



ROLE:	Infrastructural Officer x 5
PROGRAMME:	GREEN-SCHOOLS TRAVEL
SALARY:	€37k – €39k per annum (based on experience)
LENGTH OF CONTRACT:	Full time for a period of 18 months (subject to funding) 3 month probationary period.
REPORTING TO:	Jane Hackett (Senior Programme Manager)
LOCATION:	5 Infrastructural Officers are to be appointed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2 in Leinster (to include the Greater Dublin Area)- 1 in the Midlands- 1 in Cork/Munster- 1 in Galway/West

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 11th December
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PURPOSE:

The EEU of An Taisce is the national operator of a number of highly successful environmental education and management programmes such as Green-Schools, Blue Flag, National Spring Clean, Clean Coasts and Climate Ambassador. The Green-Schools Travel programme operates on a national basis and encourages sustainable travel to school and is the largest programme operated by the EEU. The programme, which is funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport (DTTS) and supported by the National Transport Authority (NTA), has been running nationally since 2008 and in the Greater Dublin Area since 2005.

An Taisce is now recruiting **five Full Time Infrastructural Officers** to be based nationwide. The post will be full-time for a period of 18 months from January 2021 to July 2022. This is subject to funding and the funding may be extended beyond July 2022. There will be a probationary period of 3 months. The post will be 32.75 hours per week but a degree of flexibility of working hours around evenings and weekends will be expected.

Safe Routes to School/Safe to School Initiative

The Department of Transport has recently funded the Green-Schools programme to develop a comprehensive Safe Routes to School initiative which will support the wider Green-Schools Travel programme. The initiative will focus on improving infrastructure in front of and around schools so that more students can walk or cycle to school. The key focus for the initiative is as follows:

1. To accelerate the delivery of cycling and walking infrastructure on access routes to schools.
2. To provide “front of school” treatments to enhance sustainable access into the school grounds.

These will be delivered through a comprehensive approach to school travel with:

- a) Reviews of existing “Walkability Audits” and “Cycleability Audits” reports, and additional audits will be undertaken to update relevant information. These audits will be used to inform decision making as to which elements to incorporate into the local authority’s cycling and walking infrastructure programme.
- b) Reviews of the front of school environs with a view to selecting appropriate schools for appropriate interventions using a Front of School audit.

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversee walkability and cycleability audits on a regional area basis.
- Oversee the development of the front of school audit process on a regional area basis.
- Liaise and communicate with selected schools to ensure the investment in infrastructure is supported by behaviour change.
- Liaise and co-operate with the Infrastructural and Travel Officers on a regional and national basis.
- Offer support and assistance to local staff members on areas associated with walkability audits, cycleability audits, front of school audits and school travel planning queries.
- Liaise with Local Authorities and other partners on a regional area basis.
- Monitor and evaluate the provision of infrastructure in liaison with Local Authorities.
- Monitor and evaluate the Safe to School initiative on a regional area basis every 3mths.
- Prepare monthly progress reports to update senior management of developments.
- Undertake any other such relevant duties as may from time to time arise and are considered appropriate.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Attributes	Attributes
<i>Qualifications and Attainments</i> 3rd Level Qualification in town planning, transport planning, sustainable transport or engineering.	Essential
<i>Experience</i>	
A minimum of five year’s experience in the field of town	Essential

planning, transport planning, sustainable transport or engineering.	
Knowledge, Skills & Aptitudes	
Knowledge of key issues relating to school travel.	Essential
Knowledge of best practice in relation to walking and cycling infrastructure.	Essential
Excellent communications and interpersonal skills	Essential
Excellent Facilitation skills	Essential
Ability to manage a workload within tight deadlines	Essential
Ability to work with a wide range of stakeholders including schools, local authorities and other agencies.	Essential
Disposition	
Be a self starter	Essential
Be dependable and flexible	Essential
Be prepared to travel as part of your work	Essential
Be committed to working as part of a team	Essential
Be able to work on your own in your home environment	Essential
Tact and Diplomacy	Essential
Access to own transport with a clean driving licence	Essential