



## OGI Internship in Organic Horticulture

Host farm profile

### **SLIEVE BLOOM ORGANICS**

Lough Boora, Co. Offaly



#### **FARM DETAILS**

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| <b>Owner/ manager name</b> | Alison Chambers  |
| <b>Company name</b>        | Slieve Bloom Organics  |
| <b>Address</b>             | Lough Boora Farm, Lea Beg  |
| <b>Web:</b>                | <a href="http://www.slievebloomorganics.ie">www.slievebloomorganics.ie</a> |

#### **ABOUT THE FARM**

Slieve Bloom Organics was set up in 2023 as a continuation of a long-standing veg box scheme run at Lough Boora Farm since 1997.

We have seven polytunnels and a two hectare field where we grow a wide range of vegetables, potatoes, herbs and a small amount of fruit. Most of the sales are packed and delivered straight to private customers' houses but we also wholesale. We start all of our own plants from seed.

There is a mix of manual and mechanised work. I plan to grow two tunnels of tomatoes this year, with much of that going to supermarkets, so it would be a good placement for anyone interested in tomato production.

Our ethos is to respect everyone and the environment.

#### **APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION**

**Field Vegetables:** 2 has

**Protected Cropping:** 7 poly tunnels

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Propagation

Soft Fruit

Top Fruit

Poultry

Livestock

Other

#### **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

A driving license is a definite advantage but mainly for getting to the farm. It is not required on the farm.

**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?**

32 hours (4 days) with a possibility of increasing. 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

There is no accommodation on the farm, but we could help with arranging accommodation if needed

**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?**

I am looking for someone who has an interest and passion for growing. It is also necessary to be able to be somewhat flexible, to have physical stamina and to be able to work as part of a team. I assess people for their strengths and abilities and assign them to tasks that suit them because there are a wide range of things to be done.

## LOCATION



Approximate location of farm.