

Exciting New Opportunity for Social Workers in all  
Directorates and settings

## **Social Work and Community Development Approaches Programme**

(Commencing September 2018 - 1 year programme)  
Health & Social Care Trusts/Ulster University/NISCC

On successful completion of 3 modules candidates will achieve:

- NI Professional in Practice Specialist Award
- 90 credits towards Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Development in Social Work

(Candidates must commit to all 3 modules in the first year)

### **MODULE ONE: Shared Understandings-Social Work and Community Development**

Teaching-Sept 2 days, Oct 2 days, Nov 2 days

### **MODULE TWO: Social Work and Community Development in a Changing and Diverse Society.**

Teaching-Jan 2 days, Feb 2 days, Mar 2 days

### **MODULE THREE: Implementing Community Development Initiatives in Social Work**

Teaching-Apr 2 days, May 2 days, June 2 days

(Module details can be found overleaf)

### **MODULE ONE: Shared Understandings-Social Work and Community Development**

Designed for social workers to gain a deeper understanding of the relevance of community development approaches to social work practice. As social policy evolves to include new agendas around engagement, co-production, debates around the value and utility of community development methods increasingly feature in these discourses.

**This module will be assessed through completion of the following pieces of work:  
600 words proposal + 4400 words essay = 5000 words overall.**

### **MODULE TWO: Social Work and Community Development in a Changing and Diverse Society**

Social Work practice in Northern Ireland is both complex and unique, given the history of conflict in this geographical region. This, together with an increased migrant population, has changed the demographic landscape of Northern Ireland. This module offers candidates the opportunity to demonstrate transformational leadership by identifying ways in which the occupational space of social work can co-exist with community development.

**This module will be assessed through completion of the following pieces of work:  
Candidates will identify an emerging area in their practice. They will conduct a literature review including primary research studies in order to develop a local, national and international understanding = 5000 words overall.**

### **MODULE THREE: Implementing Community Development Initiatives in Social Work**

Social workers are required to work in ways, which will enable, empower and build upon the capacity of individuals within the community, in order to enhance their quality of life and social well-being. There is an increased expectation that social workers can work across professional boundaries, with appropriate organisations and bodies, to develop cross-cutting solutions to complex societal problems.

This module is designed for social workers to enable them to plan, implement and critique a community development initiative within their practice.

**This module will be assessed through completion of the following pieces of work:**

#### **Coursework 1: Formative Assessment**

**Students will deliver a 15 minute seminar presentation in a 'café symposium' (roundtable) style presenting the aims and objectives and a SWOT analysis of their planned facilitation of an initiative or project. Nominal 600 words. Coursework 2 (Pass / Fail): One hour oral presentation including discussion. Nominal word count 2,400. Coursework 3 2000 word reflective written piece of work.**

**Normal PiP study leave will apply.**

Please contact your Trust PiP Lead within your Social Services Training Team for information. Application must be submitted by **28<sup>th</sup> June 2018** to your Trust PiP Lead.