Waterford Institute *of* **Technology**
INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA PHORT LÁIRGE

MA in Social Justice and Public Policy

Level **9**

The MA in Social Justice and Public Policy is a two year part-time programme which gives students a unique opportunity to develop a theoretical framework and the deep capacity for analysis, understanding, knowledge, skills and practices needed to engage meaningfully in social change towards a more just and inclusive society focusing particularly on influencing public policy.

Social Justice Ireland is a key partner in this programme.

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Programme Outline

The MA in Social Justice and Public Policy will:

- give students the skills to analyse and challenge the existing policy narrative and propose realistic alternatives;
- ensure that students understand the theoretical framework which underpins different policies;
- produce graduates with the necessary skills and experience to exercise an effective role in influencing public policy for social justice, offering a critical social analysis of the current situation, researching and developing evidence based options, negotiating effectively and advocating for change.

In taking on this programme students will be able to:

- learn from expert academics and practitioners in social justice and public policy using case studies from Irish and International contexts;
- study and network with others from a wide range of experiences and disciplines;
- pursue their relevant interests via self-directed learning, assignments and a dissertation.

This MA is particularly suitable for students seeking to promote a fairer society, including people from business, community, voluntary, social inclusion, environmental organisations, trade unions, public service, and religious sectors. Many applicants will be working in a voluntary or paid capacity with an organisation, group or office involved with social justice or addressing issues affected by public policy.

Programme Structure

Semester 1	Semester 3
Social Analysis and Social Change 1	Social Analysis and Social Change 2
Human Rights and Theories of Social Justice	Communication Skills
Social Justice and the Prophetic Tradition	Reflective Practice and Social Justice
	Strategic Planning & Social Justice
Semester 2	**Semester 4**
Economics and Social Policy 1	Economics and Social Policy 2
Advocacy, Community Organising and Networking for Social Justice	Communications and Public Policy
Research Methods	Research Project

Assessment is via assignments, projects and a dissertation.

Programme Delivery

The MA in Social Justice and Public Policy is delivered part-time over two years normally over seventeen evening and all-day sessions and two block weeks over two years in a convenient Dublin city centre location.

Entry Details

- Applicants for the MA in Social Justice and Public Policy should hold a minimum of an NFQ Honours degree in any area of the Humanities, Economics or Social Sciences. Candidates should normally have previous relevant experience and are expected to be working in a paid or voluntary capacity in the area. All candidates are subject to a pre-entry interview.

- Applicants who do not hold the standard qualifying NFQ Level 8 qualification criteria, but have relevant work experience and study may be considered for admission to the programme under the Institute's Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process and subject to an interview.

- Applicants whose primary language is not English must submit evidence of competency in English. Please see our website for more details www.wit.ie/englishrequirements

Fees

For information on fees please visit our website at
www.wit.ie/pgfees

Applications

Applications for this programme are made online by going to
www.pac.ie (Code wd595)

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