



Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce that not one, but two, early bird offers are now in place for QQI accredited courses which start in September. Please don't delay though because these offers end shortly. Please see all the details below. We also bring some news of an exciting CEO role gained by one of our graduates. In addition, we've included a link for you to listen to our monthly health and wellbeing podcast which concentrates on dealing with endings and starting afresh. Thanks for taking the time to read our short newsletter.



Honours BA in Applied Social Studies: Early Bird offer until August 15th!

Calling all aspiring change makers! Learn the skills to become better practitioners and drivers of positive change, real innovators in the disability sector.

We are delighted to offer an Early Bird tuition fee of **€4,800** for those successful applicants who accept an offer of a place on our [Honours BA in Applied Social Studies \(Disability Service Management\)](#). This is a relatively short offer period so please make your application as soon as possible. Call or email me on 086 0756580 or cmurray@opentrainingcollege.com if you have questions.

Recent students have called the level 8 Honours degree 'transformational'!

BA in Social Care: Next interviews taking place on July 22nd!

We are seeking to offer the remaining 17 places on our CORU approved



[BA in Social Care](#). The next Applicants' Day event (presentations about the College and the BA in Social Care, along with an applicant language test and interviews), is scheduled to take place in Dublin on July 22nd. [Click HERE](#) to view a brief video of the event. Applicants must be able to attend this event in person in order to progress their applications.

Please contact us if you have any questions relating to our CORU approved BA in Social Care or the application process which is open now.

All important student (and colleague!) wellness

'We can be very easily swept away by the need to get to the next stage and in doing so can miss out on the important stages of the journey that can fill us with gratitude, hope, resilience and motivation for the time spent and the road ahead.' Fiona Colclough



Our topic this week is all about how to handle endings and how to learn from them and be able to start again fresh. Please take a quick moment to listen to our latest wellness podcast from our Health and Wellness Co-ordinator, Fiona Colclough. [Listen HERE](#).

OTC graduate becomes CEO of the Disability Federation of Ireland!

We are delighted to announce that a former SMH colleague and former student of the OTC has taken up the position of CEO at the Disability Federation of Ireland. Elaine Teague started as the CEO in May 2024 and has a proven track record in the area of service delivery, human rights, quality and standards. Elaine recently registered as a Social Care Worker with CORU.



We wish Elaine a very successful and rewarding time leading the DFI and their role in working with disabled people to advocate for the full implementation of the UNCRPD.

Award winning online management training for leaders. Early bird offer until Sept 15th

The OTC is now enrolling frontline managers on our [Certificate in Applied Management](#). The course has been accredited since 1996 and has been described by students as 'top quality' and 'unbelievably relevant to our sector'.

Delivered by tutors with actual frontline experience, the course assignments tackle issues that students are likely to face in the workplace. This course is delivered flexibly in order to allow participants to work and study at the same time, only attend one workshop day per module via zoom, and study the rest of the course in their own time, online.

Apply today to avail of this generous **Early Bird offer of just €2,100 for 6 modules**, which is provided until September 15th.



We are an award winning third level College creating and delivering practical courses with content that is specific to our sector, with tutors who possess real world experience within our sector, thus providing a unique learning environment for our students.

The OTC is of the sector, for the sector!

Best wishes,

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