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Letterkenny Institute of Technology

School/Department:	School of Business/Department of Law & Humanities
Date:	10 th June 2019
Title of the Programme:	Certificate in Children's Rights (30ECTS) With embedded Minor Awards Children & the Law (10 ECTS) Child Protection (10 ECTS) Youth Justice (10 ECTS)
Chairperson:	Carmel Brennan, Assistant Registrar (Quality), GMIT (Chair)
Members of the Panel:	Shane Hill, Head of Department of Management and Financial Studies, Dundalk IT Cormac Hartnett, Hartnett Hayes Solicitors
Secretary:	Dr Seán Duffy (LYIT)
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Criteria for the Validation of a New Programme

1. The Programme Aims and Objectives are clear and consistent with the Award sought.
2. The Programme concept, implementation strategy are well informed and soundly based.
3. The Programme's Access, Transfer and Progression arrangements are satisfactory.
4. The Programme's written curriculum is well structured and fit for purpose.
5. There are sufficient qualified and capable programme staff.

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6. There are sufficient physical resources to implement the programme as planned.
7. The learning environment is consistent with the needs of the programme learners.
8. There are sound Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategies.
9. Learners enrolled on the Programme will be well informed, guided and cared for.
10. The Programme will be well managed.

The panel appreciate the time and effort from the programme team in the development of this programme. The panel particularly noted the quality of the documentation provided.

Commendations

1. This programme is both timely and unique; the enthusiasm of team is commended in this regard.

(For the attention of the Academic Council)

The Panel of Assessors advises the Academic Council that the Institute and the School/Department should take cognisance of following recommendations:

1. Clarify the induction and academic supports that will be provided to enable student success given the expected diverse student cohort.
2. Review the scheduling of the programme modules with a view to extending the delivery from one semester to two semesters.
3. As part of the blended delivery elements of the programme, consider use of a wider range of online learning resources.

Department Response to the Recommendations

The Department is grateful to the panel for its commendation and helpful recommendations and would respond as follows:-

1. The Teaching & Learning strategy has now been amended at para 6.1 to include the following paragraph confirming the nature and extent of programme induction:-

The programme will commence with a programme induction which will include use of VLE, collaborative and peer learning, small group-work, role-play and reflective practice. This will be incorporated into the initial block delivery session as well as online support including a moderated discussion forum and live online session relating to assessment protocols and requirements.

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2. This has now been amended to confirm that the programme will be offered over one year rather than one semester which was the intention of the programme team.
3. The Programme Team has considered same and will extend the online learning resources to include discussion forum, pre-recording of some lectures and quizzes at the conclusion of each topic, using Blackboard Collaborate. Members of Programme Team intend to undertake next available workshop on same to upskill where necessary.

The Panel of Assessors advises the Academic Council that approval of the programmes subject to general conditions of approval together with the following additional conditions:

1. Ensure that the entry requirement for this programme is the same as the entry requirement for the full-time Law Programmes, i.e. remove requirement for mathematics on page 21 of document.

Department Response to the Conditions

This was a typographical error and has now been amended to remove mathematics in line with the full-time law programmes.



PART 4 PROPOSED PROGRAMME SCHEDULE(S) please attach final schedule to bottom of the report.

Title of Award:

Certificate in Children's Rights

Area Of Specialisation:

September 2019

Date Effective:

Semester	Module Title	Subject status	ECTS		Total hours					Allocation of marks (%)			
			Level	Number	Lecture	Tutorial	Lab/Studio/ Practical	Online	Independent Learning	Coursework	Final Exam	Total	
1	Children and the Law	M	7	10	24	-	-	-	12	214	100	-	100
1	Child Protection	M	7	10	24	-	-	-	12	214	100	-	100
1	Youth Justice	M	7	10	24	-	-	-	12	214	100	-	100

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Programme Evaluation Report Approved by:



Carmel Brennan

Chair to Panel

(Assistant Registrar (Quality) GMIT)

Date

8/7/19



Billy Bennett

(VP for Academic Affairs and Registrar,

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Date

12/7/19.

