

Northside Partnership: Listen Project Co-ordinator (Contract for Service) (<https://www.activelink.ie/node/112190>)



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Listen Project Co-ordinator

Contract for Service (3 year duration)

Northside Partnership wishes to engage a Listen Project Co-ordinator on a **Contract for Services** basis on behalf The Listen Project. The primary focus of this contract is to manage the day-to-day operations and development of the Listen Project youth counselling service in line with the direction of the Listen Project Steering Group and in cooperation with Listen Project Clinical Governance Oversight. This contract is being funded by the HSE.

It is expected that the successful contractor will be in a position to commit a minimum of 21 hours per week to this role. Flexibility will be required as some meetings/activities will take place outside normal business hours.

The successful candidate must produce a Tax Clearance Certificate before the contract for service is awarded. Invoicing arrangements will be agreed with the successful contractor following the award of contract. They will have responsibility to manage their own tax affairs and file appropriate tax returns, maintain their own insurance cover and comply with all relevant health & safety legislation.

Please note that Garda Vetting will be required as the role will involve working with children and vulnerable adults.

Overview of The Listen Project

Established in 2013, the Listen Project now provides a youth counselling service covering the Dublin 5, 7, 13, 17 and surrounding areas. The Listen Project provides young people, 12-21 years, with a safe, one-to-one, space where, with the support of a qualified counsellor, they can talk about, feel heard, and reflect on issues that are important to them. Young people are provided with up to 9 sessions of youth counselling free of charge. With the support of qualified counsellors, this can lead to young people identifying their own solutions to challenges, setting goals and making changes, recognising their own strengths, developing resilience and coping skills, and feeling more hopeful about their future. The Listen Project focuses on wellbeing. If there are more significant mental health challenges, they will be referred onto more specialist services.

The project is an interagency collaboration overseen by voluntary steering group with clinical governance oversight provided by an external consultant. The service, which operates in both the community (local youth services and online/phone) and secondary school settings, is delivered by qualified and accredited counsellors with specific expertise in work with young people. In the community setting, there is an open referral system through a free phone service, while in schools, young people are referred internally by school personnel with parental consent.

Last year, the Listen Project Steering Group (LPSG) in conjunction with PCI College developed *Listen Up – A Professional Certificate in Child & Adolescent Counselling*. This bespoke training programme supported qualified counsellors to develop their expertise in counselling young people and included a placement component where each of the course participants delivered 60 youth counselling sessions via the Listen Project in local schools or youth centre settings.

In recent years, the Listen Project has experienced a significant increase in demand for service, and it has demonstrated an effective and dynamic model that is not only responsive to the needs of young people, but one which is overcoming many of the traditional access barriers for young people to counselling. These achievements have been recognised by our funders, and the Listen Project is now seeking to commission a dedicated project Coordinator, under a contract for service, to oversee operations and the further development of the Listen Project over the coming years.

About Northside Partnership

Northside Partnership is a Local Development Company working with individuals and communities in northeast Dublin to bring about positive changes in their own lives and the lives within their community. Northside Partnership provides administration supports to The Listen Project.

A registered Charity we work to improve opportunities for people experiencing poverty and disadvantage and offer a range of programmes and services to support individuals, local organisations and communities across the Northside Partnership catchment. Our key beneficiaries include long-term unemployed people, early school leavers, those living with addiction issues, disadvantaged families, lone parents, Travellers and people living with disabilities.

Operating from four locations we provide a range of services including the Local Area Employment Service, Tús Community Work Placement Programme, Enterprise Support, Education and Career Guidance, Family Support, and governance and capacity-building support to local community groups. Applications are welcome from those who meet the essential criteria as outlined within the job description and person specification attached.

Northside Partnership is committed to implementing an Advantaged Thinking approach that focuses on identifying, developing and investing in the skills, capabilities and assets of the people we work with.

To apply

Please click on the link below. Please select the appropriate position from the drop-down list, complete the form and upload the following:

- A cover letter expressing your interest in the role
- A CV summarising your qualifications and/or relevant experience and the names and contact details of two referees.

Applicants will be shortlisted on the basis of the information supplied in the application and only short-listed candidates will be invited to interview.

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Closing date: 5pm on Wednesday the 27th of November 2024

Interviews expected to be held on Thursday the 12th of December 2024

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27th Nov, 2024

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