

# interdiac

**One semester professional course  
in social, community and diaconal work**

**'knowledge and skills for working with issues of diversity'**

**February 2017 – June 2017**

## **Invitation to Study**

- ✓ **Are you engaged in social, community or youth work as a paid worker or volunteer?**
- ✓ **Do you have an interest in working with issues of diversity?**
- ✓ **Would you like to develop your knowledge and skills?**

**If so the interdiac six-month course starting in February 2017 could be the right choice for YOU!**

## **Course Content**

The course will build on your experience of working with people and covers the following topics:

- ✓ Understanding the **personal basis of social, youth and diaconal work** as a positive resource in the work we do.
- ✓ Understanding of **the issues of diversity, including race, culture, gender and ability.**
- ✓ Acquisition of **participatory working methods and skills for social work & community development related to the diversity of people and groups.**
- ✓ Developing **anti-oppressive practice of social work & community development.**
- ✓ Developing **skills of qualitative research** which can be used in diverse contexts.
- ✓ Deepening **understanding of the ethical basis of social, youth and diaconal work** in practice.
- ✓ Integrating the **theological and biblical basis of social and youth work and diaconia** and relevant spirituality.

## The interdiac Learning Approach

The programme will use a **participatory approach** that will integrate:

- ✓ Your own experience and practice with the **development of new knowledge and skills**.
- ✓ Contact teaching in **four short workshops in an international group**, which will be held in Český Těšín.
- ✓ **Practice based learning** in-between the contact teaching.
- ✓ **On-line learning** using the platform Fronter.

*The curriculum has been designed by interdiac partners, especially for people working in Central and Eastern Europe.*

## Accreditation

The course is recognised as having 30 ECTS and students will be registered with the **Diaconia University of Applied Sciences** (Diak), which is the largest University for social & youth work, diaconia and nursing in Finland.

Diak will provide a transcript of records of the study, according to the ECTS system, so the student who completes the course will receive a diploma from interdiac with the recognition of Diak. The students will join others who are enrolled in the degree programme accredited by Diak and by Charles University, Prague.

## Timetable for the Course

The Course **starts on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017** and Contact teaching sessions in Český Těšín will be held on the following dates:

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

In between each contact teaching session, course members will continue in their own work place or stay in Český Těšín (Czech republic) and follow a practice placement locally.

The Course **ends on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

The participants in the one-semester programme will **join the student group** following the *Double Degree Programme in Social Services – focus on Diaconia and Christian Social Practice*.

- If you want to learn more about the student group [watch this video](#).

### Are you interested to join this course?

- You are invited to click on <http://www.interdiac.eu/study/> and to fill out the application. The completed form will be sent automatically to interdiac.

### Closing date for Applications

The **application form must be returned at the latest by the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016**.  
The **results** of the selection committee will be **published by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016**.

### Financial Matters

The study fee will be 40, - EUR plus the costs of accommodation in Český Těšín during contact teaching sessions and at other times if the student stays in the area. These costs are kept to a minimum.

Admitted students will have the possibility to apply for financial support to help cover travel and accommodation expenses. More detailed information can be found in the [Application for Financial Support](#).

### Language and Practicalities

The study programme is taught in English and therefore applicants should be able to follow the programme and produce assignments in English.

Please note that this course is 'full time' because it includes either an agreed practice placement specially organised locally or that participants continue in their own working place in diaconal, social or youth work.

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