



MA IN COMMUNITY RESEARCH + DEVELOPMENT

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WHAT IS IT?

The MA Community Research+ programme is unique in providing students with real time, real-life on-the-job research training in UL Engage-supported community/university collaborative projects (locally and internationally).

This innovative cross-disciplinary and practice based graduate programme comprises a common 'engaged research and practice' core augmented by disciplinary specific academic training and research.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The MA Community Research+ is designed to meet the needs of professionals and practitioners in community based settings in the public, semi-state and not-for-profit sector.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

This programme facilitates student placements in a number of community / university partnership projects (locally and internationally), providing the necessary training and facilitation between students and community partners to enable them to effectively identify the tasks and work packages that students can reasonably carry out in order to address

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a first or second class level 8 honours degree (NFQ or other internationally recognised equivalent) in a relevant or appropriate subject, or equivalent prior learning that is recognised by the University as meeting this requirement.

Applicants must also satisfy the English language requirements of the university. The University reserves the right to short-list and interview applicants as deemed necessary.



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COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING IN UL

The MA Community Research+ programme works with community partners locally and internationally

In Limerick, we work with local community consortia in Moyross, Southill, Our Lady of Lourdes, St Mary's and St Munchins as part of a wider UL ambition to support university-community collaboration that is reciprocal, beneficial and goal-oriented.



CWELL/UL students in St Mary's, Limerick



stands for **Community, Wellness, Empowerment, Leadership and Life-skills.**

It is UL diploma designed by communities for communities, in order to address specific community identified needs. CWELL presents more collaborative way of learning in the community, one where local knowledge is recognized as having a real value. The ambition of the university is to engage with the community, utilizing the store of tacit knowledge and experience that already exists in local communities, and combining this with university supports and expertise.

Students on the MA Community Research + Development and the CWELL Diploma programme will work together in teams, supported by a network of local partnerships, to deliver community projects.

Knowledge for Change (K4C)

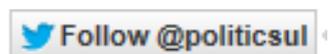
Consortium for training in Community Based Research

UL is a member of the UNESCO Knowledge for Change (K4C) global consortium of Higher Education Institutions committed to best practice community based learning and research.

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Internationally, we work with IFWEA, an international organisation of associations, foundations, NGOs and trades unions involved in adult education for working people. The IFWEA secretariat is based in Capetown, South Africa and hosts Politics and Public Administration Post-Doctoral researcher, Dr Sarah Jay, supported by an Irish Research Council and Marie Skłodowska-Curie co-funded CAROLINE International Research fellowship. Sarah helps coordinate community projects with international partners affiliated with IFWEA

Our colleagues and friends in the IFWEA secretariat



Dr Sarah Jay, IFWEA offices, Capetown