




Peer Researcher Information Sheet

Position Description:	
Job Title	Peer Research Assistant – Four posts
Employer	The Childhood Development Initiative (CDI)
Location of Post	Fettercairn, Tallaght West, Dublin 24
Reporting Relationship	Reporting to CDI Research Fellow.
Purpose of the Post	<p>The purpose of this role will be to assist the Parent Engagement Research Project. CDI has developed a programme to support parents/carers by placing a dedicated facilitator within Early Years services. The work with parents/carers includes identifying needs, offering support, and coordinating with other services.</p> <p>CDI now wants to collect the views of parents and their children about this programme. The aim is to generate recommendations that help us to develop effective supports for parents in order to improve children’s outcomes.</p>
Principal Duties and Responsibilities	<p>Peer Research Assistants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend eight hours of training on how to undertake the role. - Assist in agreeing the key questions which will help us explore parents’ views on the CDI parental support programme. - Conduct interviews with parents via online/telephone (individual or small group interviews). - Assist the analysis of the collected views.
Eligibility Criteria: Required Qualifications and experience	<p>Minimum Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To have good English speaking, listening, and writing skills. <p>Required Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be a parent of a child/children aged between 6 and 16 years of age (all children must be 6 or more years old). We are keen to recruit research assistants that share common experiences with the parents who will be interviewed, but whose children are not currently attending the same services. - Ability to use Microsoft Word. - Ability to use zoom video conferencing tool on the computer.
Other requirements specific to the post.	<p>The selected candidates will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete the Children First Training online. - Sign the CDI Code of Conduct. - Be Garda vetted. <p>CDI will provide support with all of this.</p>

Desired skills, competencies and/or knowledge.	<p>The ideal candidates will have a strong commitment to improving supports for parents and children’s outcomes, and will have the ability to engage parents in the research, by setting them at ease, and presenting with confidence.</p> <p>Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Able to set people at ease, make ‘small talk’, and help people feel comfortable. - Able to manage own workload. - Basic technical skills (using Zoom and completing word documents). <p>Interpersonal Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to interact sensitively, ethically, and professionally with parents. - Ability to communicate clearly. - Able to work well in a team.
How to apply	<p>Please complete the Application Form by 5th of April. You can find the form here.</p> <p>Or email us on info@cdi.ie and we will send you the application form.</p>
Contract	<p>The contract of employment is to December 2021 and is subject to funding.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>This project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 890925.</p> </div>
Remuneration	<p>The salary will be 25 euros per hour. The total amount of hours each research assistant is expected to work are 26 hours.</p> <p>Training time will be paid.</p>
What we offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation Certificate. - Career development support, including involvement in writing academic papers.
Equal opportunities	<p>CDI is committed to providing equal opportunities to all its employees and applicants for employment. As an employer, the CDI is committed to ensuring gender equality and to preventing discrimination on any grounds. Specifically, the Parent Engagement Research Project aims to achieve a balanced representation of men and women.</p>