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**EXPERIENCE**

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| **FROM JUNE 2015– TO AUGUST 2015**  DISHWASHER AND WAITRESS, THE VILLAGE BISTRO CASTLEGREGORY |
| **FROM MAY 2016- TO AUGUST 2016**  WAITRESS, NATTERJACKS CASTLEGREGORY  **FROM MAY 2018- TO AUGUST 2018**  WAITRESS, MOES CAFE CASTLEGREGORY    **FROM MAY 2021- TO AUGUST 2021**  FLOOR AND DELI STAFF, SPAR CASTLEGREGORY    **FROM JANUARY 2022- TO SEPTEMBER 2022**  LEGAL ASSISTANT, HOLMES O’MALLEY SEXTON LLP LIMERICK  **FROM MAY 2023- AUGUST 2023**  FOOD SERVICE OPERATOR, BELMONT PARK, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  **Reference’s available on request** |
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**EDUCATION**

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| **AUGUST 2019**  **LEAVING CERTIFICATE, MEAN SCOIL NUA AN LEIGH TRIUIGH CASTLEGREGORY**  Irish Higher Level- H4  English Higher Level-H3  Mathematics Ordinary Level-02  History Higher Level-H3  French Higher Level- H5  Agricultural Science Higher Level- H3  Home Economics Higher Level- H2 |
| **AUGUST 2023**  **2nd ClASS hONOURS dEGREE (2:2)**  **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LAW AND ACCOUNTING, UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK**  Full Student Transcript Available |

**Key SKILLS PROFILE**

Very Proficient Car Owner (I have owned my own car since July 2020)  
Very Proficient Customer Service ( worked in the hospitality industry since the age of 14)  
Full Driving Licence  
Proficient French Language (I studied honours French for my Junior and Leaving Certificate)  
Proficient Irish Language (I studied honours Irish for my Junior and Leaving Certificate)  
Basic Microsoft Excel  
Proficient Microsoft PowerPoint  
Proficient Microsoft Word  
Basic Photography (I did a very basic photography course in Transition Year)  
Very Proficient Event Management (I was involved in organising a large event in INEC Killarney – more information on this below)  
Very Proficient English Language (Fluent)  
Very Proficient Fundraising (I have been involved in various fundraising events – more information on this below)  
Basic Proof Reading  
Proficient Social Media (I can use various social media platforms.)  
Basic Cash Management (I managed cash with cash registers)

**OTHER SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES**

**TEAMWORK**

I worked as a team in my local youth council for 3 years. I was involved in organizing many fundraising events for charities in my area. One of these events was the annual Easter egg hunt. This event was used to raise funds for many charities, such as Cork Simon Community. For this event I helped to set up the egg hunt and many games outside for the children ensuring they would all be safe. I also set up inside for a bake sale, I bought decorations using club donations and my own funds and helped to decorate the hall and set up tables and chairs for the adults. I baked goods and made tea and coffees on the day. I helped to sell the goods when people arrived and handled money when giving change and excepting donations. I did some face painting for the children. Every year the event was a huge success and large funds were raised for the charities. I am very grateful to be involved in teams and organisations like this as it helps me develop skills such as event management, communication skills and teamwork that I will undoubtedly use for the rest of my life.

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

In 2019 I was a carnival queen in Castlegregory summer festival. Taking on this role gave me many new opportunities. Firstly, I had to partake in an interview in which I answered questions about myself (which in turn I hope will help me during my Co-Op interviews as I hope I will not be as nervous having done some interviews before) and I had to answer questions about myself and my sponsor on a stage in front of large crowds of people. During the week of the festival, I had to go to many events and met new people every day helping with events and taking pictures with people. I made a lot of new friends and got to know people whom I had never met before. If I encountered any problems during the week, I was able to contact the Community Council for advice and I also kept in touch with all of the event managers and volunteers to see if they needed help with any events and always gave a hand when needed. The whole festival allowed me to grow into a much more confident person who can now communicate in private and public matters effectively, I am also able to deal with conflicts in a sensible way and use this to overcome any obstacles I may encounter.

**PROBLEM SOLVING AND ANALYTICS**

I played a very active role in a committee with the KDYS Tralee in organizing “Youth day” an event in the INEC Killarney in which all young people aged 12-16 who were involved in youth clubs in county Kerry came together for a day of fun activities and got to know people and make friends from different areas within the county. I was in this committee for 2 years. I had the responsibility of booking different social media stars/makeup artists to appear at the event, choosing what games and activities to set up and getting in contact with companies to book them, getting volunteers to run events and supervise discos, organizing food, music the venue etc. By being involved with this committee I got to be involved in every part or planning and running the event. Although I encountered many problems in the process such as budgeting and having to choose which events were needed and having to let some events go or find cheaper alternatives, having to find accommodation for influencers that were doing meet and greets at the event, having to hire extra security for the events and create a system to make sure that the crowds of 1000’s of children would be safe for the day. And of course, teenagers can be unpredictable, so we had to ensure first aid and ambulances were on hand in case of any sort of emergency and had a plan in place if anything was to occur such as fire exits etc. being involved in this group allowed me to really perfect my event management skills and allowed me to be prepared for anything and to act quickly and effectively when something went wrong.

**USING INITIATIVE**

My family has been involved in foster care since I was 10 years old. I have 2 foster siblings one of which was recently diagnosed with autism. I have always been involved with helping my parents care for my siblings as the oldest and have always enjoyed helping out. Fostering is a very rewarding experience but when faced with a child with difficulties like my sister has can be very challenging. While my sister was waiting for her diagnosis, I took the initiative to do some research on autism and different techniques on recognising certain behaviours and dealing with them in a sensitive way. I enjoyed doing this as I got a further insight into different disabilities children have and how to interact with them and help them as best I can. In doing this I took more of an interest in helping children with special needs and have since became a volunteer for a disabled children’s group for a pilgrimage trust to Lourdes. This has turned me into a very compassionate and caring person, and I am very happy I took the initiative to do my research and take an interest in something not many people do.

**PROJECTS/VOLUNTEERING**

I would like to think of myself as being very active when it comes to volunteering. As I have mentioned already, I am a member of my local youth council in which I organise events and fundraisers. I am also a member of my local youth club in which I volunteer to supervise club nights and discos that allow young people to come together in a safe environment and keep them out of trouble. And I also went to Lourdes as a volunteer with a disabled children’s group. I enjoyed both my local youth club and council as I like to give back to my community and I gained many skills in planning events. Lourdes really opened me up as a person as I realised how truly grateful I am for the life I have and how different other people have it. I earned such a high level of respect for SNA’S, nurses and volunteers as working with these children is draining both physically and emotionally, it is a real eye opener, and I am so incredibly grateful for the experience. I enjoyed every minute of it, and I will definitely do it again. In volunteering you learn a lot of life lessons and learn to be a lot more selfless and giving to others, you also become much more grateful for what you have and want to give back whenever you can. Volunteering has made me a much more caring loving and happy person and I will continue to volunteer throughout my life.

**ADDITIONAL INFORTMATION**

Another organisation I was also involved in was Kerry Comhairle na nóg. I got involved in this group through the KDYS. I attended meetings every week to discuss issues bothering young people in my county and thought of different ways to address and deal with them publicly. I was involved in planning and event for children’s mental health awareness and through my involvement with many different groups within the KDYS I was selected as well as 2 of my friends to travel to Dublin as a youth representative for Kerry to talk to TD’S from all over the country about issues concerning young people, a few examples being lack of amenities for young people in rural towns, lack of sexual health education in schools, the mental health system and the voting age in Ireland. I have a bronze Gaisce award and I am also completing my silver Gaisce award at the moment as I have all my community involvement and skills completed but haven’t got to do my adventure journey yet due to covid, but I plan to finish the process post covid and earn my silver award as well. I also received some awards during my time in secondary school. I won student of the year in third, fourth and sixth year. and I also received the history and home economics award in sixth year.

**CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PRACTICE**

For the duration of my co-operative education placement I worked in the Plaintiff Litigation department of Holmes O’Malley Sexton LLP. This department is based primarily around personal injury, medical negligence and work place accident claims. I was also lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to work on other files in the probate, conveyancing and commercial litigation departments.

The firm deals with a huge volume of claims year on year and I was very lucky to have played a part in many of them, gaining valuable experience in all of the different areas my department provided.