

COMMUNICATIONS INTERNSHIP

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EAPN Ireland supports a network of over two hundred local, regional and national organisations and individuals' committed to tackling poverty through a range of actions including community development, policy analysis and lobbying, campaigning and participation. EAPN Ireland aims to build the capacity of its membership to engage with national and European policy making through training, information dissemination, collective action and networking. Further information is available on our website: www.eapn.ie.

EAPN Ireland welcomes the support of interns and believes that they make an important contribution to the work of the organisation. Our internship programme is designed to benefit the individual intern and the organisation, through an agreed programme of work which is designed and monitored jointly. As part of a small team, interns can expect to be involved in a range of activities and be directly involved in the core work of the Network. During their time with EAPN Ireland interns will be supported to develop skills across a whole of areas.

EAPN Ireland regrets that it does not have the resources to offer any remuneration; as such internships are unpaid.

The ideal period of an information and campaigns internship is 3-6 months. Internships are full time. However, requests for part-time or flexible working internships will be given full consideration where the applicant demonstrates that this would assist to overcome financial obstacles or otherwise to increase the diversity of the background of our interns.

Internship description

Communications interns work closely with the Coordinator and the Policy Officer. Responsibilities will include to:

- Research and draft member information products.
- Website development and maintenance.
- Social networking.
- Assist in the implementation of EAPN Ireland campaigns.
- Coordinate and help organise EAPN Ireland regional and national meetings.
- Attend and report on external meetings.

Application process

EAPN Ireland strives to ensure that opportunities offered are accessible to all regardless of gender, marital status, family status, age, race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, membership of the Traveller community, or socio-economic status. EAPN Ireland seeks to ensure that intern opportunities are open to a wide range of candidates. The following criteria are desirable, however they will be assessed in the context of the benefit of an internship to both the individual and the organisation:

- Commitment to equality and social inclusion
- Qualification in a relevant field such as communications, social policy, sociology, EU studies, politics, law, community work, etc.
- Knowledge of EU institutions and social policy
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work as part of a small team, and independently as required
- Relevant work and/or voluntary experience
- Desire to work in the non-profit sector.

Applications should include:

- Letter of interest detailing your motivation for applying or this internship
- Full Curriculum Vitae
- Brief writing sample of no more than 2000 words.

Applications should be made in writing to: Communications Internship Programme, EAPN Ireland, First Floor, Strand House, 22 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1, by email: enquiries@eapn.ie.

If you are short-listed you will be invited to attend an interview or to participate in a telephone interview.

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