

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Activism, Social Movements and Social Change
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	6
4	Module Code	SOC6037

5	Module Overview
<p>Activism and social movements have attempted to address a wide range of social problems and influence social change. Historically, movements have had significant influence on social relations and social policy. This module will critically investigate a range of social movements and activism from the past and present in order to better understand these movements and their internal processes and external contexts. Various theories will be explored in order to get a good grasp of what brings about social movements, how they operate, and when they succeed.</p> <p>In this module you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the role of social movements and civil society in the creation of social change around the world. • Critically examine social movement theories. • Understand the processes involved in the onset, mobilization, progress and outcomes of social movements. 	

6	Indicative Content
<p>This module covers a series of theories and concepts that will inform you of the processes involved in social movements and provide you with the tools needed to consider how to run a successful activist campaign. The module will cover the following theories/concepts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource mobilization Political opportunity structures Framing Rational choice theory Strategic leadership Emotions Strategies Tactics Direct action 	

7	Module Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1 Apply theory relevant to the study of social movements and activism
	2 Critically investigate specific issues that emerge as part of the broader subject of social movements and change.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1,2	X		

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities	Hours	
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable	36	
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE	60	
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams	104	
Total Study Hours:	200	