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## Room Leader

### Manorcunningham Community Child Care

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Manorcunningham  
Community  
Child Care Centre



ECCE and NCS

PH:074-9157611

#### MAIN DETAILS

**Status:** Active  
**Level:** Pre-School  
**Date Posted:** Tue Jun 30 2026  
**Application Closing Date:** Mon Jul 13 2026  
**Commencement Date:** Wed Aug 26 2026  
**Status of Post:** Contract

#### SCHOOL DETAILS

**School Structure:** Pre-School  
**Associated Professional Body:** ECI  
**Total Number of Staff:** 6  
**Current Enrolment:** 32

#### POST DETAILS

##### Additional Information:

Manorcunningham Community Child Care Centre is recruiting a Lead Educator to join our early years team. We are a small, community-based, not-for-profit early years' service. We operate two preschool rooms from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. We provide a play-based programme for up to 32 children, aged 2 years 8 months to 6 years.

We are seeking an agentic educator who is reflective, intentional and committed to pedagogical leadership. The successful candidate will exercise professional judgement to create a safe, caring, inclusive and play-based learning environment where every child experiences a sense of belonging, agency and wellbeing.

Guided by the principles of Aistear, the Lead Educator will foster responsive relationships and view children as capable, competent and active participants in their own learning. Through attentive observation, thoughtful planning and meaningful interactions, they will support children's curiosity, creativity and holistic development.

Drawing on the principles of slow pedagogy, the Lead Educator will value time, presence and deep engagement, recognising that rich learning emerges through sustained play, enquiry and authentic relationships. They will work collaboratively with children, families and colleagues, using reflection and professional dialogue to continually strengthen practice and create learning experiences that are responsive to children's interests, rights and voices.

##### Qualification

Applicants must hold a minimum QQI Level 7 qualification in Early Learning and Care (or an equivalent recognised qualification) that meets the DCEDIY Qualification Requirements for the Role of Graduate Lead Educator. The qualification must appear on the current DCEDIY List of Early Years Recognised Qualifications, or applicants must provide a Letter of Eligibility from the DCEDIY confirming that their qualification meets the qualification requirements for the role of Graduate Lead Educator.

##### Experience

1. A minimum of 2 years' experience as a Lead Educator in an early years' setting is essential.
2. Experience in fostering inclusive practice and supporting the participation and learning of all children in an early years' setting or a related field is essential.

#### Vetting Requirements

1. Garda Vetting is a mandatory requirement for this position.
2. An International Child Protection Certificate (ICPC) or equivalent police clearance certificate is required for applicants who have resided outside of Ireland and Northern Ireland for a cumulative period of six months or more after the age of 18. Where applicable, this documentation must be submitted with the job application. Applications that do not include this required documentation cannot be progressed.

How to apply :Applicants should submit the following:

- A cover letter.
- A current CV.
- The names and contact details of two referees.
- Copies of relevant qualifications.
- An International Child Protection Certificate (ICPC) or equivalent police clearance certificate, where applicable.

Applications should be submitted by email to [manorcommunityplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:manorcommunityplaygroup@gmail.com) or by post, marked for the attention of the Manager, to:

Manorcunningham Community Child Care Centre  
Ray  
Manorcunningham  
Co. Donegal  
F92 EK81

Applications must be received no later than 6.00 pm on Monday, 13 July 2026.

Interviews will be conducted in person only. Remote or virtual interviews will not be offered.  
Interviews are due to take place between the 17th and 21st July

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Curriculum Vitae
- Covering Letter
- References

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#### APPLY TO THIS JOB VACANCY

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