



# NUI CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

**Level 7 (20 ECTS)**

The course will provide individuals involved in community and voluntary organisations with an introduction to social enterprise. It will give students an understanding of what a social enterprise is, and how and where the idea of social enterprise has come from. It will also explore the potential for social enterprise in Ireland and examine how best to establish and successfully operate a social enterprise.

## **WHO IS THIS QUALIFICATION FOR?**

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This course is relevant to staff of community and voluntary organisations whose organisations are intending to develop stand alone social enterprises or develop a social enterprise strategy for their organisation. It will enhance the students' employment prospects in securing employment in social enterprises in a number of capacities including management and sales. It will also provide a gateway into a more advanced educational programmes in the social economy.

## **OVERVIEW**

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The Certificate consists of four modules:

Module 1- Social enterprise, introduction, background and key concepts. This module will seek to place examine the roots of social enterprise. It will explore its current development in terms of policy and practice.

Module 2 - Social enterprise- The potential for social enterprise is particularly suited to certain sectors as evidenced by its development across Europe and the US. The module will explore these, as well as challenges and requirements for social enterprises in the sectors.

Module 3 - Sustaining, supporting and ensuring social enterprises achieve their objectives. This module will consider the specific support and sustainability needs of social enterprises to ensure that they achieve their objectives.

Module 4 - The 'nuts and bolts' of establishing a social enterprise. The objective of this module is to consider the relevance of various management and financial tools in establishing a social enterprise

## **DATES, VENUES AND FEES**

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This On Campus Course will commence on Tuesday 6 Oct 2015 6.30 - 9.30:

In Company courses available upon request.

The course fee is €950 per student. Group rates are available upon request.

## **CPD & PROGRESSION**

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The Certificate in Social Enterprise is a standalone qualification however when combined with the NUI Certificate in Equality Studies (On Line) and the NUI Certificate in Training and Continuing Education (Train the Trainer Level 7) it forms part of the Diploma in Arts for Socially Inclusive Workplaces. This suite of CPD courses provide a comprehensive educational/training package in core skills such as managing issues of equality and cultural diversity in the workplace for Team Leaders, Managers and Learning and Development Specialists.

## **CONTACT US**

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