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| Title of Post | Project Worker, Homemaker Service (Limerick) |
| Location | Barnardos Homemaker, Limerick |
| Employment Type | Full-Time (37 hours per week) & Specific Purpose Contract (Maternity Cover) |
| Salary | €37,498 - €57,961 (Depending on Experience) |
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| Closing Date | Wednesday 29 th April 2026 |
| Interview Date | TBA |

Project Worker

Job Description

Job Purpose

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

- Assess the needs of the children and the families engaging with the projects.
- Plan, implement and review programmes for children/young people/carers/families based on an assessment of their individual and group needs. This includes direct work through key working, group sessions, outreach, and centre-based activities, as well as advocacy at both individual and group level.
- 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.
- Work directly with children, young people, carers, and families through a range of approaches—including individual, group, family, centre-based, and outreach work—providing key working support where appropriate and advocating on their behalf to meet identified needs.
- Liaise effectively with families and other statutory, community and voluntary bodies and to attend and contribute to reviews and case conferences as required.
- 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.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of all aspects of work, including the collection of statistical data, preparation of reports, and administration of relevant databases, in line with service requirements
- 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 from 0 to 8 years of age and their families.

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' experience, comprising:

- Of at least 1 year post-qualification experience
- And up to 1 year equivalent relevant pre-qualification experience working with vulnerable children and families may be considered.

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 e.g. Psychology/ Counselling / Nursing, etc.

Applicants with a Social Care or Social Work qualification must be registered with CORU as a Social Care Worker or Social Worker respectively.

Those eligible for CORU registration who are currently in the process of registration through their qualification, or under CORU's transitional arrangements (grandparenting route), will be required to provide evidence that this is in process.

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

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

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¹ Course content should include relevant student placements