
Future Foundations: Social Care Worker **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/115876>)**

Social Care Worker **Residential Service for Separated Children Seeking International Protection**

Location: Cootehall, Roscommon – 10 minutes from Carrick on Shannon
Full-Time | Permanent (Shift Work incl. Nights, Weekends, and Sleepovers)

About the Service

We provide a high-quality, trauma-informed residential care service for **separated children seeking international protection (SCIP)** — young people under 18 who have arrived in Ireland alone, without a parent or guardian. These children often carry the complex effects of displacement, trauma, loss, and cultural dislocation.

Our service provides not only safe accommodation but also a structured and nurturing environment that supports each child's rights, identity, recovery, and integration into Irish society. The service is regulated by **HIQA** and guided by international best practice in child protection and migrant support.

About the Role

We are currently recruiting **Social Care Workers** to join our dedicated residential care team. This is a deeply rewarding and vital role that involves providing day-to-day care, cultural and emotional support, and advocacy for children navigating the Irish care and asylum systems.

You will play a central role in supporting young people from diverse cultural backgrounds, many of whom may have experienced war, trafficking, forced migration, or separation from family. Your work will promote emotional wellbeing, integration, education, and long-term stability for each young person.

Key Responsibilities

Direct Support & Care

- Build warm, respectful, and culturally sensitive relationships with young people
- Support young people's adjustment to a new culture and language while honouring their identity
- Promote day-to-day wellbeing, including personal care, nutrition, education, and recreational activities
- Facilitate access to education, medical care, legal services, and community supports
- Encourage and model pro-social behaviour and life skills development
- Assist with integration activities and cultural orientation in the local community

Child Protection & Trauma-Informed Practice

- Respond appropriately to trauma-related behaviours and emotional distress
- Provide a physically and psychologically safe space for recovery and growth
- Maintain professional boundaries while offering empathetic and consistent care
- Adhere to safeguarding and child protection protocols, including Children First and HIQA standards
- Recognise and support children who may be victims of trafficking, FGM, or other serious violations of rights

Advocacy, Rights, and Cultural Awareness

- Advocate for each child's right to education, healthcare, and fair legal processes
- Support access to interpreters, religious/spiritual services, and culturally appropriate food and clothing
- Promote children's voice and participation in decisions affecting them
- Respect each young person's cultural identity, beliefs, and traditions

Record-Keeping & Teamwork

- Contribute to detailed daily records, risk assessments, and incident reports
- Participate in care planning meetings, asylum and social work reviews, and multidisciplinary collaboration
- Engage in reflective supervision, training, and continuous improvement
- Work proactively with social workers, legal guardians, Tusla teams, and NGOs supporting migrant rights

Essential Requirements

- **Level 7 degree or higher in Social Care, Social Work, Youth Work, Psychology, or equivalent**
- **Full clean driving licence**
- Strong interpersonal skills and emotional resilience
- Understanding of **trauma, displacement, cultural diversity, and child development**
- Knowledge of relevant legislation and policy, including Children First, Child Care Act 1991.

What We Offer

- Competitive salary
- Ongoing training in trauma-informed care, intercultural competence, and child protection
- Access to employee wellness supports and supervision
- Pathways to progression into senior and managerial roles
- A purpose-driven and supportive multicultural team environment

How to Apply

Send your CV and cover letter outlining your suitability for this role to admin@futurefoundations.ie
(<mailto:admin@futurefoundations.ie>)

This service is committed to safeguarding children and promoting equality, inclusion, and diversity. We are an equal opportunities employer committed to diversity and inclusion.

Region

Cootehall, Co Roscommon

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