

NUI Certificate in European Youth Mobility Project Management 2018-2019

1. Who is the course for?

It's aimed at youth service managers and youth workers, and is particularly relevant for people who have experience of designing and delivering youth work and have some experience of European mobility.

2. Why should an organisation support their staff/volunteers to do the course?

Someone with a recognised certificate in European youth mobility projects would be a valuable asset for a youth work organisation. There will be many funding opportunities for European mobility projects in the next few years. The course will cover the theory and practice of designing quality mobility projects, as well as the application process for funding. It will also show how European youth mobility can be integrated into youth work programmes and the impact they have on young people. The evaluation of the first two years of the course has demonstrated how it has increased the confidence and expertise of participants with regard to integrating European mobility projects in their organisations.

3. How is the course structured?

The course includes three blocks of two to three intensive days, plus an additional four to five day high-impact international study visit to Finland. The programme will be designed to facilitate participation from all areas of Ireland.

4. Where will the course take place?

The first session will take place on the Maynooth University campus, and include a tour of the campus and library. The next sessions will take place either in Maynooth University or a Dublin city centre venue in 2018/19. We will recruit students from Finland as well as Ireland.

"Some of the approaches I witnessed in the last few days have inspired me and reminded me of the 'why' of youth work."

"The course is an energiser for staff. You realise that you are actually a European-level youth worker, involved in European networks."

"Throughout the course, there was an understanding of that bigger picture...of how our organisation's objectives fit in with different policies in a really fun and informed way."



5. What is the content of the course?

It consists of three modules and a European Study visit.

Module 1: National and European contexts—the 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: Principles and practice skills—non-formal learning theories, principles and practice; intercultural and experiential learning, and their relevance to European mobility projects.

Module 3: Mobility project management—theory and practice of developing and implementing a European youth work mobility project.

6. What does the Study Visit involve?

The study visit is a compulsory and core element of the course and will take place in Finland. It will be an intensive visit and involve visits to youth work organisations to learn about how European youth mobility works in practice, and to analyse the impact of youth policies on different projects, on youth organisations and young people.

7. How will the course be assessed?

It will be assessed through a range of continuous assessment methods including essays, presentations, learning journals, project proposals, sample projects and group exercises. The assignments will be validated by Maynooth University.

8. Can I pay in instalments?

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

9. What NFQ level is the Certificate awarded at?

The NUI Certificate is awarded at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.



"Having the weight of the formal Level 8 qualification has made it easier to argue for changes within my organisation."

"It is a really good opportunity to develop skills in European youth work and also to bring them into the organisation."

"After the course, I just found it really, really easy doing the applications...I'm not freaking out thinking 'what do they mean by this?' when doing the application."