

What our students say...

"It has raised questions that I never would have thought of before"

"Presentation was great, taught with enthusiasm and variety"

"Finding out how the policy of education works"

"It gives us time to reflect on why we do what we do. Gives us time to critically reflect on our belief and practice"

"Working in groups was an unexpected positive aspect of this course"

"We got through an enormous amount of work without realising it. This was due to the structure our tutor put on the course"

"Overall enthusiasm of facilitator was infectious"

The Student experience:

The residential nature of this course is one of its special strengths, giving students personal space away from everyday pressures. Students have time in the evenings to benefit from peer support through study circles, to address assignments, and to socialise and have fun.



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National Certificate in Literacy Development

(full cert programme)

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October 2004 will see the beginning of a new full Certificate in Literacy Development. This unique programme is informed by up-to-date research on adult education theory and practice with a particular focus on the area of adult literacy. This course is underpinned by a recognition of the social dimension of education and especially, of educational disadvantage.

While working towards the Certificate, adult literacy practitioners will enjoy the opportunity to meet regularly with fellow tutors and organisers and form supportive networks, while obtaining a recognised 3rd level qualification.

Entry Requirements:

There are no formal entry requirements but applicants must be experienced adult literacy tutors and organisers working in Adult Literacy practice within VEC ABE services.

Target Group:

The Certificate has been specifically designed by NALA & WIT to enhance the skills and understanding of tutors and organisers working in Adult Literacy schemes.

Venue:

This course will run in one of the following locations: Dublin, Cork or a midlands/west venue depending on area of greatest demand.

Exemptions:

Adult Literacy Scheme Organisers/Tutors who have relevant prior 3rd level qualifications and extensive experience in adult literacy education may apply for exemption from individual modules.

Methodology:

In keeping with the ethos of adult education, participants will be encouraged to share experience and support the group's learning through active participation and peer support. Modules will include practical exercises, small group discussion as well as tutor and participant presentations.

Modules:

There are 12 modules, each module will be delivered in 2 x 3 day blocks.

Core Modules: Stage 1

1. Professional Development for Literacy Workers
2. Group Dynamics
3. Counselling in Adult Literacy
4. Psychology of Adult Learning

Elective 1 - Literacy Management

5. Management
6. Computer Applications for Adult Literacy Practitioners or Workplace Basic Education (WBE)

Elective 2 - Literacy Tuition

7. Literacy Methodologies 1
8. Adult Numeracy or Workplace Basic Education (WBE)

Core Modules: Award Stage

1. Philosophy of Adult Education
2. Curriculum Development
3. Education Policy & Social Analysis
4. Literacy & Special Needs: Awareness & Sensitivity

Elective 1 - Literacy Management

5. Quality Management
6. Public Relations & Media Skills

Elective 2 - Literacy Tuition

7. Literacy Methodologies 2
8. Microteaching or Integrating Literacy

Elective 3 - Literacy Tuition

9. ESOL 1
10. ESOL 2

Assessments:

Students will experience a variety of teaching and assessment methodologies which are based on up-to-date theory and best practice reflecting a range of intelligences.

Cost:

The cost is €100 per module which includes tuition, meals and accommodation if required. This reflects the generous subsidy of this course by the Department of Education and Science.

Student Support:

There is structured Study Skills support available throughout the certificate and ongoing student support by project personnel.

General Information:

The National Certificate is recognised by the Department of Education and Science for appointment to the position of Adult Literacy Organiser.

