



OGI Internship in Organic Horticulture

Host farm profile

GLASRAÍ ORGANIC FARM

Hollymount, Co. Mayo



FARM DETAILS

Owner/ manager name	Aoife & Joe Reilly
Company name	Glasraí Organic Farm
Address	Lehinch, Hollymount, Claremorris, Co. Mayo
Web:	www.glasrai.ie

ABOUT THE FARM

Glasraí is a 7-acre organic vegetable farm growing a wide range of fruit and vegetables. We keep chickens also for eggs. Our main focus is on soil health and the sustainability of small farms. We use a combination of minimal soil disturbance and continual cover cropping to protect soils and build microbiology and fertility.

We make our own compost using biodynamic preparations. The farm is constantly evolving and improving. There are 8 people working here (most part time, including ourselves). We are a great team and plan together, eat together and weed together.

We save seeds from certain crops and experiment with plant feeds, ground cover etc. to create a natural and healthy closed loop system farm (as much as practical). We are invested in seeing small ecological farms succeed in supporting families and communities, and in a way that is healthy for everyone who works there.

We try to sell directly to the customer as much as is practical. But we also appreciate the value of wholesaling. We operate within a great, trusting and cooperative group of organic farmers and spend a lot of time visiting each other's farms and sharing advice, produce, machinery and support.

We incorporate a lot of biodiversity into the farm with thick hedgerow plantings, flowering green manures, ponds, flower strips and bee friendly areas.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION

Field Vegetables: acres

Protected Cropping: sq m

ACTIVITIES

Propagation

Soft Fruit

Top Fruit

Poultry

Livestock

Other

ROUTES TO MARKET

Box Scheme

Farm Shop

Catering

Market Stall

Wholesale

Other

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?

30-45 hours work per week. Minimum wage.

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

We have a caravan on the farm with electricity, gas, running water etc.

We also have other accommodation options on farm that may be available at the time.

Are there volunteers on the holding?

Yes No

What are the ideal start and finish dates?

March – October.

APPLICANT PROFILE

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Highly motivated, hardworking, team player, good level of fitness, an understanding of how the farming season works and willingness to work accordingly, fun, passionate about food, likes children.

LOCATION



Approximate location of farm.