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UNESCO Chair "Transforming the Lives  
of People with Disabilities, their Families  
and Communities, Through Physical Education,  
Sport, Recreation and Fitness"

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## UNESCO Chair, Institute of Technology, Tralee, Ireland

### Applied Disability Inclusion Specialist

#### (Post Doctorate Researcher 2 year Fixed Term Contract)

In 2013 the IT, Tralee became the first third level institution in the world to receive a UNESCO Chair in *Inclusive Physical Education, Sport, Fitness and Recreation*. The Chair uses education, training and research to advance towards more inclusive societies using PE, sport, fitness and recreation as conduits to social justice. The geographical scope of the Chair extends from Europe, North America, Canada, Gulf Region, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean while certain areas of the Chair activities have a global remit. Some of the major challenges of modern times are addressed by the Chair activities including healthy and active aging and tackling societal challenges such as inclusion and wellbeing. The Chair activities extend across such disciplines as education and training, adapted physical activity, social sciences, social entrepreneurship, health, pedagogy, assistive technologies, ICT, policy and development work.

The establishment of the Chair commits the Institute to working closely with UNESCO to advance policy and practice in the field and to engage in collaborative education, training and research activities with multi-disciplinary partners globally to advance knowledge and practice. The successful candidate work alongside the existing research team.

#### Minimum Qualifications

Applicants are required to have a minimum of a PhD research degree in either Adapted Physical Activity, Physical Education, Sport, Fitness, Recreation, Health or appropriate discipline related area with a focus on the inclusion of people with disabilities and significant relevant practical experience in an inclusive and/or segregated education and training environment. Applicants must have a very strong applied knowledge of the biopsychosocial considerations surrounding physical activity for people with a range of disabilities. In addition it is desirable that applicants have relevant post-graduate research supervision experience up to postgraduate level 10 (PhD) research candidates. A significant, prior publication record is highly desirable. English communication skills are essential while other languages skills are seen as an advantage.

#### The successful Candidate will:

- Work extensively on the development of comprehensive resources for use by physical activity, physical education, sport and exercise specialists to ensure adherence to best practice guidance when working with individuals with a variety of disabilities. These resources will exemplify knowledge of salutogenesis & the biopsychosocial implications of disability, functional limitations and medications on physical activity and exercise.
- Develop training programmes & materials including online materials in the areas associated with the Chair.

- Illustrate, through resource development, practical applied knowledge of the benefits, barriers, and facilitators of wellbeing & active lives for people with disabilities.
- Continue the development of bridge building practically oriented initiatives linking the chair with civic society organisations and practical capacity building initiatives on an international platform aligned with the Chair goals.
- Work closely with the IT Tralee UNESCO Chair Manager, Chairholder and the Chair team to attract a significant international profile for the UNESCO Chair research agenda, the IT Tralee and accordingly Ireland as a first class education and research provider;
- Actively pursue funding for the research, education and training activities of the Chair via a broad range of national and international funding avenues.
- Prepare papers on research findings for publication in peer-reviewed journals;
- Peer review documentation as required by UNESCO and other relevant agencies.
- Assist with the development and population of a digital repository of resources relevant to the Chair activities.

**Ideal Candidates will have:**

- Excellent communication skills and the ability to collaborate with multidisciplinary partners on an International platform.
- Knowledge of the international stakeholders and policy influencers in the areas of Chair responsibility.
- A record of postgraduate supervision, international collaboration and funding acquisition.
- A record of research leadership and research management including transformative research.
- Relevant practical experience in an appropriate related discipline area.
- A good understanding of the issues pertaining to quality inclusive practice in PE, Sport, Fitness and Recreation internationally and have a good knowledge of the major professional bodies of relevance to the Chair activities.
- Knowledge of the issues pertaining to inclusion in post-conflict, post, disaster and developing countries.

**Salary**

A salary range from €37,750 to €46,255 will apply to this post depending on qualifications and experience.

**Application Procedure**

**All applications must be made online at [www.ittralee.ie](http://www.ittralee.ie)**

**Location**

This post is located in the Institute of Technology Tralee, South Campus, Clash, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

**Informal Enquiries**

Informal enquiries ONLY may be addressed to: Ms Catherine Carty [UNESCO Chair Manager at the IT Tralee]  
Email: [Catherine.carty@staff.ittralee.ie](mailto:Catherine.carty@staff.ittralee.ie)

**Closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016**  
**Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted**

We regret travel expenses cannot be offered to interviewees.

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