

## Programme Cost

Application Fee:  
€100 non-refundable

### Tuition:

€1,500 for the entire programme.  
Books are additional.

Tuition may be paid in three instalments of €500 each.

A payment schedule will be provided upon acceptance into the programme.

### Accommodation

First Intensive: €1,200  
20 June-5 July 2014

Second Intensive: €480  
4-10 September 2015

## Application

Acceptance to the programme implies a commitment from the participant to both Intensives as well as the supervised internship programme.

*Closing date for receipt of applications:*  
**28 February 2014**

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## Vincentian Formation Programme for beginning and experienced Spiritual Directors

*A fifteen-month programme with two required intensives*  
**20 June –5 July 2014**  
*and*  
**4-10 September 2015**

All Hallows College, Ireland in collaboration with The Vincentian Centre for Spirituality and Work, Colorado, USA

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## Statement of Purpose

We are in a time marked by constant change, where discernment becomes increasingly important and spiritual companionship is a way of recognising what is enduring. For these reasons we commit ourselves to the formation of beginning and experienced spiritual directors

In faithfulness to God's particular concern for people who are poor or abandoned we are committed to providing spiritual direction and retreat opportunities for those who would otherwise not have access to these ministries. Not every spiritual director is called to accompany those who have been marginalised, but the tradition clearly reveals that the charism of spiritual direction is linked to a concern for the most abandoned. We provide an opportunity for participants to explore this reality.



## Goals

The Formation Programme for Spiritual Directors is designed to meet the following needs of the spiritual director:

- To establish a solid framework for the ministry of spiritual direction based in the tradition
- To more freely 'put on the Spirit of Christ' and to grow in knowledge of the ways of the Spirit
- To explore the meaning of contemplative action
- To discover a deeper relationship with persons who are poor and marginalized
- To discern his/her own call to this ministry
- To grow in the art of spiritual direction

## Content - Topics Include

- Historical development of the ministry of spiritual direction
- Various approaches to this ministry
- Basic principles of the spiritual life
- Methods of Prayer
- Discernment
- Use of Scripture
- Distinctions between counselling and spiritual direction
- Understanding the human person
- Human growth and development
- Reflection on the gift of the poor
- Spirituality of work
- Continued growth of the spiritual director
- The contributions of Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac

Content is presented through an adult learning model respectful of the experience of all participants in an environment that understands 'faculty' to be facilitators and co-learners.

The facilitators are experienced spiritual directors who receive spiritual direction themselves and who are committed to their own growth and development.

## Format

The fifteen-month programme consists of:

Opening Webinar: TBD

**Session 1: 20 June-5 July 2014**

**Session 2: 4-10 September 2015**

Monthly Webinars

Supervised internship and study programme.

**Between intensives participants are required to:**

Read six books chosen from the reading list and submit a reflection paper for each book. Reading is processed in the context of a small study group of peers.

Be actively involved in a ministry of spiritual direction/retreat direction.

Receive monthly supervision in their local setting.

Be actively involved in service with people who are poor/marginalized

Receive spiritual direction themselves.

Prepare for and participate in monthly webinars