



Freshford Area CE Scheme



#CES-2465088

O'LOUGHLIN GAELS GAA CLUB, O'Loughlin



Gaels, Hebron Rd, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny, R95
RX63



No of positions : 1



Community Employment Programme



19.5 hours per week



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20/08/2026



01/10/2026

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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Caretaker/Groundsworker

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.

Caretaker / Groundskeeper – GAA Club

Role Purpose

The Caretaker/Groundskeeper will ensure the club's facilities, pitches, and grounds are maintained to the highest standard, providing a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for players, members, and visitors. This role is central to supporting the day-to-day running of the club.

Key Responsibilities

Pitch & Grounds Maintenance

Mark, cut, and maintain playing pitches to GAA standards.

Repair goalmouths, reseed, roll pitches, and carry out divot repair.

Maintain goalposts, nets, flags, and training equipment.

Manage grass cutting, strimming, weed control, and general landscaping.

Monitor pitch usage and advise on rest/rotation to prevent damage.

Facilities & Clubhouse Caretaking

Open and close dressing rooms, clubhouse, and grounds as required.

Maintain cleanliness of dressing rooms, toilets, hallways, gym, and meeting rooms.

Assist with basic maintenance and minor repairs (painting, plumbing, carpentry, electrical).

Ensure storage areas are tidy and equipment is safely stored.

Health, Safety & Security

Conduct regular safety checks of facilities, pitches, and equipment.

Ensure entrances, exits, and walkways are safe and accessible.

Lock and secure clubhouse and gates after use.

Report major maintenance or safety issues to the Club Executive.

Matchday & Events Support

Prepare pitches and facilities for matches and training (flags, nets, goalposts, dugouts).

Assist with set-up and clean-up for events, fundraisers, and community activities.

Coordinate with team mentors and club officials to ensure smooth operations.

Skills & Experience

Experience in groundskeeping, caretaking, or facility maintenance (desirable).

Knowledge of pitch preparation and grass care (training can be provided).

Practical maintenance skills (basic carpentry, painting, plumbing, or electrics).

Reliable, responsible, and able to work independently.

Good communication and teamwork skills with coaches, players, and volunteers.

Flexibility to work evenings, weekends, and match days.

Reporting To

Club Executive Committee / Facilities Officer

- **Sector:** other service activities