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

Institute of Technology, Tralee

UNESCO Chair Post-Doctoral Researcher

(Fixed Term Contract: Up to three years)

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 Chair has 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 IT, Tralee is advancing the research agenda of the UNESCO Chair and is currently developing a suite of internationally focused undergraduate and postgraduate educational programmes.

The successful candidate will be a key part of a research team undertaking the research and development activities of the Chair. They will undertake global review of policy as it relates to UNESCO Charter and other normative instruments. In addition they will write and support other staff and researchers in writing academic publications connected with the Chair work. In addition the candidate will pursue relevant EU and other funding programmes necessary to secure funding to advance the education, training and research activities of the Chair.

Minimum Qualifications

Applicants are required to have a minimum of a PhD research degree, and relevant experience, in either Physical Education, Sport, Fitness, Recreation, Health, Social Justice, International Policy or an associated discipline related area, with a focus on inclusive best practice. A significant prior publication record, from peer reviewed papers to policy documentation, is highly desirable. Excellent English communication skills (written and verbal) are essential while other languages skills are advantageous.

The successful Candidate will:

- Examine the implementation of UNESCO's Charter (2015) from the perspective of the main policy monitoring parameters globally.
- Map existing indicators and data collection/statistical initiatives in the field of sport and people with disabilities, as well as related key experts and institutions.
- Populate an online repository relating to documentation in the area of PE, sport, physical activity and people with disabilities from a policy to practice level.
- Develop content for an inclusive online resource in PE, Physical Activity and Sport.
- Actively pursue funding for the research, education and training activities of the Chair.
- Prepare papers on research findings for publication in peer-reviewed journals.
- Undertake all other duties as assigned by the UNESCO Chair Manager.

Ideal Candidates will have:

- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal) and the ability to collaborate with multidisciplinary partners on a national, international and global platform.
- A record of postgraduate supervision, international collaboration and funding acquisition.
- A record of research leadership and research management including transformative research.
- Strong experience in and 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.
- Knowledge of UNESCO, its objectives and work.

Salary

A salary range from €33,975 to €41,630 will apply to this post depending on qualifications and experience.

Application Procedure

All applications must be made online at <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

Closing date for applications is 12.00 noon GMT on Wednesday 11th January 2017

Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.

We regret travel expenses cannot be offered to interviewees. SKYPE Interviews can be accommodated.

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