

Join Our Team as a Community Energy Communications Officer

Energy Communities Tipperary Cooperative, trading as EcoVision, is seeking a passionate and driven individual to fill the role of Community Energy Communications Officer for the EU Just Transition Fund Community Retrofit Coordination project within the Thurles and Carrick-on-Suir Municipal Districts. This role offers an exciting opportunity to contribute meaningfully to Ireland's energy transition, while making a tangible impact on local communities.

Energy Communities Tipperary Cooperative Background

Energy Communities Tipperary Cooperative CLG (ECTC), trading as EcoVision, is a not-for-profit organisation, whose vision is to mobilise communities in Tipperary and surrounding areas to reduce the carbon footprint of their built environment, thereby creating local employment and community benefits.

Role Overview: Community Energy Communications Officer

As the Community Energy Communications Officer, you will play a pivotal role in driving the Community Retrofit Coordination programme, which aims to increase the uptake in energy efficiency upgrades in the Thurles and Carrick-on-Suir Municipal Districts.

The Community Energy Communications Officer will achieve this by:

- Working as part of a collaborative team to develop and drive our sales and marketing strategy.
- Co-designing and executing the communication strategy to engage communities and homeowners. This may include creation of content, social media posts, newsletters and relevant templates.
- Supporting the Community Energy Coordinator to engage homeowners, businesses, and community groups. This may include developing and delivering presentations to local groups.
- Serving as an initial point of contact for homeowners, local businesses, and community groups enquiring about energy upgrades, and determining their eligibility to participate in our scheme.
- Supporting EcoVision's other community development work in the Thurles and Carrick-on-Suir Municipal Districts which contribute to the success of the Community Retrofit Coordination project e.g. attending networking events and shows.
- Maintaining a foundational understanding of Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) grants
- Engaging in continuous learning and professional development to stay abreast of industry trends.
- Reporting regularly to the General Manager.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

The ideal candidate will have the following characteristics:

- A qualification in Marketing or Sales, or similar would be a key advantage, otherwise the candidate should demonstrate experience in sales and marketing.
- A proficiency in social media and digital skills is a must.
- Additionally, the candidate should have strong communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.
- Some community development experience, particularly with rural voluntary groups and community energy projects, is highly advantageous.
- An understanding of the Energy Transition and Energy Democracy principles would be welcome.

- Highly motivated with a proactive attitude and the ability to work independently in a primarily remote, home working environment.
- Ability to travel with own car and a full clean driver's licence.
- The candidate must reside in the Thurles or Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District

HOW TO APPLY

Application to be submitted as follows:

1. CV of applicant including details of relevant qualifications, skills, experience, and two referees, plus one page cover **to be sent by email with subject marked "EU JTF" to jobs@ecovision.ie, by Sunday, 13th April 2024.**
2. Short-listing will apply. Candidates must be available for an interview in person.
3. The salary of this position is €40,000 per annum.
4. This is a full time contract until 31st March 2026, with a possibility to extend subject to funding.
5. This role is 37.5 hours per week, with a degree of flexibility.
6. Some evening work may be required to attend community meetings.
7. Place of Work: Remote working, with regular attendance at in-person team meetings.



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