

National Traveller Accommodation Policy Officer (part-time)

The Irish Traveller Movement (ITM) was Founded in 1990 is a national membership organisation representing Travellers and Traveller organizations across Ireland. One of its core principles is to challenge the racism that Travellers face in Ireland; ITM works collectively to represent the views of Travellers and Traveller organizations at a national and international level. We develop policies, and innovative ways to bring about change for Travellers in Ireland. We work to challenge the inequalities faced by Travellers by promoting Traveller participation and leadership locally and nationally, by developing and sharing best practice, developing evidence-based research to inform our work and building strategic alliances with all who are committed to a fairer Irish Society.

ITM is seeking a dynamic, motivated and skilful personal to be part of the National Accommodation Team in advancing National Traveller Accommodation policy. The role of the National Accommodation Policy Officer is to ensure that ITM works to advance the following key areas:

The key functions of this post are:

- Develop and respond to National Traveller Accommodation Policy and develop policy, submissions on key issues with our membership and wider Traveller community;
- Support the National coordination of the ITM Accommodation Working Group and other national spaces.
- Support local Traveller organisations to respond to accommodation crisis and issues affecting the wider Traveller community,
- Support innovative ways of work that includes best practice between Traveller organisations and civil society and housing groups
- Working with local and national Traveller representatives on Traveller national Accommodation Advisory bodies.
- Providing an evidence-base, include research analysis to inform National Traveller Accommodation Policy;
- Prepare inputs into Department's Traveller Accommodation guidelines and documents as necessary

Essential requirements for the post include:

- A strong commitment to community development / Human rights and equality framework approach.

- Thorough knowledge of the Accommodation issues affecting the Traveller community.
- Community development qualification or minimum 3 years' experience, skills and analysis.
- To support the development of policy submissions and to have the ability to articulate our policy position at a national level.
- Clear knowledge and understanding of the local and national accommodation policy spaces that affect the Traveller community.
- Experience of working in a Traveller organisation or community development organisation.
- Understanding of a national network/membership organisation.
- Understanding of the support needs of Traveller community/organisations regarding policy issues.
- Willingness to travel throughout Ireland to our membership.

Person Specification

- Good interpersonal skills, including ability to liaise with a wide range of contacts and build and maintain effective working relationships.
- Excellent standards of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Ability to be proactive, use own initiative and work effectively within a pressurised environment.
- Positive and flexible approach to team working.
- Good written communications skills, including ability to draft summary information and correspondence.
- Good computer skills, including Microsoft, Google Workspace and Salesforce CRM

Salary: Commensurate with experience, starting at Point 4 @ €36,000

Duration: One year

Commencing: May 2022

Work hours: 17.5

Location: ITM office 4/5 Eustace Street , Dublin 2 , consideration will be given to Hybrid working arrangement.

To Apply: Please return completed cover letter to jobs@itmtrav.ie or post to ITM 4-5 Eustace Street, Dublin 2. **Closing date for applications 22st April 2022 at 5.00pm**

Interview will take place on the week of the 2nd of May and candidates will be informed shortly after.

ITM is an Equal Opportunities Employer and welcomes application from the Traveller community and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.