Job Title: Youth Justice Worker - Early Intervention

Number of Posts & Contract Type: 1 x Ongoing Contract

Location: Drogheda and Mid Louth

About Foróige

At Foróige, you're not just taking on a job- you're joining a movement that empowers young people and transforms communities. With over 600 dedicated staff and thousands of volunteers, we work together to create impactful change through innovative programmes, clubs, and services.

Foróige is an independent, non-profit national voluntary youth organisation engaged in out-of-school youth development and education. The purpose of the organisation is to enable young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their own development and the development of society.

About the Project

Working in a Youth Diversion Project, regardless of the role, will allow you to take a journey with young people and families, who are often the most marginalised and disadvantaged. Many have faced great obstacles, tragedy and adversity in their lives, yet are inspiring in their ability to cope, bounce back and often flourish, once given the appropriate opportunities and supports. Foróige's philosophy underpins all of our work and this supports our passionate belief in the importance of giving second chances and opportunities to young people regardless of their circumstances. These projects are part of a network of Youth Diversion Projects; funded by the Department of Justice and by the European Social Fund and Dormant Accounts, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána under the new Youth Justice Strategy 2021 – 2027 and will be managed by Foróige.

The Cable Youth Diversion Project based in Drogheda since 2010, has a catchment area for North Drogheda and Mid Louth.

Key Responsibilities

- Assessing and responding to the needs of young people aged 8-11 years old who are at risk of becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour in the future
- Engaging, building and maintaining strong, positive relationships with the target group on both a one to one and group basis ,

- Offering early targeted intervention to this cohort of children through a range of different formats such as group-work, individual work, skills-based programmes, mentoring, referrals/sign-posting to other services and recreational activities as appropriate for the individual child.
- Designing, implementing and evaluating outcomes focused case plans and age appropriate interventions that reaches and diverts identified 8–11-year-olds before they reach the age in which they could be referred to the diversion programme.
- Engaging and supporting parents/ guardians to engage effectively in their young person's social and personal development to facilitate positive behaviour change.
- Working collaboratively with the child, their families, the wider YDP team and any other relevant agency supporting the child.
- Ensuring compliance with Foróige policies, procedures and guidelines.
- Operating in accordance with the YDP Operational Requirements.
- Completing accurately and on time all of the administrative requirements of the project.
- This role is designated as a Mandated Person under the Children First Act 2015. The employee agrees to adhere to all statutory mandated reporting requirements and Foróige's Child Safeguarding Statement, guidelines and policy.
- Any such other relevant duties as the board of Foróige and/or the Chief Executive Officer or the nominee of the Chief Executive shall deem necessary for the effective implementation and the policy and programmes of Foróige and the Youth Diversion Project.

Professional Qualification, Experience

(D: Desirable; E: Essential)

- Education to Degree standard preferably in the area of Youth/ Justice/ Social /Community Work (E) (candidates with exceptional, relevant work experience may also be considered in lieu of degree qualifications)
- Relevant paid or voluntary experience of working with young people (E)
- 1 years' experience in a YDP or similar Youth Work role. (D)
- Experience and understanding of YDP work and of working with young people facing adversity (D)
- Access to a car and full driving licence. (E/D - role/location dependent)

Person Specification (Essential)

- Ability to build and maintain effective relationships with young people
- Ability to be proactive, use own initiative and work effectively within a pressurised environment
- Positive and flexible approach to working as part of a team
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to follow organisational guidelines and processes.
- Knowledge and experience of systems, processing and administration
- Flexibility in relation to hours of work to meet the needs of the work

Benefits to Support You

Salary: Foróige Youth Officer Scale: €38,558, €40,163, €41,769, €43,376, €44,982, €46,592, €48,201, €50,601, €53,001 per annum and pro-rated for part time hours.

The highest starting point for this role will be point 3 and will be dependent on experience.

Annual Leave: 29 days annual leave plus Good Friday per annum pro-rated.

EAP: 24/7 Employee Assistance.

Pension: Contributory pension benefits.

Bike to Work Scheme

Commuter Travel Tax Saver Ticket

Training & Development: Structured onboarding together with a 9 day Foróige Induction Programme. Ongoing CPD.

Study Leave: Up to 5 days paid Study Leave per year of course.

Organisation Culture: Support & Supervision policy and practices that supports your professional development.

Progression Opportunities

Career Break: Up to 2 years Career Break after 3 years' service.

Unpaid Leave: Up to 6 months Unpaid Leave Break 1 year service.

Flexible Work: Flexible work practices that support work life balance.

Maternity and Paternity Benefit: Top up Maternity and Paternity Benefit pay.

Other Information

Garda vetting: Candidates under consideration for employment in Foróige will be subject to Garda vetting.

Visa: Foróige is not in a position to sponsor work permit applications. All applications should hold a valid work permit and permission for ROI.

Hours of work: You will be expected to work a minimum of 35 hours per week. The position will require flexibility in relation to working hours. It is expected that you will work some late evenings/ nights per week (for full time this will be up to 3 late evenings) and some weekend work.

Travel: This post will involve domestic travel within Ireland and occasional meetings. Travel and expenses will be paid in accordance with appropriate Foróige rates.

Applications: Please complete the Foróige Application form online here

All information related to Foróige, our annual report, our work, our projects and services is available on our website - please see www.foroige.ie for additional information