

# Gender Pay Gap Report 2025

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## Introduction

This is our fourth Gender Pay Gap (GPG) Report following enactment of the Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021 legislation which mandates reporting for all organisations with over 250 employees.

While Foróige have equal pay for men and women in the same roles, based on pay scales, we have a gender pay gap primarily as a result of the treatment under the legislation of leave which Foróige tops up i.e. maternity and paternity leave.





## About Us

Foróige is a youth work organisation operating on the island of Ireland with 650 employees at the snapshot date of June 30th 2025. We are located nationwide with offices in multiple locations throughout Ireland.

## Size

We are the largest youth work employer in Ireland.

## Work

Foróige operate volunteer led youth work (Foróige Clubs, Big Brother Big Sister Programme), staff led youth projects (e.g. Youth Diversion Projects, UBU Projects, Neighbourhood Youth Projects) and provide youth education programmes (e.g. NFTE Youth Entrepreneurship, Leadership for Life and Real U).

This work is supported by a full suite of support services e.g. HR, Finance, IT, Communications etc.

We work with over 52,000 young people per annum and 5,600 volunteers.



## **Approach**

Foróige enables young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their own development and in the development of society. Our work takes the form of local, community based, volunteer led clubs and staff led projects that provide a range of interventions to young people to support them to reach their full potential.

## **Culture**

Foróige is committed to an inclusive organisation culture where all people – staff, volunteers and young people – can reach their full potential

## **GPG Report**

This is our fourth GPG Report. Our reference date is 30th June, 2025. Our total headcount at that date was 650. At that date 79% of our total headcount was female.

## **Data**

Our report includes data for all of our employees – full and part time. Hours which relate to paid leave are included in the calculation but unpaid leave is not included. For maternity and paternity leave this means that when Foróige pays a top up over statutory allowance, it is included. This impacts the hourly rate for the staff who have taken paid maternity or paternity leave during the year to June 30th 2025





## Understanding the Pay Gap

The legislation requires organisations of over 250 employees to disclose the pay gap between male and female employees. Disparities tend to indicate the relative representation of women and men at different levels of seniority in the organisations.

### What is Pay Gap Reporting

A pay gap shows the difference in the average pay between two groups in a workforce e.g. men and women, regardless of job, role or seniority

### How is it different to equal pay?

Equal pay is different. Equal pay deals with pay differences between two groups e.g. men and women who carry out equal work.



# Understanding the Pay Gap

- The analysis is for all employees, full and part time
- The mean hourly rate is the same as the average rate, while the median hourly rate is the middle number in the range of hourly rates when those rates are sorted from smallest to largest. The median is a better measure as it is not impacted by exceptionally high or low hourly rates
- Hours which relate to paid leave are included in the calculations. Hours which relate to unpaid leave are not included. For maternity and paternity leave this means that the period in which the organisation pays a top-up over the statutory allowance is included, but any unpaid leave after that period is not included
- Where a percentage difference is being expressed, a positive value means the percentage difference in favour of males and a negative value means a percentage difference in favour of females
- Where a simple percentage is expressed, that is the percentage of either females or males, as the case may be



# Summary of Results

## Hourly Remuneration

All Employees	Pay Gap 2025	Pay Gap 2024
Difference between mean hourly remuneration of males and females	8%	3%
Difference between median hourly remuneration of males and females	5%	<1%

Part-time Employees Only	Pay Gap 2025	Pay Gap 2023
Difference between mean hourly remuneration of males and females	6%	-5%
Difference between median hourly remuneration of males and females	10%	-2%

*No employees receive bonuses relating to profit sharing, productivity, performance, incentive or commission or benefit in kind*



## Quartiles Based on Hourly Remuneration 2025

Quartiles Based on Hourly Remuneration	Male	Female
Total staff	21%	79%
(i) the lower remuneration quartile pay band,	15%	85%
(ii) the lower middle remuneration quartile pay band,	18%	82%
(iii) the upper middle remuneration quartile pay band, or	25%	75%
(iv) the upper remuneration quartile pay band	24%	76%

## Quartiles Based on Hourly Remuneration 2024

Quartiles Based on Hourly Remuneration	Male	Female
Total staff	24%	76%
(i) the lower remuneration quartile pay band,	23%	77%
(ii) the lower middle remuneration quartile pay band,	24%	76%
(iii) the upper middle remuneration quartile pay band, or	22%	78%
(iv) the upper remuneration quartile pay band	26%	74%

*Our profile broadly mirrors the gender split in the organisation*

## Opinion

- The findings from our gender pay gap analysis show minor differences between female hourly remuneration as against male hourly remuneration.
- Foróige operates a range of pay scales within the organisation based on the relevant levels of responsibility and experience. This means that gender is not a factor in determining rates of pay.
- Foróige remained committed to increasing the proportions of females to males at all management levels.
- Foróige remained committed to ensuring that both males and females are provided equally with developmental opportunities and career progression within the organisation.
- Since the reference date, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025, the gender split in the senior management team moved to 85:15 in favour of female members.
- If maternity leave payments were not made, the gender pay gap would be reduced.



# We are Foróige

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