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JOB DESCRIPTION

<u>JOB TITLE:</u>	Amplify Senior Youth Officer – SYO
<u>PROJECT:</u>	AMPLIFY PEACEPLUS YOUTH PROJECT
Report to:	Area Manager
Links to:	Foróige, Youth Action Northern Ireland and six project partner organisations
Timescale:	2024 - 2028
Location	Donegal; Sligo; Leitrim; Cavan; Monaghan
Funder:	SEUPB

ABOUT FORÓIGE

Foróige is an independent, non-profit national voluntary youth organisation engaged in out-of-school youth development and education. The organisation aims to enable young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their own development and the development of society. Foróige employs over 400 staff and involves thousands of volunteers in the creation and delivery of high-quality services to young people through the operation of over 600 Foróige Clubs and over 140 General Youth Services and Special Projects. These community-based and community-supported initiatives are run throughout the country, in rural and urban environments, and generally in partnership with various voluntary and statutory agencies. The organisation is a registered charity and is supported by a combination of statutory, philanthropic and corporate funding. Foróige is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to a policy of Equality of Opportunity in its employment practices.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Amplify is a regional youth work project operating in disadvantaged and polarised communities across 11 Northern Ireland Council areas (60% targeted) and the 6 border counties of Ireland (40%). Amplify project is supported by the PEACEPLUS Programme.

Amplify will engage young people who are disadvantaged, excluded or marginalised and who are aged 14-24yrs across defined regions and communities in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. This Foróige job description/project is specifically located in 4 sites

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Site1: Letterkenny

Site 2: South Donegal / North Leitrim/ North Sligo:
(Ballyshannon/ Bundoran / Kinlough/ Rossinver/ Grange/ Cliffony)

Site 3: Cavan

Site 4: Monaghan/ South Monaghan

Amplify will maximise the reach to young people who have fallen on hard times and who experience volatile and chaotic lives and where their vulnerability is heightened. Young people who are at risk of anti-social influences, unemployment and who have languishing mental health will be prioritised.

Through **Amplify** young people aged 14-24 years will engage in meaningful, purposeful and sustained contact to reduce isolation and segregation and to build positive and effective relationships through one to one support, and group interventions creating learning opportunities to develop understanding and respect for diversity and others; Health and Well-being opportunities through outdoor pursuits and adventure activities; Environmental themed opportunities; Career coaching and supporting opportunities for work sampling and developing preparation for work skills; Leadership skills development; Youth Entrepreneur Programmes; Digital Youth work interventions.

Amplify will provide meaningful cross-community and cross border programmes, with participants engaged 3-4 days per week over a 6–9-month period embedding the core elements of:

- personal development
- good relations
- citizenship
- employability skills
- positive progression

Through a co-design process, **‘tools for change’** will incorporate personal actions plans, youth achievement awards, learning goals, group discussion, creative expression workshops, self-directed tasks; citizenship projects, outdoor learning, residential experiences and personal mentoring.

PLANNED CONTACT

Scheduled timetabling will be in place for all groups to attend exploratory workshops, social action events, seminars and youth festivals. These are interactive, enjoyable and educational e.g., Hunger for Peace Games Day, Building Youth Activism days and Creative expression workshops.

OUTPUTS /TARGETS

A minimum of 240 young people across the 4 sites complete the programme having addressed Good Relations, Citizenship, Personal Development, Employability skills and Positive Progression. Young People will be recruited through

- Outreach by youth workers.
- Referral from Youth Organisations, and other Community and Statutory agencies

- Self-referral
- Word of mouth.
- Local promotion (newspaper, post office, shop notice boards).
- Social media promotion.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will be employed by Foróige and will be given a contract of employment for a fixed term. It must be understood however, that if the position becomes redundant at any time during the period of the contract or if the funding for the post is discontinued or a post holder fails to perform satisfactorily, employment may be terminated.

The duties of the Senior Youth Officer in carrying out any functions, which may be involved in or arise out of the appointment, shall be as notified by the Area Manager, the board of Foróige and/or its Chief Executive.

These duties will include but are not limited to:

- Leading, guiding and supporting the work of the Amplify project in conjunction with the area manager
- Recruiting, Supporting and supervising project staff
- Supporting staff to ensure that they are fully compliant with Foróige policies, procedures and guidelines as instructed by Foróige management.
- Direct delivery of interventions with project participants.
- Administration, budgeting, resource management including compiling reports as required by the funder and ensuring deadlines are adhered to

Other duties will include but are not limited to:

1 PROMOTION AND RECRUITMENT

- Ensure the promotion, recruitment and retention of the target number of young people and local communities within each site
- Network with, meet with and give presentations to statutory and other relevant agencies:
- Work with local partners.

2. DELIVERY OF PROGRAMMES AND RETENTION OF PARTICIPANTS

- Various tools for change will enable young people to become involved, participate, complete and progress.

3. Development of programmes

With the team

- Plan appropriate programmes incorporating **personal development, good relations, citizenship, youth employability and positive progression.**
- Ensure **cross community** elements of programme and participation of young people
Identify and assess the needs of individual participants to ensure a menu of options - appropriate training, support measures and work placement /volunteering opportunities is tailored to meet their needs.

4. Monitor, Evaluate and engage with stakeholders

- Use a quality Evaluation framework to recognise and measure the achievements and outcomes for all participants.
- Liaise with the Quality Assurance coordinator within the Training Team at Youth Action to ensure delivery and assessment of programmes is in line with awarding body requirements.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE (E) = Essential, (D) = Desirable

- Education to National Diploma or Degree standard preferably in Youth / Community Work (note: candidates with exceptional, relevant work experience may also be considered in lieu of degree qualifications) **(E)**
- A minimum of 1-year relevant work experience **(E)**
- Access to car and full driving licence **(E)**
- Ability to engage target group **(E)**
- Paid or voluntary, experience working with young people **(D)**
- An understanding of Youth Work and Community Work methodologies **(D)**

PERSON SPECIFICATION (all Essential requirements)

- Ability to build and maintain effective relationships with young people
- Good interpersonal skills, including ability to liaise with a wide range of contacts and build and maintain effective working relationships
- Excellent standards of accuracy and attention to detail
- 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
- Good written communications skills, including ability to draft summary information and correspondence, good report writing skills.
- Ability to follow organisational guidelines and processes.
- Good computer skills, including Word, Excel, Internet, PowerPoint and Social Media

REQUIREMENTS OF ALL FORÓIGE STAFF (all Essential requirements)

- Commitment to the purpose of Foróige and to work within the values, policies and procedures of the organisation
- To act consistently in a professional manner at all times
- To participate in regular supervision with your line manager
- Flexibility in relation to hours of work to meet the needs of the work. Work during unsocial hours may be required.
- Identify training needs with your line manager and participate in training opportunities appropriate to the role
- To undertake other duties as may be requested by the board of Foróige and /or the Chief Executive Officer of Foróige or their nominee from time to time

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ROLE

Funding: It must be understood that if the funding for the post is discontinued the post holder's contract may be terminated.

Medical: The successful candidate will be required to complete a medical questionnaire / undergo a pre-employment medical.

Garda vetting: As our work involves contact with young people, candidates under consideration for employment in Foróige will be subject to Garda vetting.

References: The successful candidate will undergo 2 reference checks before commencing employment with Foróige.

Annual Leave: The SYO will be entitled to 29 days annual leave pro rata plus public holidays. The needs of the job must be considered when applying to take this leave.

Hours of work: The SYO will be expected to work a minimum of 35 hours per week. Please note this position will require flexibility in relation to working hours. It is expected that the work may involve late evenings (up to 11pm) and some weekend work.

Salary: The salary for this position will be discussed with the successful candidate upon appointment. This will be based off of the Foróige Senior Youth Officer salary scale: €51,846, €53,775, €55,709, €57,640, €59,568, €61,495.

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

Base: The employment base for this role will be is to be confirmed (exact location to be confirmed upon appointment).

Applications: Applications should be made by way of the [Foróige job application form](#) only which is available [here](#).

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