

Job Description for Community Liaison Worker (Roscommon)

Job Title: Community Liaison Worker for Roscommon

Employer: Roscommon Leader Partnership Company

New Post: 1-year part-time (20 hours) contract with possible extension until the end of Sept 2023, subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funding. 3 months probationary period initially to determine suitability.

Role Relationships

The holder will have a specific job contract with Roscommon Leader Partnership Company. The holder will work closely with the employer, Roscommon Leader Partnership Company and the Western Region Drugs & Alcohol Task Force. In addition, working closely with the following bodies and agencies is integral to the position:

- County Development Boards
- Community Groups
- Voluntary & Statutory Agencies
- Schools
- Third Level Institutions

Background Information

The overall strategic objective of the National Drugs Strategy 2017-2025 is to continue to reduce the harm caused to individuals and society by substance misuse through a concerted focus on a health led response to drug & alcohol use in Ireland, based on providing person centred services in Ireland that promote rehabilitation and recovery.

Function of the Western Region Drugs & Alcohol Task Force (WRDATF)

To research, develop and implement, using a partnership approach, a coordinated regionally appropriate response to substance misuse in line with regional and national drug & alcohol strategies.

The aims of the WRDATF are:

- To develop an integrated and well-managed response to drug and alcohol problems across the region.
- To propose a range of appropriate solutions and service interventions based on the arising needs of the region.
- To ensure that responses are monitored and evaluated according to best practice and value for money principles.

Funding:

Funding has been secured to appoint a part time Community Liaison Worker in Roscommon to link with the appropriate community & voluntary services supporting people who misuse drugs.

The Post holder will report to the CEO of the Roscommon Leader Partnership Company, and to the Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force Coordinator for an agreed work plan.

Main Purpose of the Job:

The post holder will work as a community liaison resource on behalf of the Western Region Drugs & Alcohol Task Force.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Forge interagency collaboration and joint initiatives to tackle local (drug/alcohol-related) problems.
2. Help drive initiatives and co-ordinate developments in line with National and Regional Strategies.
3. Identify and report on the local impact of substance misuse and local service needs.
4. To develop ongoing networks with all key stakeholders in this sector.
5. To provide advice and support to local organisations in line with evidence based responses to substance misuse.
6. To maintain regular, accurate records of work programme & meetings.
7. To develop and furnish a detailed written service report annually (Annual Implementation Plan).
8. To adhere to monitoring and evaluation criteria set out by the AIP
9. To keep up to date on personal development and education around innovative and best practice issues within the addiction field.
10. To contribute to the ongoing development of Western Region Drugs & Alcohol Task Force.

The above job description is not intended to be comprehensive list of all the duties involved, and consequently the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.

Salary (pro rata 20 hours weekly):

Salary : €32,182 pro rata

Qualifications and Experience:

- Ideally candidates will have a Degree in Community Development or Social Science (e.g. Social Work, Psychology, Nursing, Education, Health Promotion or Youth Work) with over 2 years' experience in the areas of Community Work / Substance misuse work.
- Both a full drivers licence and computer skills are essential for this role while a qualification in dealing with substance misuse would be advantageous.
- This post will require working outside of office hours.