



ORGANIC GROWERS IRELAND

WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAMME 2024

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1. BEECHLAWN ORGANIC FARM

FARM DETAILS

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

Established in 2002 we started with one acre and built the business from there. In 2023 grew 50 acres of organic vegetables including over 40 different varieties. We employ 20 full time super people including a field work team, packhouse team, office and sales team and delivery driver team. We have Certified organic status from the Irish Organic Association, Bord Bia quality assurance certification on our own vegetables, we are part of the All Ireland Pollinator plan and Origin Green. We also have history of training successful organic horticulturalists through this programme.

We have 20,000 square foot of polytunnels for protected cropping and propagation of seeds. We started selling through a box scheme in 2002, moved into farmers markets and then gradually into wholesaling which makes up most of our sales now. We supply farmers market traders, restaurants, and box schemes.. We use tractors and machinery for precision seed sowing, and some of the weeding. Doing an internship here will show you the logistical work as well as the physical work involved in large scale commercial organic horticultural production. We have a warm, welcoming atmosphere on the farm with committed hard working staff. There is never a dull moment here and we move at a fast pace! www.beechlawnorganicfarm.ie is our website or you can check out our facebook or Instagram page for photos and videos of our farm.

We manage approximately 100 acres of certified organic land on three farms in Ballinasloe Co. Galway. We grow 40 or so different vegetables which we sell to shops, supermarkets, wholesalers, market traders, restaurants and veg box schemes. 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, beetroot, spinach and parsnips. We also grow cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, fennel, turnip, broccoli, celeriac, 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 are certified with the Irish Organic Association 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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

ACTIVITIES

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

ROUTES TO MARKET

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

Including own brand prepack 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, at Saturday Farm Shop 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. Minimum wage

Will weekend work be required?

Once or twice during summer. Farm shop also open on weekend, if applicant wants the experience.

Is accommodation on-farm an option?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Wooden Cabin €250 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, understanding computers (we are introducing a new system of keeping farm records while working on a tablet device an want the apprentice to use it also.

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

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	carrowgarryfarm.ie

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 vegetables in an organic way (organic pest control, soil preparation, compost making etc...). We sell our vegetables to 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.
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What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable.

March/April

3. CASTLERUDDERY ORGANIC FARM

FARM DETAILS

Owner/ Manager Name	Dominic D. Quinn and Hilda Crampton
Company Name	Castleruddery Organic Farm
Address	Castleruddery, Donard, Co. Wicklow

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING

We are located in West Wicklow, approximately 1 hour's drive from Dublin city. The 10Ha farm is divided into habitat areas, forestry, old pasture, a small orchard and the vegetable plots.

The cropping area consists of 1500 m² of polytunnels, 50 x 20m permanent no dig beds and the rest of the vegetable area is currently in overwintering green manure crops. The land first entered conversion 1989.

We are in the process of converting more of our growing areas to the no dig system which we started trialling in 2020 and are now 'hooked'. We are very impressed with how well the crops grow and have seen huge improvement in quality and yields over the past 3 years. We plan to increase the area devoted to no dig this year.

We sell our produce through our farm shop and to restaurants both locally and in Dublin. We also wholesale vegetables to other organic growers. We love to grow many types of vegetables and are not afraid to try unusual varieties and try new crops each year.

There is an excellent selection of hand and tractor tools on the farm and plenty of shed storage facilities. There is a fine pack house with cold room and vegetable washing area. The farm is currently worked by both of us and Olly (graduate of an tIonad Glas, the Organic college) who has worked part time with us for a few years.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables 1ha Protected Cropping 8 polytunnels

ACTIVITIES

Propagation Soft Fruit Top Fruit Poultry

- Livestock Other please give details below

Wide range of mixed vegetables plus some unusual crops.

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

Yes, occasionally in the farm shop

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. €12.70 per hour.

Will weekend work be required? Yes No

Occasionally.

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Possibly. We may have a room in the house available for rent.

Can be discussed with apprentice.

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Enthusiastic and bright, willing to learn and listen, outgoing and friendly.

We are particularly keen to find an enthusiastic intern with special interest in minimum till or no dig methods of cultivation.

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

March/April

4. CLONMORE FARM

Owner/Manager: JAMES QUINN.

Company Name: CLONMORE FARM

Address: CLONMORE SOUTH, CAHIR, CO. TIPPERARY

Website: www.clonmorefarm.ie

Description:

At Clonmore Farm we sow, grow and handpick Organic leaves, vegetables etc and deliver them to the retailers. Quality and hygiene are of utmost importance on our farm and we strive for perfection within every bag. This has been reflected by our triple award winning Mixed Salad Leaves. Our leaves are picked early, chilled quickly, rinsed, bagged and ready for dispatch all in one day. We farm using traditional methods; no pesticides or artificial fertilisers. Soil regeneration is also very important to us and it enhances the natural flavours of our products. From an agri-food background we understand the role food plays in your health so we want to create nutrient rich, traditional products for our customers.

What are the most important attributes you are looking for in a candidate?

We are looking for an enthusiastic, efficient and hardworking candidate who is a good communicator. They also need to be quality and customer focused.

Acreage and area grown on:

Currently using 1.5 acres on which we have 1380square meters in polytunnels

Polytunnels:

1380 meters squared

Farm/crop activities. All year round production of salad and spinach leaves with seasonal production of beans, tomatoes etc. We are also planning on introducing hens for eggs in the coming months.

Routes to market (i. wholesale, Veg box, Farm shop, markets etc)

A few restaurants and two deli outlets plus multiple Supervalu stores.

Applicants need driving license?

Not necessarily but it's an advantage

Will the role involve direct sales?

No

Will the role involve use of machinery?

Yes but it's small, easy to use and training will be provided.

How many hours a week?

35 to 40 hours but that can be discussed and altered.

Rate of payment?

€13.50/hour to start .

Will week end work be required?

No Sunday work required. Some Saturday work optional.

Is on farm accommodation an option? If so, please describe.

I have a basic apartment which is part of the pack house building and insured for a staff member if required. Probably at Board and Lodging rates but we need to check that out and discuss.

5. GIY IRELAND

Owner/Manager: Michael Kelly

Company Name: GIY

Address: GROWHQ, Dunmore Road, Waterford

Website: giy.ie

Description:

Grow It Yourself is a not-for-profit social enterprise that encourages people, in Ireland and abroad, to grow some of their own food. One aspect of this is the growing of our own organic vegetables and fruit to supply our on-site restaurant. The garden has had organic status for a number of years and is becoming established as a visitor garden and is used for training and group tours.

We are now expanding our production area with a walled garden of c.10 acres that will be used to supply organic produce to our shop and a proposed box scheme. Poultry and pig units will be established in this area.

- What are the most important attributes you are looking for in a candidate?

The successful candidate will:-

- Be physically fit
- Prepared to work in all weather
- Able to work under their own initiative
- Willing to learn
- Happy to work in a team

- Acreage and area grown on:

Currently 3 acres of intensive vegetables, salads, fruit, herbs and protected cropping

Establishing 4 acres of field vegetable production and pig and poultry enterprises.

- Polytunnels:

Two polytunnels and a glasshouse on our existing holding with two polytunnels being erected in the new land area

Farm activities:

Intensive and field vegetable production, salads, herbs, top and soft fruit, protected cropping, poultry, pigs

Routes to market:

Currently our own restaurant but will develop on-site direct sales and a veg box scheme

Applicants need driving license?

useful but not essential

Will the role involve direct sales?

Possibly

Will the role involve use of machinery?

Yes- full training will be provided

How many hours a week?

Full time: 40 hours

Rate of payment?

€12.70 per hour

Will week end work be required?

Ideally the candidate would be available for some weekend work

Is on farm accommodation an option? If so, please describe.

No

6. GREEN EARTH ORGANICS

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

The farm went into organic conversion in 2004 and we currently farm on 20 acres of organically certified land of which 10 acres is under organic vegetable production any given year while the rest consists of a wild life biodiversity area, native woodland forestry (7000 trees).

We grow protected crops in 7 polytunnels, planting over 1000 tomato plants each season.

We grow to sell in our online delivery service which is the largest in the country and in our farm shop.

We grow 20 different types of crops, both in field scale and under cover. The farm has two tractors, one state of the art, with GPS, and an array of specialized machinery.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables	10 acres	Protected Cropping	1000m2
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OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

ROUTES TO MARKET

Box Scheme and online sales and Farm Shop

OTHER INFORMATION

Are there volunteers on the holding?

No

Do applicants need to have a full driving license?

Yes, as transport to the farm is required.

We are in a rural area so personal transport is a benefit as there is no regular public transport.

Will the role involve direct sales at markets or shops?

No

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?

40-48 hours per week, can be adjusted for the right applicant. Wage will be dependent on experience, €13+, better wages will be paid for applicants with the right work ethic and experience. We have two full time positions available and there may be the opportunity to continue on after the internship finishes for the right candidate.

Will weekend work be required?

No

Is accommodation on-farm an option?

No

If yes, please give details:

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Work ethic and ability to be trusted are the two key attributes sought. Experience in working with protected crops and or general use of farm machinery would be considered an advantage.

What are the ideal start and finish dates for which you require an intern? This is negotiable. Mid-March to end of November, dates are flexible to a degree.

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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ACTIVITIES

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

Planting, sowing, harvesting

ROUTES TO MARKET

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

Are there volunteers on the holding? No

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? Yes

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

30 hours – more if needed, we are open to discussing all options with candidate. 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?

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 early March and finish in October ideally but open to chatting about that further.

8. MCNALLYS FAMILY FARM

FARM DETAILS

Company Name	McNally Family Farm		
Address	Balrickard, Ring Commons, Co. Dublin	Web	www.mcnallyfamilyfarm.ie

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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

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
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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 and min

Will weekend work be required? Yes No

Is accommodation on-farm an option? Yes No

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, Via Castlerea, Co Galway

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

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 onwards

10. MOYLEBBEY ORGANIC FARM

FARM DETAILS

Owner/ Manager Name	LIAM RYAN
Company Name	Moyleabbey Organic Farm
Address	Ballitore, Athy, Co. Kildare

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. We take pride in providing our customers with high quality fruit and veg and have a very loyal customer base.

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER

Field Vegetables 5 acres Protected Cropping 600 sq m

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 ideally

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

Saturdays at Carlow Farmers Market

Is accommodation on-farm an option? No

If yes, please give details: We would help the applicant source local accommodation if required.

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 2024 until Christmas 2024.

11 .PLANT PREPARATIONS

Owner/Manager: Hugh O'Hara

Company Name: Plant Preparations Ltd

Address: Gorey, Co. Wexford

Description:

On the holding we produce, and process herbs, for medicinal purposes, transplant raising on site, to cultivation and harvesting in the field. Up to 30 different species will be grown the majority perennials. Grown organically in a diverse manner as possible with an understory of cover-crops and beetle-banks interspersed. We treat the land with respect and leave it in better condition at the end of each and every growing season.

What are the most important attributes you are looking for in a candidate?

Someone who has a passion for growing, is willing to prove how good they can be given the opportunity to show their potential. An honest team player who is willing to make the venture a success

Acreage and area grown on:

The holding is 8 ha and has about 2 ha under cultivation at present.

Polytunnels:

We have one polytunnel presently which is used for propagation purposes.

Farm/crop activities:

Growing medicinal herbs by organic principles. These crops are propagated on site and grown to harvest on the holding. Cover cropping to improve soil conditions. Processing includes: tinctures, drying, hot water extraction and freeze drying of the harvested herbal material is carried out on the farm.

Routes to market (i. wholesale, Veg box, Farm shop, markets etc)

The parent company sells the herbal products throughout the EU and further afield.

Applicants need driving license?

It would be preferred but not essential

Will the role involve direct sales?

No

Will the role involve use of machinery?

Yes in the field at soil preparation and at various stages through crop cultivation and during processing of harvested plant material.

How many hours a week?

Basic week on the farm is 40hours.

Rate of payment?

Minimum wage or more depending on experience.

Will week end work be required?

Sometimes. Specifically plant raising activities and when it comes to harvesting as weather allows.

Is on farm accommodation an option? If so, please describe.

Not currently.

12. 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?

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

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?

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

Is accommodation on-farm an option?

No, unfortunately we do not have accommodation on the farm.

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

13. SHANBALLY FARM

FARM DETAILS

Company Name	Shanbally Farm
Address	Norwood, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

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 - Medical
- Herb Dispensary

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

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
