



Job Description

Let's Grow Together! Infant & Childhood Partnerships CLG

Temporary Research Assistant

1 part-time temporary post available (21 hours per week)

Employer: Let's Grow Together! Infant & Childhood Partnerships CLG.

Location: Let's Grow Together premises in Knocknaheeny or nominated location. An element of the work may be suitable for completion from home but there will be an ongoing requirement to work regularly from Let's Grow Together sites.

Contract: This is a temporary position with an anticipated duration of 10 weeks commencing in July. This may be extended based on operational needs and funding.

Hours of work: This is a part-time post of 21 hours per week spread over 3 days from Monday to Friday. Occasional out of hours working may be required for which a time off in lieu system is in operation.

Salary: Point 7 UCC Research Assistant scale: €19,160 per annum (based on a 21 hour week)

Recruitment: Open recruitment adhering to the Let's Grow Together! Infant & Childhood Partnerships CLG recruitment policy.

Background

Since January 2021, Let's Grow Together! Infant & Childhood Partnerships CLG has assumed the work of Young Knocknaheeny Area Based Childhood Programme. It is situated in the Northwest area of Cork City and its work is delivered by an interdisciplinary team, in partnership with the community, local services and agencies. The main objective of Let's Grow Together! Infant & Childhood Partnerships CLG is to govern, support and develop area-based prevention and early intervention programming and approaches that support early childhood development, relationships, and environments; to set the foundations for infant and child development, learning, wellbeing, quality of life and outcomes; and by doing so mitigate the intergenerational impact of child poverty and get all children's lives off to the best possible start.

The subsidiary objectives are:

- Respectfully enhancing skills and early childhood development knowledge of all parents, practitioners, and services.
- Strengthening and supporting all relationships and environments that are important to every child's early development.
- Embedding systems and community change to support early childhood development.
- Undertaking participatory learning and evaluation, documenting, and policy development.

This work is underpinned by an innovative Infant Mental Health Framework and draws on best evidence and practice.

The core work of Let's Grow Together! Infant & Childhood Partnerships CLG is funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and is part of the Area Based Childhood Programme within the TUSLA Child & Family Agency.

Our Vision

Our communities are places where children experience happy, healthy, and thriving childhoods that last a lifetime, and no child is left behind.

Our Mission

To work in partnership with everyone important in children's lives, sharing knowledge, skills, and resources, empowering families, and enabling children through their relationships and in their communities to be nurtured, fulfilled, achieving and learning.

Job Purpose

- To consolidate and complete the outstanding research studies currently underway in Let's Grow Together
- To generate outputs from these pieces of work
- To establish potential data sets or potential comparative data sets, i.e. The Growing Up in Ireland (GUI) Study
- To assist in the development of plans for a longitudinal study

This post may apply to newly qualified graduates or post-doctoral researchers. The Research Assistant will be mentored by a supervisor and supported by an inter-disciplinary group of UCC partners.

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This will include (but is not limited to):

- Conducting a wide range of research related activities such as data collection, collation, and analysis
- Engaging in the dissemination of research findings; development of policy papers, submission to peer-reviewed journals, local information sharing sessions, conference proposals and presentations
- Carrying out administrative work to support the programme of research

- Acquiring generic and transferable skills (including project management and research group coordination)
- Engaging in the wider research and activities of the organisation and its UCC based research group
- Contributing to the publication process
- Carrying out additional duties as may reasonably be required within the general scope and level of the post

Person Specification/Criteria

The ideal candidate will have:

- A Master's Degree or PhD qualification in psychology, Early Years and/or public health related disciplines
- 2+ years of research experience to include data collection, data analysis (qualitative and quantitative), report writing, and the development and management of large data sets using Microsoft Excel
- An understanding of community organisations working in disadvantaged areas
- Appropriate technical competence and accomplishment to undertake thematic analysis
- A capability of working within a project team to achieve results
- Good communication, organisation, and interpersonal skills
- The ability to work well within a team
- A commitment to gaining practical experience working on a research project

Please note that Garda Vetting and international police checks may form part of the selection process.

Application Details

Informal enquiries in confidence in advance of closing date by email only to Lynn Buckley at Lynn@letsgrowtogether.ie

Please apply by email only admin@letsgrowtogether.ie with a C.V. and cover letter (Word or PDF format preferred), clearly setting out your interest, qualifications, knowledge, skills and experience relevant to the role. The closing date for all applications is Thursday 14th July at 1.00pm (no late applications will be accepted).

It is anticipated that interviews for prospective candidates for this post will take place during the week commencing Monday 18th July with the successful candidate taking up the role shortly after interview.

Canvassing will disqualify.

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