



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for inclusion on a panel for the following post from which Temporary vacancies arising during the lifetime of the panel may be filled:

***HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS (GRADE VIII)***  
***5-YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT***

**Each Candidate must, on the latest date for receipt of completed application forms:**

- i. A minimum **level 7** educational qualification in media/communications related discipline and specific work experience to an equivalent level to the satisfaction of the Council.
- ii. Have a minimum of **7 years' satisfactory experience** in a broad communications role e.g. PR, Journalism, Media Management, Corporate Communications, Communication Campaigns and Digital Media.
- iii. Demonstrate a high level of fluency and proficiency in the Irish language (both oral and written). Have obtained a minimum qualification at **level 7** on the National Framework of Qualifications in Irish or a qualification e.g. TEG Level C1 in Irish.
- iv. A proven understanding of the local government operating environment, the Irish traditional and digital media landscape and proven delivery in the field of communications.
- v. Substantial experience of dealing with the media.
- vi. Proven leadership skills at a managerial level and experience managing a team in a fast-moving environment and advising senior leaders in an organisation.
- vii. Experience contributing communications expertise to the development of wider organisation strategies and plans.
- viii. A proven track record at senior level in leading and establishing a centralised communications function, including providing high-level strategic advice to senior management on media relations and public communications, including emergency communications.

- ix. Demonstrated experience in leading communications during emergencies, critical incidents and severe weather events, including coordinating timely, accurate public messaging and advising senior management as part of an organisational emergency response.
- x. Demonstrated experience in leading accessible and inclusive public communications within a complex organisation, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.
- xi. Proven ability in: Strategic Management and Change, Performance through People, Delivering Results and Personal Effectiveness.

**Applicants should at the date of applying, hold a full unendorsed valid Irish /EU licence, for Class B vehicles, or a licence acceptable to NDLS for transfer to full Irish licence,**

**Salary: €82,595 - €109,155 per annum**

Candidates may be shortlisted for interview on the basis of information supplied with the application form.

Application forms and further details of this post are available on our website at [www.galway.ie](http://www.galway.ie), or may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources Department, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway – Tel; 091 509303, e-mail [hr@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:hr@galwaycoco.ie).

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is **4.00p.m. on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

**E. Ruane, Director of Services.**

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