



# Certificate programme in international development

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Both Cambridge and the eastern region have a rich variety of small organisations engaged in international development, focused on making a meaningful difference in people's lives in other countries. These organisations operate both from inside and from outside the University. Many have built on the public interest in international development issues created by the 'Make Poverty History' campaign, in particular among young people. This exciting - and above all - practical programme has been developed to meet a need for further learning in international development, both for people engaged with development NGOs and those with more general interests.

This programme is for you if you are

- A volunteer or professional engaged with a non-governmental organisation that operates overseas
- A university student or staff member considering placements, careers in this field and/or further study
- Someone with a general interest in international development.

The programme aims to

- develop an understanding of the practice of international development, its targets and subjects;
- introduce participants to the broad range of strategies and techniques required by those working in international development;
- introduce participants to the skills and understanding required to plan and evaluate small, assisted or mentored projects in international development;
- introduce the inter- and multi-disciplinary conceptual base underpinning international development.

## Course structure

The Certificate of Higher Education is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree (120 credits within the Higher Education Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme). It is made up of six courses, each course carrying 20 credits. Each module is free-standing and can be taken on its own, in any order or as part of a continuous programme of study. A selection of courses will be taught each academic year and the whole certificate can be completed in a minimum of two years and a maximum of six.

## Course tutors

**Deepta Chopra** has worked in international development in a variety of contexts for a number of years, including project development and management and training. She holds an MPhil in International Development from the University of Sussex. She is currently completing her PhD in Human Geography at the University of Cambridge, with a focus on social policy and everyday state - society interactions.

**Kevin Thompson** worked as a further education lecturer in Sociology, Economics and Business Studies before becoming a manager in the voluntary sector. Having initially obtained a degree in Sociology and qualifying as a teacher he recently gained an MSc in Applied Development Studies. He has extensive experience of working with excluded groups on education, employment and regeneration projects and has been a senior manager in several ethnic minority organisations.

*'Studying International Development is both a precursor and essential follow-up for those interested in doing International Development. The unique mix of theory, practical examples from contemporary contexts, and wide range of participants involved in these courses is what makes them relevant, informative and timely.'*

**Deepta Chopra (course tutor).**

## Courses to be taught in 2010/2011

### **Being a developmental practitioner: multiple roles and contributions**

Engagement with stakeholders in international development is core to obtaining funding and ensuring sustainability in international development. This course introduces the various players, including international financial organizations, NGOs, local community organizations, governments, bilateral organizations, civil society, businesses, and academic and research institutions. Specific attention will be paid to the role of funding organizations in shaping the field and issues of sustainability of funding.

*Wednesdays 6.00 - 8.30pm for 9 weeks from 6 October 2010, and one Saturday school on 4 December 2010, 9.00am - 5.30pm.*

### **Sustainable development in theory and practice**

Sustainable development in the Global South is seen both as a solution to poverty and a way of dealing with environmental problems. This course will critically examine the different approaches to sustainable development and assess its impact through country based case studies and the work of local NGOs. There will be an opportunity to have some experience of practical sustainable technologies and solutions.

*Wednesdays 6.30 - 9.00pm for 10 weeks from 12 January 2011, and one Saturday school on 12 March 2011, 10.00am - 4.00pm.*

### **Contemporary issues in development: challenges and pathways**

This course will examine specific sectors of international development, including health, education, microfinance, environment, livelihoods, migration and conflict. Case studies from across the world will address main issues and debates in each sector.

*Wednesdays 6.00pm - 8.30pm for 10 weeks from 27 April 2011, and one Saturday school on 25 June 2011, 10.00am - 4.00pm.*

### **Course fees**

The fee for each course in the Certificate programme in 2010-11 is £230.

### **Entry qualifications**

No formal entry qualifications are required, although you will need enthusiasm, commitment, and a lot of motivation to enjoy and complete the course. All teaching and assessment for the Institute's courses is in English. Students for whom English is not their first language will be asked to provide proof of their level of English. For the current English language level requirements please visit our website at [www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk](http://www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk)

### **Course work**

During each module, you will be expected to do some background reading and other work for the taught sessions. You will be expected to undertake one or more written assignments and, where appropriate, other assignments amounting in total to 3500-4000 words. Further details will be given on enrolment, and you can expect a wide range of enjoyable tasks that will fit in well with your learning. You will also be expected to attend at least two-thirds of the course.

**For further information and enrolments please contact the Courses Registrar at:**

**University of Cambridge, Institute of Continuing Education, Madingley Hall, Madingley, Cambridge CB23 8AQ.**

**Tel: 01223 746262**

**or visit our website at [www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk](http://www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk) to find course details and download an application form.**

All courses are taught at the Humanitarian Centre, Fenner's, Gresham Road, Cambridge CB1 2ES



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# New courses of interest

## Tailored Workshops in Dispute Resolution:

### **Essentials in Dispute Resolution: 12-15 October 2010**

Explore various methods of conflict resolution developing your confidence and ability in how and when to use them when you attend this intensive four-day workshop. Take home an important tool kit for managing and resolving conflict. Collaborative conflict resolution techniques identify the real issues and interests that lie behind a conflict and reach an outcome that leaves both parties feeling that their needs have been met.

### **Negotiation Skills: 20-21 April 2011**

Discover the differences between negotiation, mediation and other dispute resolution approaches in this intensive two-day workshop. Give yourself the opportunity to develop your practical skills in the art of negotiation, learn new negotiation methods and enhance your conflict resolution technique.

Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) skills and techniques can lead to creative and positive solutions that enable all parties to develop a resolution to conflict that meets everyone's needs, reducing the costs of conflict in terms of stress, expenditure and time wasted.

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