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# NUIM CERTIFICATE IN CHILD PROTECTION AND WELFARE

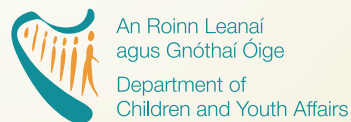
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## NYCI'S CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME

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### NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF IRELAND

**NYCI is a membership-led umbrella body that represents national voluntary youth work organisations working with over 380,000 young people, and uses its collective experience to act on issues that impact on young people.**

### NYCI'S CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMME

**NYCI's Child Protection Programme is funded by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. It has responsibility to assess and address the child protection and safeguarding needs of the youth work sector.**

## PURPOSE OF THE CERTIFICATE:

This course is designed to **develop capacity within the youth sector** (and other related sectors) to **respond effectively** to the myriad child protection and welfare concerns which present throughout the country in youth organisations and other related services. Also, importantly it aims to develop a more **comprehensive partnership approach** with the statutory services and other relevant services. It is also intended to enable organisations to respond more comprehensively to the safeguarding needs of children and young people and to maintain a **child centred focus** in this work. Furthermore, this course enables organisations to fulfil their obligations in relation to Children First (2011) and other related national guidance as well as relevant legislation.

## COURSE AIMS

The aim of this course is to provide workers (including paid staff and volunteers) who have a responsibility for, and professional interest in, child protection and welfare with the **knowledge, skills and competencies** related to the key issues involved for their organisations. It also provides them with an up to date and comprehensive overview of child protection and welfare and how it relates to their area of work and/or organisation.

## On completion of the course, students will expect to have:

- An understanding of the key issues in child protection and welfare
- Developed a critical awareness and understanding of the role and responsibilities of an organisation in relation to the implementation of its child protection policies and procedures
- Examined best practice in child protection and welfare

### In addition, students will have:

- Explored case studies from a range of youth organisations and learned from the experience of others
- Engaged with and learned from a variety of child protection specialists and support agencies working in Ireland today
- Explored and enhanced their own delivery and facilitation of child protection training
- Acquired a repository of information, exercises and resources in child protection and welfare

## WHO IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR?

This course is suitable for those working in the youth work sector and non-formal education sector who have a responsibility for child protection and welfare in their organisation, through the provision of training, policy development, role of designated liaison person, senior management, board members etc...

### PROGRAMME AWARD

The Certificate in Child Protection and Welfare is a Special Purpose Certificate and is Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE: 5 MODULES

### MODULE 1

**Child Protection Awareness including:** key developments in child protection, overview of enquiries and lessons learned, Children First and relevant legislation, NQSF, peer abuse, underage sex and consent, frameworks for assessment, children's rights.

### MODULE 2

**Organisational Contexts including:** developing, implementing and evaluating a child protection policy, role and responsibilities of designated liaison person, governance, managing allegations, developing and implementing complaints procedures, dealing with disclosures, retrospective reporting, report writing and record keeping.

### MODULE 3

**Best practice in CPW including:** codes of behaviour, working with diversity, safe use of social networking, consent and confidentiality, and reflective practice.

### MODULE 4

**Working in Partnership including:** roles and responsibilities of key agencies, working with parents, Children's Services Committees, case conferences, principles of effective partnership working, support and treatment services.

### MODULE 5

**Child Protection Awareness Training including:** preparing, delivering and evaluating training, advanced training and facilitation skills and a whole organisational approach for child protection training.

## COURSE ASSESSMENT

The course is assessed by means of an essay, a policy critique, analysis of interagency working and a group work training assignment.

### FEES

The course fee is €1000 for members of NYCI and €1200 for non-members of NYCI, which includes registration with NUI Maynooth.

A €200 deposit is required to secure your place on the course before the end of December 2014, and remainder of fees can be paid in instalments throughout 2015.

### DATES & LOCATION

The course takes place over fifteen days (five blocks of three days) Tues-Thurs, from **January – June 2015** in Dublin city centre.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

To download an application form please see [www.childprotection.ie](http://www.childprotection.ie) or email [info@nyci.ie](mailto:info@nyci.ie)

In the likely event of over subscription, shortlisting of candidates will be applied based on the Individuals overall potential impact on child protection policies and procedures in their organisation.

**Closing date for applications is Friday October 31st 2014.**  
**For more information please contact Olive Ring on [olive@nyci.ie](mailto:olive@nyci.ie)**  
**or phone 01 4255943/4784122**

## WHAT SOME OF OUR COURSE GRADUATES HAD TO SAY

"I found the course content very beneficial in assisting me with my work in policy development and good practice in Child Safety & Welfare. The duration of the course, its spacing and pace allowed me to balance learning and work requirements. The style of delivery by the course facilitators makes the learning experience enjoyable."

**Charlene Logue, Senior Youth Worker, Donegal Youth Service.**

"The course provided me with an interesting and challenging exposure to current policy, legislative and practice issues in the field of child protection and welfare. Along with the excellent course content and quality of the guest speakers, the interaction of the participants, with their diverse backgrounds and skills, really contributed positively to individual and group learning."

**Mark Hogan, Director of Services, Daughters of Charity Community Services.**

"Completing the Child Protection Certificate was extremely important for me in my role as Child Welfare & Safeguarding Manager for the FAI. The Certificate provided excellent insight through the course material, expert guest lecturers and the course tutors. The Certificate course provided an interactive learning environment which allowed participants to learn and contribute. I would highly recommend this course as it encourages self-reflection as well as providing knowledge to make positive change."

**Vincent O'Flaherty, Child Welfare & Safeguarding Manager for the Football Association of Ireland.**

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