

West Limerick Resources CLG wishes to recruit a

Social Farming Regional Development Officer (RDO)

for the Social Farming Ireland Network

Key responsibilities

- Work closely with the Management and staff of West Limerick Resources to deliver on their contract to deliver the regional hub of the national Social Farming network.
- Work closely with the National Project Manager / National Project Coordinator and Research / Policy officer in Leitrim Development Company in the implementation of the project work packages.
- Encourage the active participation of many local and regional stakeholders in the key project activities.
- To engage with people with disabilities and mental ill health and others who wish to choose Social Farming and also to engage with their families, advocates, professionals and services who work with them.
- Develop, facilitate and drive strategic collaborative partnerships and networks focused on developing appropriate initiatives to support the development of Social Farming in the region.
- Build strong working relationships with key stakeholders in the health & social care sectors.
- Provide support to farmers & farm families to participate in the network, which may include leading, participating in, or assisting with various elements of the project such as provision of information, guidance, mentoring.
- Administer participant placements on Social Farms and ensure that all requisite records are maintained.
- Administer available budgets for Social Farming placements and prepare reports for funders.
- Plan/organise regional network events (workshops, meetings, seminars and study visits) associated with the development work in all counties of the region.
- Understand, be aware of and comply with all issues regarding safeguarding and health and safety for farmers and social farming participants.
- Attend any compulsory training organised by the WLR and Social farming Ireland team and participate in other training events or courses relevant to your role.
- Communicate and report to WLR and the project management on all aspects of the Network Development and attend Management and team meetings usually held online and in Tullamore.
- Any other duties as designated by WLR and the National Project Manager / National Project Coordinator under the Contract.

The successful candidate will be:

- Well organised and results driven
- Non-judgemental, empathetic and have a person-centred approach.
- Experienced in supporting people who are excluded, who have a disability or mental ill health or other challenges and/ or supporting the farming community.



Skills:

- Interpersonal and communication skills necessary to establish trusting relationships with people and all stakeholder groups and encourage engagement with the social farming support.
- Excellent organisational skills both for own work and network events within the region.
- Strong administrative skills, finance, I.T., CRM databases, recording and reporting, and attention to detail.
- Influencing and negotiating skills.
- Teamwork; be a positive contributor to small dynamic ambitious national team who deliver the Social Farming Network (SoFI) and provide support across all sectors of the practice.
- A knowledge of health & social care policy and an understanding of linking Social Farming practice to national policies.
- Project delivery experience

Requirements:

- Third Level qualification and/or relevant project management experience in health & social care, and/ or rural and community development and or social inclusion.
- Demonstrable capacity of practical programme delivery
- Some evidence of working creatively in a collaborative manner across sectors including social care services.
- A strong understanding of and commitment to inclusion and equality
- Able to work outside of normal office hours on occasions and travel across the region frequently (travel expenses at the appropriate rate will be paid in respect of travel necessarily performed in the discharge of duty).
- Full clean driving licence with own transport.

Location: Position will be based in the company's office in Newcastle West, Co Limerick with a significant remote/ outreach and travel element across other counties in the region.

Hours per week: 35 hours /week

Duration: A fixed term contract for minimum of a 12 month period, which will be renewed subject to funding and completion of satisfactory probation period.

Remuneration: €34,318 per annum based on 35hr week

Shortlisting may apply. A panel may be formed from which future positions can be filled.

Garda vetting is required for the successful candidate.

To apply, please submit completed application form available to download from [Vacancies - West Limerick Resources](#) and cover letter marked **Confidential** by email to info@wlr.ie before **5pm on Monday 9th December 2024.**

Interviews are expected to take place during the week commencing Monday 16th December 2024 in Limerick

West Limerick Resources CLG is committed to a policy of Equality of Opportunity in its employment practices.

