

Title of Post	Project Worker
Location	South Region – Ennis, Co.Clare
Employment Type	Part Time (18.5 Hours Per Week) & Fixed Term Contract - 3 Years
Salary	€18,749 - €28,981 (Pro-rated salary for 18.5 hrs)
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Closing Date	Thursday, 18th December 2025 @12pm
Interview Date	TBC

Information Note

Post: Project Worker

Location: Ennis, Co.Clare - South Region

Responsible to: Project Co Ordinator and Family Support Project Leader

Works with: Barnardos staff, service users and other agencies.

Who does the service work with?

In your role as a Project Worker, you will young parents (up to 24 years of age) and their children (up to 2 years of age), along with the wider family of the parent.

The service also works closely with many other community partners across County Clare including for example Tusla, Schools and Educational Supports, Youth Services, HSE services such as PHN and Maternity Hospitals.

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

Provide family support to children and families living in Co Clare

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 total of 2 years' experience, comprising:

- 1 year post-qualification experience, and
- 1 year prior qualification experience working with vulnerable children and families

Qualifications

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

- Social Care
- Education
- Social Work
- Youth Work
- Or related discipline (Nursing, Psychology, Early Years Education).

Applicants must be registered or eligible for registration with CORU as a Social Care Worker. This includes those currently in the process of registration under CORU's transitional arrangements (grandparenting route). Candidates who meet the eligibility criteria but have not yet completed registration are encouraged to apply. However, you will be required to provide proof of registration or evidence they have initiated the application process.

Full driving licence and access to the use of a suitably insured vehicle essential.

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