

## **FAQ: NUI certificate in European Youth Mobility Project Management**

### **1. Why is this programme being developed?**

The need for this programme arose from discussions between Léargas and Maynooth University on how European youth mobility could be integrated into youth work practice in Ireland.

From this, we identified a need to develop a programme that would focus on the principles, theory and practice of European youth mobility and how these can be integrated into the strategies of youth work organisations. This programme is the first of its kind to be developed in Europe and it will give professional recognition to youth workers and managers who have expertise in this area.

### **2. Who is it aimed at?**

The programme is aimed at youth service managers and youth workers. It is particularly relevant for people who have experience of designing and delivering youth work and have some experience of European mobility. It is also particularly relevant to people who want to get a recognised professional qualification in this area.

### **3. What will my organisation get out of it?**

Someone with a recognised certificate on European youth mobility projects would be a very valuable asset for a youth work organisation. The programme will cover the theory and practice of designing quality mobility projects, as well as the application process for getting funding for those projects. It will show how European youth mobility can be integrated into youth work programmes and the impact they have on young people. There are a lot of funding opportunities for European mobility projects, and these projects can contribute to a youth organisation's own strategic priorities.

### **4. Where will it take place?**

The first session will take place in Maynooth University campus. You will get a tour of the campus and library. The next sessions will take place in either Maynooth University campus or a Dublin city centre venue. We will consult with the participants on the location.

### **5. Can I pay in instalments?**

Yes, we will facilitate payment of the programme fee in instalments.

### **6. What QQI level is the certificate awarded at?**

The NUI certificate is awarded at Level 8 and carries 20 ECTS credits.

## **7. What kind of content will the programme cover?**

The programme consists of an induction day, three modules and a European Study visit.

Module One will cover national and European contexts. It will include the national and European frameworks for youth work and non-formal learning, the opportunities and challenges of European youth mobility and the history and development of EU programmes.

Module 2 will focus on principles and practice skills, and include non-formal learning theories, intercultural and experiential learning, and their relevance to European mobility projects.

Module 3 focusses on mobility project management. This module will cover the theory and practice of developing and implementing a European youth work mobility project.

## **8. What does the Study Visit involve?**

The study visit is a core element of the programme and will take place in a European country. It will be an intensive visit, and involve visits to youth work organisations to learn about how European youth mobility works in practice. Participants will see the impact of different projects on youth organisations and young people. Please note that the costs for the study visit are included in the programme fee.

## **9. Who is teaching the programme?**

There will be two main facilitators on the programme. Janice McGarry holds a professional qualification in community work and youth work from Maynooth University and is an experienced youth work manager, with particular expertise in building EU youth work into overall organisational strategy to achieve youth work priorities. Marie Cleary is a management consultant who has experience in strategic planning, management, team building and evaluation, as well as all aspects of European project management. Marie also lectures in the Maynooth University business programme. The programme will include input from the staff in Department of Applied Social Studies in Maynooth University. The department hosts the Centre for Youth Research and Development that holds the position Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence. There will also be input from the youth and adult education team in Léargas.

## **10. How will the programme be assessed?**

The programme will be assessed through a range of continuous assessment methods including essays, presentations, learning journals, project proposals, sample projects and group exercises. We will also facilitate study and writing skills, and students will have access to the library. The assessments will be set and marked jointly by the programme team and the Department of Applied Social Studies. The assessment methods are designed to develop participants' capacity to organise a strategic approach to developing European Youth mobility projects. Léargas and Maynooth University are committed to supporting students to develop their academic skills. As registered students of the University you may use the Writing Centre supports (on campus). You may also avail of the various supports offered by the Library through its LIST service, some of which are available online. For more information see: [http://nuim.libguides.com/support\\_training/LIST](http://nuim.libguides.com/support_training/LIST).