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Community Food and Nutrition Worker

Full Time Position

Location: Tallaght
Reports to: Senior Manager Health and Wellbeing
Contract: 1 Year Contract

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South Dublin County Partnership (SDCP) works with people who experience poverty and social exclusion. SDCP promotes social cohesion, active citizenship and labour market participation with a focus on the most disadvantaged neighborhoods in the area.

We offer a range of integrated activities in Community Development, Lifelong Learning, Enterprise and Employment Family and Early Childhood and Health and Wellbeing.

SDCP Health and Wellbeing

We aim to provide people with the information, guidance, support, skills, and services that will empower them to strengthen their health and wellbeing. In SDCP we base our work on the Social Determinates of Health and we offer a large range of health initiatives to help our communities help themselves maintain good health and prevent ill health. We have a multi-disciplinary team whose skills and knowledge ensure that we are meeting the Health and Wellbeing needs of the people we support.

SDCP works in partnership with HSE Health Promotion and Improvement, and the local authority on the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Initiative. Sláintecare Healthy Communities is a cross-government initiative and part of Ireland's Sláintecare reform agenda. The initiative was launched in 2021 to tackle health inequalities by improving long-term health and wellbeing in 19 specific communities across the country. It takes a place-based and collaborative approach, with partnerships between the HSE, local authorities, and community groups to identify and address local health needs. This Community Food and Nutrition Worker post is funded by the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Initiative, through the HSE Health Promotion and Improvement team.

Purpose and scope of post

Food poverty is the inability of individuals and households to secure an adequate and nutritious diet. It can affect those living on low incomes, with limited access to transport and poor cooking skills. Although the cost of healthy food is a major factor, the inability to access a healthy diet is a complex issue that incorporates education, transport, literacy, culture and environmental planning. Poor diet is a major public health issue linked with increased rates of obesity and chronic disease. In Ireland, poor diets are low in fruit and vegetables, fibre-rich foods and oily fish, and are high in energy, saturated fats, salts and sugars due to high intake of confectionary and processed foods. The Irish population reflects this dietary pattern; with 34% of people consuming “unhealthy foods” on a daily basis and just 37% of the population consuming the recommended 5+ portions of fruit and vegetables. The purpose of the post is to address the issues of poor diet and food poverty, and to increase the

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capacity of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Initiative to reduce health inequalities, and improve the health and wellbeing of the local community. This is not a clinical role.

The post-holder will:

- Work within the SDCP Health and Wellbeing Team, and collaborate with the local HSE Health Promotion and Improvement team, to support the needs of the local communities within the allocated Slaintecare Healthy Community Sites. Work with key stakeholders to pilot or improve programmes tackling food poverty and other relevant issues affecting disadvantaged groups;
- Work with and support a range of key stakeholders, including statutory and community organisations, to develop and implement evidence based effective responses to improving the food environment in communities, and work in collaboration with *Safe*food funded Community Food Initiative as appropriate.
- Support the delivery of Healthy Food for Life guidelines focused workshops and community programmes including Healthy Food Made Easy, weaning workshops, healthy eating for older adults to develop the health awareness of individuals, groups and organisations and empowering them to make healthier food choices;
- Co-ordinate the activation of agreed national campaigns that address healthy lifestyles and Healthy Food for Life guidelines in local communities
- Work with the HSE national coordinator to identify and respond to training needs and resource development arising from strategic national and local agendas, and participate in agreed networks and collaborations.
- Compile and provide reports on key performance indicators for HSE Health Promotion and Improvement, in line with National templates
- This is not an exhaustive list of duties and as this is a newly developing role it is expected that the duties will evolve and change.

Qualifications and eligibility criteria

The minimum eligibility criteria for the post include that candidates must have at the latest date of application:

1. **Qualifications**

A minimum of a Level 8 qualification in nutrition and health. See below:

Institute	**Course**
Athlone Institute of Technology	BSc Hons Nutrition and Health Science
Institute of Technology Sligo	BSc Hons Nutrition and Health Science
Munster Technical University (previously Cork Institute of Technology)	BSc Hons Nutrition and Health Science
Technological University Dublin	BSc Hons Public Health Nutrition
University College Dublin	BSc Hons Human Nutrition

University College Cork	BSc Hons Nutritional Sciences
Dublin Institute of Technology	BSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics
Technological University Dublin	BSc in Human Nutrition and Dietetics
University College Dublin	MSc in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics
University of Limerick	MSc Human Nutrition and Dietetics

The post is subject to Garda vetting.

Full clean driving licence and own transport are essential for the position.

Candidates must demonstrate all the following as relevant to the role:

- Significant work experience in a role that has involved health promotion and improvement
- Experience in health behavior change
- Experience of working collaboratively with multiple stakeholders
- Have the requisite knowledge for the proper discharge of the duties of the office

2. Experience

At least 3 years' experience in a role that has involved:

- ✓ Health promotion and improvement, specifically in a community setting an advantage
- ✓ Health behavior change
- ✓ Working collaboratively with multiple stakeholders
- ✓ Excellent communication and presentation skills, and
- ✓ Experience working with pilot/Innovative programmes

3. Health

A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

Salary

• An 8-point incremental salary scale applies, ranging from €35,876 (Point 1) to €50,089 (Point 8)
EO 9*- €52,014
EO 10**- €53,289.
** Long Service after 3 years on Point 8*
*** Long Service after 3 years on point 9*

The salary for this position will be determined based on the successful applicant's qualifications and relevant experience.

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Benefits

- Excellent Pension of 10% employer's contribution after successful probation period.
- Access to HSF private low-cost health fund plan.
- 35 Hour per week (full time)
- Access to Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)

Application Process:

Applicants should pay particular attention to the essential and desirable criteria in the job description, your suitability and why you are the best candidate for this post in question.

Please send an up-to-date detailed CV (no more than 2 pages) which will include the name and contact details of two references, plus a one page cover letter which will clearly outline how you meet the specific criteria relating to this role. *NOTE: no contact will be made with referees before a job offer is made*

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OR alternatively email your application to jobs@sdcpartnership.ie – subject box to be marked **Community Food and Nutrition Worker Ref: 238/2026**

Closing date for receipt of applications: **Friday 23rd October at 5pm.**

Note no late applications will be accepted.

South Dublin County Partnership is an Equal Opportunities Employer and welcomes applicants from a diversity of backgrounds.