**RELIEF SOCIAL CARE/PROJECT WORKERS (WORKING TOWARDS DEGREE)**

**Title of Post: Relief** Residential Social Care/Project Worker

An opportunity to work in the field of social care and develop your professional practice as you are working towards your degree

**About Peter McVerry Trust:** Established in 1983 by Fr Peter McVerry, the charity works with individuals at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, in Dublin, Kildare, Laois and Limerick. Peter McVerry Trust provides a wide range of services in the areas of homelessness prevention, Family Services, housing, homeless services, under 18s residential and drug treatment.

**Our Vision**: “An Ireland that supports all those on the margins and upholds their rights to full inclusion in society.”

**Our Mission:** Peter McVerry Trust is committed to reducing homelessness, the harm caused by drug misuse and social disadvantage. Peter McVerry Trust provides low-threshold entry services, primarily to younger persons with complex needs, and offers pathways out of homelessness based on the principles of the Housing First model within a framework that is based on equal opportunities, dignity and respect.

**Key Responsibilities and Duties:**

* To work for Peter McVerry Trust within the authority delegated to him/her by the Manager/Team Leader/Social Care Leader;
* Meet with the Manager/Team Leader/Social Care Leader at regular intervals regarding the progress of his/her work;
* To assist the Manager/Team Leader/Social Care Leader in the day to day running of the project.

**2.** **To provide direct support to residents through:**

* Intervention, support and supervision;
* When required, advocacy and referral to community services;
* Supervising the behavior of the residents at all times;
* Liaising with the appropriate staff in accessing move-on accommodation for the residents;
* Planning recreational and/or group activities.

**3.** **To assist with residents’ case work through:**

* Communication with staff of Peter McVerry Trust where relevant
* Assisting with resident’s Individual Personal Plans;
* Ensuring that residents are fully informed about all entitlements.

**4. To maintain a safe and healthy living environment through:**

* Adherence to safety and security protocols;
* Ensuring that the environment is maintained to a high standard at all times;
* Assigning routine tasks and domestic duties to residents;
* Keeping stock of household necessities and purchasing weekly groceries;
* Providing meals along with residents to support the development of independent living skills;
* Advice and help to residents with housekeeping needs;
* Mediating disputes and encouraging co-operation.

**5. To respond to requests for service through:**

* Links with other Peter Mc Verry Trust services, screening and assessment;
* Communication of information and referral to resources;
* Offering ongoing support to former residents.

**6. To undertake administrative duties through:**

* Maintaining residents’ details and documentation;
* Actively participating in staff meetings;
* Providing written reports to the Manager/ Team Leader/Social Care Leader where necessary;
* Recording any Incidents / Accidents that may occur.

**7. Change in work programme:**

* It may be necessary, from time to time, for workload to be re-prioritised in order to accommodate workloads in other areas of the organization. Due notice and consultation will be given.

**8. To have a positive and enthusiastic attitude in work:**

* In your interactions with management, staff and residents of the Peter McVerry Trust.
* In your interactions with external agencies while representing the Peter McVerry Trust.

**9.** **Other Duties:**

* Any other duties as designated by the Manager/Team Leader/Social Care Leader.

**Essential competencies:**

* Commitment to providing the highest level of service, communication skills– oral, aural and written, openness to change
* Effective team working, professionalism, respect for others, focus on outcomes, contributing to the prevention and management of challenging behaviour and resilience and positive outlook

**Person Specification:**

**Qualifications and Experience:**

* Working towards Degree level in social care/youth work, addiction studies or related field;
* Essential competencies: Commitment to providing the highest level of service, respect for others, openness to change, communication skills– oral, aural and written, contributing to the prevention and management of challenging behavior, professionalism & maintaining professional boundaries and effective team working. (All other competencies to be reviewed as part of the supervision and support process);
* Ability to work independently and within a team environment and exercise mature judgement;

**To apply, please download the PMVT application form from** <https://pmvtrust.ie/about-us/jobs/project-workers/>**. Completed application forms should be sent to** **recruitment@pmvtrust.ie** **or to the HR Department, 29 Mountjoy Square, Dublin 1**

**Peter McVerry Trust is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

**Closing Date for Applications 30th October 2020**

**Peter McVerry Trust Operations Ltd Registration Number 412953 Charity Number CHY7256**