



Dear Colleagues,

In this issue, we are delighted to state that applications for our BA in Social Care are already three-quarters full after only four weeks. We share new schedules for important advocacy and management short courses, and we bring you the latest Wellness podcast. Also, we explain how our colleague, Claire Hopkins, is helping colleagues in our sector to learn through Lego®!

Social Care Ireland Conference 2025



CPD Programme Director, Claire Hopkins, will facilitate a workshop session alongside her colleagues from the **Creativity and Innovation in Social Care (CISC) network**. The network is a voluntary and professional educational body dedicated to advancing creativity and innovation in Ireland's social care education and practice, enhancing student learning experiences and improving social care delivery. [Read More](#)

BA in Social Care: Applications Update

The College is receiving applications every day. The application centre will close when the quota of 100 applications is reached, or by **May 12th**. We are already reaching 70 applications and the application centre has only been open four weeks.

Interviews for the first tranche of candidates will take place - in person - in Dublin on Friday, May 16th.

All [BA in Social Care](#) course details can be found [HERE](#)

- Fees: €5,696 per annum
- CORU approved
- full time degree delivered flexibly - online (approx 85%) with in person workshops (approx 15%)



Wellness:

Do you wake up full of energy and optimism for the day ahead? Do you feel confident to handle whatever comes your way? Or do you find yourself more distracted by fatigue, pain, stress and or anxiety?

For all our students and colleagues seeking support and guidance around the area of wellness and wellbeing, today's podcast is available [HERE](#).



Upcoming Continuing Professional Development (CPD) options:

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



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 €599

More course details can be found [HERE](#)

Online applications are due by June 9th. Please do not delay. The last course sold out!



Certificate in Empowerment & Advocacy - applications closing soon!

This 8-week, professional development OTC accredited course in Empowerment and Advocacy equips the practitioner with the knowledge, skills and competencies to support people with disabilities in empowering themselves on a day-to-day basis, thus facilitating their own plan for their future.

More course details can be found [HERE](#)

Final call for online applications is April 21st.



The OTC is of the sector, for the sector!

Best wishes,
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