



MSc Voluntary Sector Management 05/07

in association with Cass Business School

This is the second year of the master's level of the Management Development Programme. The MSc Voluntary Sector Management from Cass Business School, City University in London is a master's programme specifically designed for the voluntary and community sector in Northern Ireland. This is an exciting venture as it is the only programme of its kind offered in Northern Ireland. It is a unique opportunity to enhance your career, improve your managerial skills and so contribute to the quality and effectiveness of your organisation. It gives you the chance to interact with managers from the voluntary and community sector throughout the UK and internationally, and gives exposure to those who are specialists in the sector.

NICVA is pleased to support 75% of the costs of this programme for those who are successful in securing a place, which make this not simply a great opportunity but something that is more affordable to all organisations in the sector.

Cass Business School

Cass Business School is part of City University in London. It is one of the top five business schools in the UK and is in the top ten schools in Europe. All of its courses have a strong practical focus and have been developed in direct response to the needs of organisations. The Centre for Charity Effectiveness was founded in Cass Business School in 1991. The MSc in Voluntary Sector Management was developed in partnership with nine leading charities and has been designed as a complete development programme for senior managers in the voluntary and community sector. It is annually assessed and developed to reflect changing needs.

The master's programme will give you the opportunity to:

- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A COURSE TAILORED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MANAGERS IN VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND, SIGNIFICANTLY SUBSIDISED BY NICVA
- STUDY FOR A PRE-EMINENT DEGREE WHILST WORKING FULL TIME
- NETWORK WITH PEERS FROM ACROSS THE UK VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR
- BUILD A NEW PORTFOLIO OF SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE WITH ROBUST INTEGRATION OF THEORY AND PRACTICE
- ENGAGE WITH WORLD CLASS FACULTY AND VISITING SPEAKERS

COST

TOTAL PROGRAMME COST
£ 9,000.00

PARTICIPANT TO PAY
£ 2,250.00

This cost includes programme fees, flights and accommodation.

OVERVIEW

This master's programme is for senior managers who wish to gain a sound understanding of the management of people, strategy and leadership through a needs-led framework. Theory and practice are interwoven around subjects such as strategy, policy, diversity, managing people and quality, leadership and managing change.

LEARNING METHODS

TAUGHT MODULES – lectures, group work, case study based workshops. These will take place in London (5 modules) and Northern Ireland (3 modules).

ACTION LEARNING SETS – these are student centred opportunities to receive feedback on progress, test out new ideas and opportunities for work-based learning and learn from the experience of others. The learning sets will be based in Northern Ireland.

SHADOWING – students spend four or five days shadowing an individual from an organisation they have an interest in. They then analyse their observations, reflect on the analysis and consider their learning; this is then documented in a report.

MANAGEMENT PROJECT – This is a substantial 10,000 word piece of empirical research on a subject of relevance to the voluntary and community sector as a whole or their own organisation. This is supported by regular small group tutorials.

E LEARNING ENVIRONMENT – This contains links to all major journals, opportunities to interact with colleagues on the programme and with teaching staff in 'real time' in discussion groups and via question and answer sessions.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Each module has its own assessment method including written assignments (ranging between 2,000 and 5,000 words), critiques of published papers and one 'seen' case study examination.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR IN NORTHERN IRELAND, AND ABLE TO USE THEIR ORGANISATION AS THE BASIS OF ANALYSIS AND APPLICATION OF LEARNING FOR COURSEWORK
- EXCELLENT TIME-MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND ABILITY TO BALANCE STUDY WITH WORK AND HOME COMMITMENTS
- A PRIMARY DEGREE, EQUIVALENT PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION OR SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE AS A SENIOR MANAGER IN A VOLUNTARY / COMMUNITY SECTOR ORGANISATION
- A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN A SENIOR MANAGEMENT ROLE
- COMPUTER LITERATE
- CAPACITY TO COPE WITH ACADEMIC RIGOUR OF A POSTGRADUATE LEVEL PROGRAMME
- HIGHLY MOTIVATED

The Cass programme provides an excellent learning opportunity focused on effectiveness in the voluntary sector. Participants benefit from invaluable input from fellow students drawn from the community and voluntary sector throughout the United Kingdom. I feel overall it is a very worthwhile investment.

R FOSTER
Leonard Cheshire NI



The MSc in Voluntary Sector Management provides an opportunity to listen to the leading thinkers and is a unique opportunity to network with other professionals in the sector. For anyone interested in continued professional development relevant specifically to the sector we work in, then this is an extremely valuable course and well worth undertaking.

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DATE	MODULE
23-25 SEP 05	INTRODUCTION TO LEARNING VOLUNTARY SECTOR POLICY AND GOVERNANCE Taught at Cass Business School / Distance learning workbook
21-23 OCT 18-20 NOV 16-18 DEC 05	RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Taught at Cass Business School
20-22 JAN 06	VOLUNTARY SECTOR POLICY AND GOVERNANCE Taught at Cass Business School
24-26 FEB 06	MARKETING AND FUNDRAISING Taught at Cass Business School
04-06 APR 06	ORGANISATIONS, LEADERSHIP AND CHANGE Residential in NI
23-24 MAY 06	STRATEGY Residential in NI / Distance learning workbook
20-22 JUN 06	MANAGING PEOPLE AND QUALITY Residential in NI
JAN – AUG 06	SHADOWING A VOLUNTARY SECTOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE Four days shadowing experience
15-17 SEP 06 13-15 OCT 06	RESEARCH METHODS FOR MANAGERS Taught at Cass Business School
NOV 06 – MAY 07	MASTER'S MANAGEMENT PROJECT Private study supported by NI based tutorials

APPLICATION AND INFORMATION

There will be an information morning on 22 April 2005 at 11.30am in NICVA. To apply for this MSc Voluntary Sector Management you need to complete a university application form and a NICVA agreement form. These can be downloaded from the website or if you would like them posted contact Sandra Bailie (sandra.bailie@nicva.org) at NICVA. The closing date for applications is 25 May 2005 at 4.30pm. Interviews will be held on 13 and 15 June 2005 in NICVA.



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Sir John Cass's Foundation The Foundation has supported education in London since Sir John Cass set up a school in Aldgate in 1710. He was born in the City of London in 1661 and served as MP for the City. He was knighted in 1713. In May 2001, the Foundation made a generous donation to the Business School's new building project and continues to provide on-going support to the Business School.