



Dear Colleagues,

It is a short issue this month, but with an important reminder about an area that most social care workers will need to consider after they register with CORU: CPD requirements.



The OTC has been delivering CPD courses for over 3 decades, and we will continue to do so in the future. We are currently building a new online course platform that will accommodate a large amount of CPD options for SCWs to consider. Many will be self-directed, short online courses that will enhance work practices whilst meeting the CORU requirement. It is an exciting time for the College and I will share monthly updates with you all along the way.

In the meantime, I am delighted to list a few of our traditional CPD courses which are starting shortly, along with our ground-breaking, online, Level 5 major award.

Thank you for reading.



### **Certificate in Intellectual Disability Practice (online, L5 award) is now enrolling for a September intake.**

As some of you know, for many years educational providers struggled with offering a professional qualification at Level 5 through a completely online model of delivery. The learner profile made it challenging and the technology wasn't fully available to students to inspire and motivate them to engage with an online course delivery. That's all changed now and the OTC is currently receiving applications from students wishing to upskill for positions in the disability sector.

Please view our L5 course details [HERE](#).

### **CPD options:**

## Upcoming Continuing Professional Development courses

Always a popular course for practitioners, the latest schedule for our [Certificate in Empowerment and Advocacy](#) is now published and the application centre is open.



It is ideal for practitioners with a social studies/care/community development qualification who would like to:

- Gain an in-depth knowledge of this area
- Critically reflect upon their role as a practitioner.

Delivered online and supported by a single workshop event delivered by Zoom, this course format helps students to study and work at the same time.

**Application deadline: October 9th**

All course details can be accessed [HERE](#)

Perfect for PICs! New management microcredential course - the [Certificate in Human Service Manager Skills](#) - is now open for applications for an October commencement.



This is a short online course that is perfect for those in, or seeking PIC or PPIM roles, and meets the HIQA compliance standard requiring that all frontline managers possess a management qualification. As you would expect from the OTC, this course is delivered by tutors with actual frontline experience and the course assignments tackle issues that students are likely to face in the workplace.

**Course features:**

- Delivered online and totally flexible
- Only two online zoom workshops to attend throughout the course
- Flexible, user-friendly online interface for daily interactions
- Price per participant for this two-module, QQI award is €645. Apply now! All course details can be found [HERE](#)

**Please do not delay. The last 3 courses sold out!**

**Application deadline: September 29th**

Calling all job coaches and employment facilitators! Hot off the presses, we are delighted to share the latest course schedule for the [Certificate in Supported Employment](#) it is now open for applications for a commencement in October.



Successful completion of this 12-week course will provide you with the tools required to facilitate job seekers into work experience/job sampling and/or supported employment opportunities.

**Course features:**

- Delivered online but includes one networking in-person workshop
- Only three online zoom workshops to attend throughout the course
- Flexible, user-friendly online interface
- Price per participant for this two-module, QQI award is €1,135. All course details can be found [HERE](#)

**Please do not delay. This course starts very soon.**

**Application deadline: September 19th**

**The OTC is of the sector, for the sector!**

Best wishes,  
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