



PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIAL SERVICES

Internship Opportunities in Dublin, Ireland

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Youth Social Services

This agency is responsible for improving the wellbeing and situational outcomes for children. It represents the most comprehensive reform of child protection, early intervention, and family support services ever undertaken in Ireland. The staff delivers a wide range of comprehensive and effective services for children and families.

Intern tasks may include:

- Working alongside and shadowing social workers
- Meeting with clients and families
- Accompanying clients, families, and social workers to court
- Completing case notes and projects for various cases

Children and Intellectual Disabilities Intern with a Community Service

Working under funding from the Department of Health and Children, this organization provides Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy, Psychology, Psychiatry and Social Work. Because of the nature of many of the pupils' needs, these therapy services must form an integral and intensive part of their educational curriculum and a team approach to their needs is a central component of overall service delivery.

Internship tasks may include:

- Supporting the young adults with social outings (with a staff member)
- Assisting the young adults with independent living skills such as finance and cooking
- Supporting the young adults with building positive peer interactions
- Possibly assisting with 1:1 goals (when comfortable) including supporting cooking skills, travel training
- Interacting with the young adults to help build communication skills

Mental Health and Addiction Support

This company works with people dealing with or affected by addiction. It acts as a referral agency for people on a range of issues, including treatment options, rehabilitation schemes, and addiction counseling services.

Intern tasks may include:

- Assisting with drop-in service available to active drug and alcohol users
- Maintaining the database of visitors and entering new data as available
- Assisting with one-on-one interventions
- Contributing to care plans, case management processes and solution interventions
- Organizing and evaluating activities and workshops
- Assisting with efforts on common health matters related to substance abuse



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Childhood and Teenage Development

This nonprofit provides a range of innovative interventions that empower young people to reach their full potential and participate well in society. It offers various programs focused on learning, mentoring, and personal/social development. Its overall mission is to address and mitigate socio-economic and educational imbalances in Ireland, particularly at the childhood and teenage level.

Intern tasks may include:

- Working with participants in activities and trips; helping them with meals and homework
- Providing feedback to supervisors about participants and progress
- Shadowing social workers during visits to families
- Attending meetings between social care workers and children
- Attending team meetings with the social workers and psychologists

Social Work with Domestic Violence Residential Center

This organization provides emergency accommodation for women and families who are escaping domestic violence. An individual care plan is drawn up for each woman and family. Residents have access to a crisis counsellor, legal advice services, child care workers, community care social workers, and health services.

Intern tasks may include:

- Supervising and working directly with the youth involved; accompanying staff on day trips out with them
- Accompanying families in court
- Supporting the educational and emotional needs of the clients
- Attending domestic violence trainings and meetings with staff

Autism Advocacy and Education

The mission of this company is to create opportunities through education in an environment that is caring and supportive; as well as to improve the lives of children and young adults with autism and the lives of their families. They value student-centered education that celebrates each child's uniqueness, early intervention and assessment, evidence-based education, and partnership with families for participation in society.

Internship tasks may include:

- Spending time with each age group
- Assisting as a teacher's aid in the classroom
- Working directly with autistic children and their aids on their unique programs
- Recording and analyzing data on various programs



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Social Work with Youth Center

This center provides a range of opportunities for young people to participate in both in and out of the youth center. They provide interest groups, developmental programs, drop ins, interagency programmes and the opportunity to engage with the youth service through our outreach work.

Internship tasks may include:

- Engaging young people in social outreach programs
- Assisting youth workers with high support groups
- Leading community-based programs for larger groups in the center
- Providing individual support to program participants
- Preparing, planning, and contributing to program activities
- Assisting in the summer program with outdoor activities, events and trips

Women's Center

The Clinic was founded with the aim of helping Irish women access family planning information and services. Its current range of services provides broader-based primary healthcare services to both women and men and advocates for public policy and awareness by speaking out on women's health issues. Ideal candidate will have a background in social science, psychology and/or women's studies. Strong writing skills and commitment to the work of the NGO.

Internship tasks may include:

- Helping edit/add to website content
- Manage Twitter account
- Posting to social media networks and a lot more!
- Assisting agency administration in service delivery
- Visiting various clinics and assist in giving presentations/workshops to disadvantaged populations in Dublin
- Working on the annual patient satisfaction survey (creating graphs, and analysis)
- Networking with other NGO's in Ireland