

Ireland's leading children's charity is recruiting:

Post Adoption Service – Expansion

In partnership with Tusla, our service is significantly being expanded to provide a national service with new centres in Cork and Galway. We are recruiting for the following 5 positions.

Role	Location	Type of Contract	Working Hours p/w	Salary
2 x Project Workers	Cork city (Meade st)	2 year fixed term contracts	Part Time (18.5 hrs)	€15,431 - €23,852
2 x Project Workers	Galway city (location tbc)	2 year fixed term contracts	Part Time (18.5 hrs)	€15,431 - €23,852
1 x Project Worker	Dublin 1 (Buckingham st)	2 year fixed term contract	Part Time (18.5 hrs)	€15,431 - €23,852
1 x Administration Worker	Cork city (Meade st)	2 year fixed term contract	Part Time (7.5 hrs)	€4,700 - €7,281
1 x Administration Worker	Galway city (location tbc)	2 year fixed term contract	Part Time (7.5 hrs)	€4,700 - €7,281

We are flexible on how the hours are worked for all roles but the hours must be worked over **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** each week.

Occasional evening work will be required in the Project Worker positions. Project Workers are expected to travel if families are not in a position to attend the Post Adoption Centres and so must have the flexibility to travel in line with the needs of the work (full driving licence and access to the use of a suitably insured vehicle required).

The location of the Galway office is still to be confirmed

What does the Post Adoption Service do?

The service offers a therapeutic post adoption service to children and teenagers who have been adopted both domestically and from abroad and to their families. The service is mainly funded by Tusla and has been available to families living in the Eastern region since 2007. The service works with children and teenagers whose emotions and behaviours may have been affected by early trauma and loss. Some can also struggle to integrate their birth histories and ethnicity. Staff assist with supporting parents in understanding behaviours and developing strategies to assist their children/teenagers. The service is sensitive to the changing nature of adoption services and adapts as new needs emerge.

Barnardos has been providing an independent support and advice service for adopted people, birth parents and adoptive parents since 1977.

Barnardos Post Adoption Service is now being significantly extended in partnership with Tusla to provide a national service with new centres in Cork and Galway. Each of the centres will serve the surrounding region.

The following services are provided:

- A national post adoption helpline and email support service (run from Buckingham Street, Dublin 1).
- A national post-adoption therapeutic individual service for adopted children and teenagers and counselling and support for adoptive parents.
- Group work with adopted children and teenagers.
- Support and training meetings for adoptive parents on different aspects of raising adopted children.
- Support meetings for birth mothers and adopted adults are run from the Dublin office.

What is required for the Project Worker positions:

Experience Required

- A minimum of two years post qualification experience in working with children and families.
- Experience in adoption and attachment issues.
- Experience in working with children affected by early loss/trauma.
- Experience in group work with children and adults.
- Experience of planning, implementing and reviewing programmes with children and families.

Qualifications

- A recognised third level practice qualification (Minimum Level 7 on the NFQ) in one of the following:
 - Social work.
 - Psychology with applied practice.
 - Social care.
 - Counselling or psychotherapy (accredited and registered) or related discipline eg art therapy, drama therapy, play therapy.
 - Additional training in trauma and attachment based approaches to working with families -especially Theraplay or DDP (Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy) - is highly desirable.
- Full driving licence and access to the use of a suitably insured vehicle essential.

Please note: Post qualifying experience means 2 years of fulltime (or pro rated) paid employment in the candidates field of work after they have qualified with an appropriate Level 7 degree.

What is required for the Administration Worker positions:

Experience required

- Minimum of two years directly relevant experience essential.
- Experience in preparing PowerPoint presentations desirable.
- Experience in dealing with children and families highly desirable.

Qualifications required

Junior Cert or equivalent minimum level of education.

A working ability in IT Systems, word processing and finance skills are essential.

Closing date for Project Worker positions: 5pm, Tuesday 23rd October 2018.

Interview dates for all Project Worker positions: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 14th, 15th and 16th November 2018.

Closing date for Administration positions: 5pm, Monday 22nd October 2018.

Interview date for all Administration positions: Tuesday 13th November 2018.

All interviews will take place in Barnardos, 23/34 Lower Buckingham Street, Dublin 1.
Candidates are expected to meet their own expenses to attend for interview.

For more information and job description, please check out

www.barnardos.ie/jobs . Please note: in order to be considered for shortlisting, candidates must submit a completed application form through our website, sending a cv alone will not be deemed as an application.