

Module Title:	Social Research for Youth and Community Work
Language of Instruction:	English
Credits:	10
NFQ Level:	8
Module Delivered In	1 programme(s)
Teaching & Learning Strategies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures - communication of knowledge and ideas from the lecturer to the student. • Problem Solving Exercises/Case Studies – students will work as part of a team and will work together to discuss and evaluate scenarios related to lecture content. • Class Discussion/Debate - Students will be encouraged to actively participate in the class sessions which will develop their analytical and communication skills. • E-Learning — It is envisaged that the module will be supported with on-line learning materials including discussion boards, blogs. • Self-Directed Independent Learning – the emphasis on independent learning will develop a strong and autonomous work and learning practices.
Module Aim:	The aim of this module is equip students with the knowledge and skills to carry out an ethical piece of research in a youth or community setting.
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>	
LO1	Analyse the role and value of research to youth and community work organisations.
LO2	Critically reflect on the ethical dimensions to research.
LO3	Justify their methodological decisions.
LO4	Implement a research project.
Pre-requisite learning	
Module Recommendations	
<i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i>	
No recommendations listed	
Incompatible Modules	
<i>These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.</i>	
No incompatible modules listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Requirements	
<i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.</i>	
No requirements listed	

Module Content & Assessment

Indicative Content

The Role of Research

- Explore the role of research in the planning, development and evaluation of Y&C work and/or principles - Use of research to examine issues that impact Y&C practitioners. Identify the role of research in building an understanding of the experiences of young people/communities.

Ethical Principles and Practice

Key ethical principles in research and their role in the research process; Implementation of appropriate ethical protocols and procedures; The relationship between Y&C work values and research.

Research Design

Developing research questions/aims/objectives; Positionality and reflexivity in research/The role of the researcher; Explaining and justifying methodological choices; Understanding the role of different approaches in generating relevant data.

Participants and Sampling

Sampling techniques and approaches; Identifying and justifying relevant participants and/or settings.

Principles and Process of Data Collection

Choice of appropriate methods of data collection; Design and development of data collection instruments; Fieldwork skills/Effective communication with participants/Practical skills;

Data Analysis

Analysis of different forms of data Using thematic analysis as a tool for understanding and interpreting data Moving from description to analysis

Writing Skills and Critical Analysis

Working with existing evidence and theory; Developing arguments and clarity of thought; Critical Analysis and the writing process.

Assessment Breakdown	%
Continuous Assessment	25.00%
Project	75.00%

Continuous Assessment

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Project	n/a	1,2,3	25.00	n/a
Written Report	n/a	1,2,3,4	75.00	n/a

No Project

No Practical

No End of Module Formal Examination

SETU Carlow Campus reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment

Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Lecture	Every Week	2.00
Tutorial	30 Weeks per Stage	1.00
Estimated Learner Hours	30 Weeks per Stage	4.67
Total Hours		172.00

Workload: Part Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Lecture	Every Week	1.50
Total Hours		1.50

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_HHYCW_B	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Youth and Community Work	3	Mandatory