



Organic Farming Internship Programme in Horticulture Host Farm Profiles

1.

BEECHLAWN ORGANIC FARM

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	Padraig Fahy & Úna Ní Bhroin		
Company Name	Beechlawn Organic Farm Ltd		
Address	Beechlawn, Ballinasloe	Website	www.beechlawnorganicfarm.ie

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

We farm approximately 50 acres in Ballinasloe Co. Galway. We grow 40 or so different vegetables which we sell to shops, supermarkets, wholesalers, market traders, restaurants and our own home delivery veg box scheme

We have 20 full time employees working in the field, office, packhouse and deliveries. Our field team would include the intern who would be working on sowing seeds (we raise 400,000 of our own plants every year) planting out plants, pruning, weeding, watering, harvesting and sometimes washing and packing vegetables also.

Our main crops are kale, leeks, cabbage, broccoli, beetroot, spinach and parsnips. We also grow cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, scallions, salad leaves and chard. There is a lot of machinery work on our farm involving tractors and various weeders, planters, bed formers, flat bed weeders, compostable film layer. We also use a forklift in our main depot.

We run a farm shop on a Saturday. Our farm has many aspects to it which involve different systems. We also have bord bia quality assurance certification and are registered with Origin Green and the All Ireland pollinator plan.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables	50 acres	Protected Cropping	20,000 sq feet
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ACTIVITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Propagation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soft Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Top Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock | <input type="checkbox"/> Other please give details below | | |

ROUTES TO MARKET

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box Scheme | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Farm Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Catering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market Stall | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wholesale | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - indicate below |

Including own brand pre pack veg for supermarkets

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? Yes No

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

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? Yes if candidate wants to

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?

40 -45 hours work per week Mon-Fri . €11.50 per hour

Will weekend work be required? Yes No

Not normally but farm shop is on weekend, if applicant wants the experience this- yes

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Wooden Cabin €200 per month or Room in house 300 per month.

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Good attitude, hard-working, diligent, resilient, willing to learn, open minded, good team player, patient!

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

1st March to end of December. Full-time work is offered at end of internship to the right candidate.

2.

CARROWGARRY FARM

FARM DETAILS

Owner/ Manager Name	Andrew Willis		
Company Name	Carrowgarry Farm		
Address	Carrowgarry, Beltra, Co. Sligo	Website	https://www.instagram.com/carrowgarryfarm/?hl=en

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

The farm is located in Beltra, about 20 minutes drive from Sligo town and just beside the Atlantic Ocean. We have two polytunnels and a walled garden where we grow vegetable in an organic way (organic pest control, soil preparation, compost making etc...). We sell our vegetables to a local and award winning cafes and through a small box scheme.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables ½ acre Protected Cropping 2 large polytunnels

ACTIVITIES

- Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry
- Livestock Other please give details below

Responsibilities include propagation, watering and harvesting of all crops (mixed leaves in particular); preparing of wholesales orders and box scheme; some deliveries; preparation of beds, pest control; maintenance and cleaning.

ROUTES TO MARKET

Box Scheme

Farm Shop

Catering

Market Stall

Wholesale

Other - indicate

below

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding?

Yes No

Do applicants need to have a full driving license?

Yes No

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops?

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?

Minimum wage – 3 to 4 days a week with possibility to extend hours in summer

Will weekend work be required?

Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Can be discussed with apprentice.

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

- ability to precisely follow directions and work outdoors;
- work in a fast paced environment, and meet harvesting deadlines
- self-motivated, good interpersonal skills, able to work independently;
- ability to prioritize and meet deadlines;
- strong attention to detail and observational skills;

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

March/April 2023

3.

GREEN EARTH ORGANICS

FARM DETAILS

Owner/ Manager Name	Kenneth Keavney		
Company Name	Green Earth Organics		
Address	Caherlea, Corrandulla, Co Galway	Website	www.greenearthorganics.ie

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

The farm went into organic conversion in 2004 and we currently farm on 25 acres of organically certified land of which 13 to 15 acres is under organic vegetable production any given year while the rest consists of a wild life biodiversity area, native woodland forestry (3000 trees), a native orchard and red clover grassland ley. There are also 2 dogs, a horse and a pony.

The farm was farmed by Kenneth's father and grandfather before him in the traditional manner although not certified but with minimal artificial inputs. Kenneth brought the farm into certified organic production in 2006 and delivered the first vegetable boxes from a 1 acre plot in the summer of that year. Since those humble beginnings the home delivery service has grown into one of the biggest organic home delivery schemes in the country delivering direct to homes in Galway, the greater Dublin area, Limerick, Clifden, Westport, Castlebar and more while also selling nationwide using a courier service. The main drivers behind the business success is in the consistent quality of the produce put in our boxes especially from the farm. There is always room for improvement and we would view the right candidate as being a crucial element in increasing and improving the propagation, development and care of our vegetable range especially our protected crops.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables	15 acres	Protected Cropping	600m2
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Y Propagation	Soft Fruit	Top Fruit	Poultry
Livestock	Other please give details below		

ROUTES TO MARKET

Box Scheme, Farm Shop, Market Stall, Wholesale

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? No

Do applicants need to have a full driving license? Yes

We are in a rural area so personal transport is a benefit as there is no regular public transport. We also run a market stall and the right applicant would be willing to run our market stall on a

Friday in Moycullen from time to time to cover holidays. A full clean license would be a requirement to drive the van.

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? Yes

As stated above the right applicant would be expected to cover holidays on the Market Stall and potentially the farm shop also.

Will the role involve the use of machinery? Yes

How many hours work a week are involved and what is the payment you are offering?

40 hours per week, minimum wage

Will weekend work be required? No

Not normally but there are rare occasions when it is necessary, flexibility in this area is a must.

Is accommodation on-farm an option? No

If yes, please give details:

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Honest, hardworking and with a keen interest in the work of growing organic vegetables on a commercial scale and all that entails. In particular we would like someone who is interested in vegetable propagation from seed to planting and the care and management of our protected crops.

We expect full time commitment from the intern the hours are long and intense in the summer and want all applicants to be aware of this from the beginning.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

No earlier than April 1st and finish no earlier than December 1st

4.**IRISH SEED SAVERS ASSOCIATION**

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	Elaine Bradley		
Company Name	Irish Seed Savers Association		
Address	Scariff, Co Clare, V94 V6W0		
Website	https://irishseedsavers.ie/		

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

Irish Seed Savers Association is situated in east Clare on a hilly 20-acre site. This site includes the gardens, the orchards, and the buildings used for workshops and seed processing/storage. The gardens are where the apprentice will mainly be working, and these consist of approximately one acre of outdoor and protected cropping, with a small glasshouse and six polytunnels of various sizes located across the site. We grow organic crops for their seeds, which are

harvested, processed and packaged on site. The work of the garden team is to sow, plant and maintain these crops (mainly vegetables with some flower and dye plants) until the seed is ready to be harvested. We are looking for an apprentice who would assist in the hands-on side of this work, including ground prep, sowing, weeding, and other practical gardening tasks, as well as engage with our values of food sovereignty, conservation and sustainability.

ACTIVITIES

- Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry
- Livestock Other please give details below

Growing crops for seed for production and conservation.

ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme Farm Shop Catering
- Market Stall Wholesale Other - indicate below

Online sales.

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? Yes No

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

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? 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?

The position is 35 hours a week. €12.90 rate.

Will weekend work be required?

Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option?

Yes No

There's a cob house on site with running water, solar lighting, two gas hobs for cooking and a wood burning stove. The apprentice will also have access to facilities like a shower, washing machine and toilet in the main building.

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

The ideal candidate would work well as part of a team, have a keen interest in organic horticulture and seed saving and be willing to work in variable weather conditions.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

Mid-March to mid-November

5.

JOSEPH KELLY'S FARM

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	Joseph Kelly		
Company Name			
Address	Carrandine, Balla, Mayo	Website	

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

We are a 30 odd acre farm just outside Balla in Co Mayo. We are certified organic for 8 years now and operate a herd of sucker cows as well as our vegetable growing business. We grow just under 1 ha of vegetables in total, split between outdoors and our 5 tunnels. The majority of our produce is sold into the restaurants and cafes of nearby Castlebar, the biggest town in the county, and Westport, a very busy and growing tourist town. We are lucky to have built up a loyal customer base over the years who value our production of healthy, high quality, ingredients that they are proud to advertise on their menus and serve on their plates.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables 2 acres approx Protected Cropping 0.2 of an acre approx

ACTIVITIES

- Propagation ♦ Soft Fruit Top Fruit ♦ Poultry
- ♦ Livestock Other please give details below

ROUTES TO MARKET

- ♦ Box Scheme Farm Shop ♦ Catering
- Market Stall Wholesale Other - indicate below

OTHER INFORMATION

- Are there volunteers on the holding? Sometimes
- Do applicants need to have a full driving license? Yes

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

Will the role involve the use of machinery? No

Not a lot of machinery on the farm

How many hours work a week are involved and what is the payment you are offering?

30 hours with wages as per OGI website

Will weekend work be required? No

Is accommodation on-farm an option? No

If yes, please give details:

Can help find local options

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Willing to learn, Passionate about Organic growing, openness to variety of tasks and good work ethic.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

March/April – September/October

6.

KILMANAHAN CASTLE ORGANICS

FARM DETAILS

Owner/ Manager Name	Elaine		
Company Name	Kilmanahan Castle Organics		

Address	Kilmanahan, Co. Waterford	Website	

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

Kilmanahan Castle Organics is situated on the Waterford/Tipperary border, just outside Clonmel, on the grounds of Kilmanahan Castle on the banks of the river Suir. The farm consists of a walled garden, some field scale vegetables, polytunnels and tillage. We are certified organic and currently growing on approx. 2ha with plans to expand into the future.

We produce a range of crops throughout the year mainly sold to the local market, shops, restaurants, etc.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables 2ha Protected Cropping 200m²

ACTIVITIES

- Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry
 Livestock Other please give details below

ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme Farm Shop Catering
 Market Stall Wholesale Other - indicate
below Local shops and restaurants

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? Yes No

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

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? 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 hours per week and €10.50/hour. Negotiable dependent on candidate

Will weekend work be required? Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

An Interest in the role/business. Good attitude, hard working and willing to learn.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

April to October

7.

LARKINS HILL FARM

FARM DETAILS

Owner/ Manager Name	Una & Dan		
Company Name	Larkins Hill Farm		
Address	Puckane, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	Website	www.larkinshillfarm.ie

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

The farm is 100 acres approx. with a mixture of suckler beef herd, tillage and six acres in vegetables.

The vegetable area is three commercial polytunnels with the hope to add another two in the coming year. The tunnels are mainly used for salad leaf, tomatoes, spinach and some tender crops that don't do well outdoors. The field scale veg covers everything from potatoes, leeks, beetroot, onions. A lot of the field scale crops are now done with machinery we have a potato planter and harvester, we have other tractor mounted implements that help with weed control and harvesting. The tunnels are mainly tended by hand weeding hoeing and planting are all done by hand. The farm has been farmed organically for many years now and it has a diverse culture of hedgerows and nature.

Dan and Una are both trained farmers, dan is farming all his life and has a broad range of skills and abilities una is similar with her knowledge.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables	6 acres	Protected Cropping	1000 sq metres
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Propagation | <input type="checkbox"/> Soft Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Top Fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Livestock | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other please give details below | | |

Planting, sowing, harvesting

ROUTES TO MARKET

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box Scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Shop | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market Stall | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wholesale | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - indicate below |
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OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? Yes No

Do applicants need to have a full driving license? Not essential but helpful

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops?

Depends on candidate

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 hours – if more is needed we are open to discussing all options with candidate.

Will weekend work be required? Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Someone who is fast to pick up work systems and methods, a person who has a genuine interest and willingness to learn the trade and skills. Someone who will put a value on the experience they are being given and shown. Someone with stamina and an ability to do physical work.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

Start in February and finish in October ideally but open to chatting about that further.

8.

MCNALLY'S FAMILY FARM

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	Patrick McNally		
Company Name	McNally Family Farm		
Address	Balrickard, Ring Commons, Co. Dublin	Website	www.mcnallyfamilyfarm.ie

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

We are a family farm based in North Co.Dublin with 14 employees working on the farm. We've been growing organically for over 25 years, we grow all our produce and sell directly at farmers markets and at our farm shop. Throughout the year we grow over 50 lines of salads and vegetables over circa 100,000 sq ft of protected cropping and 30 acres of field veg. Our protected crops throughout the year include a range of salads, tomatoes, a range of chillies, shishito peppers, padron peppers, aubergines, cucumbers, gherkins and this year we've tried a new crop, Oca/Oka. Our outdoor crops include a range of brassicas(cabbages, kale, flower sprouts), root veg, culinary pumpkins and potatoes. We started selling directly to customers with one market day in Temple Bar Food Market. Over the years we've built up a wide customer base and now attend 3 farmers markets weekly along with our farm shop opening 4 days a week and a restaurant wholesale business. Day to day activities include sowing, planting out, weeding, preparing & clearing tunnels, harvesting & packing. Most of the work in the tunnels is hand labour and while we have a lot of specialised machinery for outdoor use, hand labour is still needed for some tasks. On the farm you'll get experience in growing a wide variety of outdoor and indoor crops in the Irish climate using a range of growing methods.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables	30 acres	Protected Cropping	4 acres
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ACTIVITIES

- Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry
- Livestock Other please give details below

Planting out, weeding, harvesting, packing, cleaning tunnels, preparing tunnels

ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme Farm Shop Catering
- Market Stall Wholesale Other - indicate below

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? Yes No

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

In order to get to the farm.

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? 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?

36 – 40 hours

Will weekend work be required? Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Diligent, hardworking, ability to pace themselves working alone or in a team.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

March to October

9.

MILL HOUSE FARM

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	Mick Wright & Audrey Hession		
Company Name	Mill House Farm		
Address	Pollaneyster Williamstown	Website	
Via Castlerea, Co Galway F45PD67			

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

Mill House Farm is a 2.75 HA Farm specializing in salad crop production. We will soon be extending our tunnel cover to 5,000sq m. Our mixed leaves sell to the finest food service outlets and into several Super Valu and independent retailers throughout the West and beyond.

We produce salad crops right through the year raising all our crops from seed. The farm is a hive of activity with a constant cycle of sowing, harvesting, packing and delivering.

We have invested in machinery best suited to our needs enabling us to produce crops efficiently on a relatively large scale.

We are keen to find an apprentice (or maybe 2) interested in working with us to take our business to the next level and realize the full potential of organic salad growing in the Mid West of Ireland.

There is definitely a full time career opportunity here for the right candidate following the internship.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables

Protected Cropping 3500sq metres

ACTIVITIES

- Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry
 Livestock Other please give details below

Protected cropping, field crops

ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme Farm Shop Catering
 Market Stall Wholesale Other - indicate

below

Retail outlets

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? Yes No

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

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? 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 per week at minimum wage

Will weekend work be required? Yes

No

Maybe sometimes if necessary

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

We are looking for an enthusiastic team player, a good listener who is keen to learn and pays attention to detail.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

March (or earlier) onwards

10.

MOYLEABBAY ORGANIC FARM

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	LIAM RYAN		
Company Name	Moyleabbey Organic Farm		
Address	Ballitore, Athy, Co.Kildare R51A782	Websit e	www.moyleabbey.ie

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

The farm is approx. 13.5 acres. We actively farm about 5 acres at a time with the rest in green manure ley. We grow approximately 18 different crops outside and in tunnels. The farm is owned and run by Liam Ryan with the support of two other employees (both former interns), and we host volunteers through wwoof.ie all year round. We sell direct at our home farm shop on Fridays and at Carlow Farmers Market every Saturday and do a small amount of wholesaling. See video on our website for a good idea of what we do here (it's quite old now but still gives a good picture). There are no farmed animals on the holding.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables	5 acres	Protected Cropping	600 sq m
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ACTIVITIES

- Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry
- Livestock Other please give details below

ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme Farm Shop Catering
- Market Stall Wholesale Other - indicate below

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? Yes No

Do applicants need to have a full driving license?

Ideally but not essential

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? 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 hours a week at minimum wage

Will weekend work be required? Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Self-sufficient and proactive. Keen to learn as much as possible. Able to direct and lead volunteers and set a good example. Someone with experience of (and who enjoys) outdoor physical work. Experience driving a tractor is an advantage.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

March to Dec 2023

11.

RIVERSFIELD ORGANIC FARM

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	Vincent Grace		
Company Name	Riversfield Organic Farm		
Address	Callan, Co. Kilkenny	Website	www.riversfieldorganicfarm.com

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

Our farm is based outside Callan in Co.Kilkenny. We grow approximately 5 acres of field vegetables. We also have three tunnels which are used for propagation while in the summer we grow tomatoes, peppers, aubergines, french beans and basil indoors and spinach and salad leaves during the winter months. We grow a wide variety of vegetables outdoors. Our main market is a weekly veg box delivery service and we also supply a number of restaurants. Work on the farm is varied and tasks change as the season progresses. We carry out most of our own propagation so work on the farm involves seed sowing, planting, weeding, harvesting and packing vegetables for sale. Work is carried out with a combination of hand tools and tractor driven machinery.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables 5 acres Protected Cropping 650 sq metres

ACTIVITIES

- Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry
 Livestock Other please give details below

ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme Farm Shop Catering
 Market Stall Wholesale Other - indicate below

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? No

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

Preferably. A licence is not essential but would be beneficial

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops?

No

Will the role involve the use of machinery?

Yes No

Training for use of machinery may be provided.

How many hours work a week are involved and what is the payment you are offering?

30 hours per week at minimum wage

Will weekend work be required?

Yes No

Generally no but the need may arise so some flexibility would be welcomed

Is accommodation on-farm an option?

No

No, unfortunately we do not have accommodation on the farm

If yes, please give details:

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

General enthusiasm for organic growing and outdoor work. An ability to work alongside others in a cooperative manner with an eye for detail and an honest approach. Good communication skills with an ability to listen and take instruction while also being capable of working on own initiative to a high standard.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

May – October with potential for longer

12.

ROCK FARM

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	Alex and Carina Conyngham		
Company Name			
Address	Fennor, Slane, Co. Meath C15 FNP4	Website	www.rockfarmslane.ie

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

Rock Farm is a certified Organic farm under the trading name Conynghams, certified by the Organic Trust, owned by Alexander and Carina Conyngham, situated on the estate of Slane Castle. They started farming at Rockfarm in 2010, we grow organic vegetables and Fruit and have a herd of Dexter Cattle, Tamworth Duroc cross pigs and Organic eggs and Bronze turkeys.

During the start of the covid pandemic with the closure of most our local customer restaurants we relied on online sales and the opening of our farmers market / shop which has gone from strength to strength and has got our name out into the wider community, with the sale of our Dexter beef burgers and pork sausages and our fresh salad and vegetables and other local artisan producers

We are a small team of workers who work at the farm and the combined ecotourism hospitality glampsite that co exists on the farm, we are all about leave on trace, something we are very passionate about.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables

Protected Cropping

ACTIVITIES

- Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry
- Livestock Other please give details below

ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme Farm Shop Catering
- Market Stall Wholesale Other - indicate below

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? Yes No

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

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? 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?

35 Hours – hours and wage negotiable – wouldn't have a huge budget

Will weekend work be required? Yes No

No

only to cover staff holidays, might be one day a month or 1 weekend a month if needed.

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

No

If yes, please give details: yes and no, it depends on what current staff we have at the time.

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Self-motivated, work on their own initiative and be part of a busy team.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

Happy to work within the college dates, if available spring and full summer?

13.

SHANBALLY FARM

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	Noel Duggan		
Company Name	Shanbally Farm		
Address	Norwood, Nenagh, Co. Tipp	Website	

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

200 acres growing organic vegetables, herbs and medicinal plants.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables	0.25 acres	Medicinal Plants	6 acres
		Orchard	5 acres

ACTIVITIES

- Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry
- Livestock Other please give details below

Medicinal plants

ROUTES TO MARKET

- Box Scheme Farm Shop Catering
- Market Stall Wholesale Other - indicate below

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding? Yes No

From time to time

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

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops? 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?

39 hours/week minimum wage

Will weekend work be required? Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Passion for organic farming, in particular herbs & medicinal plants

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

April to September

14.

SPROUT FARM

FARM DETAILS			
Owner/ Manager Name	Trevor Harris		
Company Name	Sprout Farm		
Address	Rathcoffey Co. Kildare	Website	

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

The Farm is located in north Kildare just outside Dublin. Its reasonably flat free draining fertile land.

We are producing salad leaf for a chain of restaurants in Dublin and Kildare called Sprout Food co.

The crops we are growing are spinach, kale, mustard leaf, and cos lettuce.

We grow the crops using biodynamic principles, which is organic principles plus the addition of biodynamic preparations.

The focus on the farm is to produce food in a sustainable manner while building/maintaining soil health.

We see soil health as the cornerstone of successful farming.

There is a mix of manual and mechanical methods used on the farm.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables	6ac	Protected Cropping	0
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ACTIVITIES

Propagation	Soft Fruit	Top Fruit	Poultry
Livestock	X Other please give details below		

ROUTES TO MARKET

Box Scheme	Farm Shop	X Catering
Market Stall below	X Wholesale	Other - indicate

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding?

Yes No

Do applicants need to have a full driving license?

Yes No

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops?

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?

The working week will be from 20 to 30 hrs, depending on time of season the workload changes, there will be days off each week. Payment will be as per OGI guidelines

Will weekend work be required?

X Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option?

X Yes No

If yes, please give details: We have a cottage on the farm that will be available to successful candidates if needed, which can be discussed at interview stage.

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

We are looking for motivated people who share our passion.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

April to October
