



Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

Community Engagement Worker Job & Description & Person Specification

The SICAP Community Engagement Worker will be employed under the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and will report to the SICAP Manager. The Community Engagement Worker will work on an outreach basis with disadvantaged individuals and groups within areas targeted under the SICAP Strategic Plan for County Kildare. This is a full-time position which involves flexible working hours. Flexibility across the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) will be a feature of this role.

Purpose

The focus of the work will be to directly address social exclusion and the negative impacts of poverty and marginalisation within communities. The Community Engagement Worker will do this by applying a community development approach to strengthen the community's capacity to work together and with key voluntary and statutory organisations and structures.

Core Responsibilities

The SICAP Community Engagement Worker will be responsible for:

- Establishing contact with individuals and groups in local communities, especially disadvantaged communities targeted under SICAP.
- Engaging in outreach work in local communities to assess local needs and develop relationships, including door-to-door and street work, meeting local voluntary groups and service providers.
- Listening to the views of the residents to identify the barriers that are preventing local community engagement.
- Supporting local communities in collective action to address local issues and develop community initiatives.
- Linking individuals and groups in disadvantaged communities to resources and support available through state agencies and other service providers.
- Linking individuals and groups to resources available through CKLP, including SICAP, RDP, TUS / RSS, and Community Employment.



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- Piloting local initiatives to encourage participation and build capacity with the residents within the community.
- Helping to develop leadership capacity within the community.
- Engaging regularly with all relevant local voluntary and statutory organisations.
- Helping to establish, develop and/or grow relationships between the community and the relevant local and statutory organisations.
- Facilitating a collaborative approach and developing a coordinated response with the community and other stakeholders in developing a clear work plan in mapping out needs and services of the targeted area with associated resources, to put required supports and structures in place to address any weaknesses and strengthen the capacity of the local community to engage meaningfully with existing community structures.
- Ensuring that the work plan is inclusive of all communities living in the targeted area and overseeing work plan implementation, developing progress reports, and identifying challenges, delays, and possible risk factors as they emerge.
- Providing reports and financial briefings in a timely manner and as required.
- Promoting social inclusion in local communities through effective use of community development principles and practice.

Duties

The duties of the SICAP Community Engagement Worker will include:

- Establishing initial contact with individuals and groups across several local community settings in County Kildare.
- Liaising with key stakeholders who engage with disadvantaged communities, including service providers, state agencies, existing community and voluntary groups and public representatives.
- Supporting local communities to engage in collective action and to form or re-establish local community groups.
- Assisting groups to carry out local needs assessments and prepare action plans.
- Supporting groups to recruit volunteers and secure funding.
- Supporting local community groups to develop projects that address needs in disadvantaged areas.
- Linking local community groups to supports, including local and national funding sources and education / training services.
- Connecting local community groups with SICAP services such as organisational skills training, awareness workshops, and leadership development courses.
- Organising specific initiatives to engage hard-to-reach communities.
- Linking individuals living in disadvantaged areas to further education, training, and employment opportunities.
- Perform any other duties as may occasionally be required.



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Person Specification

The Community Engagement Worker employed under SICAP will:

- Have experience of engaging with disadvantaged groups in a voluntary or professional capacity.
- Be capable of delivering community development approaches, conducting local needs analysis, planning, and addressing social exclusion issues.
- Have an understanding of, and ideally experience of, working with statutory and local/community development infrastructure, and knowledge of the national/local policy context in which they work.
- Have knowledge and skills in project management and the capacity to deliver projects with a defined timeline and work plan.
- Have knowledge and skills, ideally experience, in the design and delivery of capacity-building supports within the community sector.
- Showcase your leadership abilities.
- Have excellent interpersonal, communication and facilitation skills.
- Be capable of providing a high standard of report writing.
- Be proficient in MS packages, e.g., Word, Excel, Outlook, programme databases, and SharePoint portals.
- Have a relevant Third Level qualification.

The Role

- **Contract:** Fixed-term role, covering the period of funding to 31 December 2027. The contract may be extended, subject to continuing funding.
- **Salary:** The CKLP Project Worker Scale will apply, commencing at €36,696 per annum, commensurate with experience.
- **Hours:** Monday to Friday, 7 hr./day, 35 hrs./week.
- **Location:** Kildare Community Development Centre, Meadow Road, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare, R51 RF88
- **Other Benefits:** The annual leave entitlement is 21 days, exclusive of public holidays, plus a TOIL system for certain additional hours worked.
- **CKLP:** Offers a pension scheme with up to 6% matching employer contribution and continuous professional development opportunities.

How to Apply

To apply for this role, please email your CV and a tailored cover letter outlining your suitability for the role to linda@countykildarelp.ie by 3 pm on Friday 21st August 2026.



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