



Community Development: 18 February – 22 April 2010 (every Thursday)

Lectures: Thursdays between 1700hrs & 2000hrs **Venue:** The University Residence, Robert Mifsud Bonnici Street, Lija

18 February	25 February	04 March	11 March	18 March
25 March	01 April	08 April	15 April	22 April

Although we will do our utmost not to change these scheduled dates once course has started, kindly note these are subject to change

AIM AND CONTENTS OF THE COURSE

The 30-hour course *Community Development* will attempt to help participants understand, appreciate and reflect on the various ingredients that contribute to having a healthy society. The aim of this course is to reflect on the theory but also work on strategies that can be applied to the respective contexts the participants come from. This course is intended for those working or planning to work in the community, members of voluntary organizations, community workers/developers, NGO Staff, Civil Society Organisations (CSO) Staff and Volunteers, Social Workers, Youth and Community Workers, Social, Environmental and Political Activists, Educators, Local Council Employees, Social Cooperative Members, Cultural Operators, Social Operators, Policy Makers, Fair Trade Proponents, Community Health Workers, Community Leaders and Opinion Makers.

THEMES

Understanding Community, identity negotiation and community profiling	
Community foundation & contemporary issues in community development: Working towards change (case studies)	
Community work, social movements & activism	Social Policy: Public space and the public realm
Social cohesion and social regeneration	Inclusive communities and minorities
Citizenship participation and Community education	Environment, climate change & sustainable development
Governance, economic and social justice	Tutorial

Sub-themes include; Characteristics of communities, enhancing community capital, different forms of community, identifying and understanding community assets and stakeholders, the components of a vibrant community, community preparedness, the “ingredients”, “enablers” and “principles” of community development, leverage points for community action, overview of “models” of community development, what community development isn’t, asset mapping, collaboration charting, emotional reactions to change, key opportunities and challenges in communities, trends in participation, issues influencing community participation, forms of power in communities, mapping “power actors” and valuing community contribution.

THE COURSE CO-ORDINATOR & LECTURERS

The Tutor of the course is Dr Andrew Azzopardi. Dr Azzopardi is a Lecturer within the Department of Youth and Community Studies (Faculty of Education) at the University of Malta. His lecturing focuses on youth and community studies, sociology, critical pedagogy, disability politics, inclusive and multi-cultural education, community management, emancipatory research and narrative enquiry. Other lectures include; Dr Paul J Pace, Specialist-Environmental Education, Mr Mario Gerada, Social and Community Operator, Mr Joe Gerada, Specialist-Social Policy, Professor Carmel Borg and Professor Peter Mayo, Specialists in Gramscian - Freirean perspectives.

DELIVERABLES

- Able to locate and understand the way community is developing
- Able to conceptualize basic notions of community development in the current socio-political context
- Able to reflect on ‘one’s own’ qualities and assets that can be put to good use, for the benefit of the community

CERTIFICATE

Participants who attend at least 80% of the sessions will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance issued by MUC in collaboration with Dr Andrew Azzopardi, Lecturer, Department of Youth and Community Studies, University of Malta.

COURSE FEE, REGISTRATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

€uro 175 - Cheques to be made payable to Malta University Consulting Limited
Registration Deadline: 15 February 2010

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