop skills and knowledge to support their work within a community setting.

What are the modules?

1. Community Studies (10 credits);
2. Groupwork and Facilitation (10 credits);
3. Introduction to Sociology (10 credits).

By the end of the course successful participants will have:

- Explored concepts of community and community development;
- An increased understanding of the complex processes that shape modern society;
- Developed their capacity in group work and facilitation;
- Gained a range of other skills required when engaging with communities;
- Obtained 30 credits at Level 6 (on the NFQ: National Qualifications Framework). These credits may potentially be used in applying for exemptions on other similar courses at Certificate and Degree

level (e.g. BA in Housing and Community Studies delivered by Respond! College and validated by QQI-HET).

How will the course be delivered?

The teaching methods employed will be experiential and participatory and will include group discussions, case study analysis, theoretical inputs and practical applications in a classroom setting. The course will be delivered over one Academic year commencing September 2015, ending June 2016.

How do I Apply?

Application form available by contacting College Administrator Lorraine Fleming.
Email: lorraine.fleming@respond.ie
Tel: 01 808 7731. Interviews will take place in August and September.

Where will the course be delivered?

The Course will be delivered in three locations for the coming academic year:

- Respond! College, High Park, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9;
- Respond! Cork Office, St Francis Gardens, Thomas Davis St, Blackpool, Cork;
- Respond! Waterford Office, Airmount, Dominic Place, Waterford.

Programme Costs:

The full cost of the course is €695, which can be paid in instalments.

Graduate Testimonials

“I found the course content stimulating, challenging and practical. The sociology module was particularly interesting, something that was a surprise to me. The course tutors were very engaging and encouraging and really supported everyone to achieve their potential. The individual tutorials were a real plus, if there was anything you wanted to go over and have clarified, help was always at hand”.

Mary Lally - Volunteer, Simon Community, Dublin.

“Studying at Respond College has brought an added value to my professional life. The Community Studies Course was very interesting and the tutors were highly qualified. The small size of the classes allowed the use of better participatory learning methods, which also helped to create a better atmosphere”.

Patricia O Driscoll-Whelan - Community Employment Supervisor, Cork.

“I am delighted I did this course. Lecturers brought the theoretical material to life by drawing on every day experiences the class could identify with”.

Ann Kelly, PCC, MNLPP - Life Coach, Cork.