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OLLSCOIL NA GAILLIMHE  
UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

# DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

2023 - 2024

The Diploma in Community Development Practice is a one-year (part time) course accredited by the University of Galway.

The Diploma in Community Development Practice has been designed to enable Community Activists (volunteers and paid staff in the community / voluntary sector) to develop the knowledge, understanding and essential practical skills and experience required to provide leadership within this field.

The Diploma will be delivered by Rural Community Network and their partners Fermanagh Trust and Holywell Trust in conjunction with University of Galway. The Diploma is part of the 'Community Leadership in the West ', led by Fermanagh Trust, Rural Community Network and Holywell Trust - offering training opportunities and qualifications to support the next generation of leaders.

## COURSE CONTENT INCLUDES

- ✓ Introduction to Social Analysis
- ✓ Social Research Techniques
- ✓ Community Profiling
- ✓ Public Policy & Community Development
- ✓ Strategic Planning
- ✓ Social Inclusion & Civic Engagement

### Learning

Mode of Study: Blended Learning – practical exercises, reading materials, coursework and group work. Also pulls on the group's experiences of working /volunteering in the sector.

### Costs

One off cost of £150 per person to cover administration fees and graduation. If you are unwaged then we can talk to you about how we can support you to meet this payment.



Places are limited to 25 students.

### Dates

Start Date: Wed 4th October 2023.

End Date Wed 12th June 2024

The specific timetable for the academic year 2023-24 will be issued to all successful applicants.

Wednesdays: 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Saturdays (one per month): 9:30am – 5:30pm

### Location

Cookstown based but classes may move across locations in the West.

## ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be working and or volunteering in the Community / Voluntary sector, in the Western region of Northern Ireland.
- 90% attendance is required for successful graduation from the course.
- Must be willing to travel to University of Galway for graduation.
- Participants must be aged 21+ at point of registration with University of Galway

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

- 1 Complete application form - [CLICK HERE](#) - Closing date 12noon Friday 14th July 2023
- 2 Interviews will take place via Zoom - 17th & 18th August 2023

For further inquiries contact:



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