



Name of Employer Kildare Traveller Action

Role: Traveller Education Support Worker

Number of Hours 19.5 hours (flexible hours) until 31st December 2023

Salary commensurate with experience

The Traveller Education Officer will have two main areas of responsibility.

1. Supporting the roll out and coordination of a peer led research project on the needs and barriers of Travellers in education in Co. Kildare.¹
2. Providing advocacy and support to Travellers in access and right to education².

Role requirements;

- A commitment to working from an anti-racist and equality perspective,
- Excellent writing skills to include report writing and/or funding applications,
- Capacity to work independently,
- Ability to provide 1:1 education advocacy support for Traveller families,
- Excellent communication skills,
- Excellent IT and social media skills.

Role responsibilities & tasks;

- Co-ordinate the completion of an education focused peer research project in conjunction with peer researchers from the Traveller community and an external consultant researcher,
- Support families with 1:1 educational advocacy support,
- Support the establishment of an interagency group to consider educational disadvantage for Travellers living in county Kildare.
- Provide 1:1 support to Traveller families regarding educational support and advocacy,

¹ This peer led research project will identify areas of priority for action for transformative change in education in the county.

² For the purposes of this role, we are understanding "education" to include pre-school, primary & post primary levels.

- Liaise with the consultant researcher around the research set up, implementation and final outcomes,
- Provide support and supervision to the peer educators whose role it will be to engage Traveller families in the research project,
- Work with Traveller families to explore the impact of educational disadvantage on their lives,
- During the research process continually identify the barriers and create the conditions for meaningful participation by Travellers in education that improve life chances,
- Develop relationships with schools to advocate on behalf of Traveller students and families,
- Work with Peer worker to develop information for families related to education support.
- Provide support guidance to Education peer worker
- Promote the Right to Education, Sustainable Development Goals and human rights-based approaches to getting better outcomes for members of the Traveller community from education,
- Compile progress reports as required,
- Lead out on promoting the research project on social media platforms such as Twitter, TikTok and Facebook,
- Develop social media posts to increase the participation of Traveller parents and young people in the research process,
- Use multimedia approaches to increase Traveller engagement ie. Video messaging, podcast, audio, poster design,
- Participate in KTA/CKLP internal structures as appropriate.
- Represent this peer research project on different fora as appropriate,
- Undertake duties as required by the line management.

Applications can be made by submitting a Curriculum vitae and Cover letter to Petra@kildaretravelleraction.ie by 3pm on 3rd July 2023.

Interviews will take place on 7th July 2023.

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