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 #WPEP-2349713

 Innisfree House, 44/45 High Street, Sligo, Co. Sligo, F91 WC79

 No of positions : 1

 Work Placement Experience Programme

 As per WPEP guidelines

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 05/12/2025

 30/01/2026

## Assistant Reporter - WPEP Scheme

### Application Details

This Work Placement Experience Programme provides Participants with an opportunity to gain meaningful work experience, learning and training while on the programme. This programme is for jobseekers who are in receipt of qualifying social welfare payments and those transferring from a social welfare scheme or an ETB Training Allowance. Your eligibility for this programme will be verified by the Department as part of the application process.

### Job Description

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual with aspirations of becoming a journalist to join the team at the Sligo Weekender. The Assistant Reporter will be trained in a variety of areas which will enhance their skills to produce high quality written content and a full understanding of how a newspaper is designed and prepared for publication.

Training will take place in our Sligo office where the individual will report directly to the editor and work closely with the newsroom team and represent the company in the Sligo community.

### How to apply

#### Application Method :

This programme is for jobseekers that are in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment and those transferring from a social welfare scheme. Full eligibility details are available [here](#)



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### Role Description

Researching and writing news stories

Conducting interviews in person and over the phone or Zoom

Covering county council meetings

Use of some Adobe systems

Representing the Sligo Weekender at local events and festivals

The Assistant Reporter's training will include:

Formal Training

Be trained on how to use the programme InDesign

Learning how to use Photoshop

Being shown and demonstrations in the use of Bridge

Informal Training

Training will be given on how to conduct and write interviews so you gain and enhance skills to report on a wide range of local stories

How to conduct and write interviews and features on Sligo-related people and topics

Being mentored and coached on how to represent Sligo Weekender at local events and festivals

which they will learn how to report on

Learning the process of reporting on local council meetings

Being coached and mentored by the editor and the newsroom on how to put together from everyone

responsible for the design of the Sligo Weekender

Working closely with the editor and the newsroom to develop a good understanding of the process of

formulating and delivering ideas which will produce high quality content

- **Sector:** other service activities

### **Career Level**

- Not Required

### **Candidate Requirements**

(Essential)

- **Minimum Experienced Required (Years):** 0