

**Wexford Local Development have exciting opportunities available.  
We are now inviting applications for the following positions**

## **Community Engagement Worker(s) x 2 Bunclody**

### **Context:**

Wexford Local Development is a non-governmental organisation working to support the development of thriving, resilient communities where people feel connected, are valued and have equal opportunity to reach their full potential.

Empowering Communities Programme is one of a number of national programmes delivered at local level by WLD on behalf of the Government in order to create opportunities that promote equality and inclusion and improve quality of life for people and communities. This work is informed by our core values of respect, equality, leadership, inclusion and integrity.

Some local areas continue to face significant challenges that affect the quality of life for those living there. Challenges have persisted in these areas over many years, despite a range of existing services, supports and activities within the areas. As a step towards addressing these issues, Wexford Local Development, in collaboration with the Department of Rural & Community Development, are developing the **Empowering Communities Programme in Bunclody**. The Empowering Communities Programme (ECP) is a new programme that will use a community development approach to address social exclusion, build community leadership and work towards the alleviation of impacts of poverty in Bunclody with a specific focus on the local areas of Carrig Ban; Strawberry Hill; Hospital Hill; Ard Colm; Ryland Wood; Patrick's Way & surrounds as appropriate. Community Engagement Workers will work closely in collaboration with people living in these areas & with other local stakeholders.

### **About the Role:**

The **Community Engagement Workers** will play a key role in the broader WLD Community Development Team. Working collaboratively with communities in Bunclody where there are high levels of disadvantage and with individuals who have been marginalised or denied full inclusion in Irish society. The Community Engagement Workers will strive to understand & document the hidden dimensions of poverty in areas of Bunclody by reaching out and listening to people living in what is; according to the deprivation scales, the most disadvantaged area in Co. Wexford.

We are looking for experienced community workers with a background in community development work with experience of working with marginalised communities with excellent interpersonal, leadership and team skills, who are passionate about supporting people and communities to reach their full potential and are energised about improving communities and making a positive difference.



**The key responsibilities of this role include;**

- 1. Outreach, promotional activity and collaborative networking** to identify, build engagement and participation in the local community and to identify supportive resources. Development and constant updating of a knowledge base of relevant local services.
- 2. Engage with individuals living in target communities through outreach**, in order to identify and to gain an understanding of the needs/issues in the community. Empower and strengthen the capacity of local community groups and individuals to be part of community planning and decision making structures.
- 3. Planning for the future; developing strategies; building alliances; community planning**, developing community responses, ongoing evaluating and reflection.
- 4. Preparing concise activity and progress reports and case studies, ensuring that the learning from this programme is captured** and shared within the organisation, with the funders of the Empowering Communities Programme and in relevant policy arenas.

**The Ideal candidate will be required to;**

- ✓ **Have achieved Level 7 on the National Framework of Qualifications or equivalent relevant training or professional experience, in a discipline appropriate to the role.**
- ✓ **A minimum of 3 years direct experience working with marginalised individuals and/or communities**
- ✓ **Have excellent communication skills, analytical and problem solving skills**
- ✓ **Access to transport and a full clean driving licence as travelling and outreach is a key part of the role.**

The positions are being offered on a **full time basis 35 hours per week for an initial 12 month period** and will be subject to continued government funding. The salary for these positions is **€36,335 p.a.** subject to experience.

Full role description available on <https://www.wld.ie/careers-2/>

If you are interested in applying for this position please e-mail your CV and letter of application marked **Community Engagement Worker** to [hr@wld.ie](mailto:hr@wld.ie)

Closing date for receipt of applications is **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon.**

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