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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 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 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 work as part of a research team undertaking the research and development activities of the Chair. In addition, the candidate will participate in EU projects and undertake the necessary research work to fulfil the requirements of the project. Attendance at meetings in Europe will be necessary.

Minimum Qualifications

A Masters level degree encompassing the inclusion of people with disabilities in PE, Sport, Recreation or Fitness or an associated discipline related area is essential. Research skills are essential. English communication skills are essential while other languages skills would be an advantage. Relevant practical experience in an inclusive and/or segregated education and training environment would be an advantage.

The successful Candidate will:

- Work as part of the UNESCO Chair research team at the IT Tralee and advance the activities of the Chair for the purposes of moving towards more inclusive societies on a global platform.
- Participate in EU projects in the area of research and standard development for inclusion of people with disabilities in Martial Arts & other sports areas
- Conduct research in the area of labour market research in sport and active leisure in Ireland and beyond.
- Undertake a research project in conjunction with the UNESCO Chair & Commit to Inclusion International.
- Prepare papers on research findings for publication in peer-reviewed journals and grey publications.
- Assist with the development and population of a digital repository of resources relevant to the Chair activities.
- Undertake all other duties as assigned by the UNESCO Chair Manager.

Ideal Candidates will have:

- Excellent communication skills and ability to collaborate with multidisciplinary partners internationally.
- The ability to become a committed, active member of the research team, able to work on his/her own initiative.
- 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.

Salary

A salary range from €19,665 to €29,637 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 Project 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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