



TIMESHELL LIMITED



#WPEP-2474978



THE DAWSON HOSTEL, The Dawson, 35
Dawson Street, Dublin 2, D02 P4A6



No of positions : 2



Work Placement Experience Programme



As per WPEP guidelines



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16/10/2026



11/12/2026

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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General Operative Assistant - 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

The participant will gain practical, hands-on experience at Dawson Tourist Hostel, Dublin, through a structured work placement within the maintenance and facilities team. This placement provides an opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence and gain valuable workplace experience in a busy hospitality environment.

The participant will be supported and mentored by experienced team members and will have the opportunity to develop practical skills in general maintenance, health and safety, teamwork and workplace organisation.

The participant will gain experience in the following areas:

- Assisting with general maintenance and upkeep of the hostel building and facilities.
- Assisting with painting, decorating and minor refurbishment projects.
- Assisting with basic plumbing tasks under appropriate supervision.
- Removing dead plants, fallen leaves and other garden debris to maintain outdoor areas.
- Helping to maintain clean, tidy and safe communal areas, corridors and external spaces.
- Assisting with basic repairs and reporting maintenance issues to the relevant team member.
- Supporting the safe movement, storage and organisation of maintenance equipment and materials.
- Assisting with waste removal and maintaining good housekeeping standards.

Role Description

This is a training and work experience opportunity; no prior experience in this role is necessary. Accredited and/or sector-recognised training will be provided to support the participant throughout the placement. Participants will be eligible to participate in the WPEP QQI Work Experience Module, developed by the Education and Training Boards in collaboration with the Department of Social Protection. This optional module can fulfil the accredited training requirements for WPEP.

The following formal or sector-recognised training will be provided, either internally or through an approved training provider:

- QQI Work Experience Module (Level 5) – through the local Education and Training Board (ETB), subject to availability and eligibility.
- Health and Safety in the Workplace – safe working practices, hazard identification, risk awareness and the correct use of personal protective equipment.
- Manual Handling Awareness – safe lifting, carrying and moving of equipment and materials.
- Basic Maintenance and Facilities Safety – awareness of safe working procedures when assisting with general maintenance tasks.
- Customer Service and Communication Skills – effective communication, teamwork and appropriate interaction with hostel staff and guests.

The participant will receive practical Informal Training and mentoring from experienced team members in the following areas:

- Learning the safe operation and handling of appropriate tools, equipment and machinery, following suitable instruction and supervision.
- Learning basic gardening and grounds maintenance techniques, including removing dead plants, clearing fallen leaves and maintaining outdoor areas.
- Learning how to maintain and care for building structures and surfaces, including preparation, treating, painting and basic decorating.
- Developing an understanding of general building maintenance and how to identify and report maintenance issues.
- Learning basic plumbing maintenance tasks within the participant's training and competence, under appropriate supervision.
- Learning good housekeeping practices, including keeping work areas clean, organised and free from hazards
- Understanding the importance of routine maintenance in maintaining a safe, welcoming and well-presented hostel environment.
- Developing practical problem-solving, time management, teamwork and communication skills.
- Learning to follow workplace procedures, use personal protective equipment correctly and recognise when a task requires a qualified tradesperson.

All practical training will be appropriate to the participant's ability and experience. Tasks involving machinery, tools, plumbing or other potentially hazardous activities will only be undertaken following suitable instruction, risk assessment and

- **Sector:** accommodation and food service activities

Career Level

- Not Required

Candidate Requirements

(Essential)

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