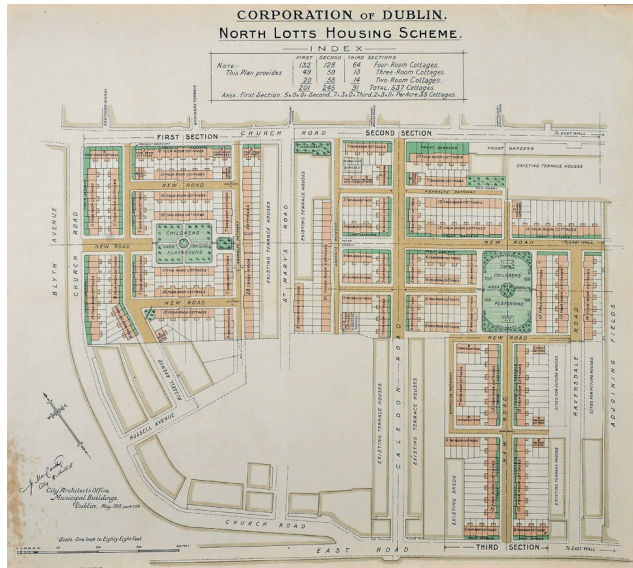


Lord Mayor's Prize

Students taking the Certificate in Local Studies at Dublin City Library and Archive 2023-2024 will be eligible for the Lord Mayor's Prize which is awarded for the best dissertation submitted by that class. The Lord Mayor's Prize will be presented during the ceremonial presentation of certificates in Winter 2024.

Local Alumni Group

Students who have completed the Lord Mayor's Certificate in Local Studies will be eligible to join the Local Alumni Group, which has been in operation at Dublin City Library and Archive for some years. Membership of this group is free of charge. Members give papers based on their research in a supportive setting; outings are arranged from time to time.



North Lotts Housing Scheme, 1915, DCC Housing Architects Collection

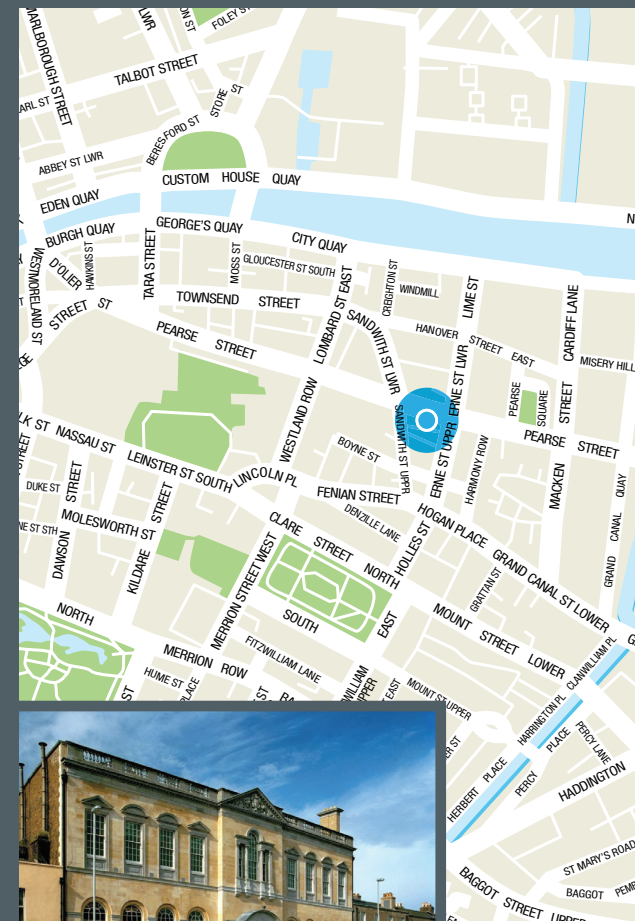
Course Timetable

Classes will take place on **Tuesday evenings** from October 2023 to April 2024 starting at 5.30 p.m. and concluding at 8.00 p.m. Subject to confirmation, the dates for the classes are:

2023	2024
3rd October	9th January
10th October	16th January
17th October	23rd January
24th October	30th January
31st October	6th February
7th November	13th February
14th November	20th February
21st November	27th February
28th November	5th March
5th December	12th March
12th December	19th March
-	26th March
-	2nd April
-	9th April
	16th April
	23rd April
	30th April



Jacob's delivery truck with Club Milk image on its side, Jacob's Biscuit Factory Archive, DCLA/JAC/06/008/28



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Lord Mayor's Certificate in Local Studies 2023-2024



Abbey Theatre in 1949, Fáilte Ireland Tourism Photographic Collection

The Lord Mayor's **Certificate in Local Studies** is offered by Dublin City Council as part of its commitment to life-long learning. The course examines the local dimension of Ireland's past and is presented in a lively and accessible manner.

As of 2023 this course will be offered **free of charge**.

Commencing in October 2023, classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at Dublin City Library and Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

You can apply online for the course from **Monday 28th August 2023**. The closing date for applications is **5.00 p.m. on Friday 8th September 2023**.

Course Aims

The course will give participants a formal and practical training in how to carry out research in local studies, with an emphasis on the history and heritage of local places, and how to write up their findings in the form of a dissertation.

Course Duration

The course consists of 100 hours part-time from October 2023 to April 2024. This comprises 70 hours class-based tuition; a presentation of the holdings of Dublin City Library and Archive; and two full-day field trips.

Course Venue

The Certificate in Local Studies will be taught under the auspices of **Dublin City Library and Archive** (DCLA), 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. DCLA consists of the Dublin and Irish Local Studies Library, along with the Dublin City Archives, which together contain historic collections of civic and national importance, providing unique and unrivalled public access to all aspects of Dublin's multi-faceted history.

Course Content

Section 1: Overview and background

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

Section 2: Sources for Local Studies

- 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 Studies

- Writing conventions
- Oral and visual presentations
- Fieldwork

Course Assessment Procedures

Participants will be required to attend a minimum of 80% of classes. In addition each participant will be required to:

- Prepare a dissertation containing between 3,500 and 5,000 words and submit this to the Course Tutor by the 1st of June 2024 (80% of marks).
- Complete an in-class document test set by the Course Tutor (20% of marks).

Course Conventions

Conventions in place for the course will include Dublin City Council's Customer Charter and Code of Conduct for members of the public. Copies of both documents are available on request, e-mail dublinstudies@dublincity.ie

Course Tutor

The Course Tutor for the Certificate in Local Studies at Dublin City Library and Archive is Cathy Scuffil. Cathy holds an MA in Local History and was awarded the silver medal in 2018 by the Old Dublin Society for the abridged version of her thesis on the South Circular Road on the eve of World War I. Cathy is Historian in Residence for the South City Areas of Dublin working with community groups, history societies, schools and colleges.



Horse Fair, Listowel, County Kerry, Fáilte Ireland Tourism Photographic Collection

Who should apply?

The course will appeal primarily to people who have an active interest in local studies and who would like to research a particular topic for a dissertation. Topics do not have to be based on Dublin – other places in Ireland are very feasible and welcome. Topics based on locations outside Ireland may also be considered.

Admission Requirements

Participants are required to have an interest in local studies together with an indication of capacity and availability to commit to attending a minimum of 80% of classes.

There is an upper limit of 16 participants. Applicants will be given places on a **first-come, first-served basis**, subject to receipt of completed online application form.

How to Apply

Prospective students must submit a completed online application form which can be found at:

<https://dublilib.wufoo.com/forms/s80yo9404q6ece/>



You can only submit your online application between **28th August – 8th September 2023**.

If you require any assistance with the online application form please email dublinstudies@dublincity.ie

Please note in order to ensure as many people as possible can take part in the Lord Mayor's Certificate courses, it is not possible to offer an individual a place on both courses.

Please only apply for your course of preference.

Presentation of Certificates

A ceremony for presentation of Lord Mayor's Certificates in Local Studies 2023-2024 will be held in Winter 2024.