

Senior Public Affairs Specialist – External Affairs Team - Wind Energy Ireland

Job Type – Full-Time Permanent.

Location – Flexible, some travel required to WEI office in Naas.

Working hours – 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Salary – Competitive package provided.

Reporting to – Director of External Affairs.

Closing date for applications: 5pm Friday 17 February 2023

Applications should be emailed to: office@windenergyireland.com

The candidate:

The successful candidate will work as part of a team to build support for the policies and priorities of Ireland's wind energy industry by developing and delivering key messages to critical political, community and media stakeholders.

You will be able to draft high-quality, clear and concise public affairs and communications content to tight deadlines and you will be comfortable publicly representing the organisation to different stakeholders and audiences.

You will enjoy finding new ways to explain complex policy and technical issues in a way that is accessible to a wide array of audiences and you will be committed to helping Ireland respond to the climate emergency.

Wind Energy Ireland:

Wind Energy Ireland is the representative body for the Irish wind industry. We promote wind energy as an essential, economical and environmentally friendly part of the country's low-carbon energy future.

Our 200 members work together to plan, build, operate and support the development of the country's chief renewable energy resource.

We create jobs, invest in communities, reduce Ireland's CO2 emissions and work to end our dependency on imported fossil fuels. We are leaders in Ireland's fight against climate change.

Our vision is to lead Ireland to a zero-carbon electricity system by 2035.

Our External Affairs team:

The successful candidate will be joining our External Affairs team, working alongside our Communications Manager, a Senior Public Affairs Specialist, a Marketing Manager and External Public Relations Support. You will be reporting to the Director of External Affairs.

The team is responsible for internal and external communications; managing relationships with key policymakers in politics, industry, academia, community organisations, media, the

civil service and various State and non-State agencies; promoting wind energy as an essential tool in Ireland's response to the global climate crisis and supporting the work of our members wherever possible.

Role Description:

Achieving the wind energy targets set out in Climate Action Plan will require an unprecedented mobilisation across every level of Irish society.

The role of the External Affairs team is to build support for the development of on and offshore wind energy, along with other supporting technologies, throughout Irish society.

You will work as part of a team to tell the story of Irish wind energy, highlighting the positive impact it is having today and its capacity to help build an Ireland that is energy independent, delivering warmer homes, cleaner air and tens of thousands of new jobs, a leader in the fight against climate change.

Required Criteria:

- Minimum of 3-5 years' experience working in public affairs or communications;
- Relevant third-level qualification in Public Affairs, Communications, Journalism, or a related field;
- Excellent understanding of the Irish political, media and policymaking landscape;
- Outstanding written and verbal communications skills;
- Comfortable representing the organisation in formal and informal settings;
- Experience in establishing, building and maintaining relationships with key political and media stakeholders;
- Highly organised with an ability to multi-task, to take responsibility and to work to tight deadlines;
- Experience working collaboratively with diverse teams and functions;
- Committed to playing your part in responding to the climate emergency and making Ireland energy-independent.

Desirable Criteria

- Experience of working in a membership-based organisation;
- Knowledge of the Irish energy sector and, particularly, renewable energy;
- Familiarity with EU institutions and policymaking;
- Clean and full driving licence.

Work Environment and Benefits:

Wind Energy Ireland prides itself on being a good employer, creating a people-focused company, developing teams, enhancing roles and supporting its people.

We are committed to a positive progressive culture that facilitates a great work environment.

Wind Energy Ireland currently provides the following non-salary benefits:



- Offers 23 annual leave days and 4 company days.
- Operates a healthcare scheme where employees can avail of a healthcare package, provided by VHI.
- Operates a pension scheme with employer contributions.
- Facilitates hybrid working and supports flexible working from home and other locations.