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## Welcome by The School Commandant

2018 marked the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Irish Defence Forces participation in United Nations (UN) Peace Support Operations (PSO). That significant anniversary was a time for the Defence Forces to reflect on the almost 70,000 individual tours of duty completed by Ireland's soldiers, sailors and aircrew since 1958 in the cause of international peace and security. The year also marked the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of this Institution, the United Nations Training School Ireland (UNTSI), which was inaugurated in 1993 to provide a centralised location within the Irish Military College for PSO pre-deployment training. In hindsight, the establishment of the School was timely as in the early 1990s the traditional model of UN peacekeeping, which had been in existence since 1948, was in a state of flux. Dispatching unarmed military observers or lightly armed contingents, equipped with Chapter VI mandates, to separate parties or monitor ceasefires was found wanting in the post-Cold War environment of intra state conflict, where civilians rather than armed forces were deliberately targeted by armed groups conducting asymmetrical warfare. Violent conflict in the Balkans, Rwanda and Somalia demonstrated the weaknesses of the traditional peacekeeping model and exposed the international community to criticism regarding its ineffective response.

Therefore throughout 2019 UNTSI will continue in its primary mission to prepare members of the Defence Forces for the challenges they will face as they prepare to deploy on complex PSO to Mission Areas throughout the world on a myriad of UN, European Union, NATO and OSCE led missions. Simultaneously, the School will continue to garner best practice on the myriad of cross cutting issues which challenge peacekeepers worldwide by keeping abreast of developments in the field of peacekeeping. These issues include the protection of civilians, the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, enhancing civil military relations and promoting a gender perspective when planning and executing PSO framework operations and activities.

This prospectus outlines the three International Courses that the School will run during 2019. All are opened to foreign and Irish uniformed personnel, military and police, as well as to academic, humanitarian and diplomatic and public servant applicants. As School Commandant I am proud to state that the instruction delivered in UNTSI is at the cutting edge of peace support training and education. Instructors have experience of serving in conflict areas ranging from the Balkans, to Africa to the Middle East. In addition, the School is actively engaged on the international stage with the NATO Training and Education in PSO Working Group, as well as with the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres. UNTSI also has long and well-developed relationships with other peace support training centres and our staff continue to participate on international courses abroad as both students and Subject Matter Expert lecturers. The School also continues to work closely with national Third Level Institutes and a wide variety of Government Agencies and NGOs and leverages their experience in the conduct of our courses.

As always, UNTSI's core staff, made up of Permanent and Reserve Defence Forces members, will be augmented by lecturers from across the Defence Forces and from our large network of partners. I wish to take this opportunity to again thank all who have contributed in the past and I look forward to welcoming new students to the School in 2019.

Timothy O'Brien  
Lieutenant Colonel



# **5<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS COURSE**

**Monday 15 – Friday 19 April 2019**

## **COURSE AIM**

The Protection of Civilians (POC) is perhaps the most important cross cutting issue facing contemporary UN peacekeeping operations. Therefore the training of the military, police and civilian staff on POC is integral to the success of POC mandated missions. The primary aim of this Course is to prepare students for operating in command or staff appointments on PSO which have a POC mandate. Participants are taught what is meant by protection and who is responsible for providing protection to civilians in both conflict and post conflict zones. The course relies heavily on the interaction of the participants, particularly in syndicate work and presentations. Using examples from the Middle East and Africa students are exposed to the current challenges facing peacekeepers deploying on POC mandated operations. In addition, students will be guided through the range of legal rules, mandates and obligations concerning POC.

## **COURSE MODULES**

The core modules of the course are as follows:

- The Protection of Civilians.
- The United Nations and other International Organisations.
- Cross Cutting Issues in PSO.
- The role of military, police and civil actors in protecting civilians.
- POC Syndicate Presentations.
- Protection of Civilians Planning Exercise.

## **TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN THE PRE-COURSE LEARNING PACK**

The pre-course learning pack will be emailed to the course participants on or before 22 March 2019. The pre-course learning pack will include fundamental information on the following cross cutting issues:

- Introduction to Protection of Civilians.
- Introduction to Human Rights.
- Introduction to the Gender Perspective.
- Introduction to Cultural Awareness.
- Introduction to Civil-Military Relations.
- Introduction to Security Sector Reform.

## **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

At the conclusion of the course participants will be able to:

- Understand the range of threats facing civilians in both conflict and post conflict zones.
- Understand what is meant by the term protection on POC mandated UN PSO.
- Explain the role of military, police and civil actors in protecting civilians.
- Outline the role of the Host Nation in Protecting Civilians.
- Have a comprehensive understanding of all UN POC documentation.
- Develop and implementing a POC Strategy on a POC mandated PSO.
- Understand the importance of the promotion of human rights and security sector reform in protecting civilians.
- Explain how the failure to protect civilians can affect the credibility of the mission and the UN.



## TARGET AUDIENCE

The Target Audience for the course is as follows:

- Officers and NCOs of the Irish Defence Forces.
- International Military Officers and NCOs.
- Members of An Garda Síochána and international police forces.
- Volunteers of the Irish Aid Rapid Response Corps.
- Staff of Non-Governmental Organisations.
- Irish Civil and Public Servants.
- Academics researching or teaching PSO.
- Third Level students with an interest in pursuing careers on PSO or as humanitarian staff

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Language proficiency: Students must have the following proficiency standards in English, described in STANAG 6001:

- Listening Good (3).
- Speaking Fair (2).
- Reading Good (3).
- Writing Fair (2)

Language testing is a national responsibility. No additional training or translation will be provided.

## COURSE APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications (as per Appendix 1) from international military students must be forwarded through their own national chain of command to the Irish Defence Forces Defence Attaché Liaison Officer at [dalo@defenceforces.ie](mailto:dalo@defenceforces.ie).

All candidates will be informed of whether or not they have been allocated a place on the course by the Defence Attaché Liaison Officer, through their national chain of commands. The Course Joining Instructions will be emailed to the successful applicants.

All non-military applications should apply directly to UNTSI at [untsi@defenceforces.ie](mailto:untsi@defenceforces.ie)


## COURSE FEE

A course admin fee of €150 (payment accepted in cash only) will be collected at the Course Registration on Monday 15 April 2019.

## ACCOMMODATION

Due to infrastructure issues military accommodation is not available for this course. Students will be accommodated at their own cost in local hotels in the nearby town of Newbridge. Details of hotels and their cost will be issued in the Joining Instructions. UNTSI will make a reservation in the name of each student. Students will be transported to and from the hotel by military transport on a daily basis.

**DATE FOR APPLICATION TO DEFENCE ATTACHÉ LIASION OFFICER: 22 March 2019**

A group of four people are standing in front of a red brick wall. On the left, a man in a British Army camouflage uniform and a blue beret is seen from the side. In the center, a woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blazer with several medals and a pin that says 'RCSI', is looking towards the man in the suit. To her right, a man in a grey suit is gesturing with his hands while speaking. On the far right, a woman in a US Army camouflage uniform and a black beret is also looking towards the man in the suit. In the background, a plaque is mounted on the wall. The plaque has the text 'Scoil na nAontaithe in Éirinn' and 'United Nations School Ireland' along with a date 'September 1993' and some logos.

# **6<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS COURSE**

**Monday 17 – Friday 28 June 2019**



## **COURSE AIM**

The aim of this Course is to prepare military and civilian personnel for the challenges they will face in working with actors from other organisations while deployed on either complex emergency situations or on post conflict Peace Support Operations. From a military perspective the instructional content of the course contains the most contemporary knowledge and information required by students who are scheduled to deploy in Civil - Military Cooperation (CIMIC) or Civil - Military Coordination (CMCoord) appointments.

## **COURSE MODULES**

The core modules of the course are as follows:

- The United Nations and other International Organisations.
- An overview of PSO.
- The role of police and NGOs in PSO.
- CIMIC.
- CMCoord.
- Cross Cutting Issues in PSO.
- Cross Cutting Skills in PSO.
- Personal Security Awareness Training.
- Syndicate Presentations.
- 3 day PSO Training Exercise.

## **TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN THE PRE-COURSE LEARNING PACK**

The pre-course learning pack will be emailed to the course participants on or before 24 May 2019. It will include introductory information on the following cross cutting issues:

- The Protection of Civilians.
- Human Rights.
- The Gender Perspective
- Cultural Awareness.

## **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

At the conclusion of the course students will be able to:

- Operate effectively in a Civil Military Environment.
- Understand and be capable of performing the functions associated with CIMIC and CMCoord.
- Understand and be able to respond effectively to the cross-cutting challenges faced on contemporary PSO.
- Understand the importance of respect for Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law and cultural and religious diversity.
- Advocate the comprehensive approach to PSO, in order to ensure a coherent response to any crisis, by all involved contributors, with respect for humanitarian principles.

## **COURSE TARGET AUDIENCE**

The Target Audience for the course is as follows:

- Officers and NCOs of the Irish Defence Forces.
- International Military Officers and NCOs.
- Members of An Garda Síochána and international police forces.
- Volunteers of the Irish Aid Rapid Response Corps.
- Staff of Non-Governmental Organisations.
- Irish Civil and Public Servants.
- Academics researching or teaching PSO.
- Third Level students with an interest in pursuing careers on PSO or as humanitarian staff.

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Language proficiency: Students must have the following proficiency standards in English, described in STANAG 6001:

- Listening Good (3).
- Speaking Fair (2).
- Reading Good (3).
- Writing Fair (2)

Language testing is a national responsibility. No additional training or translation will be provided.

## **COURSE APPLICATION PROCESS**

All applications (as per Appendix 1) from international military students must be forwarded through their own national chain of command to the Irish Defence Forces Defence Attaché Liaison Officer at [dalo@defenceforces.ie](mailto:dalo@defenceforces.ie).

All candidates will be informed of whether or not they have been allocated a place on the course by the Defence Attaché Liaison Officer, through their national chain of commands. The Course Joining Instructions will be emailed to the successful applicants.

All non-military applicants should apply directly to UNTSI at [untsi@defenceforces.ie](mailto:untsi@defenceforces.ie).

## **COURSE FEE**

A course admin fee of €300 (payment accepted in cash only) will be collected at the Course Registration on Monday 17 June 2019.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Due to infrastructure issues military accommodation is not available for this course. Students will be accommodated at their own cost in local hotels in the nearby town of Newbridge. Details of hotels and their cost will be issued in the Joining Instructions. UNTSI will make a reservation in the name of each student. Students will be transported to and from the hotel by military transport on a daily basis.

**DATE FOR APPLICATION TO DEFENCE ATTACHÉ LIASION OFFICER: 24 May 2019.**

The background image shows four people standing in front of a brick building. On the left, a man in a military uniform with 'FITZPATRICK' on his sleeve is looking towards the others. Next to him is a man in a red jacket, then a man in a blue jacket. On the right, a woman in a green shirt is gesturing with her hands. A plaque on the brick wall reads 'Scoil Traenála na Náisiúin Aontaithe in United Nations Training School Ireland Established on July 5th 2019'.

# **1<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL UNITED NATIONS STAFF OFFICERS COURSE**

**Monday 04 – Friday 08 November 2019**

## **COURSE AIM**

The aim of this course is to prepare staff officers and NCOs for appointments on UN Peace Support Operations at Battalion, Sector and Force HQ level. DPKO/DFS Core Pre-Deployment Training Materials will be delivered by experienced lectures who have served in staff appointments on UN Missions worldwide.

## **COURSE MODULES**

The core modules of the course are as follows:

- The structure of a UN HQ at Force, Sector and Battalion level.
- Reporting Procedures.
- Legal Briefings and UN Mandates
- UN Logistics Procedures.
- The role of intelligence/information on UN Missions.
- Cross cutting issues including the Protection of Civilians, the Gender Perspective, the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Cultural Awareness.
- The Liaison Function.
- The role of Police on Police Support Operations.
- The role of Civil Actors on Peace Support Operations.
- The role of Military Observers on PSO.

## **TOPICS TO BE COVERED IN THE PRE-COURSE LEARNING PACK**

The pre-course learning pack will be emailed to the course participants on or before 14 October 2019. It will include elements of the UN Core Pre Deployment Training Materials and other selected reading materials.

- The Protection of Civilians.
- Human Rights.
- The Gender Perspective.
- Cultural Awareness.

## **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

At the conclusion of the course participants will:

- Understand and be capable of filling the role of staff officers and NCOs in a UN PSO.
- Understand the structure of UN HQ on both multidimensional and traditional PSO.
- Understand the role of police and civil actors on PSO.
- Have a knowledge of contemporary cross cutting issues facing UN Missions to include the Protection of Civilians, implementing a gender perspective when planning and executing PSO framework operations and activities and how to prevent Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The Target Audience for the course is as follows:

- Officers and NCOs of the Irish Defence Forces.
- International Military Officers and NCOs.
- Members of An Garda Síochána and international police forces.
- Civilians working on UN operations.
- Civilians, students or Humanitarian staff wishing to pursue a career in UN PSO.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Language proficiency: Students must have the following proficiency standards in English, described in STANAG 6001:

- Listening Good (3).
- Speaking Fair (2).
- Reading Good (3).
- Writing Fair (2).

Language testing is a national responsibility. No additional training or translation will be provided.

## COURSE APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications (as per Appendix 1) from international military students must be forwarded through their own national chain of command to the Irish Defence Forces Defence Attaché Liaison Officer at [dalo@defenceforces.ie](mailto:dalo@defenceforces.ie).

All candidates will be informed of whether or not they have been allocated a place on the course by the Defence Attaché Liaison Officer, through their national chain of commands. The Course Joining Instructions will be emailed to the successful applicants.

All non-military applications should apply directly to UNTSI at [untsi@defenceforces.ie](mailto:untsi@defenceforces.ie)

## COURSE FEE

A course admin fee of €150 (payment accepted in cash only) will be collected at the Course Registration on Monday 04 November 2019.

## ACCOMMODATION

Due to infrastructure issues military accommodation is not available for this course. Students will be accommodated at their own cost in local hotels in the nearby town of Newbridge. Details of hotels and their cost will be issued in the Joining Instructions. UNTSI will make a reservation in the name of each student. Students will be transported to and from the hotel by military transport on a daily basis.

**DATE FOR APPLICATION TO DEFENCE ATTACHÉ LIASION OFFICER: 18 October 2019**





# ADMINISTRATION

## **International Travel**

International travel to and from Ireland is a national responsibility.

## **Arrival In Ireland**

International participants are required to arrive at UNTSI not later than 1800hrs on the day prior to the course commencement. Transport will be provided from the airport to UNTSI to students on the day prior to the course. Students arriving any sooner than this will have to arrange their own transport from the airport and their own accommodation until the day prior to the course.

Course participants will be required to complete a Personal Details Form when they receive the Course Joining Instructions. The form will include details regarding any requirements for airport transfers between Dublin Airport and UNTSI.

## **Departure**

Transport to Dublin Airport will be provided on the evening of course completion and also on the day immediately after the end of course. (Timings will be organised and coordinated with Administrative Staff, UNTSI on arrival).

## **Accommodation**

During 2019 military accommodation will not be available in the Defence Forces Training Centre. This is a result of engineering works to upgrade this accommodation. Students will be required to pay for accommodation in local hotels. Details will be included in the Joining Instructions for each course.

## **Meals**

Participants will dine in the Military College at the following times:

- Breakfast: 0730 - 0830 hrs (in hotel for foreign students)
- Lunch: 1300 - 1345 hrs
- Dinner: 1700 - 1800 hrs

## **Special Dietary Requirements**

Every effort will be made to cater for special dietary requirements if the necessary information is included on the Personal Details Form (attached to the Course Joining Instructions).

## **End Of Course Dinner**

An end of course dinner will be held on the evening of the penultimate day of the course.

## **Dress**

Military Personnel: Normal Battle Dress Uniform/Combat fatigues will be worn during class work, lectures, and on exercise. Rain gear and a warm top is recommended.

Neat casual civilian dress is required in the Officers Mess.

Jacket and tie (or female equivalent – Dress, etc) are required for the end of course dinner.

## CONTACT DETAILS

The contact details for the Irish Defence Forces Defence Attaché Liaison Officer (DALO) are as follows:

**Email:** [dalo@defenceforces.ie](mailto:dalo@defenceforces.ie)  
**Postal Address:** DALO  
Defence Forces Headquarters,  
McKee Barracks,  
Blackhorse Avenue,  
Dublin 7,  
Ireland.

The contact details for UNTSI are as follows:

**Email:** [untsi@defenceforces.ie](mailto:untsi@defenceforces.ie)  
**Telephone Number:** + 353 45 44 5171 and 44 5172  
**Postal Address:** UNTSI,  
The Military College,  
The Defence Forces Training Centre,  
Curragh Camp,  
County Kildare,  
Ireland.

## LOCATION

UNTSI is located in the Defence Forces Training Centre, at the Curragh, 48 km South West of Dublin, just off the M7 motorway at Exit 12 (approx. 1 hour from Dublin Airport).

The adjacent towns of Kildare and Newbridge are well served by bus and rail services. Full details of these services will be made available on Course Registration, but in the event of information being required in advance of Course Registration please contact UNTSI.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR IRELAND

Visas for entry to the Republic of Ireland, where required, must be arranged nationally. UNTSI does not have any facility to manage or coordinate matters related to Visa requests.

PASSPORT HOLDERS FROM ALL COUNTRIES, EXCEPT THOSE LISTED BELOW, MUST HAVE A CURRENT VISA FOR ENTRY INTO IRELAND.

ANDORRA	GRENADA	NICARAGUA
ARGENTINA	GUATEMALA	NORWAY
AUSTRALIA	HONDURAS	PANAMA
AUSTRIA	*HONG KONG	PARAGUAY
BAHAMAS	HUNGARY	POLAND
BARBADOS	ICELAND	PORTUGAL
BELGIUM	ISRAEL	SAN MARINO
BOTSWANA	ITALY	SINGAPORE
BRAZIL	JAMAICA	SLOVENIA
BRUNEI	JAPAN	SOU AFRICA
CANADA	KOREA, REP OF SOUTH	SPAIN
CHILE	LATVIA	SWAZILAND
COSTA RICA	LESOTHO	SWEDEN
CROATIA	LIECHTENSTEIN	SWITZERLAND
CYPRUS	LITHUANIA	TONGA
CZECH REPUBLIC	LUXEMBOURG	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
DENMARK	MALAWI	USA
EL SALVADOR	MALAYSIA	**UK COLONIES
ESTONIA	MALTA	URUGUAY
FINLAND	MEXICO	VATICAN CITY
FRANCE	NAMIBIA	VENEZUELA
GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	WESTERN SAMOA
GREECE	NEW ZEALAND	

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