



City of Dublin YMCA



#CES-2440274



YMCA, Unit 3, De Verdon Place, Malahide
Road, Dublin 17, D17 F886



No of positions : 1



Community Employment Programme



19.5 hours per week



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26/03/2026



07/05/2026

How to register your interest

To register your interest, take note of the scheme reference number and contact an Employment Personal Advisor (EPA) in your [local Intreo Office](#)



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Playwork Assistant

Application Details

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Your eligibility will have to be verified by the Department.

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Applicants should supply suitable character references and be prepared to complete a Garda vetting application form.

Job Description

Duties

This is a developmental opportunity, no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career.

The Playwork Assistant will assist in providing our school age childcare and youth work services to young people aged 8 to 17 years in Dublin 13. This role requires good communication, teamwork, and organisational skills to help embed YMCA Dublin's services in new communities.

YMCA Dublin are excited to provide an individual in gaining quality work experience and certified training in order to have a successful career in the Childcare or Youth Work Sector.

This three year phased scheme will include:

Year 1: Employment induction and fundamentals in childcare and/or youthwork. Specific training and shadowing of experienced team members.

Year 2: QQI qualifications and targeted learning that could include Social Studies, Working with Young People, Special Needs Assisting and/or Paediatric First Aid.

Year 3: Further responsibility with tasks, work placement, CV and interview preparation.

All the above opportunities are aimed at increasing skill and knowledge in the area in order to gain a full time career in Youth Work or Early Years provision.

Key Responsibilities:

Engaging with young people appropriately during after school and youth work sessions.

Facilitating play activities, such as arts and crafts, with children and young people.

Assisting with daily school collections and drop-offs.

Supervising children on outdoor trips to local parks and playgrounds.

Acting as a positive role model for children and young people.

Working with team members to plan weekly programmes and daily activities.

Help set up and prepare spaces and materials for activities.

Assist with administrative duties, including inputting work records and completing daily checklists and observations.

Undertaking practical training in school age childcare, playwork, safeguarding, etc.

Abide by YMCA Policies and Procedures, including Child Protection and Health & Safety.

Any other duties related to the delivery of YMCA Childcare services.

Key skills:

Good planning and time management skills

Good team working skills

High level of motivation and the ability to work on your own initiative

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

The ability to empathise with, support and motivate people.

Basic computer skills.

Post information:

The post holder will work 19.5 hours per week.

Working hours will be over afternoons and evenings: 3.00pm - 8.00pm Monday through to Friday.

One Saturday per month. 2:00pm - 7.15pm.

Hours may differ during school holidays.

Continuous training will be provided.

Laptop provided.

Flexibility will be required to adapt to the needs of the community and the service provision.

Location: Dublin 13 & Dublin 17. DeVerdon Place as primary location with Parkside as second working location.

- **Sector:** human health and social work activities