

## Course Timetable

The course will be held on Tuesday evenings from mid-September 2008 until end-April 2009 as follows:

- **September 2008:**  
Tuesdays 16, 23, 30                      18.00 - 21.00
- **October 2008:**  
Tuesdays 7, 14, 21, 28                      18.00 - 21.00
- **November 2008:**  
Tuesdays 4, 11, 18, 25                      18.00 - 21.00
- **December 2008:**  
Tuesdays 2, 9, 16                              18.00 - 21.00
- **January 2009:**  
Tuesdays 13, 20, 27                         18.00 - 21.00
- **February 2009:**  
Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24                      18.00 - 21.00
- **March 2009:**  
Tuesdays 3, 10, 31                            18.00 - 21.00
- **April 2009:**  
Tuesdays 7, 21, 28                            18.00 - 21.00

Three of the above sessions will consist of visits to archives to explore source materials at first-hand. In addition, there will be two field trips, to be scheduled by consultation with the course participants.

## Map to Dublin City Library & Archive



## Certificate in Local History

Dublin City Library & Archive,  
138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2



Dublin City Public Libraries  
Leabharlanna Poiblí Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath



In association with National University of Ireland, Maynooth

# Certificate in Local History

The Certificate in Local History is offered by the Department of Modern History, National University of Ireland, Maynooth. The course examines the local dimension of Ireland's past and is presented in a lively and accessible manner. Classes are held in the evening to facilitate attendance by a broad range of people.

Commencing in September 2008, the Certificate in Local History will be taught at Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. The closing date for applications is **Friday 30 August 2008**. (See attached form).

## Course Aims

The course gives participants a formal and practical training in how to carry out research in local history and how to write up their findings in the form of a dissertation. The course carries 20 credits towards the NUI Maynooth B.A. in Local History.

## Course Duration

The course consists of 100 hours part-time from 16 September 2008-28 April 2009.

## Course Content

### Section 1: An overview of Local History

- An introduction to academic and community -based local history in Ireland
- Comparative traditions in other countries
- Contemporary developments and challenges in the field of local history

### Section 2: Sources for Local History

- Introduction to primary and secondary sources
- Guidelines for critical appraisal of sources
- Guidance on location and consultation of selected major sources

### Section 3: Presenting Local History

- Writing conventions
- Oral and visual presentations
- Fieldwork

The course will also include two field trips and visits to three archive services. Each participant will be required to research and prepare a dissertation on a local history topic to be agreed with the Course Tutor.

## Admission Requirements

- Applications for the Certificate in Local History are subject to approval by the Department of Modern History, NUI Maynooth
- Participants are required to have an interest in local history together with an indication of capacity to take the course
- Participants must be 23 years or over

## Course Requirements

Participants will be required to:

- Attend a minimum of 80% of classes
- Prepare a dissertation containing a minimum of 5,000 words and submit this to the Course Tutor at the end of the course
- Complete an in-class test set by the Course Tutor

## Course Venue

The Certificate in Local History will be taught at **Dublin City Library & Archive** from mid-September 2008 until end April 2009. Based at the restored Pearse Street Library, Dublin City Library & Archive consists of the Dublin & Irish Local Studies Library, along with the Dublin City Archives, which together contain significant historic collections of civic and national importance, providing unique and unrivalled public access to all aspects of Dublin's multi-faceted history.

Dublin City Library & Archive  
138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2  
e-mail: [cityarchives@dublincity.ie](mailto:cityarchives@dublincity.ie) or  
[dublinstudies@dublincity.ie](mailto:dublinstudies@dublincity.ie)

## Course Tutor

The Course Tutor for the Certificate in Local History at Dublin City Library & Archive will be Dr. Seamas O Maitiu. Seamas O Maitiu holds an MA in Local History and was awarded a Ph.D. by the National University of Ireland for his thesis on the development of the Dublin suburbs in the 19th century. For many years a secondary school teacher, he has lectured in UCD, NUI Maynooth and in other third-level colleges.

## Fees

- The fee is €1,100 payable by cheque or bank draft made out to **Dublin City Council**. Receipts will be issued for all cheques/bank drafts received. Fees are as set by the National University of Ireland, Maynooth
- NOTE: In order for the course to proceed, a minimum of 15 participants will be required. If the course does not proceed, cheques/bank drafts will be refunded.
- An upper limit of 22 participants will apply. Applicants will be given places on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to receipt of completed application form and cheque or bank draft for fees made out to Dublin City Council.

## Scholarships

Dublin City Council will offer two part-scholarships in part-payment of fees for students taking the Certificate in Local History at Dublin City Library & Archive for the academic year 2008-2009. Persons employed by Dublin City Council or employed by other local authorities are not eligible for these part-scholarships. For further details, e-mail [cityarchives@dublincity.ie](mailto:cityarchives@dublincity.ie) or visit our web-site [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie)

# Application Form

I wish to apply for the NUIM Certificate in Local History, session 2008-2009, to be held at Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

Name:

Address:

Tel:

e-mail:

This is to certify that I am over the age of 23 years:

(Signature)

Please return this form to:

The City Archivist,  
Dublin City Library & Archive,  
138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2

to arrive not later than **Friday 30 August 2008**, enclosing a cheque or bank draft in the sum of €1,100 made payable to DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL. A receipt will be issued. If the course does not proceed, your cheque/bank draft will be returned to you.