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**Postgraduate Certificate in Continuing Professional Development for Social Work**  
**School of Political Science and Sociology, NUI Galway**  
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The discipline of Social Work at the School of Political Science and Sociology is delighted to announce a new **Postgraduate Certificate in Continuing Professional Development for Social Work** for qualified social workers at various stages of a social work career. The **Non Violent Resistance in Practice** course is also open to practitioners from disciplines other than (and including) social work.

A variety of modules will be offered on a stand-alone basis and credits from these modules can contribute to the award of a Postgraduate Certificate (30 ECTS) or Diploma (60 ECTS). **This means that candidates must register for the certificate and can pay in full (1,500) or pay as they take each module (500).**

Practitioners may choose to pay an **attendance only fee of 250 euro**; participation in the module is then not accredited and does not require completion of assessment exercises (but attendance certificates can be made available on request at the end of the module).

**Classes are usually on Thursdays and / or Fridays at the Institute for Life Course and Society (ILAS) NUI Galway.**

Potential candidates are invited to apply **NOW** for registration on the Certificate **OR** for the attendance only options. Candidates in the social work discipline can sign up for all three modules or decide to take one module at a time. Each module is worth 10 ECT's.

**Entry Requirements:** *Except for those interested in the Non Violent Resistance in Practice* course, applicants must have a CORU accredited professional social work qualification (level 8 or level 9) or equivalent.

Candidates from the social work discipline who chose the accredited module(s) options must normally complete a Certificate in no more than 3 years and a Diploma in no more than 5 years.

Candidates must successfully complete the postgraduate certificate to be eligible to apply for the postgraduate diploma. Candidates enrolling for the PG Certificate/ Diploma in CPD for Social Work must pay a fee of **500 Euro** per module.

#### **Modules on Offer for Certificate in CPD for Social Work**

CORE + TWO OPTIONS = PG Certificate in CPD for Social Work

An additional CORE + TWO OPTIONS from subsequent years will result in a PG Diploma in CPD for Social Work.

**Core: Critical and Reflective Practice** (Pre-requisite: Two options must be completed alongside or before this module is taken)

**OPTIONS (Further options will be provided as the programme develops. Options not chosen at Cert level can be taken at Diploma level):**

- Contemporary Research in Global Child Protection (*not available in 2019*).
- Management for Social Work
- Non Violent Resistance in Practice (**also open to disciplines/ practitioners other than social work**)

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Submit a **Completed Application Form, 2 page summary CV** and a **copy of your Social Work or other qualification (for Non Violent Resistance in Practice)** to [joanne.oconnor@nuigalway.ie](mailto:joanne.oconnor@nuigalway.ie) by **18<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.

Application Forms are available at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/political-science-and-sociology/postgraduate-programmes/pgcertdip-cpd-social-work/>

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	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3	CORE 1
<b>NAME</b>	<b>Contemporary Research in Global Child Protection</b> <b>Prof. Caroline McGregor</b> <b><i>(not available in 2019)</i></b>	<b>SP6110 Non Violent Resistance in Practice</b> <b>Dr. Declan Coogan</b>	<b>SP6109 Management for Social Work</b> <b>Marguerita McGovern &amp; Caroline McGregor</b>	<b>SP6108 Critical Reflective Practice</b> <b>Prof. Caroline McGregor</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	This module provides input on the most recent and significant research relating to child welfare and protection. It will cover research from regional, national and international perspectives. It will give students insight into some of the current major trends in child protection and will identify gaps in research for the future	Child to parent violence/abuse is a form of family violence that involves males/ females under the age of 18 who use violent/ abusive/ controlling behaviour towards parents/carers. This problem challenges parents, children, practitioners and wider society. The Non Violence Resistance (NVR) Intervention Model responds to the needs of practitioners in a wide range of settings and families for a non-blaming, structured & evidence-influenced response to the problem of abuse and/or violence in family relationships.	This module provides an overview of theories and perspectives relating to management and leadership. The emphasis is on development skills for management within Social Work.	This module is a core module for the Certificate. It is a self-directed learning model aimed at assisting the student to develop their CPD reflective practice portfolio.  The subject matter is based on the two optional modules completed alongside the candidates practice experience.
<b>MODULE Learning Outcomes</b>	Show knowledge of the range of the most up to date research relating to child protection	Demonstrate increased confidence and skill in assessing and responding effectively to child to parent violence and abuse, domestic abuse & coercive control	Provide an overview of the relevant theories of management and leadership for social work	Develop and maintain their reflective practice CPD Portfolio

	<p>Understand the role research plays in influencing and shaping child protection policy and practice</p> <p>Examine critically the relationship between research, policy and practice</p> <p>Compare child protection in Ireland with other systems</p> <p>Apply research to a specific practice /policy context.</p>	<p>Understand the key concepts and skills of the Non Violent Resistance Intervention model</p> <p>Relate these concepts and skills to their own or to other areas of practice with children and families.</p> <p>Demonstrate an ability to critique and reflect on research and practice concerning abusive, violent and controlling behaviour within families.</p> <p>Consider the applicability of this model to other practice areas.</p> <p>Identify the challenges and the potential for resolution of these challenges in applying NVR principles to practice.</p>	<p>Specifically identify two approaches that can be applied within an social service context</p> <p>Demonstrate increased skills in management and leadership practice</p> <p>Demonstrate increased knowledge about research ability to apply knowledge and skills to a specific practice context</p> <p>Demonstrate the ability to apply at least one theory of management and leadership to practice using a specific critical framework.</p>	<p>Apply theory to practice in a critical and analytical way</p> <p>Demonstrate their ability to apply theory and research to own practice experience</p> <p>Critically analyse their work and plan for future development</p>
<b>Module Schedule</b>	Total Taught Hours - 40 Total Independent Study Hours: 40	Total Taught Hours – 40 Total Independent Study Hours: 40	Total Taught Hours - 40 Total Independent Study Hours: 40	Total Taught Hours
<b>Provisional Dates (may be subject to some adjustment) Classes are usually 10-4 or 10-2 (Mgmt for Social Work)</b>	<p>April/May (not in 2019)</p> <p>Online-Teaching (Flexible time) – 10 hours</p>	<p>FRIDAYS</p> <p>March 15, 2019</p> <p>March 22, 2019</p> <p>March 29, 2019</p> <p>April 05, 2019</p> <p>April 12, 2019</p> <p>Online-Teaching (flexible time) – 10 hours</p>	<p>THURSDAYS &amp; FRIDAYS</p> <p>May 2 &amp; 3, 2019</p> <p>May 9 &amp; 10 2019</p> <p>May 16 &amp; 17 2019</p> <p>May 23 &amp; 24 2019</p>	<p>Running on on-going basis.</p> <p>Contact Programme Director for further information.</p> <p>Online-Teaching (flexible time) – 16 hours</p>

<b>Indicative Content</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Child Protection Research in Ireland</li> <li>2. Global Child Protection Research</li> <li>3. Use of Research in Child Protection Practice</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Definitions, research about &amp; experiences of CPVA, domestic abuse/ violence, coercive control, &amp; key concepts of NVR</li> <li>2. Working with motivation and resistance NVR in practice</li> <li>3. Practitioner self care &amp; support for intervention with abuse/ violence.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Theory relating to management and Leadership</li> <li>2. Application of Theory to Practice</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Critical Reflection and Social Work</li> <li>2 Writing Workshops</li> <li>3. The project:- Portfolio writing</li> </ol>
<b>Assessment</b>	Continuous Assessment (Presentation Outline and policy Brief)	<p>None required for those who enroll for the non-accredited (attendance certificate only) option.</p> <p>For other candidates - Continuous Assessment ( 6 minute presentation &amp; written reflection assignment)</p>	Continuous Assessment (Written Assignment)	Continuous Assessment (Portfolio)
<b>Pre-requisites</b>	CORU registered social worker	Employment as a qualified practitioner in social work or allied health & social care disciplines such family support/ social care/ psychotherapy/ youth work/ psychology/ nursing (mental health).	CORU registered social worker	Must be Registered on or have completed Two optional module