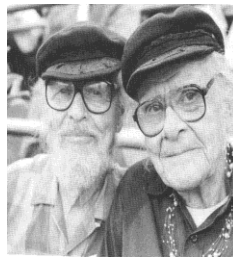




The Equality Ambassador Programme



How did the programme start?

It began with an idea from the Social Inclusion Measures Equality Sub Group and was developed with the support of the County Development Board and Kerry Education Service. The first successful North Kerry based course ran in 2010.

Which organisations support this programme?

This programme is supported by South Kerry Development Partnership, Kerry Education Service (the VEC), Ciarraí Amach (Kerry LGBT Project), Kerry Travellers Development Project, the Kerry Network of People with Disabilities and the Community Foundation of Ireland.

What does the programme aim to do?

It aims to spread the message of equality throughout Kerry. It does this by helping you to acquire the knowledge and skills to co-facilitate an equality and intercultural awareness workshop for a community or public sector organisation.

Do I need to know a lot about equality?

No, you will be supported by an equality expert.

If I get stuck will help be made available?

Yes, a buddy system will be available for those who need it.

What is the community/public sector workshop for?

The workshop helps staff in community and public sector organisations to learn from your experiences as individuals and its aim is to help them to provide a better service that includes everyone as fully as possible.

Do I need to have specific qualifications to apply?

No. Your educational qualifications are, of course, valuable, but life-experience, as well as your willingness to explore your feelings and attitudes in the area of equality and diversity are just as important.

What does it cost?

The course is free.

What approach will the course take?

The course involves talks by equality trainers, group-work, discussions, exercises and videos. It is very participative. The difficulties and challenges that arise for you in the course of your everyday life is also explored through discussion.

Are there any examinations?

No. You will not undertake an exam; instead your progress will be continuously assessed. You are required to record your learning each week in a personal learning journal.

What are the entry requirements?

It is a condition of entry to the programme that you commit to attending 90% of the classes and agree to present one workshop supported by a qualified equality trainer.

Where and when will the course run?

This Killarney based course consists of a series of ten classes and 1 public sector workshop. The classes will run every Sunday between 10 am and 2.15 pm starting on the: 16th October through to 20th November 2011. Classes will recommence on the 8th January 2012 until the 29th January. The workshop for organisations will take place on 1st February 2012.

How many places are available?

Only 12 places are available.

What help is available for applicants with literacy difficulties or impairment related needs?

Every effort will be made, where possible, to assist participants who experience literacy difficulties or have specific disability related needs.

If you need help to complete the form or if the questions are unclear, please telephone Bridget Horgan, Programme Co Ordinator on 086 409 0801 or email equalityambassador@live.ie.

Other details

This is the third course of this type. Only 12 places are available and previous courses have been oversubscribed.



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Application Form Part 1

A warm welcome to you.

Please complete this form in BLOCK LETTERS using a black biro or pen and **bring it with you to the information session to be held at 3 pm on 6th October 2011 at The Dromhall Hotel.** Please answer all questions. This information will be securely held by the Bridget Horgan, Programme Co Ordinator. If the questions are unclear, please ring Bridget on 086 409 0801 or email her at equalityambassador@live.ie.

General information

Why did you choose this course?

Do you have any experience in this area either through work or voluntary activities? If so, give brief details.

What do you feel makes you suitable for this programme?

Other information you feel is relevant to your application.

Where did you hear about the programme?

Application Form Part 2

Personal Details:

Surname:

First Name(s):

Date of birth: ___ / ___ / ___

Gender: Male ___ Female ___

Citizenship: _____

Home Address:

Other contact details: Please Print

Home Telephone: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Email Address (Print clearly): _____

Highest Education Level Achieved

Details of other accredited or non accredited courses or workshops attended e.g. Cookery, English, First Aid etc.

(If there is insufficient space, please use a separate sheet and enclose with application)

Current employment, if any

Are you able to attend 90% of the course dates set out below?

The Killarney based course will take place on Sundays between 10 am and 2.15 pm, starting on the 16th October through to 20th November 2011? Classes will recommence on Sunday the 8th – 29th January 2012. The workshop for organisations will take place on 1st February 2012.

Please indicate Yes or No

We wish to support people with disabilities. You do not have to disclose your impairment. However, if you choose to do so, every effort will be made to support you where possible.

Do you have any specific requirements such as: sign language interpretation, documents to be available in alternative formats etc.?

Declaration:

I declare that the information given in this application is correct and if I am offered a place on the programme I will comply with the course requirements.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

1. Please email the Programme Co Ordinator on equalityambassador@live.ie or text her on 086 409 0801 to indicate that you will attend the information session.

2. Please bring your completed application form to the information session to be held at 3 pm in the Dromhall Hotel, Muckcross Road, Killarney on 6th of October.

A very short interview will take place and short listing may occur. If you are unable to make this date please contact the Programme Co Ordinator.

Thank you for your interest in the programme.

