



# CERTIFICATE IN TRADE UNIONS STUDIES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



This is a Certificate in Trade Unions Studies, Social Justice and Social Policy . It is an accredited course designed for trade unionists delivered by a combination of experienced trade union tutors and academics from UCD School of Social Work, Social Policy and Social Justice.

Trade Unions rely upon an active and committed range of employed and lay activists. This course is designed to reconnect those activists to trade union fundamentals in the context of an economy in crisis.

#### **What accreditation does the course offer?**

It is a 5 credit course at level 7 of the National Qualification Framework.

#### **How is the course delivered?**

The course is delivered through a blended learning methodology based on UCD's dedicated Blackboard website which facilitates student communications and provides full course information and full course materials. In addition there are 5 teaching days between UCD and Belfast. The course duration is from December 2015 to May 2016.

#### **What will the focus of the course be?**

- *Addressing the difference between orthodox 'economics' and 'political economy' as a tool for analyzing the modern world.*
- *The history of the labour movement, its relation to capitalism as a system and trade unionism in the 21st Century.*
- *Globalization, the Neo-liberal turn and the rise of finance capital.*
- *The current crisis, austerity and the myth of TINA (There Is No Alternative).*
- *Privatisation: Welfare State and Housing*

Course Dates:

**4th December 2015 (UCD),  
8th January (UCD)  
12th February (Belfast)  
18th March (UCD)  
22nd April (UCD)  
6th May 2016 (UCD) (all 11 to 4 p.m.)**



#### **How is the course assessed?**

Assessment will be by project work.

Course fee: 500 euro

#### **How do I apply?**

Those interested in registering for the course should contact the course coordinator, Dr Phyllis Murphy at [phyllis.murphy@ucd.ie](mailto:phyllis.murphy@ucd.ie)

