# HIGHER DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL POLICY (ONLINE)

# **Overview**

Status: Active

National Framework Of Qualifications (NFQ) Level: 8

NFQ Award Class: Major Award Duration Full Time: 1 Academic Year(s) Duration Part Time: 2 Academic Year(s)

Total Credits: 60 Delivery Method: Online

### **Connected Curriculum:**

- · Civic and Community Engagement
- · Employability
- · Global Reach
- · Inter-and Transdisciplinary
- · Research Based Teaching
- · Sustainability

### Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- · No Poverty
- · Good Health and Well-being
- · Quality Education
- · Gender Equality
- · Decent Work and Economic Growth
- · Reduced Inequality
- · Sustainable Cities and Communities
- · Climate Action
- · Peace Justice Strong Institutions

### **Graduate Attributes:**

- · Creator, evaluator and communicator of knowledge
- · Digitally Fluent
- Effective global citizen
- · Independent and creative thinker
- · Socially Responsible

## Work-Integrated Learning (Including Placement):

No

The Higher Diploma in Social Policy (Online) is directed at graduates without a background in the social policy, who are seeking a conversion course to gain access to an array of professional courses for which social policy is a requirement.

The programme is delivered online (asynchronous/anytime) and can be taken over the course of one year (full-time) or two years (part-time). The Higher Diploma in Social Policy (Online) is designed to be flexible, to attend to students' employment and care responsibilities. Pre-recorded

content is released on a weekly basis to allow students to design a study schedule around their other responsibilities.

The programme involves a series of modules designed around short lectures. The short lectures are approximately 8 to 12 minutes in length and will engage students with theory, practice, and research, at the heart of social policy. Core readings and rich media resources will complement the short lecture series. All academic work conducted on the programme is desk-based involving analysis of literature, society, policy, and reports.

Students take **60** credits. To avoid workload imbalance, students can take up to and no more than 35 credits in either semester.

# **Programme Requirements**

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. ).