



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin

Disability Service Student Autistic Peer Group Facilitator

Post Specification

Post Title:	Co-facilitator of Autistic Drop In Group
Post Status:	Term Time
Department/Faculty:	Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin
Location:	Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland
Reports to:	Occupational Therapist Co-Facilitator
Salary:	€15.40 per hour
Hours of Work:	3 hours per week
Closing Date:	Friday 10 ^h August at 5.00pm

Interview Date:	Week of August 17 th August
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The successful applicant will be expected to take up post on week beginning 14th September. For departments requiring Garda Vetting: Please note that Garda vetting will be sought in respect of individuals who come under consideration for a post.

Purpose of the Role

Within the Disability Service (DS), staff are committed to providing students with opportunities to feel like they have a place within the College community. Part of this effort is providing Autistic students, students who feel they may be Autistic or share a similar experience, with a space to share their experiences and meet others.

The DS is recruiting a student facilitator for the Autistic Drop-In Group for the 226/27 Academic Year. This group will take place weekly for the academic year, excluding reading weeks. The group is open to all Autistic students or students who may be questioning a possible diagnosis of Autism who may or may not be registered with the Disability Service.

The group facilitator role is responsible for co-facilitating group meetings with students and an Occupational Therapist from the DS. The group facilitator will help provide a structure to group meetings, assist with the management of group discussion, support students in their participation in the group and provide contribute to the lived experience of an Autistic student as part of the facilitating team.

Development Opportunities

The group facilitator will receive training and ongoing supervision and support throughout the group through the Disability Service.

Key Responsibilities

- Arrive before group meetings to help set up the meeting space.
- Welcome attendees and provide instruction/information to assist preparation for the meeting.
- Take responsibility for establishing and implementing group rules and guidelines with all group members.
- Lead on the opening and closing of meetings within specified meeting times.
- Support and maintain group discussion through prompt questions, open topic discussions and welcoming input from all group members in a way they are comfortable/ prepared to contribute.
- Ensure all attendees have equal opportunity for participation in discussion.
- Engage in regular training, supervision, and de-briefing sessions with the group coordinator as required.

- Undertake additional duties arising in discussion and agreement with group coordinator.

Role Requirements

- Current Autistic Student studying in Trinity.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Sensitivity, confidentiality, and respect for the privacy of group members throughout is required.
- Ability to ensure for open conversation, allowing all members to contribute and without judgement.

Desirable

- Experience in facilitating groups.
- A knowledge of relevant supports and services available to students at Trinity and an ability to signpost to these.
- Good organisation skills and the ability to implement structured group sessions.
- The ability to promote a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment respecting others' sharing experiences.

Application Procedure

- This 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/them from time to time and continue the development of the post.
- The closing date for applications is Friday 10th August at 5pm
- If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Cunningham askds@tcd.ie
- Interviews will likely take place in the disAbility Hub the week of 17th August.
- Successful applicants will be informed of their interview no later than end of day 8th August
- Interviews can take place either in-person or online as required by interviewee.
- **To apply, please fill out the form [at the link here](#)**