



Candidate Campaign Information Pack
Grade VII – Children and Young People’s Services Committee
(CYPSC) Co-Ordinator – Louth

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the post of **Grade VII – Children and Young People’s Services Committee (CYPSC) Co-Ordinator – Louth.**

This Candidate Pack includes the following information:

- Full and detailed Job Specification and important dates to note.
- Recruitment Process detail and important dates to note.
- Candidate General Declaration

Please ensure that you read this Campaign Information Pack in detail and that you fully understand the process. [Candidate Information Pack - Recruitment Process](#)

For any informal enquiries regarding the position and job specification please contact: Area Manager, Cathal Grant, cathal.grant@tusla.ie / 087 635 9080.

Should you have any specific queries in relation to the recruitment process please contact the Tusla Recruitment team via: recruitwestnorthwest@tusla.ie or Tusla Recruit Campaign Manager: Katie Power katie.power1@tusla.ie / 087 092 1714.

Kind Regards,
Tusla Recruitment Team



An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

Job Specification

Job Title, Grade and Grade Code	Grade VII – Children and Young People’s Services Committee (CYPSC) Co-Ordinator – Louth Grade Code: 0582
Campaign Reference Approval Code	TRWNW20261368
Applications considered Via	Tusla Recruit Portal only
Opening date for Applications	Thursday, 17 th September 2026
Closing Date for Applications	12 noon, Monday 5 th October 2026
Proposed Interview date(s)	October 2026 - <i>may be subject to change based on volume of candidates and availability of Service resources.</i>
Contact for Informal Enquiries	Area Manager, Cathal Grant, cathal.grant@tusla.ie / 087 635 9080 <i>Making an informal enquiry gives you the opportunity to ask questions about the campaign and job specification. This informal enquiry contact is available only for the duration of the application process.</i>
Location of Post	The current vacancy is in Louth. However, the initial assignment will be confirmed upon appointment. A panel may be created from which permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part time duration will be filled in Louth. The future vacancies may arise across Tusla Region of West North East / Network of Louth. For Tusla Regions & Networks please check the following link: https://www.tusla.ie/get-in-touch/local-area-offices/
Details of Service	The Child and Family Agency was established on 1 st January 2014 and is responsible for a range of statutory functions including provision of child protection, alternative care, specified regulatory services and a range of family support services. The Agency has commenced a major improvement programme with significant focus on Practice, Culture and Structure. The Agency currently has responsibility for a budget of circa €1.2billion and delivers its

	services through over 5,500 people in 259 locations across the Country. The Child and Family Agency has responsibility for the following range of services: • Child Protection and Welfare • Parenting, Family Support and Early Help Services • Alternative Care • Birth Information & Tracing and Adoption • Tusla Education Support Services (TESS) • Children's Service Regulation • Counselling and Therapeutic Supports Further information is available on www.tusla.ie Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are the key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland. They provide a forum for joint planning and co-ordination of activity to ensure that children, young people and their families receive improved and accessible services. Their role is to enhance interagency co-operation and to realise the national outcomes set out in Ireland's Child and Youth policy framework Young Ireland 2023-2028 <i>Better Outcomes</i>. The ultimate goal is to improve outcomes for all children and young people in Ireland. <u>Shared Vision, Next Steps 2019 – 24 (DCYA, 2019)</u> is the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth's Road map for the further development of the Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) initiative. Further information is available on www.cypsc.ie
Purpose of Role	The CYPSC Co-ordinator will support the CYPSC in its work to bring together a diverse group of agencies in local county areas to engage in joint planning and co-ordination of services for children and young people. By ensuring effective interagency co-ordination, collaboration and oversight of policy implementation and provision locally, the Committee will work towards its overall purpose of securing better outcomes for children and young people in the county(ies). CYPSC will also ensure a two-way flow of information and insight from national to local and vice versa. This will aid communication, enhance responsiveness and assist in ensuring effective implementation of policy through to outcomes focussed provision.
Background to the Role	Children and Young People's Services Committees work to secure better outcomes for children and young people in their area through more effective integration of existing services, the development of new service responses and interventions in response to need. Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are a key structure identified by Government to plan and co-ordinate services for children and young people in every county in Ireland. Their age remit spans all children and young people aged from 0 to 24 years. The purpose of the CYPSC is to ensure effective interagency co-ordination and collaboration to achieve the best outcomes for all children and young people in their area. As county-level structures they bring together a diverse group of agencies to engage in joint planning. All major organisations and agencies working locally on behalf of children and young

	people are represented on the CYPSC. The Committees are responsible for improving the lives of children, young people and families at local and community level by improving provision and delivery of key services. The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth provide policy and strategic direction to CYPSC. National operational leadership and implementation support is delivered by Tusla Child and Family Agency through the CYPSC National Office and locally in 27 CYPSC areas across six Tusla Regions.
Reporting Relationship	The CYPSC Co-ordinator will report to the Chairperson of the CYPSC who is normally the Tusla Area Manager. The CYPSC Co-ordinator and the Chairperson will have a close working relationship with the National Co-ordinator for Children and Young People's Services Committees who in turn ensures the CYPSC initiative operates under the policy guidance of and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.
Duties and Responsibilities	Main Duties and Responsibilities The Children and Young Peoples Services Committee Co-ordinator will be expected to establish relevant policies and procedures and perform the following duties: • Support the establishment and operation of the CYPSC and its sub-groups in line with the stated methodology, principles, purpose and objectives as described in <i>CYPSC; Shared Visions, Next Steps 2019-24</i> • Co-ordinate the development of the CYPSC's three-year work plan. • Assist the Committee and sub-groups to implement the three-year plan and monitor progress in line with the five national outcomes for children and young people as set out in <i>Better Outcomes Brighter Futures the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014 – 2020</i>. - o Support the provision of professional, technical and administrative assistance to the overall committee as well as to sub-groups of the CYPSC and ensure the learning from the CYPSC and sub-groups is captured and disseminated. • Support the development of joint/integrated commissioning of services for children, young people and families through the CYPSC. • Ensure the participation of children and young people in the CYPSC structure and it's decision-making processes. • Ensure the provision, collection and reporting of relevant data and information. • Prepare reports and strategic documents as required and provide timely progress reports to Tusla, the National Co-ordinator for CYPSC, the CYPSC, CYPSC sub-groups, and other organisations as appropriate. • Foster and develop positive working relationships with key personnel including committee members and other stakeholders within associated agencies/service providers involved in the provision of child, youth, family and community services. • Foster and develop positive working relationships between CYPSC and other local interagency structures and represent the CYPSC as appropriate on relevant local networks / fora as agreed in conjunction with the CYPSC Chairperson. • Maintain and keep current the CYPSC webpages on the national CYPSC website. • Maintain knowledge of and keep current with key developments in relevant sectors

	affecting and informing the operation of Children and Young People's Services Committees Health & Safety • Comply with and contribute to the development of policies, procedures, guidelines and safe professional practice and adhere to relevant legislation, regulations and standards. • Have a working knowledge of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) Standards as they apply to the service for example National Standards for Child Protection and Care and comply with associated Tusla – Child and Family Agency protocols for implementing and maintaining these standards as appropriate to the role. • To support, promote and actively participate in sustainable energy, water and waste initiatives to create a more sustainable, low carbon and efficient health service. The above Job Description is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.
Eligibility Criteria Qualifications and / or Experience	Applicants must by the closing date of application have the following: • Minimum 2 years' experience of co-ordinating complex multi-agency initiatives programmes or services. AND • Minimum 2 years' experience working in or with child, youth or family support services. AND • Knowledge of relevant computer programmes and programming e.g. Microsoft Office Suite including WORD; PowerPoint and Excel etc. Health A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service. Character Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be of good character.
Skills, competencies and/or knowledge	<u>Tusla Leadership Competency Framework</u> The <u>Tusla Leadership Competency Framework</u> describes the behaviours that are key to Tusla

	colleagues being effective in the execution of their role at all levels within the Agency. The competencies and associated behavioural descriptors, capture the transversal knowledge, skills, abilities and other characteristics that will enable colleagues, regardless of role or rank, to be effective in their work. The Tusla Leader Framework relevant for this role is Leading Others Please access this Leading Others link to fully familiarise yourself with the impact of this Leading Others proficiency for Tusla. The Competency of Professional Knowledge is specifically linked to the duties, responsibilities and criteria for this role.
Other requirements of the role	• The post holder will require access to appropriate transport as the post may involve travel. • Have awareness of children and young people's participatory practice
Application Process Campaign Specific Selection Process Shortlisting / Interview	The online application system has a time out facility, this is in order to protect the privacy of the user. This time out facility activates if the application has been 'dormant' for over 60 minutes. Any work not saved will be lost if the system times out due to lack of activity. As such please ensure to save your application as you work on it, any lost data cannot be recovered. It might be an idea for candidates to work on their applications outside of the system and copy and paste their answers into the online application forms once they are fully complete and submit then. Once your application is fully submitted you will receive a confirmation email to your profile. If you do not receive this email, your application HAS NOT been submitted and received and you should log back on to submit fully. Short listing may be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your application. The criteria for short listing are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the eligibility criteria and skills, competencies and/or knowledge section of this job specification. Therefore, it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements. Failure to include information regarding these requirements may result in you not being called forward to the next stage of the selection process. Candidate Information Pack - Recruitment Process Those successful at the shortlisting stage of this process (where applied) will be called forward to interview.
Code of Practice	The Recruitment Service Child and Family Agency will run this campaign in compliance with the Code of Practice prepared by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA). The Code of Practice sets out how the core principles of probity, merit, equity and fairness might be applied on a principle basis. The Code also specifies the responsibilities placed on candidates, facilities for feedback to applicants on matters relating to their application when requested, and outlines procedures in relation to requests for a review of the recruitment and selection process and review in relation to allegations of a breach of the Code of Practice.

	Codes of practice are published by the CPSA and are available on www.cpsa.ie. Tusla Child and Family Agency is an Equal Opportunities Employer. Tusla Child and Family Agency recognises its responsibilities under the Data Protection Acts 2003 - 2018 and the Freedom of Information Act 2014
The Integrated Reform Programme is a significant initiative being undertaken by Tusla to improve the way in which we deliver our services to children and families. Tusla has designed a consistent regional structure to ensure this equitable provision of services and as part of this design Tusla is moving from 17 areas to 30 networks. The initial assignment will be to West North-East Region. It is important to note that this is an initial assignment and maybe subject to change in line with the Integrated reform process. The Integrated Reform Programme may also impact on duties of this role as structures change, and you will be notified of same as the programme progresses as appropriate to this role. This job description is a guide to the general range of duties assigned to the post holder. It is intended to be neither definitive nor restrictive and is subject to periodic review with the employee concerned. Tusla values individual's rights and freedoms in respect of privacy and fully complies with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018. All roles within Tusla carry responsibility towards the protection of personal and sensitive data	

Tenure	The initial vacancy available is temporary and whole time. The posts are pensionable. A panel may be created from which permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part time duration will be filled. The tenure of these posts will be indicated at "expression of interest" stage for each individual post. The purpose of this campaign is to fill immediate urgent vacancies and it is expected that panel placements will cease if expressions are not received within the appropriate processes. Appointment as an employee of the Child & Family Agency is governed by the Child and Family Agency Act, 2013 and the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act 2004.
Remuneration	The salary scale for the whole time equivalent of this post is: 01/06/2026: €61,219, €62,715, €64,462, €66,216, €67,975, €69,547, €71,146, €72,705, €74,251, €76,913, €79,583 LSIs LSIs (Long Service Increments) are represented by emboldened figures. 1st LSI is paid after 3 years on the max, the 2nd LSI after 3 years on LSI1, and the 3rd LSI after 3 years on the 2nd LSI (where applicable).

	The appointee shall commence on the first point of the salary scale. Incremental credit may be given on appointment for certain types of relevant experience- more information available in Appendix 5. Candidate Information Pack - Recruitment Process Candidates should note that entry will be at the minimum point of the scale and will not be subject to negotiation, and the rate of remuneration may be adjusted from time to time in line with Government pay policy. Different terms and conditions may apply if the appointee is a currently serving civil or public servant.
Working Week	The standard working week applying to the whole time equivalent of this post is: 35 hours.
Annual Leave	The annual leave associated with the whole time equivalent of this post is 30 days per annum.
Superannuation	This is a pensionable position with Tusla. The successful candidate will upon appointment become a member of the appropriate pension scheme. Pension scheme membership will be notified within the contract of employment.
Probation	A probation period of 39 weeks, or proportion of same for fixed term /specified purpose contracts, where applicable shall apply from the commencement of employment, during which the contract may be terminated by either party in accordance with this contract. The probationary period may be extended at the discretion of management by a further 9 weeks or proportion of same for fixed term/specified purpose contracts, where applicable. Confirmation of appointment as a permanent member of staff is subject to the successful completion of the probationary period, for permanent contracts. Where you have already completed a probationary period with the Child and Family Agency, Health Service Executive, Local Authority, and there is no break in service, no period of probation applies.
Responsibilities under Children First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)	The safety and welfare of children and young people is a key priority for Tusla – Child and Family Agency. All employees of Tusla are required to be vigilant to any concerns regarding the protection and welfare of children and to bring them to the attention of the Tusla Designated Person in a timely manner, in keeping with the Tusla – Child and Family Agency Child Protection policies.
National Standards for Children and Family Services	Employees must have a working knowledge of HIQA Standards (https://www.hiqa.ie/areas-we-work/childrens-services) and / or the Adoption Authority of Ireland Standards as they apply to the role. All Employees must be aware of their responsibilities under Children First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)