



"Volunteering is the commitment of time and energy for the benefit of society, the community and the environment or individuals. It is undertaken freely and by choice, without concern for financial gain."

Certificate in Volunteering NFQ LEVEL 6 (10 ECTS)

Blended Learning

Are you currently volunteering or interested in volunteering? If so, why not gain academic credit for the contribution you are making to society through your volunteerism?

This unique course sets out to recognise and reward the great contribution so many are making in society through their efforts in a voluntary capacity. It also seeks to assist them through the creation of a common language, framework and understanding of the dynamics of volunteerism. Participants must currently be engaged in volunteering to be eligible to attend as the assessment will be around your practice in that volunteering role.

This programme is also relevant to those interested in engaging in volunteerism, through the provision of the framework and discussions that will take place in class.

The minimum volunteering time required to pass the programme is 40 hours or three to four hours per week over one semester.

Aim of this Course

This programme will support engagement in volunteering through theory, groupwork, role plays, and scenarios while also supporting experiential learning, as participants engage in their volunteering activities.

On completion of this module the learner will/should be able to:

1. describe and explain the theory of volunteerism and evaluate how volunteerism contributes to the benefit of society.
2. understand and apply ethical and legal considerations regarding volunteering, including an appreciation for the roles and expectations for charitable organisations, Sporting bodies and/or agencies/community groups involved in volunteering.
3. describe and experience the concept of reflective practice and how this contributes to the experiential learning experience derived through volunteering.
4. develop self-awareness and personal clarity around volunteerism.
5. describe, understand and experience the work of charitable organisations/volunteering agencies/ sporting organisations/ community groups including the potential benefits of volunteering to the community and society.

Course Content

- The theory of volunteerism and the contribution of volunteerism to the benefit of society.
- The role of volunteering organisations (charities, sporting and other).
- Volunteerism-preparation, planning, project design and management in the volunteer domain.
- Self-awareness, reflection and reflective practice.
- Motivation, teams and teamwork.
- Social, political, ethical and legal considerations regarding volunteering.
- Fundraising, legal and ethical management of funding raised.
- Social Inequalities and power dynamic issues for host groups and communities.
- Experiential learning as a volunteer, personal development, debriefing and professional boundaries.
- Personal healthcare, self-care and security including personal time management and planning.

Evaluation:

Assessment is based on the student's reflective report and presentation and not the outcome or impact of the volunteering activity.

Induction

Please note: Institute Induction is Saturday 22 September 2018 from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Attendance on that date is compulsory.

Entry Requirements

Mature applicant and/or Grade O6 at ordinary level in five subjects in the Leaving Certificate examinations. Two of these subjects must be mathematics and a language (English or Irish).

Any QQI level 5 qualification is acceptable.

Duration

1 semester: 10 weeks

Monday 7.00pm to 9.30pm. Students are also required to attend on one additional evening on completion of the programme for presentation.

Commencing

7.00pm Monday 17 September 2018

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