

History

Since the foundation of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) in the early 1970's, individual psychologists carved out a special role for Work and Organisational Psychology (also known as industrial/organisational psychology) in Ireland. By the mid 1980's, responding to demands from members of the PSI, a Masters course in Social and Organisational was first initiated in University College Dublin (UCD) in 1986.

Thereafter a Masters in Organisational Psychology was inaugurated in Dublin City University (DCU), and a Masters course in Human Resources was established in University College Cork (UCC).

By the late 1990's, a PSI Special Interest Group in Work and Organisational Psychology was founded, leading to a new impetus for Academics and Practitioners in this field to develop and consolidate this expanding sub-discipline in psychology. Significant growth and interest led to the establishment of the Division of Work and Organisation Psychology by the Council of PSI in 2001.