



Kildare County Council



#JOB-2395341



Áras Chill Dara, John Devoy Rd, Devoy Park,
Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 X77F



No of positions : 1



Paid Position



35 hours per week



59417.00 Euro Annually



10/06/2025



03/07/2025

How to apply

Application Method :

Please apply to the vacancy by the following means:

Email : jobs@kildarecoco.ie

Phone : 045980740

Address:

[Kildare County Council](#)

[Devoy Park](#)

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[W91X77F](#)

URL :

<https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/CareerOpportunities/>



Food Drink and Agri Innovation Hub Manager - 3 year Contract

Application Details

In order to work in Ireland a non-EEA National, unless they are exempted, must hold a valid employment permit. Please review the [Eligibility and requirements for an employment permit](#) if you are unsure of your eligibility to apply for this vacancy.

Job Description

The Food, Drink and Agri Innovation Hub Manager will be responsible for the delivery of a range of assigned functions within the division including:

- Assist with the establishment and promotion of the Athy Food, Drink and Agri Innovation Hub.
- The overall day to day management of the facility including Timeshare Incubator Kitchen, Food Production Unit, Skills Hub, Co Working Zone, Community Food Discovery Centre and in-house hospitality
- Manage and develop the Flavours of Kildare food business network to promote local and micro SME producers, processors and service providers through marketing initiatives and projects such as the Flavours of Kildare food directory.
- Act as a mentor and specialist advisory to the sector .
- identify initiatives, projects, educational and training gaps within the industry.
- Co-ordinate a comprehensive programme of training and management development courses/events as well as reviewing and evaluating the impact of all training initiatives.

Education, Training and Experience etc.:

It is desirable that each Candidate should, on the latest date for receipt of completed applications have:

- A recognised third level qualification (level 7 in the National Framework of Qualifications) in a business or equivalent relevant discipline;
- A minimum of 5 years relevant post graduate experience in the food; drink and/or Agri sector. This may include development experience in Local Government or equivalent;
- Strong knowledge/experience of the food, drink and/or Agri sector.
- An ability to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the principles of Economic Development generally, and, specifically, the role of Local Government in advancing Economic Development;

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- An ability to demonstrate an understanding of the challenges and opportunities (International, National and Local) facing businesses in Kildare;
- Satisfactory experience of developing and maintaining effective partnerships and of engaging and influencing various stakeholders;
- Satisfactory experience in managing projects;
- An understanding of the roles and duties of managers in safety management in the workplace;
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and reporting skills;
- Excellent project management and organisation skills.
- Excellent team building skills and demonstrated leadership skills, including experience in supervising staff and balancing the needs of multiple stakeholders.
- Excellent stakeholder management, networking, client focused and relationship building skills.
- **Sector:** other service activities

Career Level

- Managerial