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Phort Láirge Partnership



TESTIMONIAL: TÚS PARTICIPANT

The Tús Initiative is a Community Work Placement Scheme, providing short term quality working opportunities for unemployed people. The scheme has proven very successful with both participants and community/voluntary organisations alike. Participants can gain, or update, their experience, learn new skills and benefit from a workplace routine, during their 12 month placement.

One such participant to secure a Tús placement and to gain from meaningful employment is Jamie Farrell. Jamie, a graduate of WIT with a BA Music Degree and a Masters of Science Degree was placed with Tramore Community Radio in June 2015 to fulfil a 12 month Tús placement. Jamie proved a perfect fit to this local radio station as did this placement prove a perfect fit to Jamie, providing worthwhile beneficial employment. Jamie's prior experience as an internship in broadcast engineering coupled with his previous work as a freelance recording engineer, a mixing engineer, mastering engineer, and working as a live sound engineer in both radio and recording environments resulted in both organisation and participant gaining immensely from this placement.

Jamie

'Due to several key unfortunate trends in the current jobs market, in particular the Arts, it has become increasingly difficult to gain long term stable and satisfying employment. It is hard to emphasize the value of professional experience which is not only of the highest quality but also of a broad and flexible base, it is paramount in the search for permanent employment. Probably the most satisfying aspects of the Tús placement to date, and the most applicable to my future career endeavours is the experience and knowledge gained in the rapid prototyping projects and technical applications. The opportunity afforded through Tús is massively conducive to helping me gain vital and valuable experience which is invaluable to my career prospects.'

Tús also provides work related training to all participants. This training provides participants with the opportunity to gain new skills with recognised certification. 20% of available places on Tús can now be filled by assisted/self referral. Individuals wishing to apply must complete a Tús self-referral form. This form can be obtained in the 'application forms' section of this website.