

Kimmage Development Studies Centre



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KIMMAGE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES CENTRE (KDSC)

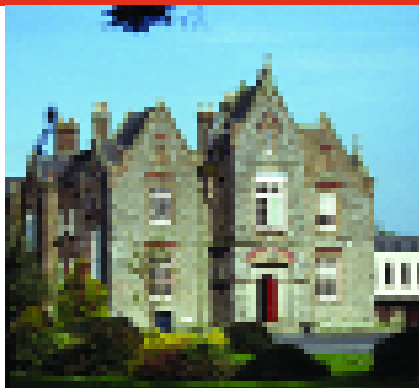
Since its foundation in 1974, KDSC has facilitated education and training for development professionals working in a range of occupations from over sixty five countries. Courses on offer reflect a combination of formal and non formal educational methodologies and are run at undergraduate ordinary bachelor (BA) and post graduate (MA and Post Graduate Diploma) levels, with options to study on a full-time or part-time basis. Courses provide hands-on practical training whilst also providing an opportunity for participants to become fully familiar with relevant theories of development

All courses run at KDSC and those run on an outreach basis are accredited by the Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC). In Ireland, HETAC is the statutory body for the approval and recognition of third level courses held outside the University system. More information on HETAC can be found on their website: www.hetac.ie

Courses currently on offer include:

- MA in Development studies
- Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies
- BA Degree in Development Studies
- Understanding Development part-time evening course

KDSC offers a unique combination of studies which aims to combine the practical and the theoretical, the academic and the skills-based. The development studies courses of Economics, Sociology and Anthropology are complemented by subjects which have a large training, active learning and skills component, such as Human Development, Adult Education, Group Facilitation Skills, Financial Management, Gender and Development, Sustainable Livelihoods and Project Planning and Management. These courses have proven



invaluable in enabling practitioners to work effectively for social, economic and political change in society and the holistic development of all.

KDSC is based at Holy Ghost College and is situated in its own grounds at Kimmage Manor in the foothills of the Dublin and Wicklow mountains. It is within easy reach of Dublin city, the cosmopolitan and lively capital of Ireland and is well served by public transport. The Centre offers students who are on scholarships on-campus accommodation in the form of purpose built self-catering apartments with all facilities provided.

Participants

KDSC provides full-time as well as part-time training for students from a wide variety of backgrounds, including personnel from NGOs, government officials, educationalists, health professionals, agriculturalists, social workers, community development workers, development educators and activists and church employees. Independent follow-up surveys have revealed a high level of satisfaction with the programme and an impressive rate of employment for participants following completion of their course. Contact is maintained with former course participants through an annual newsletter and through a Kimmage Graduates Association (KGA).

KDSC offers courses at different levels, facilitating people already holding higher level qualifications as well as those who do not. KDSC is particularly keen to provide an opportunity to micro-development or

grassroots project workers who may lack the usual entry requirements for university to enhance their understanding of development theory, to acquire new skills and to obtain an internationally recognised higher level qualification.

Financial Support

As well as being recognised by HETAC for the accreditation of its courses, KDSC is directly supported by the Irish Government through its Bilateral Aid Programme. The NGO sector is also closely associated with the work of KDSC through its sponsorship of participants. Most notably, KDSC has received generous support for its activities from the World Mercy Fund and Misereor.

Staff

KDSC is committed to excellence in its teaching, research and professional practice in international development. Its staff are drawn from a variety of academic and professional fields reflected in the interdisciplinary composition of the courses. Many have several years experience of development work in different countries and are engaged in consultancy services with multilateral and bilateral agencies, NGOs and church groups. An informal and friendly atmosphere in the Centre, together with an emphasis on dialogue, help to create a pleasant learning environment and a community of mutual support for all participants.



The BA Degree in Development Studies provides students with a multi-disciplinary learning experience within which the development processes can be analysed, critiqued and reflected upon. A deliberate attempt is made in all subject areas to integrate relevant theory with participants' experience in the context of cultural diversity. The programme is particularly helpful to those working in situations of marginalisation, engaged in justice and peace work, or developing community projects.

Aims and Objectives

- To promote in participants an understanding of the holistic development of the person in the community and to provide specialised training for development activists and practitioners.
- To explore understandings of the human, economic, political and social aspects of theories of change.
- To critically enhance skills in relation to leadership and working with groups, and in the planning, management and evaluation of projects.

BA DEGREE IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

COURSE CONTENT

- To increase participants' awareness of development, justice and poverty issues at local and global levels and to animate them in their role as development educators and agents of change.
- To encourage participants' active integration of gender analyses and approaches to planning into development processes and practices.
- To encourage dialogue between development experiences in a variety of contexts including in relation to Ireland and the countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Schedule and Accreditation

The BA is run as a two year programme. All taught course work is completed in the first academic year, which runs from September to the end of May. In year two participants engage in an applied research project on a topic in the development field (preferably related to their work) and are required to write up a final integration paper. As the second year is structured for 'off-campus' modules, physical attendance at KDSC is not essential. Successful completion of the course earns participants an ordinary BA Degree in Development Studies, accredited by HETAC, the Higher Education and Training Awards Council.

For students unable to participate full-time in year one, it is possible to undertake individual subjects on a part-time basis and obtain internationally recognised course credits, which can be accumulated over time to realise a full award. Further details of this Accumulation of Credits and Certification of Subjects scheme (ACCS) are available from the Applications Office.

The BA offers courses in the following study areas:

1. Political and Economic Development

(includes Development Economics and Political Studies). The aim of this subject is to provide participants with a good understanding of the interrelated processes of Economics and Politics and their impact on Development.

2. Planning and Management

(includes Project Planning and Management, Gender and Development and Leadership). This subject provides an introduction to different approaches for planning and managing development programmes and projects, with particular reference to issues of gender, poverty eradication and participation.

3. Society, Culture and Environment

(includes Sociology of Development, Cultural Anthropology and Environment and Development). The aim of this subject is to provide participants with a good understanding of the social, cultural and

environmental issues which effect change at local and global levels.

4. Group and Adult Learning

(includes Group Facilitation Skills, Adult Education and Human Development Theories). This subject aims to integrate theories of group work, adult learning and human development using experiential and participatory methodologies.

5. Electives

The choice of subjects offered in the Electives area gives participants an opportunity to explore in more depth specific topics of relevance which are introduced in the mandatory core subjects listed above. Typical Electives offered in recent years include: Economic and Political Policy Analysis; Ethics of Development; Participatory Planning Tools; Human Rights; HIV/AIDS and Development; Emergency Relief.

6. Development Research: Methods and Tools.

7. Applied Research Project

Assessment

Continuous assessment of essays, participation in seminars and projects and final written examinations comprise the bulk of assessment. In year two participants are required to write up a final integration paper based on the findings of their applied research project. Apart from the HETAC qualification, course participants may be awarded an in-house certificate on successful completion of the course.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the BA Degree should have a post-secondary qualification from a recog-

nised institute or evidence of at least two years education or training at third-level in a related subject area. Candidates without these entry requirements may be considered for admission on the basis of relevant work experience and an assessment of their prior experiential learning to ensure their suitability for a programme of study which is essentially the second and third year of an ordinary BA Degree. Students of mature years (23+) are especially welcome. Some vacancies will be available to those wishing to commence a career in development work. This programme may also suit those taking a career break.

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

COURSE CONTENT

The Post Graduate Diploma offers courses in the following study areas:

1. Political Economy of Development

(includes Development Economics, Political Studies and Environment and Development). The aim of this subject is to provide participants with an introduction to economic and political theories and practices, and to examine how these relate to local, national and global development, with particular reference to sustainable development.

2. Planning for Development

(includes Project Planning and Management, Gender and Development and Leadership). This subject aims to provide participants with conceptual and practical tools pertinent to planning for development including those of gender analyses and leadership approaches.

3. Social and Cultural Change

(includes Sociology of Development and Cultural Anthropology). The aim of this

subject is to engage participants in critical analysis of the social and cultural aspects of change and development.

4. Adult and Group Development

(includes Group Facilitation Skills, Adult Education and Human Development Theories). This subject aims to build the capacity of participants in terms of working in groups, personal awareness, interpersonal communication, and appreciating different approaches towards the education of adults and of their own learning.

5. Electives

Students choose from a number of Electives, allowing more time and scope to explore certain topics related to the four mandatory subjects listed above. Typical Electives offered in recent years include: Political and Economic Policy Analysis; Ethics of Development; Participatory Planning Tools; Research Methods, Sustainable Livelihoods, Human Rights and Development.

This nine month full time programme is designed specifically for participants who hold primary degrees in related disciplines or equivalent qualifications from recognised institutes and who seek to study at an advanced level.

The Graduate programme is aimed at leaders, facilitators and managers of local and community development and staff of development agencies in Ireland and in the countries of the South. Some vacancies exist for post-graduate level students interested in pursuing a career in some aspect of development work either in Ireland or abroad.

Aims and Objectives

- To strengthen conceptual/analytical ability on an inter-disciplinary basis, through specialised courses in development studies.
- To enhance the skills of participants, especially in relation to leadership and working with groups and in the planning, management and evaluation of development projects.
- To create an environment for self-development through guided study, group work and interaction with students from different culture and disciplinary backgrounds.
- To encourage critical reflection on all aspects of development policy and practice, including in relation to issues of gender, Human Rights, globalisation, development education and sustainable livelihoods.

Schedule and Accreditation

This nine month full time course runs from mid September to the end of May each year. Successful completion of the course earns students a Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies accredited by the HETAC, the Higher Education and Training Awards Council.

The Graduate Diploma may also be taken part-time over a longer period (two to three years) under the ACCS mode of credit accumulation operated by HETAC. Further details of this Accumulation of Credits and Certification of Subjects (ACCS) are available from the Applications Office.



Further study: an MA award

Students who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma may have an option of returning to KDSC the following academic year to continue with the MA in Development Studies (subject to their final results and funding arrangements), in which case credit is given for certain core subjects already covered in the Graduate Diploma and students need only complete the extra requirements necessary to achieve an MA (see diagram on page 7).

Assessment

The assessment process uses a combination of continuous assessment, project work, examinations and end-of-year assignments.

Entry Requirements

Applicants to the Graduate Diploma programme must hold a University degree or an equivalent professional qualification from a reputable institute. Those with experience of some form of development work are particularly welcome to apply. As places are limited on the programme those interested in applying should do so as early as possible.

This 14 month programme is designed specifically for participants who hold a good Primary Degree or a post graduate diploma in a related area of study from a recognised institute.

The MA programme is aimed at leaders, facilitators and managers of local and community development and staff of development agencies in Ireland and in the countries of the South. It may also appeal to academics engaged in teaching and research in development. Some vacancies exist for postgraduate level students interested in pursuing a career in some aspect of development work either in Ireland or abroad.

Aims and Objectives

- To provide academic training in development studies, examining contemporary theory in the social sciences and development policies and practices.
- To equip participants with a theoretical understanding of debates relating to development, including contrasting arguments and understandings of development processes, and to enhance their abilities to apply such knowledge to policy analysis and practical problem solving.
- To deepen students' understanding of social research on contemporary issues in the development field and to appraise these issues critically in the light of their own primary research and development experience.

COURSE CONTENT

The MA offers courses in the following study areas:

1. Political Economy of Development

(includes Development Economics, Political Studies and Environment and Development). The aim of this subject is to provide participants with an introduction to economic and political theories and practices, and to examine how these relate to local, national and global development, with particular reference to sustainable development.

2. Planning for Development

(includes Project Planning and Management, Gender and Development and Leadership). This subject aims to provide participants with conceptual and practical tools pertinent to planning for development including those of gender analyses and leadership approaches.

3. Social and Cultural Change

(includes Sociology of Development and Cultural Anthropology). The aim of this subject is to engage participants in critical analysis of the social and cultural aspects of change and development.

4. Adult and Group Development

(includes Group Facilitation Skills, Adult

Education and Human Development Theories). This subject aims to build the capacity of participants in terms of working in groups, personal awareness, interpersonal communication, and appreciating different approaches towards the education of adults and of their own learning.

5. Research Methodologies

This subject aims to provide an integrated training in social research, with a strong emphasis on the use of appropriate qualitative approaches and methods, and the ability to complete applied research within the student's chosen specialist area in a development area.

6. Electives

Students chose one of the following electives: Political and Economic Policy Analysis; Ethics of Development; Participatory Planning Tools; Sustainable Rural Livelihoods; Human Rights and Development.

7. Specialist Seminar

This subject offers a forum for more specialist analysis of changing trends and perspectives in a particular strand of development work.

Students are expected to submit a final dissertation within the time allocated.

Schedule and Accreditation (Mode 1)

The first section of the MA programme consists of taught course-work which runs in tandem with the Graduate Diploma programme from mid September to the end of May of the following year. Supervised work towards a final dissertation is expected to be completed during a five month period after this date. Successful completion of the programme earns students an

MA in Development Studies, accredited by the HETAC, the Higher Education and Training Awards Council.

Assessment

Assessment is carried out through a combination of continuous assessment, project work, examinations and final dissertation.



Examples of modes of study towards an MA in Development Studies award

	Sept 2006	May 2007	Oct/Nov 2007	Jan 2008	Oct/Nov 2008	Jan 2009	Oct 2009
Mode 1 – accepted directly on to MA programme	Start of MA*	Completion of MA coursework	Submission of MA dissertation	MA Exam Board meeting	Conferral of MA Degree		
Mode 2 – acceptance to MA subject to completion of Post Grad Diploma and results.	Start of PG Diploma*	Completion of PG Dip	Conferral of PG Dip. Former PG students start 2-4 months additional MA coursework		Submission of MA dissertations	MA Exam Board meeting	Conferral of MA Degree

* Note: both MA and PG Diploma students do the same course work for the first nine months. MA students are required to take additional MA courses during this time. PG Diploma students who return to complete the MA the following year get credit for taught course work already completed and additional MA work in January of the second year.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the MA programme must hold a University Degree at Honours level (upper second class degree or above) or a Post Graduate Diploma in a related area. Those with a professional background in some form of development work are particularly welcome to apply. Candidates for the programme will be selected on the strength of their applications and, wherever possible, by interview.

Schedule and Accreditation (Mode 2)

Students who do not meet the entry requirements for direct entry to the MA are welcome to apply for the nine month Post Graduate Diploma programme. Students who successfully complete the Post Graduate Diploma may then have the option of continuing with the MA in the following academic year at KDSC (subject to their final results and funding arrangements). In that case credit is given for certain core subjects already covered in the

Post Graduate Diploma and students are only required to complete the extra requirements necessary to achieve an MA award. Students undertake additional MA courses over a period of 2–4 months, one of which is also offered by distance learning. They are expected to complete a dissertation in a further 5 months.



Applications and enquiries for all courses should be addressed to the Applications Office at Kimmage Development Studies Centre.

If no application form is enclosed with this brochure please request one from the Centre.

Applicants should read carefully the *Notes for Applicants* before returning the Application form to:

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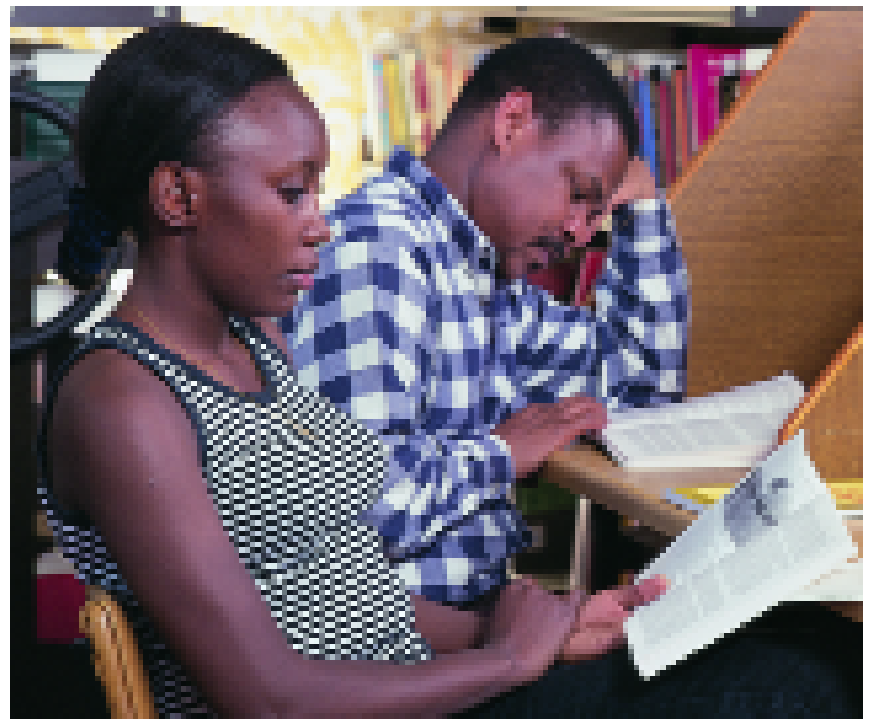
E-mail: info@dsckim.ie

website: www.dsckim.ie

Fees and accommodation

See the insert for up-to-date fees and estimated maintenance costs or request this information from the Applications Office.

Students from a number of countries of the South may request fellowships through the Development Co-operation Ireland Fellowships programme which is part of the Bilateral Aid Programme of the Irish Government. Fellowship application forms



and further information can be obtained from the Irish Embassy or other representative of Ireland in the country or region concerned. Potential applicants should also refer to the *Notes for Applicants* attached to the Application form and the *Guidelines for Making a Funding request*.

Accommodation convenient to the College may be arranged for those who require it. The Centre offers students who are on scholarships on-campus accommodation in the form of purpose built self-catering apartments with all facilities provided. Further information concerning accommodation, tuition fees and methods of payment is available from the Centre.

Location

Kimmage Development Studies Centre is situated on the south side of Dublin city (approximately 20 kilometres from the Airport). Transport from the city centre is available by taxi or by bus. The most direct service to Kimmage Manor is via the 15A bus. Further information on how to reach Kimmage can be obtained by contacting KDSC directly at +353 (0)1 406 4386 / 406 4300.

CUSTOMISED COURSES

DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AND LEARNING @ KIMMAGE (Dtalk)

KDSC, in association with INTRAC (UK) and MDF (The Netherlands), offers a programme of specialised training courses targeted at development workers in Irish registered NGO and missionary organisations. The new Development Training and Learning Programme @ Kimmage (Dtalk) takes over the work of the APSO Training Centre which was integrated into Development Cooperation Ireland in 2003.

The Dtalk programme aims to promote a culture of learning and knowledge-sharing with the Irish development sector. The programme aims to ensure that development workers and volunteers about to undertake work in countries of the South are adequately trained and prepared for the challenges and complexities of their future roles. The programme also provides professional development opportunities for longer term development workers, and head office and field based staff of Irish NGOs and missionary organisations.



Typical courses include

- Initial Preparation
- Emergency Orientation
- Mediation and Conflict
- Training of Trainers
- Organisational Development
- HIV/AIDs Planning Responses
- Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation
- Gender Planning in Development
- Election Monitoring
- Sustainable Livelihoods
- Financial Management

All are short term, condensed training courses, ie, from one day to five days in duration.

The latest schedule of courses and further information on Dtalk is available from Kimmage Development Studies Centre, or from KDSC website: www.dsckim.ie

Outreach training

KDSC is collaborating with partner institutes overseas. With MS TCDC (the Training Centre for Development Cooperation, run by Mellemfolkeligt Samvirk, the Danish Association for International Cooperation) based in Arusha, Tanzania, the BA in Development Studies has been offered since **2004**. KDSC also collaborates with the Grail Centre in Kleinmond, South Africa, who offer a Diploma in Development Education. KDSC is seeking to expand its outreach services through collaboration with other institutes in Africa, with a view to offering distance and open learning courses for those unable to attend full-time training in Kimmage or Arusha.

For more information on the MS TCDC BA Degree in Development Studies contact:

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