

Grassroots Transitional Justice Training Programme
Autumn-Winter 2015/2016
Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Wednesday 19 August, 2015.

The Grassroots Transitional Justice Training Programme is a joint initiative between Bridge of Hope, a department of Ashton Community Trust, and the Transitional Justice Institute (TJI) at Ulster University. It involves a parallel study process. In the morning the Grassroots Toolkit module will be taught, as part of Ulster University's BSc Hons Community Development degree and in the afternoon training will be delivered on how to teach/facilitate groups undertaking the Transitional Justice Grassroots Toolkit programme.

The programme will run weekly on Wednesdays, starting September 30 to December 16 2015 (10.15am-4.30pm) and will involve an end of training two-day theory to practice residential January 15-17 2016. All classes will take place at Ulster's Jordanstown Campus and at TJI, Dalriada House. Coursework for the Grassroots Transitional Justice module is submission of the completed Toolkit (min 800 & max 1000 words) and coursework for the Training module is submission of a reflective practice folder (min 1,200 & max 1,500 words).

The overall programme is centred on the *Transitional Justice Grassroots Toolkit* (Rooney, E 2012), and complementary publication *Transitional Justice Grassroots Toolkit: User's Guide* (Rooney, E 2014). Insights about this work can be found by logging onto Bridge of Hope's website www.thebridgeofhope.org and downloading the *Transitional Justice Grassroots Engagement* report, *Toolkit* and *Guide* and other published materials in the 'news' and 'resources' sections.

Completing the programme results in the achievement of a Grassroots Toolkit Trainer (Provisional) Certificate, as well as UU credits that can be used to access the BSc Community Development degree. To become a registered Grassroots Toolkit Trainer you would be expected to deliver at least one Grassroots Toolkit Programme within the victims & survivors sector within a year of completing this training. This may be done as part of a two person team. To maintain your registered trainer status, and to be recognised by the joint programme organisers, these skills should be sustained by contributing to the delivery of at least one programme a year thereafter. This programme is funded by the Victims & Survivors Service on behalf of the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister, and the TJI partnership is supported by the Political Settlements Research Programme (PSRP www.politicalsettlements.org).

Participant requirements and involvement:

- If in employment, permission from employer to undertake all aspects of this training programme.
- Applicants must complete Ulster University's enrolment system.
- Successful completion of the Grassroots Toolkit module of the BSc Community Development Degree.
- Successful completion of the Bridge of Hope/TJI training for trainers module at TJI.
- Attending two day theory to practice two day residential January 15-17 2016.

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