



Development Education Officer Job Description

About Financial Justice Ireland

Financial Justice Ireland (formerly Debt and Development Coalition Ireland) is a global financial justice organisation. 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 us see: www.financialjustice.ie

The role

We are recruiting a Development Education Officer to join our team. The role is a 4 day per week contract from January - end May 2019 (with possibility of extension). The salary scale for this role is €30,038 – 35,163 pro rata.

We are open to job-sharing possibilities for this role. Many of the activities associated with this role take place during the evenings and some at weekends so this role could fit well around other commitments. We are keen to be as flexible as possible to support working environments that suit candidates' needs.

The Development Education Officer will take the lead in the planning and delivery of two Financial Justice Ireland projects: a WorldWide Schools (WWGS) funded project and an Irish Aid funded project that will target adult learners, university students and pre-service teachers.

The WWGS project includes working with secondary school teachers to support the development of a Junior Certificate Business Studies resource and the delivery of continued professional development workshops with secondary school teachers on existing Politics and Society and Leaving Certificate Geography resources.

The Irish Aid project will be based on delivering and adapting existing Financial Justice Ireland training materials to diverse groups of adult learners, engaging them on global

financial inequality with a focus on how to critically engage and take action. The post will report to, and work closely with, the Director.

Elements of the role:

- Develop educational resources using active learning methodologies for a Business Studies Junior Certificate teaching resource. This includes independent work in creating content for the resource based on input from a working group of Business Studies teachers, trialling resource activities with this group and incorporating their feedback to finalise the resource.
- Facilitate development education workshops with community groups to explore issues of financial justice at a local and global level.
- Support the design and facilitation of a 6 week evening course, 'Econo...wha?', which introduces participants to Economics from a global justice perspective.
- Facilitate capacity building workshops for secondary school and trainee teachers on bringing development education methodologies into their classroom.
- Develop a module of content for further education and third level institutions which supports course providers to bring global financial justice issues into their teaching. This includes working with an advisory group of stakeholders for input and feedback on content, as well as delivery of module content for some courses.

Requirements

The successful candidate should possess:

- Energy and passion for global justice work
- Strong commitment to Financial Justice Ireland's core values and mission statement
- Excellent understanding of global relationships from a justice perspective
- Excellent communications skills 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 evening and weekends and to travel in Ireland as required

Qualifications Required:

- Relevant third level qualification, ideally with specific emphasis on development education.
- Knowledge of the secondary school curriculum
- Experience of working with teachers
- At least 2 years' experience in development education
- Proven writing skills

Desirable:

- Experience within the NGO sector focusing on informal adult education
- Experience of writing education materials for the adult informal sector
- Qualification in development related studies

- Campaigning experience on global justice issues

To apply

If you are interested in this role, please send a CV and a cover letter (no more than 2 pages each) outlining why you are interested in the role, how your experience fits with the job description and what you can bring to it.

Please indicate whether you are interested in the full 4 day a week role or in job sharing. If you're interested in job-sharing please indicate which elements of the role appeal to you and what availability you would have for the role.

The deadline for applications is Friday 4th January. Interviews will take place on a rolling basis so early applications are encouraged.

If you would like to discuss any elements of this role, please contact Deirdre at deirdre@debtireland.org.