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## General

### Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

Lower Baggot Street Dublin



#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Deactivated  
**Level:** Other Education  
**Date Posted:** Fri Nov 20 2020 15:21:48  
**Application Closing Date:** Thu Dec 10 2020  
**Status of Post:** Permanent  
**Number of Vacancies:** 1

#### POST DETAILS

**Title:** Head of Early Years Division  
**Description:** Head of Early Years Division  
Dublin

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth deals with policy and service developments relating to a number of very important groups in society. It seeks to coordinate and develop key actions across Government relating to children and young people. It also works on issues relating to some of our most vulnerable groups including children at risk, children in care of the State, and other vulnerable, minority and disadvantaged groups. It emphasises inclusivity and support in the area of equality. It is responsible for international protection accommodation for those seeking asylum in Ireland and, in the near future, it will take on responsibility for disability services that are currently under the remit of the Department of Health. The Department also deals with a range of important legacy issues from Ireland's past and a range of issues that are universal to society, including early learning and care for our children, prevention and early intervention services and support and advice for parents.

As a member of the senior management team, the Head of Early Years Division will have responsibility for leading on ensuring access to high quality and affordable Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare. This includes the development of policy and legislation, the administration of a range of schemes, oversight of the regulation of the Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare sector; and a number of initiatives to develop the workforce and improve the quality of services to children.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Strong organisational skills with an ability to lead and manage a high performance division in a fast paced environment;
- A proven track record in policy analysis and policy development in a complex area where Government policy envisages substantial further service improvement and change;
- Adaptability and flexibility, with a capacity to find innovative solutions in a challenging policy and legislative environment;
- Excellent leadership and people management skills including networking and influencing, enabling constructive and direct engagement with a mix of public, private and community/not for profit actors;
- Proven experience in relation to the governance and oversight of multiple agencies and groups.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 3pm on Thursday 10 December, 2020.

For more information and how to apply, visit: [https://bit.ly/Edposts\\_Ad\\_HeadEYDiv](https://bit.ly/Edposts_Ad_HeadEYDiv)

This is a Top Level Appointments Committee (TLAC) position.

If you feel you would benefit from a confidential discussion about this opportunity, please contact Paula Quinn on [paula.quinn@publicjobs.ie](mailto:paula.quinn@publicjobs.ie).

We are committed to a policy of equal opportunity and encourage applications under all nine grounds of the Employment Equality Act.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications may be submitted by

- Online Application

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