

Communications Executive

Job Specification & Terms and Conditions

Job Title and Grade	Grade IV Communications Executive
Closing Date	Thursday 20 March 2025 @ 5pm
Location of Post	Oberstown Children Detention Campus
Contract Type	Permanent contract
Salary Scale	The salary for this post ranges from €35,256 to €54,370 per annum
Working Hours	Full time 35 hours per week
Annual Leave	28 days annual leave pro rata for 2025
Reporting Relationship	This role will report to the Communications Manager or equivalent
Purpose of the Post	The post holder will support the delivery of internal and external communications in line with the campus strategy and brand guidelines, participating in the coordination, planning and management of projects, events and initiatives.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

Under the overall direction of the Communications Manager, the primary duties and responsibilities of the Communications Executive will include:

- Generating content for internal and external online platforms, publications and meetings.
- Coordinating internal and external events, including in-person and virtual meetings.
- Updating and maintaining the Oberstown website.
- Supporting the production of videos.
- Supporting and developing Oberstown's social media profile.
- Updating and developing databases.
- Liaising with staff, key stakeholders, suppliers and external agencies as required.
- Leading on specific assigned projects including public information materials and communications projects.
- Working closely with the Communications Manager and members of the Senior Management Team to communicate actions under the Oberstown Strategy 2022-2026.
- Implementing Oberstown brand and visual identity guidelines internally and externally.
- Ensuring keen attention to detail and consistency in Oberstown communications.
- Participating in innovation and supporting change and improvement initiatives within the communications function and across the campus.

- Supporting and promoting efficiency of the service provided, identifying and implementing changes where inefficiencies arise.
- Encouraging and supporting staff through change processes.
- Supporting the embedding of Oberstown's organisational values.
- Promoting and maintaining a customer-focused environment, fostering and maintaining positive working relationships with internal and external stakeholders.
- Seeking feedback from colleagues and stakeholders, implementing change to incorporate same, in agreement with Line Manager.
- Undertaking such duties as may reasonably be assigned from time to time by the Communications Manager and members of the Senior Management Team.

The above duties are not intended to be a comprehensive list of all responsibilities 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.

Confidentiality

In the course of employment, the successful candidate will have access to, or hear information concerning the medical or personal affairs of young people and/or staff, or other service business. Such records and information are strictly confidential and, unless acting on the instructions of an authorised officer, on no account must information concerning staff, young people or other service business be divulged or discussed except in the performance of normal duty. In addition, physical and electronic records must never be treated in such a manner that unauthorised persons can obtain access to them and must be left in safe custody when no longer required.

Professional Knowledge & Experience

Candidates must be able to demonstrate clearly at interview that they possess the full range of competencies as set out below.

Professional Knowledge & Experience

- Experience in the creation of professional documents and presentations. Excellent MS Office skills to include, Word, Excel & PowerPoint and proficiency with Adobe professional applications.
- Strong ability to generate and present documents in a professional manner, including writing, editing and proofreading skills.
- Experience in working with social media.
- Ability to work in an accurate and methodical manner, with great attention to detail, while meeting the demands of a busy project schedule.
- Knowledge and experience of using an email system effectively e.g. Outlook.
- Knowledge of IT based document management systems.
- Excellent typing and data input skills.

Communications & Interpersonal Skills

- Effective communication and interpersonal skills in order to deal effectively with a wide range of stakeholders.
- The ability to present information clearly and concisely.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- The ability to build and maintain relationships with colleagues and other stakeholders to assist in performing the role.

Planning & Managing Resources

- Excellent planning and organisational skills, including structuring own workload effectively.
- Exceptionally organised, detail orientated and pragmatic with an ability to manage competing demands and work to strict schedules and legislated deadlines.
- The ability to use computer technology effectively.
- Efficient use and maintenance of filing and document management systems.
- The ability to manage deadlines and effectively handle multiple tasks.
- The ability to manage within allocated resources and a capacity to respond to changes in a plan.

Team Working

- The ability to work independently on own initiative and as part of a team.
- The ability to establish a good working relationship with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.
- The capacity for management responsibility and initiative.

Commitment to a Quality Service

- Great attention to detail and high levels of accuracy.
- Awareness and appreciation of the needs of service users, colleagues, stakeholders, collaborators and wider audience members.
- A commitment to promoting and maintaining high work standards.
- A commitment to providing a professional service to internal and external stakeholders.

Evaluating Information, Problem Solving & Decision Making

- The ability to retrieve, gather and analyse information from relevant sources.
- A capacity to develop new ideas and proffer solutions to address problems.
- Initiative in the resolution of issues.

Eligibility Criteria Qualifications and/ or experience

Essential:

- A third-level qualification or equivalent, preferably in a communications-related field.
- At least one year work experience in a similar role.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Good IT skills, including proficiency in communications applications.
- Experience in working with social media.
- Ability to work in an accurate and methodical manner, with great attention to detail, while meeting the demands of a busy schedule.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills including the ability to present information in a clear and concise manner.
- Excellent planning and organisational skills including the ability to manage deadlines and effectively handle multiple tasks.

Desirable:

- Understanding and knowledge of the youth justice system in Ireland.
- Knowledge of website content management.
- Experience in event organisation.
- Experience in video production.

Application and Selection Process

How to apply

Applications must be made by submitting the following documents:

- A short cover letter outlining why you wish to be considered for the post and where you believe your skills, experience and values meet the requirements of the position.
- A comprehensive CV, which must include an outline of your education to date (including level on NFQ) and months of work experience to date.
- (Please also outline that you are in receipt of an up-to-date full Irish Driving Licence.)
- Completion of the competency questions form (available to download from www.oberstown.com)

In order to apply for the post of **Communications Executive**, please forward the above requested information via email to recruitmentmail@oberstown.com before **Thursday 20 March 2025 at 5pm**.

Selection Methods

Oberstown will run the selection process in accordance with best recruitment practices. The approach employed comprise of a series of assessments administered over a number of stages, which may include:

- Shortlisting of candidates on the basis of the information contained in their application.
- Competitive interview(s).

- Completion of an online questionnaire(s).
- case study/work sample/role play/media exercise, and any other tests or exercises that may be deemed appropriate.
- a competitive interview which may include a presentation

Shortlisting

In the event of a shortlisting exercise being employed, an expert board will examine the application forms and assess them against pre-determined criteria based on the requirements of the position. It is therefore in your own interest to provide a detailed and accurate account of your qualifications and experience on the application form.

Other important information

Oberstown will not be responsible for refunding any expenses incurred by candidates.

The admission of a person to a competition, or invitation to attend interview, or a successful result letter, is not to be taken as implying that Oberstown and/or employing authority is satisfied that such a person fulfils the requirements or is not disqualified by law from holding the position.

Prior to recommending any candidate for appointment to this position, Oberstown will make all such enquiries that are deemed necessary to determine the suitability of that candidate. Until all stages of the recruitment process have been fully completed a final determination cannot be made nor can it be deemed or inferred that such a determination has been made.

Should a person recommended for appointment decline, or having accepted it, relinquish it, Oberstown may at its discretion, select and recommend other persons for appointment on the results of this selection process. Candidates should make themselves available on the date(s) specified by Oberstown.

Successful candidates may be placed on a panel from which future vacancies may be filled. This panel will initially be for a 12-month period with the possibility of an extension by a further 12 months.

Confidentiality

Subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2013, applications will be treated in strict confidence.

All enquiries, applications and all aspects of the proceedings are treated as strictly confidential and are not disclosed to anyone, outside those who are directly involved in the selection process.

Certain items of information, not specific to any individual, are extracted from computer records for general statistical purposes.

Deeming of candidature to be withdrawn

Candidates who do not attend for interview or other test when and where required by Oberstown, or who do not, when requested, furnish such evidence as Oberstown require in regard to any matter relevant to their candidature will have no further claim to consideration.

Candidates' Obligations

- A third party must not impersonate a candidate at any stage of the process. Any person who contravenes the above provisions or who assists another person in contravening the above provisions is guilty of an offence. A person who is found guilty of an offence is liable to a fine and /or imprisonment.

In addition, where a person found guilty of an offence was or is a candidate at a recruitment process, then:

- Where s/he has not been appointed to a post, s/he will be disqualified as a candidate; and
- Where s/he has been appointed subsequently to the recruitment process in question, s/he shall forfeit that appointment.

Health

A candidate must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the position and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service, which will include sporting and leisure activities as well as an ability to be fully involved in physical restraints where necessary (training will be provided).

Character

Each candidate must be of good character.

Age

Candidates should be aware that a maximum recruitment age will apply to this competition. Candidates must not yet be 67 years of age on the closing date and time for the competition.

Other requirements of the role

Driving Licence

Successful candidates will be required to hold a current full clean Driving Licence – Category B, prior to commencement of employment.