

Research Communications Specialist – Policy and Research Team - Wind Energy Ireland

Job Type: Three Year Fixed Term Contract

Working Hours: 9am – 5pm, Monday-Friday

Location: Flexible, some travel to WEI office in Naas.

Salary: Competitive package provided

Reporting to: Research Manager

You are advised to submit your application as soon as possible as we reserve the right to close this post at any time, once we have received sufficient applications. Applications with a one-page cover letter should be emailed to:
office@windenergyireland.com

The Candidate:

The successful candidate will prepare and manage research communications for Wind Energy Ireland's expanding portfolio of grant-aided research partnerships. You will work closely with internal and external stakeholders to implement dissemination and communications plans and to collate industry insights from our stakeholders. You will enjoy creating engaging content for a range of digital and print communications. You will be committed to helping Ireland respond to the climate emergency.

Wind Energy Ireland:

Wind Energy Ireland (WEI) is Ireland's leading renewable energy representative body with over 200 members involved in wind and renewable energy development in Ireland. We represent members with projects across the development spectrum - in operation, under construction, awaiting connection, and along the whole supply chain. Our members are involved in over 95% of connected and planned onshore and offshore wind projects in Ireland.

Our primary purpose is to promote the use of wind energy in Ireland, coordinating the work of our members, pooling information, and resources. We carry out and commission research to contribute to the development of Government policy on renewable energy and we work closely with statutory bodies and State agencies to support the growth of renewable energy and wind in particular. We also undertake funded research projects with partners in Ireland and across the EU. Our vision is to lead Ireland to a zero-carbon electricity system by 2035.

Our Policy and Research Team

The successful candidate will be joining WEI's Policy and Research team, working closely with the Research Manager, Research and Development Analyst, and WEI's communications team, to expand WEI's research reputation and oversee a programme for communicating research.

Role Description:

You will work closely with internal and external stakeholders to implement dissemination and communications plans, to collate industry insights from WEI members, and to create engaging content for a range of digital and print communications. You will:

- Prepare and manage a research communications programme for Wind Energy Ireland's expanding portfolio of grant-aided research projects.
- Coordinate project deliverables including planning, overseeing, and implementing communication and dissemination tasks for the research workstream at WEI.
- Work with researchers, industry partners, and communications teams to develop ideas and briefs for digital and print communications campaigns for a range of audiences, and stakeholders, including photography, design, and video and liaise with external suppliers as required.
- Implement processes and tools to support communication of research outputs to stakeholders and/or translation of scientific research findings into policy and practice.
- Partner with the WEI Communications team to identify research content and manage material for promotion in proactive communications work as well as on WEI's website and digital media channels, including research news, events, case studies, profiles, and further content as required.
- Perform any other tasks or duties required of the role as appropriate, and,
- Complete all work to a high standard with a focus on on-time delivery.

Required Criteria:

- Communications, media or climate/energy related third level qualification.
- Enthusiastic and high calibre candidate with a minimum 2 years' experience working in public affairs or communications.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to produce clear, succinct reports and other documents that communicate complex ideas clearly and effectively.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, while also being able to define and guide own work under minimal supervision.
- Experience of establishing and maintaining effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders.
- Strong planning and organisational skills, with a track record of establishing priorities, and meeting deadlines.
- Excellent organisational and IT skills with experience both using and creating content for web and social media channels.
- Committed to playing your part in responding to the climate emergency and making Ireland energy independent.

Desirable Criteria:

- Experience of working in a membership-based organisation.
- Experience of working on funded research projects in Ireland and across the EU.

- Developed project management skills with a proven record of successfully managing aspects of projects through to completion.
- Understanding of the Irish political, media and policymaking landscape.

Work Environment and Benefits:

Wind Energy Ireland prides itself on being a good employer, creating a people focused company, developing teams, enhancing roles, and supporting its people. We are committed to a positive progressive culture that facilitates a great work environment.

- WEI's offices are based in Naas, Co. Kildare. We accommodate flexible working arrangements, and staff are required to be available to attend meetings and/or work from the office when needed (typically approx. 4 days per month).
- Staff are also required to be available to attend WEI conferences and policy forums (typically 4-5 events annually).

Wind Energy Ireland currently provides the following non-salary benefits:

- 23 annual leave days and 4 company days, plus an option to buy-back an additional 3 days annual leave each year.
- Healthcare scheme provided by VHI.
- Pension scheme with employer contributions.
- Income protection insurance for staff.
- Hybrid and flexible working.
- Supportive maternity & paternity schemes and parents leave.
- Employee Assistance Programme.
- A competitive sick pay scheme.
- Phone and laptop, along with home office equipment.
- Mileage at standard civil service rates.