



National Student Engagement Programme

Clár Rannpháirtíochta Náisiúnta
na Mac Léinn

2017 Call for NStEP Student Trainers

About NStEP

The National Student Engagement Programme was launched in April 2016 by the Higher Education Authority (HEA), Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) and the Union of Students in Ireland (USI). The collaborative initiative began with two key strands of work: A National Student Training Programme and the Development of Institutional Capacity. The Student Partnerships in Scotland agency, sparqs, were engaged as consultants and five institutions were selected for the pilot stage of the Programme. Additional institutions joined NStEP in 2017. NStEP builds on the work previously undertaken by the HEA Working Group on Student Engagement which developed ten principles of student engagement published in April 2016.

About the National Student Training Programme

The Introductory Class Rep Training is delivered in a 3hr training session by a NStEP Student trainer. The training materials were developed by the NStEP Working Group and sparqs in the 2016 pilot and delivered to over 350 class reps in the five pilot colleges. Participating Class Reps said the value of the training was 4.36 out of 5 and 98.5% recommend the training for other class reps.

About the Role

The 2017 NStEP Training Pool will be made up of 10 Student Trainers. Each trainer receives training from sparqs and support from the NStEP coordinator. The role offers students the opportunity to develop many different skills including communication, time management, public speaking and administration. The work is flexible and compatible with study and other commitments. Trainers will deliver the training programme from September to December in the colleges listed on the right.

Training for the Role

Training for the role takes place in August and includes a 3 day residential training event in Scotland with sparqs and a 1 day training event in Dublin with USI. Participation in both training events is a requirement of the position and failure to attend the Scotland and/or Dublin events will result in the removal of a trainer from the training pool.

Institutions



Athlone Institute of Technology
Carlow College
Cork Institute of Technology
Dublin City University
Dublin Institute of Technology
Galway – Mayo Institute of
Technology
Griffith College Dublin
Hibernia College
Institute of Art, Design and
Technology
Institute of Technology Carlow
Institute of Technology Sligo
Institute of Technology
Tallaght
Institute of Technology Tralee
Limerick Institute of
Technology
Letterkenny Institute of
Technology
Maynooth University
National College of Ireland
NUI Galway
University of Limerick
Waterford Institute of
Technology

Responsibilities

- Attend training events to develop the required skills and knowledge to deliver the NStEP Training Programme
- Prepare training materials and liaise with college staff and SU officers to plan the training events
- Deliver training to groups of college students in their institutions
- Complete administrative duties related to training, for example typing up attendance sheets, processing evaluation forms and writing event reports.
- Undertake meetings with the Student Engagement Coordinator to discuss practical and professional development.

Skills & Attributes

- Excellent communication skills in both a group and one-one setting
- Excellent time and task management
- Good writing skills
- Good administration skills
- Good command of spoken and written English (min ILR Level 4)
- Knowledge of structures and governance systems in Irish Higher Education Institutions

Working Hours

Trainers will be contracted to USI for a minimum of 30 hours at the living wage rate of €11.50 an hour. Training session demand will vary but each trainer will deliver a minimum of 3 sessions, maximum of 2 sessions per day. Travel expenses will be covered and supplements paid at the approved rates.

How to Apply

The application form can be found here: <https://goo.gl/forms/m16ImGZJbKHCXKkG2>

Applications must be submitted before 5pm on March 31st 2017

Initial interviews will be completed by phone during the week April 17th 2017

If you have any questions, please contact cat.odriscoll@usi.ie

Find further information on usi.ie/nstep and follow @NStEPie on twitter for updates.



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