**Integration Support Worker**

Galway City Partnership clg seeks to recruit for the role of **Integration Support Worker** for BRIDGE. This is a part time position (21 hours per week).

The contract is up to September 30th 2022, subject to funding and performance.

**Job Description**
The Integration Support Worker will work with the BRIDGE project Co-ordinator to implement the Project’s work plan. S/he will work within the aims, objectives and the policies of Galway City Partnership and the BRIDGE Project.

The primary role of the Integration Support Worker will be to deliver ongoing integration support to third country individuals and families living in Galway City and County.

**Your responsibilities will include:**

* Providing outreach in Galway County
* Providing information and advice on education and employment opportunities.
* Connecting individuals and families to local community and voluntary organisations, sports clubs, Church groups and other linkages with the community.
* Delivering training to relevant stakeholders
* Assisting with delivery of project actions
* Identifying and delivering appropriate support to children and vulnerable adults who encounter challenges living in the community having lived long term in Direct Provision.
* Developing and maintaining links with local support agencies and making appropriate referrals to same.
* Identifying concerns and challenges encountered in the delivery of integration and transition supports in order to inform advocacy priorities.
* Working with the co-ordinator to ensure financial management of project.
* Contributing to ensuring that the work of the Project is planned, reviewed and evaluated.
* Maintaining project records and work reports
* Undertake related tasks and responsibilities as directed by the organisation.
* The Support Worker will be expected to be flexible about evening and weekend work for which overtime will not be paid but time-off-in lieu will be granted.

 **Person Specifications**

The successful candidate will have

* A relevant third-level qualification in community development, social work, social science or equivalent combination of education and experience.
* A clear understanding of issues and needs of third country nationals living in Galway.
* Commitment to working from an equality and human rights approach.
* A clear understanding of interculturalism, equality and diversity issues
* Proven track record in advocacy skills
* An understanding and knowledge of the local development sector & local authorities; HSE, ETB, other local agencies and service providers, government departments and local community structures.
* Excellent communication skills
* Experience in delivering training
* Ability to work on own initiative and as part of a team
* A commitment to work from an anti-racist and equality perspective
* Experience of working with vulnerable groups, social exclusion and disadvantaged communities.
* At least one year’s Project Implementation experience.
* An understanding and knowledge of the rights and entitlements of persons dependent on social welfare supports and those on low income.
* Full driving licence and access to own transport is essential

**Salary is Pt 1 of our Project Officer Scale €30,572(pro rata €18,343 for 3 days).**