

Title of Post	Project Worker Fulltime (37 hours) – Limerick Homemaker
Location	Barnardos Family Support Service, Bishop Street, Limerick
Employment Type	Maternity cover (37 hours)
Salary (Depending on Experience)	€32,896- €50,848
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Closing Date	Thursday 12 December 2024
Interview Date	Wednesday 18 December 2024

Project Worker Job Description

To develop and implement programmes that respond to the needs of children and families referred to the service working in partnership with families and other organisational, community and voluntary bodies.

Core Job Requirements

- To assess the needs of the children and the families engaging with the project using Barnardos Assessment framework and Meitheal.
- To plan, implement and review programmes for children/young people/carers/families based on an assessment of their individual and group needs.
- To be vigilant for signs of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect and any concerns regarding the welfare of children. To record concerns promptly and accurately. To consult with the Designated Person and take appropriate action in accordance with Barnardos Child Protection policy.
- To work with children/young people/carers/families in a variety of ways, including group work, individual work and family work, centre based and outreach work.
- To key work individual children/young people/carers/families in order to meet their needs and to advocate on their behalf.
- To liaise effectively with families and other statutory, community and voluntary bodies and to attend and contribute to reviews, case conferences and court as required.
- To work in partnership with other Barnardos services to best meet the needs of children and families by collaborating resources with planned interventions targeting groups/families of shared need.
- To keep regular records in relation to all aspects of work and prepare reports as required.

- To gather information statistics and prepare reports as required, including administration of databases as appropriate to the role.
- To identify and document to the line manager any unmet needs of children/young people/carers/families within the service and to participate in the advocacy work of the agency.

Requirements specific to this post:

- To work with children aged 0-8 and their families
- To work with migrant families using the range of service offered.

Note: This Job Description will be reviewed and updated in line with the needs of the work.

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Person Specification**

Personal Attributes

- Commitment to the delivery of quality services to children, young people, families and carers.
- Ability to act on own initiative and consult where appropriate.
- Ability to work under pressure, make decisions in consultation with the line manager when appropriate.
- To be committed to adhering to best practice in the work and be innovative and open to change.
- Flexibility and adaptability are essential for this post.
- Ability to form objective relationships with children, young people, families/carers, colleagues and other agencies.

Experience

- A minimum of 2 years post qualification experience of working with vulnerable children and families.
- Experience of working in partnership with families and carers.
- Experience of planning, implementing and reviewing programmes with children and/or families.

Qualifications

A recognised third level practice qualification¹ (minimum Level 7 on the QQI) in one of the following:

Early Childhood Care and Education

Social Care

Education

Social Work

Youth Work

Or related discipline (Nursing, Psychology, Early Years Education).

A full driving licence and access to the use of a suitably insured car essential.

The post holder is initially assigned to work in the Limerick City Homemaker Service and may be required in the future to work in other project(s) in the Limerick area in line with organisational needs.

¹ Course content should include relevant student placements