

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When is the application deadline?

A. Monday 20th November. Application [here](#).

Q. What are the costs involved in the programme?

A. €100 fee is payable upon receiving a place on the course. This cost should not be a barrier to applying for the course – if you are unsure of being able to cover this cost, please do apply and this can be discussed later in the application process.

Q. What's the duration of this programme?

A. The programme will run over 20 weeks from January – June 2024

Q. Will sessions be during the day or evening?

A. Typically, online sessions are scheduled to take place on a weekday evening. However, a final decision will be made following the interview stage and communicated to applicants in advance of offer of a place.

Q. Are the classes online live or recorded?

A. Online sessions are 'live'. Participants will be expected to attend, engage and participate in these sessions. There is an overall 80% attendance requirement for all programme participants.

Q. How does an average week look i.e. will the classes be during the week or weekend?

A. Participants can expect to have a two-hour online session each week except during relevant holidays and midterm breaks. In general, participants should expect weekly engagement, with in-person and online sessions scheduled to complement each other over the course of the programme. The programme is also designed to consider relevant public and school holidays. This amounts to approximately three online sessions each month, with residential sessions at the beginning and end of the certificate and two further face to face engagements during the course of the programme.

Q. Are we going to have a timetable in advance?

A. Participants on the programme will receive a full timetable in advance.

Q. Can you please clarify or give more details about the interview?

A. Following a shortlisting process, successful applicants will be invited to attend an online interview with two members of the Certificate delivery team. Interviews will take place over MS Teams or Zoom and last approximately 15-20 minutes. The interviews are viewed as an opportunity to discuss further applicants motivation to take part in the certificate programme, share further information about the programme and to ensure that the applicant and the programme are a good fit.



Q. How often will we be in Maynooth?

A. The certificate opening and closing sessions of the Certificate programme will take place on campus at Maynooth University. These sessions are scheduled for 21& 22 January and 22 & 23 June 2024. In addition, participants will be registered students of Maynooth University for the duration of the programme and will have access to Library and other student services. We welcome and encourage participants to come on campus and use these services.

Q. Will we have to pay for the residentials?

A. The residential sessions at Maynooth University are fully funded for participants. As noted above, associated costs should not be a barrier to participation. Please contact us directly if you have any concerns about this.

Q. Will there be any creative element to the programme i.e. eco arts?

A. The programme is embedded in an experiential learning approach - this means that participants will bring their own lived experience into the room and help to shape how and what we learn together. There will be opportunities to think and act creatively across each of the programme themes.

Q. Will the speakers and visits be climate justice focused i.e., will we focus more intensely on specific climate action goals etc.?

A. The programme's guest speakers will cover the three focuses of the certificate programme: community work, feminism and climate justice. Multiple areas will be explored within these three focus areas, including organising and activism; social impacts; policy and policy analysis; history; and climate science. This is only a snapshot of the content covered in the programme! Study visits will be focused on communities across the island of Ireland who are already engaged in community-level climate work and projects.

Q. I don't live close to Maynooth University. Will I still be able to take part in this programme?

A. This course is delivered in a hybrid fashion, with many sessions taking place online, so that participants from all over Ireland are able to take part. For sessions where travel will be required, the programme offers some financial assistance for travel costs for applicants who may have difficulty covering costs via our Participant Financial Supports Policy. Please contact us for more detail.

Q. I live in/am a resident of Northern Ireland. Can I apply for this programme?

A. This programme is funded and offered on an all-island basis.