

## BA (Hons) in Community Development & Youth Work



Year 2 and Year 3 students prepare for Fieldwork



The degree involves use of Community Arts



Students gather at the Sustainabilitytree replanted 2022

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### ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The BA in Community Development and Youth Work\* is a full time degree offered at level 7 (3yrs) and level 8 (4yrs).

### ENTRY ROUTES

- \* Leaving Certificate
- \* QQI / Further Education and Training
- \* Mature student (23+) applications are welcome
- \* Access and Widening Participation HEAR DARE

### WHO SHOULD APPLY

Applications are invited from school leavers and mature adults who have an interest in working with people in community development and youth work settings.

### SUPPORTS

Applicants may be eligible for third level grants through SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland). Check the website [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) and bursaries.

### TEAM

We have a dedicated team of lecturers who have themselves worked in the sector and are engaged with community and youth organisations locally, nationally and internationally.

### FACILITIES

The TU Dublin Blanchardstown campus is a modern state of the art campus with excellent educational, catering, social cultural and recreational facilities. It is accessible by a special purpose shuttle bus and public transport.

## BA (Hons) in Community Development & Youth Work TU Dublin - Blanchardstown Campus



**For More Information:**  
For more information visit link below :  
<https://www.tudublin.ie/study/undergraduate/courses/community-development---youth-work-tu992>  
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## BA in Community Development & Youth Work

### AIM OF COURSE

This full time degree programme (L7 TU792 L8 TU992) is designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills and experience to work in community development and youth work settings through a combination of classroom-based learning and practical fieldwork placements. The course promotes principles of inclusion, human rights, equality and social justice, working towards sustainable development, and tackling issues such as inequality, climate change, poverty and disadvantage.

### What are my career opportunities?

Graduates may seek employment as

- \* community development worker
- \* Youth worker
- \* programme co-ordinator
- \* Project worker
- \* Youth justice diversion project
- \* Community health workers, Community education workers
- \* information officers
- \* Community liaison officers in local authorities
- \* Working with marginalised groups and communities affected by poverty and disadvantage social
- \* Working in statutory, private and non governmental organisations (NGOs) and charities.

The BA (Hons) in Community Development and Youth Work is professionally endorsed by the standards bodies for community work and youth work.



**NSETS**

North South Education and Training Standards Committee for Youth Work



**AIEB**  
All Ireland Endorsement Body

## Programme Content

*Our mission is to educate and train future community development and youth workers to work in a range of settings in Ireland and internationally. We educate our students to embody the knowledge, skills, and qualities of community development and youth work to become active citizens and agents of change.*

**Welcome Week** A full week of induction to course.

### Year 1

Principles of Community Development, Principles of Youth Work 1&2, Facilitation & Group Work, Community Arts, Intro to Culture, Intro to Psychology, Sociology, Social Policy, Irish Culture & Society, Intro to Addictive Behaviours, Personal & Professional Communication in Community & Youth Work.

**Practice Inputs** Workshops invited practitioners.

### Year 2

Community Development Practice, Youth Work Practice, Psychological Perspectives on Development, Communicating Across Language Barriers, Substance Use and Youth Culture, Sociology of Education

### FIELDWORK (Practice Placement)

Fieldwork Portfolio

**Magic Moments** Showcase of Student Learning

### Year 3

Advanced Community & Youth Dev Practice, Principles of Human Rights, Research Methods/ Practice, Social Psychology, Social Entrepreneurship / Funding, Language Culture Identity (e), Community and Drugs (e), European Studies (e).

**Afri Hedge School** Human Rights Conference (organised by students with Afri).

### ADVANCED FIELDWORK (Practice Placement)

Advanced Fieldwork Portfolio  
Skills for Professional Practice

## Programme Content

### Year 4

Critical Issues in Youth Work  
Advanced Research Methods and Practice  
Working with Families  
Combatting Racism  
Sustainable Development  
Management Skills (e)  
Social Policy / Analysis (e)  
Community Mental Health (e)

Dissertation  
Power and Inequality  
Global Development  
Adult & Community Education  
Advocacy and Community Organisation (e)  
Drug Prevention Strategies (e)  
Conflict Resolution and Mediation (e)

(e) Elective. Students may take a number of electives over the course of studies.

### Practice Project Visits

As well as fieldwork placement, students are also supported to visit centres working in the community and youth sector in the region.

### Volunteering Advocacy and Campaigning

Staff/students engage with current developments in the social, cultural and political arena as part of active citizenship and civic engagement.

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