



Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action

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Introduction

The *Foundation Course in Youth Leadership and Community Action* is a one-year part-time course designed to enable young people develop vision, confidence, lifeskills and general capacity to be effective leaders. The programme sets out to empower young people to make a positive difference to their community through practical actions and projects. This programme has been developed as a lifelong learning initiative through a partnership between Foróige and the UNESCO Chair for Children, Youth and Civic Engagement at the Child and Family Research Centre, NUI Galway. It is accredited by NUI Galway as a Foundation Course at Level 6 on NFQ scale.

Entry Requirements

- Candidates must have an active interest in youth and community affairs.
- There are no special educational requirements for entry to the course.
- Selection of the students will be made following the completion of an application form.

Course Structure

The Foundation Course will involve 90 hours of instruction and project work. Classes and workshops are normally undertaken weekly over one extended academic year.

Core Course Modules

Module 1: Youth Leadership (30 hours; 5 ECTS Credits)

The youth leadership module facilitates participants through group work to develop an awareness of their own leadership style, identify goals and vision for the future, develop their communication and life skills, enhance their critical thinking and problem solving abilities and reflect on their learning.

Module 2: Leadership and Community Action (30 hours; 5 ECTS Credits)

This module enables participants to critique different leadership styles, enhance their knowledge of community needs, develop their project planning, development and

evaluation skills, collaborate within team projects, enhance their communication skills and explore global issues.

Module 3: Project Work (30 hours; 5 ECTS Credits)

This module enables participants to put into practice their learning from the previous modules by actively engaging in a community project of their choice and presenting a portfolio on completion.

Assessment

Students will be examined by means of continuous assessment under the academic supervision of the UNESCO Chair at the Child and Family Research Centre at NUI Galway.

Certification

National University of Ireland, Galway will award successful participants a Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action which merits 15 ECTS Credits at Level 6 on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications.

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