

**St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9
(A College of Dublin City University)**

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
PROJECT OFFICER FOR THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP
EDUCATION**

THE COLLEGE

St Patrick's College is one of the major Colleges of Education in Ireland. It was established in 1875 as a Catholic teacher training College. The College offers a range of Education and Humanities programmes, including B.Ed., B.A., Graduate Diploma, M.Ed., M.A., PhD and a Doctorate in Education.

Since 1993, the College has been a College of Dublin City University and the University accredits all courses. The number of Staff and Students has increased substantially in recent years. At present, the number of students is over 2,400 and the number of full time academic staff is approximately 120. In addition to the main buildings, the campus also houses student residences, the Educational Research Centre, the Drumcondra Education Centre for teachers and a crèche. A major new building programme, which will substantially enhance the teaching and other facilities in the college, is under way at present.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Education Department has, at present, a full-time staff of about fifty, some seconded/contract positions and a considerable number of part-time staff.

The work of the Education Department includes the following:

Bachelor of Education Degree

The present work of the Education Department is primarily concerned with the education of primary school teachers through the teaching of a three year pre-service Bachelor of Education degree. This degree includes substantial periods of Teaching Practice. Approximately 1200 students are registered for this degree in the current academic year.

Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching)

The College provides an eighteen month (three Semester) course in teacher education for graduates. Two cohorts, amounting to about 280 students, are currently registered for this course.

M.Ed.

A two year, part-time Masters in Education is taught from within the Education Department. A number of specialist strands are offered on a rotational basis and, as well as taught modules, students complete a substantial written dissertation.

Ed.D

In 2005, the College inaugurated a new taught doctoral programme over four years, with two years of course work (six modules), and two years devoted to supervised work on a written dissertation (50,000 words). Two cohorts of students are currently enrolled on this doctoral programme.

BA (HUMANITIES)

Staff from the Education Department teach Human Development as a subject within the BA (Humanities) degree. There are currently about 320 students enrolled in Human Development. A significant number of these are mature, second-chance students.

MA (Humanities)

A taught Masters in Human Development is offered over two years. Like the M.Ed, this programme is offered part time (two evenings a week) and involves course work and a written dissertation.

RESEARCH DEGREES

The Education Department supervises research degrees at Masters and PhD levels.

Award-Bearing Taught In-career Courses

The Education Department oversees courses that are responsive to teacher and system needs and that can be taken part-time at Certificate or Diploma level as well as building credit towards an M.Ed.

Induction

The Education Department is also heavily involved in running an induction programme for recent graduates in their early years of teaching.

Unit on Educational Disadvantage

A Unit on Educational Disadvantage has been established in the College under the aegis of the Education Department.

Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights Education

The Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights Education focuses on global and local citizenship education. It develops and teaches courses with the B.Ed and Graduate Diploma in Education programmes on Development, Intercultural, Human Rights and Citizenship Education. It has a programme of research and of resource creation and provides a resource and advice centre for students on teaching for global citizenship.

Duties associated with the post

The person appointed to this position will be responsible to the Head of the Education Department. S/he will work with the steering committee for the Centre for Human Rights and Citizenship Education.

The responsibilities at present attached to this position are outlined below. In addition, the person appointed to this position will be expected to

contribute to the general work of the Centre where appropriate. The duties and expectations are commensurate with a half-time position.

Specific Duties associated with the Post

- Develop and manage the educational resources of the Centre;
- Identify relevant projects for which the Centre might apply and oversee the Centre's applications for these;
- Deliver courses in Development, Human Rights and Intercultural Education at pre-service level;
- Organise events relating to the Centre's work;
- Promote the Centre in and outside of the college;
- Update and develop the Centre's website;
- Offer development education training for students taking up short-term placements overseas;
- Assist students in preparation for teaching practice;
- Contribute to the research programme of the Centre;
- Attend meetings of the Centre for Human Rights and Citizenship Education and related meetings.

Contract:

This is a funded contract position supported by Irish Aid. It is a half-time position of eight months duration.

Interviews:

It is envisioned that interviews for short-listed candidates will take place the week commencing the 13th December 2010

Application forms and further details available from:

www.spd.dcu.ie/vacancies

or by application to Mary Donnelly, HR Manager (01-8842023)

(email: mary.donnelly@spd.dcu.ie)

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to whom completed application forms should be returned by:

12.00 noon on Thursday 25th November 2010

(No fax or email applications accepted)

St Patrick's College is an Equal Opportunities Employer

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