



# AONTAS Lifelong Learning Advocacy Summer School

## Erasmus+ KA1 Course: AONTAS – 5 Day Residential Programme

*Linking to the broader lifelong learning advocacy movement of the International Council of Adult Learning (ICAE) International Academy of Lifelong Learning Advocacy, and the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA) Younger Staff Training, the first AONTAS Lifelong Learning Advocacy Summer School will be offered in partnership with Maynooth University from 18th – 22nd June 2018, Kildare, Ireland.*



AONTAS as the national adult learning organisation in Ireland, with a track record of advocacy, European engagement and expertise, is striving to support the next generation of lifelong learning advocates in order to make educational equality a reality for all adults across Europe.

This 5 day residential programme will draw on the expertise of academics, practitioners and leaders in the field of adult learning advocacy. Open to emerging advocates from across Europe, this ERASMUS+ Key Action 1 programme will be hosted by the highly regarded Department of Adult and Community Education in Maynooth University, Kildare, Ireland.

### The programme will have core elements of:

- **Expertise:** Expert inputs from AONTAS, Maynooth University and other leaders in the lifelong learning field
- **Participation:** Interactive and innovative workshops
- **Networking:** With other adult learning practitioners

### Objectives:

- To build a movement of lifelong learning advocates in Ireland and across Europe
- To learn about adult and community education in an Irish context
- To increase advocacy capacity including how to meaningfully engage with learners
- To learn about best practice examples in advocacy and promotional activities
- Expand networking opportunities for ERASMUS+ projects

## Location:

Maynooth University, Co Kildare, Ireland will be the venue for both the programme and accommodation, which will facilitate maximum engagement and networking of participants. Site visits to other locations including Dublin will be offered.

## Application Process:

If you are interested in taking part in this Summer School please fill in a pre-registration form online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVG3QDW>

Official registration opens on the 30th March 2018. Applicants will be required to apply with a letter of motivation, CV and an indication if you are covered by the ERASMUS+ KA1 programme or other funding before 30th April 2018. **Details on official registration to follow.**

The course is limited to 20 participants, with a maximum of 5 places for participants from Ireland. A registration fee of €100 will apply. The full cost of the training is €450 EUR (including the registration fee) covering the cost of programme refreshments and lunches. AONTAS has a number of scholarships available for applicants who are not covered by the ERASMUS+ mobility programme.

## ABOUT THE COURSE PROVIDERS

### AONTAS

AONTAS is a highly respected non-governmental membership organisation established in 1969. The work of AONTAS centres on: Advocating and lobbying for the development of a quality service for adult learners; promoting the value and benefits of adult learning and building organisational capacity. The mission of AONTAS is to advocate for the right of all adults in Ireland to quality learning throughout their lives, and to promote the value and benefits of lifelong learning. AONTAS has a specific focus on the most educationally disadvantaged and our work seeks to ensure that all adults have the right to participate in adult learning that exhibits the following elements: Inclusion, Learner Supports, Progression, Positive Learning Outcomes, is Learner Focussed, offers Learner Choice, a Positive Learning Experience, and is Transformative.

### Maynooth University

Department of Adult and Community Education is the leading centre for research on adult education in Ireland and have built an excellent international reputation for our work on further education, higher education, adult guidance, community development and transformative learning. The Department is firmly committed to equality and social justice with a belief that education is a fundamental human right and collaborative, critical adult education has the power to transform individuals and change society for the better.



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### Data Protection

In order to select appropriate candidates AONTAS requires some personal information (contact number, email, CV) in order to process applications. All data from candidates will be kept securely and deleted on completion of the Summer School programme. Details will only be used for the purpose of the Summer School and not passed onto any third parties.

If you would like to stay in touch with AONTAS regarding future ERASMUS + mobility projects please indicate this on the online application.

<b>Course Name</b>	AONTAS Lifelong Learning Advocacy Summer School
<b>Course Organiser</b>	AONTAS in partnership with Maynooth University
<b>AONTAS CEO</b>	Niamh O Reilly
<b>PIC Number</b>	945703829
<b>Course Dates</b>	Monday 18th June- Friday 22nd June 2018
<b>Location</b>	Maynooth University, Kildare, Ireland
<b>Topic</b>	Advocacy, Policy, Learner Voice, and Promotion
<b>Key Competencies</b>	Best practice, Advocacy tools, Promotional tools, Field specific knowledge, Networking skills
<b>Target Audience</b>	NGOs, tutors, trainers, project seeking Irish partner projects
<b>Course Fee</b>	€450 (course fee, packs, support, refreshments and transport transfer for site visits)
<b>Accommodation</b>	€225 (based on single room en suite, 5 nights stay (Sun 17th – Thursday 21st ) Additional night Friday €45 Please note the University is located 50 mins train/bus from Dublin City
<b>Number of Participants</b>	20
<b>Pre – registration to express interest in the course please fill out and return</b>	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVG3QDW">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVG3QDW</a>
<b>Registration</b>	Registration will be open from 30th March 2018 - 30th April 2018
<b>Certificate of Attendance</b>	Yes
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