

# **NUI Certificate Community Work in a Changing Ireland - Feminist Climate Justice**

The climate crisis will have different impacts on communities all over the world, now and into the future. Marginalised communities are and will continue to be disproportionately and negatively impacted by the climate crisis. These same communities have done the least to cause the crisis and have the least resources to respond or adapt. Community workers are in an ideal position to raise awareness of the global climate crisis as an issue in marginalised communities, connecting it to the immediate problems and priorities that they currently face, as well as its future impacts.

The climate emergency is a feminist issue. Women are hardest hit by the impacts of climate breakdown, in Ireland and globally. They are socioeconomically disadvantaged compared to men, leaving them with less capacity to adapt or to recover from the loss of resources in times of disaster.

The NUI Certificate is a level 7 special purpose award and carries 20 credits on the European Credit Transfer system (ECTS) is a partnership between Feminist Communities for Climate Justice and the Department of Applied Social Studies at Maynooth University. With this certificate, you have the opportunity to make a difference.

## **Why choose this programme?**

- **Do you care about climate justice and how the effects of climate change will disproportionately impact marginalised communities and groups?**
- **Do you want to learn about the science underpinning climate change and learn to relate it to the lives of the communities in which you live/work?**
- **Do you want to learn about historical and current community work responses to climate justice issues?**
- **Do you want to apply a feminist community work approach to the climate issues in your community in your work and activism?**
- **Do you want to better understand and explore the interconnections between climate justice, climate action, policy and social issues?**



## Who should apply?

- Are you a Community Worker or a Youth Worker or Activist working with women's groups or marginalised communities who wants to know more about the climate crisis and its impact on the groups you work with?
- Have you wanted to work on climate issues but don't know where to begin?
- Are you working and active in your local community and passionate about environmental and climate issues, including their impact on your community?
- Are you passionate about creating a tangible difference in the face of the climate crisis in Ireland and tackling systemic inequalities?
- Are you committed to gender equality, activism and community work?
- Do you have the capacity to act, reflect and respond to the voices and realities of the communities that you work with and are part of?

## How to Apply?

Complete application form by **20th November 2023**.

Online interviews will take place in early December and places will be confirmed in mid-December.

Applicants must be 21 years of age by the 1st of January 2024 to be eligible for the programme.

Online recruitment sessions will take place in early November.

## Programme Structure

The NUI Certificate programme adopts a blended learning approach and takes place over 100 hours contact in total plus individual study time. It runs from late January to June 2024. There are two residentials and a study visit, along with weekly online sessions.

### Assessment

Participants will have continuous assessment throughout the certificate programme. There is an 80% attendance requirement to complete the programme.

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