

Introduction to Gender Studies

NFQ Level	Unaccredited
Duration	6 weeks
Classes	Induction Day: Monday 6 th November (Face to face workshop) 10am-4pm Followed by 5 Online Sessions: Once a week for 2 hours (10-12pm) [13 th , 20 th , 27 th November, and 4 th , 11 th December]
Fees	€50 / this course is heavily subsidized by Southside Partnership's SICAP programme / original course cost: €200 per person
Awarding Body	An Cosán Virtual Community College
Next intake	October 2017

Please note: information given is accurate at the time of publication but subject to revision. Programmes will only run where viable.

Programme Overview

The Introduction to Gender Studies programme introduces learners to critical questions about the meanings of gender in society. We introduce foundational ideas, including how gender is socially constructed, how gender structures our ways of being and thinking, and how the personal is political. Participants will apply these insights to a variety of contemporary social, political and economic problems. Key themes for collective inquiry and discussion include the difference between sex and gender, identity, gender inequality, cultural assumptions, media representations, and feminism in the 21st century. An Introduction to Gender Studies will enrich learners' self-understanding, enhance their understanding of the world, and facilitate their advancing gender equality.

Assessment component

As part of the assessment for this programme, learners will be required to submit a Reflective Learning Journal.



Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Students will acquire in-depth knowledge and develop research and problem-solving skills through work and enquiry-based learning, more formally structured tuition, and self-directed learning. They will develop competencies in the following transferable skills: written and oral communication, critical thinking, digital literacy, group collaboration, problem solving, planning & time management. A variety of assessment methods such as reflective journals, presentations, research projects, portfolios and assignments are used on the programme.

Learner Supports

At VCC, we support our learners fully so that they can achieve their full potential.

- Technology moderators provide technical support and encouragement to learners in advance of and during online sessions.
- Qualified tutors with in-depth classroom experience and subject matter expertise are readily available to discuss programme content.
- One-to-one online mentors are available throughout the programme.
- Learners are actively encouraged to support one another and build collaborative learning communities.



Entry Requirements

A good command of the English language / adequate computer skills (but support will be given)

Admissions

Applications need to have been received by September 29th 2017.

Fees

The course fee for participants taking up a place with Southside Partnership will be €50. Please note that 50% of the fees must be paid upfront with the balance to be paid before the course finishes.

For more information and to register a place contact:

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The following Progression Paths are available to all learners through the Virtual Community College (not all these course options will be available in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, but participants will be able to link in with the wider VCC course offering):

Special Purpose Awards QQI Level 6 10 credits Duration: 10 weeks		
Introduction to Community Leadership	Group Work and Facilitation Skills	Introduction to Social Enterprise Development
Introduction to Community Development	Social Analysis	Citizenship and Social Action
Continuous Professional Development QQI Level 7 10 credits Duration: 10 weeks		
Transformative Community Education		
Technology Enhanced Learning		
Certificate QQI Level 6 60 credits Duration: 1 year		
Certificate in Leadership & Community Development		
Certificate in Applied Addiction Studies and Community Development		
Higher Certificate & Bachelor of Arts Awards		
VCC is working in partnership with IT Carlow to develop a blended online Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Community Development & Bachelor of Arts in Applied Addiction Studies & Community Development (QQI Level 7). Learners who complete Stage 1 at Level 6 of the NQF (60 credits) are eligible to exit the programme with a “Certificate in Leadership and Community Development” (Minor Award Level 6) or to progress to Higher Certificate and BA awards.		