



An Taisce

The National Trust for Ireland

ROLE: Climate Action Intern

PROGRAMME: Climate Action Programme

SALARY: This position is unpaid (travel and expenses will be provided)

CONTRACT: 12-24 weeks starting Monday 13th January 2025

HOURS: 20 per week

LOCATION: Hybrid role (Dublin/Galway and home)

REPORTING TO: Climate Action Programme Manager

Please send your CV and cover letter to Gráinne Ryan gryan@eeu.antaisce.org by 5pm on Monday 9th December.

WHO WE ARE:

An Taisce is the National Operator for all of the international FEE (Foundation for Environmental Education) programmes. These include Blue Flag, Learning About Forests, Young Reporters for the Environment and Green-Schools, which is known internationally as Eco-Schools. The EEU have also developed many prestigious national programmes such as Clean Coasts and Climate Ambassador.

WHAT WE DO:

We support and facilitate behaviour change and best-practice environmental action, with over 100 highly skilled and dedicated staff working with approximately 1.4 million students, teachers, ambassadors, volunteers and community groups, annually across Ireland, for over 30 years. We have particular expertise in engaging our network of young people and their teachers through Green-Schools. Similarly, through the Climate Ambassador programme, we support leaders in local businesses and communities to take climate action and inspire others via novel climate communications.

THE CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME

The Climate Action Programme was established in 2017 and was originally developed to support the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act of 2015 and the National Mitigation Plan 2017. More recently, development and implementation has focussed on a number of key actions set out in the Climate Action Plan. For Ireland to achieve a just transition, we know we need rapid societal change and collaboration between local and national government, NGO's, business, communities, and individuals. The National Dialogue on Climate Action (NDCA) is the primary tool to actively engage people with climate, enabling and empowering at a local and national level. It does so through 3 key pillars; climate literacy, enabling active engagement and through research and evidence.

PRIMARY CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

This initiative aims to empower primary school teachers and students to engage with and take action on climate change. The programme provides resources, training, and support to help educators integrate climate literacy into the curriculum. Primary Climate Ambassadors focus on practical activities and hands-on projects, such as energy monitoring, rainwater harvesting, and biodiversity enhancement, to foster a deeper understanding of environmental issues and inspire meaningful action within school communities.

TASKS

- Support the Climate Action Team in delivering Primary Climate Ambassadors.
- Assist in planning the Primary Climate Ambassador Awards.
- Undertake any other relevant duties that may arise and are considered appropriate for this role in delivering the National Climate Change Action & Awareness Programme.

SPECIFICATION

Essential

- Good knowledge of climate change causes, effects and solutions
- High quality evaluation and reporting
- Excellent written communication skills
- Supportive team player
- Self-starter, reliable and flexible
- Tact and diplomacy

Desirable

- Experience in event organisation
 - Experience working with primary school children
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