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**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Title of Job**: Community Food & Nutrition Worker

**Summary**: The purpose of the role is to address food poverty and to build nutritional capacity, knowledge and skills across communities. This is not a clinical role.  The post-holder will not provide clinical, therapeutic, or nutritional interventions or care.     The ideal candidate will have direct personal knowledge of the community and voluntary sector and/or have a positive track record of working collaboratively in community settings.   Please note that some evening work may be required

**Responsible to**: Employment, Training & Enterprise Manager

**Salary:** Circa €42K

**Main Duties**:

Leadership & Development

* Work with and support a range of statutory and community organisations to develop and implement evidence based effective responses to improving the food environment in communities, addressing food poverty and reducing health inequalities as part of Sláintecare Healthy Communities
* Operate & manage a Social Shop in Mulhuddart and to scope out the potential for same in other locations
* To liaise closely with Empower’s Child & Family Team to ensure appropriate referrals are in place and to maximise best outcomes for service users
* Support the delivery of workshops and programmes to a range of key targeted groups in the community, based on the national Healthy Eating Guidelines - Healthy Food for Life, Healthy Eating for one, Healthy Aging, Healthy Eating for Menopause, Healthy Eating for all, Community Kitchen,

Communication

* Work with local Sláintecare Healthy Communities committees
* Work with local HSE Health Promotion Service
* Work collaboratively with the Healthy Food Made Easy Coordinator as necessary, and deliver HFME courses as peer leader when required
* Work collaboratively with others to assist with communications, PR, and promotional activities, where appropriate

Co-ordination

* Co-ordinate the activation of agreed national campaigns that address healthy lifestyles and Healthy Food for Life guidelines in local communities
* Manage & co-ordinate the running of the Social Shop in Mulhuddart
* Map all poverty supports in the Sláinte Care Area and develop a collaborative network with other organisations
* To assist in the role out & delivery of Food Dudes & Baby Food Made Easy

Training Needs

* Identify and respond to nutrition training needs and resource development arising from strategic national and local agendas and participate in agreed networks and collaborations

Monitoring & Feedback

* Report to the Employment, Training & Enterprise Manager
* Meet with the HSE Senior Community Dietician who will support this role and discuss strategies for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Programme and provide feedback on programme activities
* Evaluation, monitoring and collection of data to demonstrate the level of participation and impact within communities and the effectiveness of nutrition interventions

Admin

* Undertake administrative duties, related to the post, as required
* Complete NSP individual registration forms and forward required participant data to the HSE

Additional Duties

* Contribute to workplace Health and Safety
* Undertake any other relevant tasks as may be assigned from time to time

**Person Specification**

Candidates must demonstrate all of the following as relevant to the role:

* Significant work experience in a role that has involved health promotion and improvement
* Experience in the area of health behaviour change
* Experience of working collaboratively with multiple stakeholders
* Have the requisite knowledge and experience to carry out the duties of the post to meet the needs of all stakeholders

**Essential:**

* A minimum of a Level 8 qualification in the area of nutrition and health (outlined below)
* Must be a member of, or eligible for membership of the Association for Nutrition (AfN) via the direct entry pathway
* A full clean driver’s licence & access to a car
* Garda Vetting is a requirement for this role

**Qualifications and eligibility criteria**

The minimum eligibility criteria of a Level 8 qualification in the area nutrition and health. For convenience included is a table of courses from Irish academic bodies deemed to meet these criteria:

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| **Institute** | **Course** |
| Athlone Institute of Technology | BSc Hons Nutrition and Health Science |
| Institute of Technology Sligo | BSc Hons Nutrition and Health Science |
| Munster Technical University (previously Cork  Institute of Technology) | BSc Hons Nutrition and Health Science |
| Technological University Dublin | BSc Hons Public Health Nutrition |
| University College Dublin | BSc Hons Human Nutrition |
| University College Cork | BSc Hons Nutritional Sciences |
| Dublin Institute of Technology | BSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics |
| Technological University Dublin | BSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics |
| University College Dublin | MSc in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics |
| University of Limerick | MSc Human Nutrition and Dietetics |