

Farming Rathcroghan Scheme CLG – European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Project Manager

Full Job Title

Project Manager for the Farming Rathcroghan (EIP): Sustainable Farming in the Rathcroghan Archaeological Landscape.

Employer

Farming Rathcroghan Scheme CLG, on behalf of the Rathcroghan Resource Community Operational Group (OG), the members of which are: Rathcroghan Farmers; Rathcroghan Visitor Centre; Roscommon County Council – Heritage Office; NUI, Galway, Archaeology; Teagasc; and the National Monuments Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in an advisory capacity.

Duration

April 2019 – December 2023, Full time.

Farming Rathcroghan Project Background

Rathcroghan is a well-preserved, prehistoric and medieval archaeological landscape located in rich agricultural pasture at the very heart of county Roscommon. This landscape of archaeological sites is on the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht's tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage Status (Royal Sites of Ireland) in recognition of its national and international significance.

The Farming Rathcroghan Operational Group was granted a project budget of €0.984 million, through the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) EIP-Agri fund, for an innovative project to address the declining socio-economic circumstances of the farming community, while addressing the need to preserve and create awareness of this unique archaeological landscape. The knowledge gained from this EIP has the potential to be replicated in future EU-funded schemes.

The Farming Rathcroghan Project proposes to improve the socio-economic circumstances of farming, through testing innovations in the provision of a range of environmental and ecosystem services designed to protect and maintain the cultural landscape (e.g. landscape quality and archaeological condition, aesthetic and cultural services, promoting quality food production, enhancing biodiversity, improving carbon sequestration and water quality).

The Farming Rathcroghan Project is looking to appoint a suitable person to the position of Project Manager, who will be responsible for designing, developing, managing and coordinating this project. This role is a multi-faceted one, with the overall goal being a sustainable improvement to the socio-economic circumstances of the Rathcroghan farming communities, while preserving and creating awareness of this unique archaeological landscape.

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The post

The EIP Project Manager post is an exciting opportunity for an experienced professional to develop a unique farming and heritage partnership project at one of the most important archaeological landscapes in Europe. The Project Manager will have responsibility for day-to-day delivery of the project, under the direction of the Project Operational Group. This post will involve outdoor tasks as well as desk-based duties. This post will evolve with the project, beginning with the project design phase (in consultation with the key stakeholders) in year one, followed by the implementation and dissemination phases over the following four years.

Duties include:

- Develop, design and implement the Farming Rathcroghan EIP Project, in association with the Farming Rathcroghan Scheme CLG and OG.
- Liaise with key stakeholders for the project, particularly the Rathcroghan farmers and local community.
- Report to the Farming Rathcroghan Scheme CLG, and liaise on a regular basis with Farming Rathcroghan – Sustainable Farming in the Rathcroghan Archaeological Landscape OG, Field Monument Advisor, Rural Recreation Officer and other key stakeholders.
- Liaise with the Financial Officer and Financial Oversight Group to establish proper financial administrative, management and reporting processes. This will involve the co-ordination of bi-annual progress reports, the annual financial report and the final report for submission by Farming Rathcroghan Scheme CLG to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- Develop and implement a communication and dissemination strategy for the project.

The above Job Description is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.

Minimum requirements

The successful candidate will have achieved at least a Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications in Agricultural Science, Environmental Science or an equivalent relevant qualification in

other related areas (e.g. heritage, archaeological or tourism-related qualification) that is deemed acceptable to the Project Operational Group. They must also have a minimum of 5 years relevant post-qualification experience. If a higher level of qualification has been obtained by the candidate, this can be taken into account in lieu of post-qualification experience.

A full clean driving licence is also required as the role necessitates the use of a car to commute to work and for other work-related purposes. The post may also require the candidate to work occasional evenings (primarily for meetings or information evenings), as required. The candidate should also have good interpersonal and oral communication skills, in addition to a range of IT and computer-related competencies.

Project management experience is desirable, as is a keen knowledge and interest in Ireland's heritage and archaeology.

Salary

This is a full-time post. The salary for the post is €50,000 per annum.

Duration

The post will run from the start date in 2019 until the end of December 2023.

Location

This is a full-time post based in the Rathcroghan Archaeological Landscape, located between Ballinagare and Tulsk, Co. Roscommon, on the N5 national route.

Applications

To apply, please send a cover letter together with a Curriculum Vitae to the Farming Rathcroghan Scheme CLG, C/O Rathcroghan Visitor Centre, Tulsk, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon or via email at farmingrathcroghan@gmail.com. The cover letter should set out your motivation and what you will bring to the post. Please mark your applications: EIP Project Manager. The closing date for applications is 17:00hrs, Friday 15th February 2019. A shortlist of suitable candidates will be made, and it is anticipated that shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview in the Rathcroghan Visitor Centre, Tulsk on the week of the 11th March 2019. The Farming Rathcroghan Scheme CLG will not cover costs of attending for interview.

The most suitable candidate will be appointed subject to final approval of the budget for the post.

Further information

An executive summary of the 'Sustainable Farming in the Rathcroghan Archaeological Landscape' EIP-Agri Project Plan, and a comprehensive list of the duties involved, is available for the applicant to consult upon request, please contact us at farmingrathcroghan@gmail.com