

### What our students say...

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*"Lots of discussion and shared experiences. Great support from the tutor"*

*"The subject matter was thoroughly engaging. The handouts were very useful and good group dynamics made it enjoyable"*

*"I really enjoyed all aspects of this module. It was very practical for this line of work"*

*"Tutor's enthusiasm and love for the subject - variety of teaching methods used. Pace - wasn't rushed and very enjoyable"*

### The Student experience:

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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 Diploma in Literacy Development

National Adult Literacy Agency  
Waterford Institute of Technology

October 2004 will see the beginning of a new National Diploma 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 Diploma, 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:

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- Merit at Certificate level
- By exemption (see below)
- Currently working in Adult Literacy practice within VEC ABE services.

#### Target Group:

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

#### Venue:

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

#### Exemptions:

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Adult Literacy Scheme Organisers/Tutors who have relevant prior 3rd level qualifications and extensive experience in adult literacy education may apply for exemption from the Certificate. Applicants may also apply for individual module exemptions. Applicants receiving an exemption from the Certificate may be required to complete specific Bridging Studies.

#### Methodology:

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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:

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There are 6 modules, each module will be delivered in 2 x 3 day blocks.

#### Core Modules (All mandatory)

1. Philosophy of Adult Education—Advanced
2. Psychology of Adult Learning—Advanced
3. Literacy in Context
4. Introduction to Research
5. Curriculum Planning within the Quality Framework

#### Literacy Management Elective

6. Management—Advanced

#### Literacy Tuition Elective 1

##### 7. Family Learning

#### Literacy Tuition Elective 2

##### 8. Training for Literacy Tutor Trainers

#### Assessments:

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

#### Cost:

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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:

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There is structured Study Skills support available throughout the Diploma to help students develop their potential for higher education.

