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Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question 62475/25 of 12 November 2025:

"To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown of every agency, not-for-profit organisation, charity or service provider directly funded by her Department, and the details of each specific directly funded post in each body.

The Department currently administers various funding schemes, grant programmes and financial supports. In addition, the Department has a number of State bodies operating under its aegis which support the Department in its mission to fund and deliver services supported by policy and legislation that realise people's rights, promote equality, celebrate diversity and that maximise opportunity to participate in society, particularly by children, disabled people and those experiencing inequalities.

The bodies under the aegis of the Department are:

- Tusla, the Child and Family Agency
- The Adoption Authority of Ireland
- The Ombudsman for Children's Office
- Oberstown Children Detention Campus
- The National Disability Authority (NDA)
- The Office of Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam and
- The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC)

Funding provided directly to agencies and bodies under the aegis of the Department funds their operations including all associated posts. The details of each specific post funded in this way is an operational matter for each agency.

The Department also awards grant funding to fund projects which have met specific criteria. A list of organisations which have received funding for posts from the Department is attached.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Regards,

Norma Foley TD

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality



Details of funded posts

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- For the provision of Children and Young People's Participation Support Services in order to deliver on the Department's participation mandate. This includes delivery of child and youth participation structures including Comhairle na nÓg, Dáil na nÓg, and the National Youth Assembly of Ireland, and the structures that support them- the National Participation Office and Hub na nÓg, along with other participation initiatives and consultations undertaken or supported by DCDE.
- The total contract value is €1,185,000, and provides for the fulfilment of the following posts:

National Participation Office

- 1 x Manager
- 2 x Senior Participation Officers
- 2 x Participation Officers
- 1 x - Participation Officer/Administration Officer
- 2 x Inclusivity Officers

Hub na nÓg

- 1 x Manager-
- 1 x Senior Education and Training Officer
- 1 x Senior Research and Development Officer
- 1 x Participation Officer
- 1 x Administration Officer

We The People

- Providing communication, public relations, marketing, and brand management supports for the National Participation Office and Hub na nÓg.
- Ensuring that the participation structures are sufficiently well known across government and public bodies and by the public.
- The total contract value is €450,000.
- This contract provides for social media supports, both strategic and operational, to DCDE, the NPO and the Hub and general communication supports at participation events.
 - 1 x Senior Communication Officer
 - 1 x Communications Officer

Open Doors Initiative

- The Open Doors Initiative is grant funded through the D10 budget. The total grant is €290,000 under which they run two programmes (Employers for Change and Towards Work) and split the salaries across both, further breakdown below:

Employers for Change

- Full Time Role 72,475 and Part Time Role 16,747.50

Onwards Work

- Senior Programme Manager (10%) 8,597
- Programme Manager (50%) 33,495
- Programme Manager (50%) 33,495
- Staff Part-Time Comms (20%) 11,165
- Staff Part-Time Project Coordinator (1.25 days/week) 16,747.5



Decision Support Service

- The Decision Support Service has 109 WTEs (106 Public Service, and 3 Agency)

Special Advocate Secretariat

- The Special Advocate Secretariat team consists of 3 staff in Pobal who provide administrative support to the Special Advocate for Survivors of Institutional Abuse.

Missing Children Hotline

- The Department provides annual grant funding of €89,000 to the ISPCC towards the cost of operating the Missing Children Hotline. A portion of the funding provided by the Department goes towards a percentage of the overall salary cost for the staff team comprised of the National Coordinator, Unit Managers, Call Facilitators/ sessional staff team, and Communications Coordinator.

City and County Childcare Committees

- City and County Childcare Committees (CCCs) are independent, voluntary bodies that manage their own human resources within the confines of a budgetary envelope provided by the Department. Established in 2001, the 30 City and County Childcare Committees (CCCs) coordinate the implementation of the national childcare policy and programmes at a local level on behalf of the Department of Children, Disability and Equality. There were 235 DCDE funded staff members within the CCCs on the 31st of December 2024.

Traveller, Roma Policy and LGBTIQ+ (includes Magdalen's) Unit

- 17 posts funded under the 2025 LGBTIQ+ Community Services Fund
- 21 posts funded under Traveller and Roma Initiatives in 2025
- 6 posts funded under Traveller and Roma Initiatives: Dormant Accounts Funding 2025