



## OGI Internship in Organic Horticulture

Host farm profile

### **AN GARRAÍ GLAS**

Inverin, South Connemara, Co. Galway



#### **FARM DETAILS**

<b>Owner/ manager name</b>	Aonghus O Coistealbha
<b>Company name</b>	An Garraí Glas
<b>Address</b>	Inverin, Co. Galway
<b>Web:</b>	Instagram @angarraiglas

#### **ABOUT THE FARM**

Fáilte go dtí An Garraí Glas. It is a one-acre South Connemara vegetable farm molded in North American small scale organic farming fashion. It is highly productive and independent of machinery and oil for everything (bar transporting the veg to the customers), but we also have an on-farm roadside shop to balance that out. We focus on growing salads and fast-maturing root crops for supermarkets and for restaurants.

We grow about 16 different vegetable crops and through succession sowing and responding to market demands we have very little waste and we manage to have all our land working for us

all of the time. Vegetable farming started here for us in 2013. Half a decade later we began selling to local shops and to supermarkets and it is only in the past two years that we added the commercial polytunnels that you can see in the photograph.

We are based in a Gaeltacht on the west coast of Ireland and it's a twenty-minute walk from our farm intern accommodation to the beach. We finish our work at 3 o' clock every day and there is an excellent bus service that you can stop outside the door if you want to go to further West or just back into Galway City.

### ACTIVITIES

- Propagation
- Poultry
- Other: Planting, Harvesting
- Soft Fruit
- Livestock
- Top Fruit

### ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme
  - Market Stall
  - Farm Shop
  - Wholesale
  - Catering
  - Other - see below:
- Supermarket and local shops are our biggest customers. Restaurants too.

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

**Do applicants need to have a full driving license?**  Yes  No

**Will the role involve the use of machinery?**  Yes  No

**How many hours work a week are involved and what is the payment you are offering?**  
To be discussed at interview stage.

**Will weekend work be required?**  Yes  No

**Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops?**  Yes  No

**Is accommodation on-farm an option?**  Yes  No  
Shared accommodation on the farm can be discussed at interview stage.

**Are there volunteers on the holding?**  Yes  No

**What are the ideal start and finish dates?**  
March to October.

## APPLICANT PROFILE

**What are the most important attributes you are looking for?**

Physically Fit. Keen and hungry to learn. If applicants see themselves as market gardeners in 10+ years all the better. If not, then hopefully they want to spend a couple of seasons working on farms.

Good attention to detail is appreciated but a mind to get job done quickly and efficiently is a part of the mindset needed. Punctuality, a generally positive outlook and attitude on a working day, whatever the weather throws at us is going to be valuable during the season.

Candidate will need to be able to pivot during a working day and adapt to different roles and responsibilities and do so as part of a busy team. The accommodation is communal living, and you will be working and living alongside the same people. Patience and honesty will help here.

## LOCATION



Approximate location of farm.