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**Work Experience**

**Summer 2015- International Camp Counsellor – ‘Camp Adventure’ Germany**

* Camp adventure is a Residential Summer camp based in Walsrode Germany. It is an outdoor adventure camp for children all over Europe aged between 7 to14. The camp started in June and runs through to the end of August. My role was that of ‘Camp Counsellor. The qualifications and pre-requisites for camp councillor included;

1. Garda Vetting- completed in May 2015

2. Qualification in First Aid -Refresher Course completed in January 2015

3. Qualification in Life Guard- Refresher Course completed in April 2015

4. 2 week Training Course held in Neuberg in Child Protection.

As Camp Counsellor I was directly responsible and ‘in charge’ of 6 children’s mental, physical and emotional wellbeing which ranged from dealing with their specific food requirements, medications, sleeping arrangements and homesickness.

* All activities and sports ( including kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, to name but a few) were organised and prepared by myself and the other members of staff.
* I acted as Daily Manager which meant planning, preparing and supervising the daily activities and tasks, allocating people to the different roles and ensuring that both children and staff knew what the day’s agenda was and the rules and responsibilities surrounding that.
* As the children were all under 15 years of age and, some, not from Germany I had to accompany the children to the airport and train station when they were leaving the camp and ensure their safe departure, taking them directly to their boarding gate in the airport or to the train platform.

**Peer Tutor and Learning Support**

* Meeting up on a weekly basis with a first year college student to discuss course content and help them grasp the fundamentals of the course more efficiently and to then learn study skills in a more focused environment.
* Some of the skills that are essential in order to effectively partake in Peer Tutoring are; team work, leadership, negotiation, planning, decision making, multi-tasking and time management.

**Volunteer Organiser for Meath Diocese Pilgrimage 2015**

* Organising the Volunteers who would then travel to Lourdes, France to partake in the pilgrimage helping out the pilgrims.
* Kept the volunteers informed about upcoming dates/ meetings.
* Organised meetings and booked tickets for the volunteers.

**January 2015 – May 2015 Volunteer – Literacy Support Programme- Suas**

* Assisted reading with a secondary school student
* Help them improve their fluency and interest in reading
* Encourage a love of learning

**Writer – University Times**

* Member of the University Times journalistic team which enables me to write opinion pieces and features for the supplementary piece.
* Pieces have been published on both the internet and in the physical paper
* (<http://www.universitytimes.ie/?p=33927>)

**ONE campaign – Irish Youth Ambassador**

* One of 15 Irish people chosen to be a Youth ambassador for the year 2015.
* ONE is an international campaigning and advocacy organisation of more than 6 million people taking action to end extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa.
* We raise public awareness and work with political leaders to combat AIDS and preventable diseases, increase investments in agriculture and nutrition, and demand greater transparency in poverty-fighting programs.
* ONE also works closely with African activists and policymakers as they fight corruption, promote poverty-fighting priorities, monitor the use of aid, help build civil society, and spur economic development.
* To date, I have met with Sean Sherlock, junior minister for Foreign Trade to discuss the Government’s aims with Foreign Aid issues, especially economic injustices in these countries.
* Have attended the discussion of a Climate Justice Bill , also attended by key figures such as Mary Lou Mc Donald and Micheal Martin.
* Had pieces published in the Meath Chronicle and Lucan Gazette about me and the work I will be doing.
* Had an interview with LMFM radio station, raising awareness about key issues that citizens should be aware of.
* Have blogged for Plan Ireland on the issue of gender equality
* Through this work I have gained invaluable communication, advocacy skills and tools to effectively use social media, I have also inherited valuable economic and political knowledge in markets and economists and have gained an interest in it.
* Met with my local political representatives ( D. English, P Toibín and D Hannigan) to discuss their election manifestos.

**Christmas 2014- Springfield Hotel – Functions**

* Worked as a waitress for functions including Christmas dinners
* Dealt with customer enquiries and have valuable customer assistance experience.

**Summer 2014- Corrib Food Products – Part Time Job**

* Office duties such as filing, scanning, printing, photocopying
* Worked in the corresponding Corrib Food Products shop
* Performed weekly stock checks
* Product feedback to customers
* Telesales

**September 2014- Present - Piano teacher**

* Currently teaching a range of children from grades Preliminary to Grade 4 for their Royal Irish Academy Music exams
* Educate them with regards to sight reading, scales, arpeggios, contrary motion, singing, and rhythm.

**October 2014 – May 2014 –Volunteer Tuition Programme**

* Tutoring a junior cert student in higher level subjects on a weekly basis
* Test student on information he has learnt
* Answer any problems or queries he may have
* Encourage education for future years

**Regan Mc Entee and Partners - Solicitors Office, Trim, Co. Meath**

* Assistant to Peter D. Higgins and Miriam Regan
* Assistant secretary with job responsibilities including shredding, photocopying, scanning binding, sending post out etc.
* Attended local circuit and district courts with named solicitors above as assistant.
* Data entry of client cases

**Student Union Volunteer – TCD Votes**

* Campaigned for people to join the Voting registrar in order for students to be eligible to vote in the upcoming Marriage Equality Referendum
* Filled out forms registering college students
* Discussed the advantages of being registered and the civic duty one has to vote with people

**SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS**

* Red Cross First Aid Qualifications
* National Pool Lifeguard Award with Irish Water Safety
* School Basketball Team
* Swimming Team
* ECDL Qualified ( European Computer Driving Licence)
* Full Driver’s License
* Accepted member of Europe’s first Student Managed Fund
* Achieved a Certificate of Achievement in Conflict Awareness & Mutual Understanding for the active role played in bringing young people together from Ireland & Israel & Palestine. Awarded by the Department of Foreign Affairs.
* Grade 8 Piano Completed With Honours
* Grade 8 Speech and Drama Passed with Honours
* Achieved ‘Pass with Distinction’ in Commercial Examining Board of Ireland’s Advanced Word Processing Examination