



Community Service Initiative Module Information Sheet

Institute of Technology Tralee

The Community Service Initiative (CSI) is a module available to 2nd year students in semester 4. It is designed to allow students who engage regularly as volunteers within their community, to obtain Institute accreditation for their engagement.

What does the module involve?

2 lectures a week which focus on:

Becoming a 'civic servant'

The community & voluntary sector

Active citizenship & social capital development

1 tutorial which incorporates:

Small group discussion on pertinent

volunteer engagement issues

Personal development exercises, tasks & role plays

Voluntary commitment to a club/organisation 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 International Volunteering positions etc.....

What type of volunteering is appropriate?

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

How is the module assessed?

Preparatory submissions (tutorial work) 25%; Portfolio of evidence of volunteering engagement 75%, (including reflective work, Organisation Feedback & Presentation of evidence to staff & peers

Is this module for you? Are you currently volunteering? Or about to commence volunteering? 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 available on the ITT website under 'Civic Engagement'.

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



