



OGI Internship in Organic Horticulture

Host farm profile

MOYLEABBEY ORGANIC FARM

Ballitore, Co. Kildare



FARM DETAILS

Owner/ manager name	Liam Ryan
Company name	Moyleabbey Organic Farm
Address	Ballitore, Athy, Co. Kildare
Web:	www.facebook.com/moyleabbeyorganicfarm/

ABOUT THE FARM

We are a 13.5-acre organic fruit and vegetable 'market garden' farm in South Kildare, owned and managed by Liam Ryan. We grow approximately 18 different crops across the year. We actively farm about 5 acres, with the rest in green manure ley. Liam is currently supported by a team of one full-time and two part-time staff.

The farm also takes volunteers through Wwoof.ie all year round. We sell direct at our own farm shop every Friday from 12pm until 7pm, and at Carlow Farmers Market every Saturday from 9am – 2pm. We also buy in the best in certified organic produce from other growers in

Ireland and from Europe to supplement our own produce. We achieved full organic status in August 2006. We are certified by the Irish Organic Association.

Quality is extremely important to us. We believe in offering the best in local, seasonal veg through direct sales. We enjoy building strong relationships with our customers through selling direct and helping them feel connected to their food.

Although it was made in 2013, this video on YouTube gives a good overall picture of the farm:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2081k8c7sHY>

APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION

Field Vegetables: 5 acres

Protected Cropping: 600 sq m

ACTIVITIES

☒ Propagation

☒ Soft Fruit

☒ Top Fruit

☐ Poultry

☐ Livestock

☐ Other – see below:

ROUTES TO MARKET

☐ Box Scheme

☒ Farm Shop

☐ Catering

☒ Market Stall

☐ Wholesale

☐ Other - see below:

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?

35 hours per week. Minimum wage. Pay negotiable for those with experience.

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

Self-contained basic accommodation on site is available.

Are there volunteers on the holding?

☒ Yes ☐ No

What are the ideal start and finish dates?

April 2025 until Christmas 2025.

APPLICANT PROFILE

What are the most important attributes you are looking for?

Enthusiasm; a passion for growing; a foodie who is passionate about organic produce; someone who enjoys physical work outdoors; someone who takes initiative and really wants to progress in the sector. The role involves managing volunteers, so it's important the candidate enjoys working as part of a team and helping with the management of people.

LOCATION



Approximate location of farm.