

Debt and Development Coalition Ireland
Development Education Officer
Job Description



Note: The position is a part-time (2 days a week) fixed-term post starting from 15th August 2016 to 30th April 2017. An extension beyond this timeframe may be possible depending on funding.

The main task of the Development Education Officer will be to take the lead in the planning and delivery of a new WorldWide Global Schools-funded project, 'Grassroots to Government: Embedding financial justice in the Leaving Cert curriculum.' This project aims to produce a curriculum-focused development education resource which will support teachers in delivering the financial justice aspects of both Leaving Certificate Politics and Society and Leaving Certificate Geography. The resource will be based on needs identified by teachers, and created through a process which supports teachers' learning and confidence in delivering the financial justice components of these curricula.

Salary scale: From € 30,038 – 35,163 (pro rata)

Closing date: Sunday 3rd July

Interview date: Monday 11th July

The post-holder will:

1. Carry out a curriculum scoping exercise to identify specific opportunities to link financial justice and development education perspectives with particular learning outcomes;
2. Carry out a survey of existing tools and initial ideas for methodologies that will support teachers to help students achieve learning outcomes through a strong development education lens;

3. Organise and facilitate four group workshops with teachers to help them identify areas of the curriculum where they would like support
4. Based on teacher feedback design and adapt ideas for methodologies and tools which teachers will trial in their own classrooms;
5. Engage with an advisory group set up to support this project to ensure a teacher-focused approach and strong links to curriculum and learning outcomes;
6. Provide ongoing support to teachers who are trialling materials
7. Produce a specification for a resource to support teachers in areas identified through the project;
8. Support DDCI's wider Development education programme, ensuring the work of the organisation is of a high standard.
9. Support and advice on DDCI's informal adult education programme

Requirements

The successful candidate should possess:

- Energy and passion for global justice work.
- Strong commitment to DDCI's core values and mission statement
- Excellent understanding of global relationships from a justice perspective.
- Excellent communication and writing skills, and creativity in approaching her/his work.
- Excellent team worker, able to lead in facilitation and group work contexts
- Excellent organisational skills for planning and delivering own programme of work.
- Flexibility and willingness to work outside normal office hours and to travel in Ireland as required

Essential Skills criteria:

- Third level qualification
- Working Knowledge of the secondary school curriculum
- Experience of working with teachers
- At least 2 years experience in development education

- Proven writing skills
- Previous experience in the development of a teaching resource

Desirable Skills criteria:

- Experience in providing teacher training
- Experience within the NGO sector focusing on both formal and informal adult education.
- Experience of writing education materials for the adult formal and informal sector.
- Qualification in development related studies/with specific emphasis on development education.
- Campaigning experience on global justice issues.
- Subject specific knowledge, ideally of both politics and geography, or at least one of the two

About DDCI

Debt and Development Coalition Ireland (DDCI) is a global financial justice organization, and a national network of more than 40 organisations. We want 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.

We deliver 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.

For more information about Debt and Development Coalition Ireland see:

www.debtireland.org

TO APPLY

Please send your CV and a cover letter to Maeve Bateman at maeve@debtireland.org by **Sunday 3rd July 2016**. The cover letter should outline how you meet the criteria above, how you think your experience to date would support you in carrying out the role, and should be no more than 3 pages.

Interviews will be held on **Monday 11th July**