

Job Description

Title:	Project Worker
Location:	Grange Lodge, 7 Stanhope Street, Dublin 7
Reporting to:	Project Leader
Primary Purpose:	To work as part of a team in a short-term residential service providing accommodation for 16-18 year olds who are out of home or at risk of becoming homeless.

Key Responsibilities

- 1 To work within the framework of the overall objective of Focus Ireland the values of the agency.
- 2 To work as part of a team within the framework of the policies and procedures in place for the project or as directed by the project leader, assistant project leader or section manager.
- 3 To act as a key worker for individual young people and work in partnership with agencies external to Focus Ireland in relation to young people referred to the service.
- 4 To participate in drawing up individualised programmes exploring clients experiences of homelessness and support clients to break this cycle and in doing so prepare clients to their move-on to an identified placement or to independent living.
- 5 To advocate on a young person's behalf for housing, social work, social welfare, education, training and legal rights.
- 6 To support young people accommodated in the service in conjunction with their statutory care plan and work with the young person to develop and maintain an individual placement plan.

- 7 To refer and support young people referring to external agencies that may further assist them with the personal, social, educational, employment, legal and accommodation needs.
- 8 To record and maintain records in relation to the project and individual clients in accordance with statutory requirements and health and safety legislation.
- 9 To attend and participate in team, review and agency meetings as required.
- 10 To assist in the implementation of the settlement policies and strategies of Focus Ireland.
- 11 To work in close liaison with and co-operate with other Focus Ireland projects.
- 12 To prepare and engage in supervision sessions on a regular basis with the Assistant/Project Leader
- 13 To undertake such other duties as might be reasonably assigned to you from time to time in consultation with the Project Leader
- 14 To observe all Health, Safety and Welfare at Work regulations and notify management of any risks or concerns you may have in relation to same
- 15 To agree to take part in a 7 day, 24 hour roster

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This role is subject to Garda Vetting and satisfactory reference checking

Criteria: Project Worker, Grange Lodge

Essential Requirements:

- A relevant Third Level qualification at degree level i.e. social care, psychology, sociology
- Proven direct work experience in a social care setting at a project worker level or equivalent.
- Experience of supporting marginalized clients/groups preferably adolescents
- A working knowledge and insight into the social issues (e.g. substance abuse) that affect young people, in particular young people, who have or are experiencing homelessness.
- Ability to manage and support clients in crisis who present with challenging behaviours based on the values and principles of best practice in Focus Ireland

Skills and Competencies:

- Working knowledge and understanding of Child Protection
- Experience of key working, assessments and care planning
- Excellent report writing and IT skills
- Ability to work well in a team environment
- Reliability and flexibility

Desirable Requirements:

- A working knowledge and understanding of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention model