

Barnardos: AIM Programme Assistants (Part Time) x 2 - Thurles **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/110613>)**



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Ireland's leading children's charity is recruiting:

Programme Assistants x 2, Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - Tipperary

Location: Early Years' Service, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Contract: Part-Time (15 hours per week) and Fixed Term Contract to end July 2025

Salary: €13.65 - €16.45 *Depending on Experience*

Why work at Barnardos?

At Barnardos we seek to ensure that we have the best people working with us to support our work with children and families. The benefits of working with Barnardos are designed to promote continual professional development and a work-life balance for the most rewarding working experience.

- Barnardos offers a competitive salary – recognising the experience you bring to the role
- Generous annual leave entitlements
- Positive working environment with family friendly ethos and work - life balance policy
- Tax saver travel and bike to work schemes in operation
- Employee Pension scheme with employer contribution
- Training and Development
- Health and Wellbeing initiatives including Employee Assistance programme
- Company sick pay scheme

Location: Slievenamon, Road, Thurles, Tipperary E41AC97.

What do Barnardos Early Years, and Early Intervention services do?

Barnardos services have the goals of improving the emotional well-being of children, and improving their capacity for learning and development. Barnardos is committed to interagency working and embrace a compassionate and partnership-based approach with families.

The Thurles project seeks to maximise the capacity of families to meet children's needs by offering an Early Intervention service with the aim of improving child development outcomes for pre-school children in the area. There is a wrap-around service of trauma-informed targeted support for individual children and bundle of integrated family support services for their families, which can include transport to and from pre-school daily. Specific attention is given to those families where child protection or welfare concerns exist, working with the most vulnerable and dis-advantaged families specifically focusing on parenting skills and child/parent relationships in order to reduce the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and subsequent difficulties for children.

Services include: Early Years and Pre-school programmes for children based on the Tús Maith curriculum and High Scope approach, parent and child work, practical family support and parenting work.

We work to provide a response that involves interagency collaboration to maximise positive outcomes for families.

What will the Programme Assistant do?

The Programme Assistant will work in the pre-school service, helping to provide a safe, child-centred environment.

This position, through Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) funding, will specifically focus on supporting a child / children and their group, to engage in the daily routine and curriculum, while also focusing on and supporting the children's emerging interests. The Programme Assistant will work closely in partnership with the wider pre-school team to ensure that the pre-school curriculum is implemented and appropriate individual planning & support for children is provided

Who do we work with?

Barnardos works in partnership with children, families, and relevant statutory & voluntary services to provide the necessary opportunities for children to reach their potential

Job purpose

To provide a safe, child centred environment/experience to children in the context of the service in which you work and appropriate to the role.

This role will support a child/children to participate in our early years' service including working under the Access & Inclusion Model (AIM)

Personal attributes

- Commitment to provide a quality service to children
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Awareness of confidentiality and the ability to deal with sensitive issues, including child protection concerns
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Flexibility and adaptability are essential attributes in this role

Experience

- Experience of working with children for a minimum of 6 months is essential.
- Relevant voluntary work may be considered.

Qualifications

- Recognised qualification QQI/FETAC minimum level 5 that is approved under the Early Years' (Pre-school) Regulations.

For full job description and to apply please visit [Current Job Vacancies – Barnardos](https://www.barnardos.ie/about-us/careers/current-job-vacancies/) (<https://www.barnardos.ie/about-us/careers/current-job-vacancies/>)

Closing date: 12pm on Thursday 12th September

Interview date: To be Advised

Shortlisting will apply (please note, CVs are not accepted on their own, candidates must complete and submit our application form through Barnardos website).

Barnardos is an equal opportunity employer.

We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all.

Region

Thurles, Co Tipperary

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