

## Community Development Worker, Traveller Men's Health

### Role Description

County Roscommon Traveller Health Programme (CRTHP) is a programme managed by Roscommon LEADER Partnership and is funded by the Traveller Health Unit Western Region, Health Service Executive (HSE) CHO2. The aim of the programme is to highlight and address Traveller health & well-being, to work towards bringing about positive change to the quality of life and status of the Traveller community in the county.

County Roscommon Traveller Health project is seeking a dynamic person for the post of Community Development Worker for Traveller Men's Health with the aim of continuing to enhance the work of the organisation by engaging directly with Traveller men and service providers to address and highlight the health needs and issues in the community.

#### **The aim of the post is:**

- To address the key areas of Traveller men's health as outlined in the All Ireland Traveller Health Study (AITHS 2010)
- To establish channels of communication with all Traveller men throughout the County and promote engagement and participation
- To build the capacity of Traveller Men to take more control over their health and gain a greater understanding of the wider determinants of health
- To represent the issues of Traveller men's health on a range of forums as relevant
- To work in partnership with relevant agencies to promote the understanding of factors affecting Traveller Men
- To work towards a greater inclusion of Traveller men in mainstream services.

#### **The successful applicant will be required to have:**

- Qualification in Health /Community Development Related Discipline
- And/or training in Community Development or Health
- Experience of delivering health related activities
- Experience of working with the Traveller community
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent computer skills- Word, Excel and Email
- Ability to identify needs and arrange activities accordingly
- Experience of working one to one with clients
- Demonstrated ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team
- Experience in facilitating group activities for Children, Young People and Adults
- A full clean driving licence and own transport to be used at work is essential

### **Hours of work**

This position is for two days per week. This will be negotiated with the Project Coordinator.

### **Location**

The position is based in Roscommon Town with travel required throughout the County and region where necessary.

### **Duties and responsibilities**

The Community Development Worker will be an employee of Roscommon LEADER Partnership as part of the County Roscommon Traveller Health Programme team and will work alongside the Primary Health Care project.

The main duties and responsibilities will include:

- Consultation with Traveller Men throughout the county on their needs in relation to the project and develop suitable projects to address the needs identified
- Build on the work already undertaken by the programme with Traveller Men and service providers and work with relevant staff on actions outlined in programme service plan
- Provide information and sign posting to Traveller Men on local services and supports
- To raise awareness and provide opportunities for Traveller men to gain a greater understanding of the determinants of health and the services that they can access
- Work with other Traveller projects to share information and develop activities to support Men's health and wellbeing
- Develop activities for Adults and Children & Young People to enhance Health and Wellbeing
- To work in partnership with relevant agencies to promote the understanding of factors affecting Traveller Men
- Represent and highlight Traveller Men's health and support participation & engagement by Traveller Men on a range of forums where relevant
- Support Traveller Men increasing participation and engagement in local services
- Work within Roscommon LEADER Partnership staff policies and procedures
- Manage required administration, IT, data keeping and reporting for the post
- Attend training when required to increase capacity of staff and the project
- Any other duties deemed necessary by the management.