



Community Leadership Initiative Module Information Sheet

Institute of Technology Tralee

The Community Leadership Initiative (CLI) is a module available to 3rd year students in semester 5. It is designed to allow students who engage regularly as volunteer leaders within their community, to obtain Institute accreditation for their engagement.

What does the module involve?

2 lectures a week which focus on:

Exploring leadership
Leadership in the community & voluntary sector
Active citizenship & social capital development

1 tutorial which incorporates:

Small group discussion on pertinent volunteer engagement issues
Leadership capacity building exercises

Voluntary commitment to a club/organisation in a leadership capacity for a period of a minimum of 3 months

What organisations/clubs/agencies are acceptable?

Examples include the following (but is not exhaustive):

Institute Sports clubs and Societies, the Cara Centre, Sport for Success, St. John of God 'Helping Hands', Peer Mentoring, Youth clubs, Jigsaw, Enable Ireland, Irish Wheelchair Association, ISPCA, Special Olympics, Homework clubs, Active Retirement Clubs, Amnesty International, Scouts, Girl Guides, Community Sports clubs, Red Cross, Advocacy groups, International Volunteering positions etc.....

What type of volunteering is appropriate?

One must demonstrate a firm commitment to the club/organisation, undertaking a leaderships role, while assisting the organisation in realising its objectives.

How is the module assessed?

Portfolio of evidence of volunteering engagement 30%; Research assignment 25%; Presentation of evidence to staff & peers 25%; contribution at tutorials 20%

Is this module for you? Are you currently volunteering in a leadership capacity? Or can you expand your volunteering to undertake a leadership element? Are you committed to a Cause? A Club? An Organisation? Would you like to develop & further your volunteering experiences? If you answered YES, to these, you should consider this module. Further information is available on the ITT web site under 'Civic Engagement'.

“A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up to make new trees”



