



# Westmeath Volunteer Centre

Ionad d'Obair Dheonach Iarmhí

*Westmeath Volunteer Centre*

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## **Our Vision:**

*A vibrant Irish society; where every person feels connected to their community through active participation in voluntary activities.*

## **Our Mission:**

*Our mission is to promote the value of volunteering and increase the range and quality of volunteering in Westmeath.*

# Key Objectives

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- ❖ **Raise awareness of volunteering** by offering a Support Service to the Public and to Community and Voluntary Organisations.
  - ❖ **Increase access to volunteering** by increasing the capacity of Community and Voluntary Organisations, to engage volunteers and enhance their services.
  - ❖ **Increase quality in volunteering** by promoting and developing best practice in volunteer management through information and training.
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## What we do

- Placement service - offer advice and support to individuals about different volunteering opportunities.
- We also support organisations who involve volunteers and help them to develop quality volunteer opportunities/roles.
- Promote volunteering around the county.
- Provide a Garda Vetting service for groups who do not have access to their own liaison person.
- Provide training to Community and Voluntary groups specific to volunteering.

# Sample Volunteer Opportunities/Roles/Vacancies

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- Website design
  - Befriending
  - Administration
  - Social Media
  - Support worker
  - Videographer
  - Stewarts
  - Activities Volunteer
  - Fundraising
  - Maintenance
  - Radio presenters
  - Event managers
  - Researchers
  - Youth Leaders
  - Adult Literacy
  - Animal welfare
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# Sample Volunteer On-line Opportunities

- As a Result of Covid-19 Restriction, a number of roles became available that were carried out from home.
- Getting Started Stay in touch tutor-Age Action.
- Online leisure buddies-HSE E-Leisure Buddies Initiative
- Online Grinds tutor
- Conversational English online tutor

# Fleadh Cheoil 2022

- Largest event in Westmeath in 2022
- 31<sup>st</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- 1200 Volunteering Opportunities
- Applications Currently been accepted
- **click on the**  
link <https://volunteerwestmeath.ie/fleadh-2022-2/>



# Fleadh Cheoil 2022 Opportunities

- Street Stewards
- Assisting at competitions
- Being part of our Green Fleadh
- Being Fleadh Ambassadors
- Volunteering at concerts
- Helping with social media
- Photography
- and many other roles



# Westmeath Volunteer Centre 2021 Statistics

- **301** – Volunteers registered.
- **65** – Organisations provided volunteer placements.
- **7,989** - Volunteers hours recorded in 2021
- **220** – Garda vetting applications processed.



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