Postgraduate Diploma in Social Policy & Practice

The Open Evening will begin shortly
Welcome

• At today’s webinar
  – Trinity College Dublin
  – The Programme
  – Learning Online
  – Is this Programme for You?
  – Resources and Support
  – Admissions and Applications
  – Current students’ experiences

• Your questions
  – At any time, use the chat box or microphone
  – Technical problems - use the chat box

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Trinity College Dublin was established in 1592

It is ranked the 1\textsuperscript{st} university in Ireland and 108 in the World (2020)

It ranks 92\textsuperscript{nd} in the world for employability (2020)

It is the 16\textsuperscript{th} most international university in the world (2019)

https://www.tcd.ie/study/international/why-trinity/index.php
The Programme

• Develop your understanding of social policy options open to governments.
• How the implementation of social policy can impact on practice.
• Apply social science theories and social research evidence to the critical analysis and evaluation of social policies and their implementation.

Contemporary Social Policy Debates and Analysis
The Family and Society
Responding to Homelessness:
International and Irish Experiences
Principles of Social Policy
Leading Human Service Organisations
Human Rights (Disability)
The Programme Staff

- Actively engaged in research:
  - relevant to the development, implementation and evaluation of social policy
  - national and international research partnerships and collaboration
  - evidence-based teaching
- Experienced teaching diverse groups of students
Learning Online

Weekly materials
- Series of folders
  - Presentations
  - Audio
  - Video
  - Readings

Weekly engagement
- Series of exercises
  - Forum
  - Blog
  - Learning journal
  - Tutorial
Some questions you will ponder...

• How is social policy in contemporary societies responding to the global challenges of the 21st century such as poverty?
• How are disadvantaged groups featured in social policy?
• When did society start classifying people as “normal”? What effect does the concept of normalcy have in current social policies?
• How effective is policy in making cities accessible for people with disabilities?
• What explains the gender pay gap?
• Is Universal Basic Income the solution to the changing context of work?
The Tutorial
Career Paths

• Career Change
  – Social Work
  – Social Research
  – Services Provision
  – Policy Development
  – Advocacy

• Career Development
  – Services Management
  – Corporate Social Responsibility
Commitment

• Time
  – 60 ECTS Sept-May
  – C. 10-15 hours per week
  – Tutorial attendance
  – Continuous assessment

• Skill Development
  – Research
  – Reading
  – Discussion
  – Analysis
  – Online learning readiness
Academic Progression Routes

- MSc. in Social Policy and Practice
- Masters in Social Work
- Masters in Applied Social Research
- Masters in Public Policy
Resources and Support

• Students have physical and remote access to TCD resources and supports e.g.
  – Library
  – Student Learning and Development
  – Sports Centre

• All students receive a TCD student card for on campus access
Assessment

• No examinations
• Essays
• Projects
• Portfolios
• Case Studies
• Preparation supports for academic writing
• Feedback on each assessment
Admissions and Applications

- See website for FAQs and link to electronic application process
  - Complete the application form online
  - Two references – 1 academic & 1 professional
  - Official Transcripts
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Current photo

- All documentation is required by July 31st before you can be made a firm offer

- Start your application, save and add documentation

Level 8
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Closing Date:
30 June 2020
Fees and Scholarship

Fees 2020/21

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Policy and Practice

- EU students 6,313 €
- Non-EU students 12,047 €

M.Sc Social Policy and Practice

- EU students 7,458 €
- Non-EU students 14,948 €

Scholarship (non-EU applicants)

• €3,000
• Applications must be submitted before 15th June 2020
• Applicants must meet programme entry requirements
• Applications are assessed based on academic achievement and potential to contribute to the overall TCD and SWSP community.

https://www.tcd.ie/swsp/postgraduate/Social-Policy-Practice/fees.php
Current students’ experiences

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Any Questions?

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