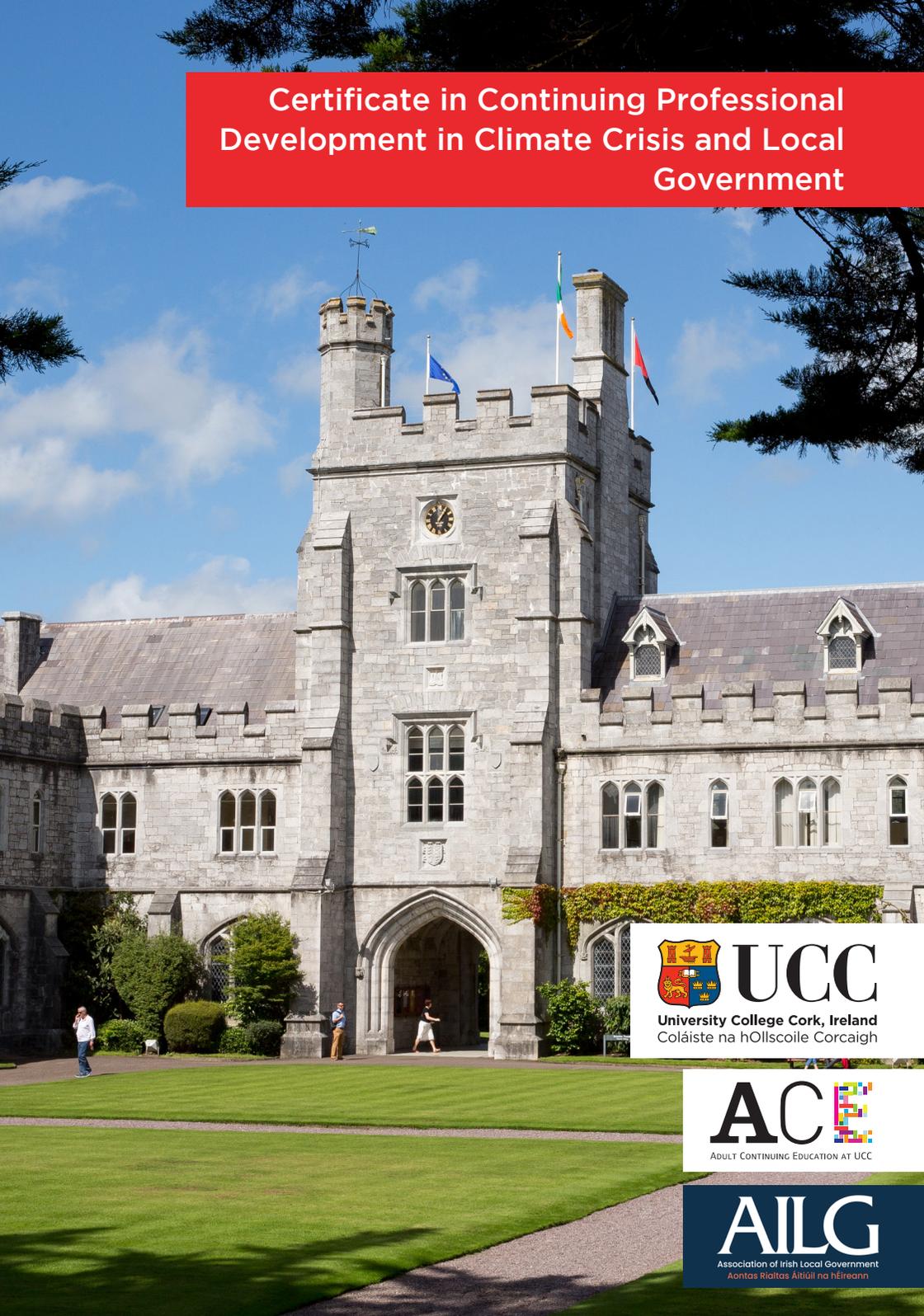




# Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government



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## COLLEGE

College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences

## DURATION

12 weeks

## TEACHING MODE

Part-time blended

## QUALIFICATION

Certificate in Continuing Professional Development

## NFQ LEVEL

Level 7

## FEES

€850

Additional costs may be incurred by students in travelling to attend fieldtrips/workshops

Course Fees payable to UCC will be €525 per participant (reduced from €850 due to AILG sponsorship) and can be paid over 2 instalments during the course duration: €270 on registration and the balance of €255 in March. There will be an option to select whether the applicant themselves will pay the fees of €525 or a sponsor/employer i.e. their local authority will pay the fees. It will be up to the applicant to agree this with his/her local authority in advance. If the applicant is being sponsored, they will need to tick the sponsorship option on the online application form, have the form completed by the council, and returned to UCC as detailed on the form. Please refer to AILG guidance on reimbursement for educational fees.

## TO APPLY

Visit the following link <https://ucc360.ucc.ie/>, create an account, and enter the enrolment code GOV22.

Application Closing Date: January 7th 2022

## START DATE

19th January 2022

## PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Delivery: Part-time online/blended delivery with mix of asynchronous and synchronous 3 hours per week with 2 Saturday workshops/fieldtrips.

Duration: 12 weeks (6 weeks per module)

Dates of delivery will be scheduled according to the start date of the programme.

For more information on programme content, contact [mark.kernan@ucc.ie](mailto:mark.kernan@ucc.ie).

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## WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

This level 7 certificate has been designed specifically for county councillors and administrative staff in local government in Ireland, and it will cover up to date policies and initiatives such as the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act and the Climate Action Plan, amongst other pressing climate related issues. This course is the only university bearing credit CPD programme of its kind in Ireland offering a recognised qualification in this sector. Building on the CARO training currently being rolled out in all local authorities, its purpose is to provide a unique opportunity for councillors and council staff to upgrade and upskill their professional & academic qualifications. The online and field trip component is designed for local government staff to interact with each other with a view to building relationships and networks between participants from across the local government sector in Ireland. Students who successfully complete this course will also as a recognition of prior learning gain exemption from module AD 1082/1085 Perspectives on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (10 credit module) within the Diploma in Environment, Sustainability and Climate.

## SKILLS AND CAREERS INFORMATION

This unique programme aims to develop student's knowledge and skills base with a view to support their effectiveness in their professional role. The wide-ranging content, subject specific material, peer-to-peer learning and sharing of practice in this course also act as a strong foundation for students to further their professional and academic development in the crucial subjects of global warming, sustainability, and the environment more generally.

## TESTIMONIAL

*"The AILG are delighted to collaborate with UCC in developing their Level 7 Certificate in Continuing Education Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government. Local Authorities will now play a critical role in responding to and implementing the national Climate Action Plan and will lead the response to climate action at local level.*

*It is imperative that our Elected Members have the necessary knowledge, education and leadership expertise to lead this challenge and the availability of a bespoke accredited course in climate action is of vital importance for AILG and our members."*

**Cllr. Nicholas Crossan, President of the AILG**

