

# Education & Outreach Officer Job Description

#### **About Financial Justice Ireland**

Financial Justice Ireland (formerly Debt and Development Coalition Ireland) is a global financial justice organisation. We work to see a fair and just society for everyone and a financial system that serves the needs of all people, rather than just some people, and which does not take the planet for granted. We seek to empower people in Ireland to take informed action for greater economic justice in Ireland and in the Global South.

This role will support our work delivering high-quality critical development education across Ireland, about global financial injustice, in the adult informal, formal post-primary and further education sectors. We critically engage people to understand the structural causes of global inequality and power relations. Tackling inequality and achieving a fairer society requires critiquing power structures in our society and globally - highlighting the causes of inequality, rather than the symptoms.

# The Role

The **Education & Outreach Officer will** work with the Global Citizenship Education Coordinator who leads on GCE interventions and projects, as well as FJI's Director to advance, develop and implement current and future education and outreach interventions and projects. Current projects include:

# 1. WorldWise Global Schools: Deepening Learning and Engagement for Financial Justice Education

This project runs until May 2023 with the final report due at the end of May. We have been delivering WorldWise Global Schools (WWGS) projects since 2016, and subject to renewed funding, we expect to continue WWGS delivery beyond 2023.

The **Education & Outreach Officer will** provide support with the piloting and integrating of feedback on our new cross-curricular educational resource for Transition Year on climate change and the economic system; develop a draft resource on degrowth and donut economics; launch our Financial Justice Walking Tour guide; create smaller knowledge products for the post-primary sector; support FJI with teacher training workshops and other capacity building and outreach activities with our network of post-primary teachers.

2. Irish Aid: Deepen and Build - Strengthening the landscape of critical Global Citizenship Education in Ireland

This role will support the delivery of our Irish Aid-funded development education programme activities including, but not limited to, the delivery of our annual education courses for adult learners and supporting the design and implementation of capacity building events such as seminars and workshops for the voluntary and community sector, Third Level Colleges and Initial Teacher Education. The role will include supporting coordination work with artists and community arts practitioners/educators and developing FJI's relationships and partnerships in this area.

# 3. Erasmus+: Fresh up Economics: Towards Economic Literacy for Resilient Work in Europe

This project began in December 2021. It involves working with NGO and university partners across Europe to develop educational materials to support economic literacy in adult education. The successful candidate will work with key partners to progress the project overall. The key elements over two years are to create resources to support adult educators and trainers to teach on certain topics related to economics and the world of work. As well as resource development capacity, and strong didactic and communications skills, this project also requires availability to travel and participate in international meetings.

# 4. Eurodad: The European Network on Debt and Development

This project, with one of FJI's key European allies, has been running since 2019 and has been focused on network strengthening and educational resource development with European partners across the EURODAD network. The successful candidate will support research, educational resource development, and the publication and launch of a new tax educational toolkit in coordination with European allies.

# **Key responsibilities:**

- 1. Supporting educational resource development in areas of economic justice, climate change, donut economics and degrowth.
- 2. Organise and facilitate capacity building workshops/seminars for:
  - secondary school teachers based on our resources regarding bringing global citizenship education themes and methodologies into their classroom.
  - o non-formal education groups, such as adult and community, bringing the themes of financial justice into their respective activities
- 3. Resource development, participation in international meetings, and event organising for our Erasmus+ project for the development and promotion of our shared learning platforms for adult education stakeholders in Ireland.
- 4. Supporting the further development and promotion of our walking tour of the Irish Financial Services Centre.
- 5. Develop other strategic and curriculum-linked knowledge products for post-primary teachers.
- 6. Support our 'Train the Trainer' and 'Econo...wha?' courses in the adult and community education sectors, as well as our Initial Teacher Education sessions for trainee teachers.
- 7. Maintain and create, where necessary, robust systems of evaluation for our Financial Justice Ireland's work, to maximise our ability to measure impact and report effectively on our work.

- 8. Report as necessary to funders.
- 9. Input into funding applications as necessary.
- 10. Collaborate closely with the GCE Coordinator and Communications and Media consultant to ensure promotion and dissemination of all activities through the appropriate channels.
- 11. Proactively seek and secure the support of sectoral stakeholders to build support for FJI's projects.
- 12. Carry out additional tasks deemed necessary for the effective delivery of all projects.

# **Competencies and Attributes**

The successful candidate should possess the following:

- An energy and passion for global justice work
- A strong commitment to and understanding of Financial Justice Ireland's core values and mission statement
- An excellent understanding of global relationships from a justice perspective
- Excellent communications skills
- Excellent organisational skills for planning and delivering own programme of work
- Excellent time management skills
- Flexibility and willingness to occasionally work evenings and weekends and to travel in Ireland and Europe as required insofar (and in accordance with guidelines on travel at the time)
- Excellent group facilitation skills, both online and in person
- An ability to work both independently and as part of a team

### **Qualifications and Skills:**

- At least 3 years' experience in development education / global citizenship education / community work / education for sustainable development
- Experience of developing development education / global citizenship education resources and materials for the post-primary sector
- Experience with delivery of development education / global citizenship education in adult populations
- Experience of working with teachers
- A proven ability to write coherently and to a high standard
- An ability to use basic IT tools such as MailChimp, Canva and social media

### Desirable experience:

- Experience within the NGO sector focusing on informal adult education
- A relevant third level qualification in development, education or economic justice
- Campaigning experience on global justice issues
- Experience working at the intersection of with development education / community work / creative and artistic methodologies
- Experience with outreach and engagement with arts practitioners and community education
- Experience of working with WorldWise Global Schools

• Experience being part of EU projects

**Accountability:** The Education & Outreach Officer will report to the FJI Director.

**Location of Position:** Dublin. (Hybrid working arrangement between office in Dublin and remote working can be considered.)

**Salary:** The salary available for the Education & Outreach Officer role is €41,000 Pro rata 2.5 days/week.

Deadline for applications: Midnight on 10th February 2023

**Proposed Start Date:** 22nd February 2023, or as early as possible.

This is a 2-year fixed term position, subject to ongoing funding.

**How to Apply:** If you are interested in this role, please send your CV and a cover letter (of no more than 2 pages each) outlining why you are interested in the role, how your experience aligns with the job description and what you can bring to the role. Email: <a href="mailto:thomas@financialjustice.ie">thomas@financialjustice.ie</a>

You can find out more about FJI on our website www.financialjustice.ie