Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

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, applications & fees
  – MSc in Social Policy & Practice
  – 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 101\textsuperscript{st} in the World (2021)

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

It is the 17\textsuperscript{th} most international university in the world (2020)

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
Housing Policy
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
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?
Learning Online

Weekly materials
• Series of folders
  – Presentations
  – Audio
  – Video
  – Readings

Weekly engagement
• Series of exercises
  – Forum
  – Blog
  – Learning journal
  – Tutorial
The Tutorial

Apply

Managing Individual Responses to Change

Performance and self-esteem

Stage 1: Denial  Stage 2: Defence  Stage 3: Discarding  Stage 4: Adaptation  Stage 5: Internalisation

High

Low

Self-esteem  Performance

Time
Assessment

- No examinations
- Essays
- Projects
- Portfolios
- Case Studies
- Preparation supports for academic writing
- Feedback on each assessment
Commitment

• **Time**
  – 60 ECTS Sept-May
  – C. 10-15 hours per week
  – 2 hour tutorial attendance/week
  – Continuous assessment

• **Skill Development**
  – Research
  – Reading
  – Discussion
  – Analysis
  – **Online learning readiness**
Career Paths

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

• Career Development
  – Services Management
  – Corporate Social Responsibility
Academic Progression Routes

- MSc. in Social Policy and Practice
- Master in Social Work
- Master in Applied Social Research
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
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
- All documentation is required by July 31st before you can be made a firm offer
- Start your application, save and add documentation

Closing Date:
31st July 2022
Non-EU Admissions

• Must hold a level 8 qualification (typically a 4-year Bachelor’s degree) completed to a 2:2 or higher (2.8 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale).

• Applicants whose first language is not English and who have not been educated through the medium of English must present one of the following qualifications in the English language.

✓ IELTS: Grade 6.5 overall, TOEFL: 88 internet-based, 570 paper-based, 230 computer-based, Duolingo: 110/160

• Offer holders automatically considered for school’s international PGT scholarship (15 April 2022 deadline).
Fees and Scholarship

Fees 2022/23

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Policy and Practice

- EU students 6,502 €
- Non-EU students 12,408 €

M.Sc Social Policy and Practice

- EU students 7,682 €
- Non-EU students 15,396 €

Scholarship (non-EU applicants)

- €4,000
- Applicants must meet programme entry requirements and hold an offer to join the programme by 15 April 2022
- 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
Direct Entry From Postgraduate Diploma into MSc in Social Policy and Practice

Students who receive an average of 60% or more in the Postgraduate Diploma in Social Policy and Practice

Invited to apply for Masters in Social Policy and Practice.

Application is by means of a research proposal.
MSc in Social Policy and Practice

- Postgraduate Course for MSc qualification (level 9)
- 1 Year: MSc Dissertation 17-20,000 words (30 ECTS)
- Delivered online (fully)
- 1 year – September - May

- Apply your understanding of social studies and social policy to a societal issue or specific social service
- Online Research Methodology module delivered online across full academic year
- Individually assigned academic supervisor for regular online one-to-one contact giving direct guidance on your independent research for your dissertation
Current students’ experiences
For further information

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Any Questions?