**Local Authority Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) Engagement Officer - Grade V**

**1 Position available in each of Laois, Offaly, Westmeath and Longford Local Authorities.**

Fixed Term Contract up to 31st March 2026

Laois County Council, as lead local authority, (together with Longford, Offaly and Westmeath Local Authorities) for the **Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan Pathway for Just Transition project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the EU Just Transition Fund Programme 2021-2027 is** recruiting a STEM Engagement Officer Grade V for the following Local Authorities – Laois, Offaly, Westmeath and Longford.

The purpose of the STEM Engagement Officer is to provide training and support for primary and post primary schools in Laois, Offaly, Westmeath and Longford on the delivery of STEM initiatives.

**Key responsibilities of the STEM Engagement Officer would include, but are not limited to:**

* Administer programme evaluation and report on programme participation
* Manage Events/Competitions each year
* Create promotional materials for programme
* Work with Library services in Laois, Longford, Offaly and Westmeath on the delivery and support of their STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programmes
* Participate in the design, organisation and implementation of STEM initiatives
* Develop and implement programmes and initiatives to increase participation within impacted communities and encourage participation amongst girls
* Contribute to ensuring that all programmes and courses operate on a user-friendly professional basis
* Provide updates to Midlands ICT Skills and Talent Working Group
* Preparing six monthly progress reports, including data on budgets and expenditure as required under the terms of the EU JTF Pobal scheme
* Present to Strategic Policy Committee and Local Community Development Committees on an annual basis
* Ensure compliance with all required EU JTF, Local Authority financial, management and governance reporting requirements

**Required Skills and Experience:**

* Must have intermediate-level coding skills and experiences in working with snap together construction system
* Must have experience of and a strong aptitude for learning new and emerging technologies.
* Must have excellent communication skills and aptitude for working with children.
* Accomplished oral and written communication skills
* Able to motivate, encourage, and build positive relationships with younger peers
* Confident, shows initiative, and is action oriented
* Organised; follows through on plans
* A great team player

**Desirable Skills and Experience:**

* Level 8 qualification in STEM subject
* Experience in the delivery of STEM based programmes
* Experience with Event Management
* Experience in liaising with community partners

**Driver’s Licence**

The holder of the post shall hold a full driving licence for Class B vehicles free from endorsement/disqualification. When required to do so holders of office shall drive a motor car in the course of their duties and for this purpose provide and maintain a car to the satisfaction of the Local Authority.

**Garda Vetting**

Garda vetting shall be sought in respect of individuals who come under consideration for appointment.

**Location:** There are 4 positions available – one to be located in each of the following Local Authorities – Laois, Offaly, Westmeath and Longford.

**Payscale** - €49,706 - €59,456 LSI 2

A panel may be created from which future vacancies may be filled.

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