

### APPLICATION FORM: GLOBAL TRAINING PROGRAMME 2018-2019 – INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

CORPORATIVE INFORMATION		
Name of the company		Amergin Steiner School
Contact Person		Ana Ní Shúilleabhadhán
Location	Country	Ireland
	City	Kenmare, Co Kerry
	Address	Templenoe Community Centre, Templenoe, Killarney, Co Kerry
Sector		Education

PROPOSED INTERNSHIP INFORMATION		
Number of trainees to host		2
Extension time (extra months and salary) OPTIONAL  <u>SEE DOCUMENT:</u> "FORM 2_Global Training 2017 extension preliminary agreement"	Extra months	
	Monthly payment for extra months (between 0-1358€/month)	

INTERNSHIP/PLACEMENT INFORMATION	
Department (in case you want more than 1 trainee, indicate the different departments where they will work)	Junior and senior infants (aged 5-6)  5th and 6th Class (aged 11 & 12)
Description of project/activities (in case you want more than 1 trainee, indicate the different projects/activities on which they will work)	Junior & Senior infants group: Trainees would be involved in assisting the teacher with field trips, going on nature walks, gardening projects, art & crafts projects.  Senior group: Trainees would be involved in assisting the teacher with going on field trips, nature discovery, art and crafts projects (painting, drawing, knitting & sewing), educational projects (eg ancient Egypt).  Trainees would be with the various cultural activities the school undertakes every year: St Bridget's Day (Imbolc/Spring), Patrick's Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Mid-summer, the harvest festival, Hallowe'en, Chinese New Year etc. We put on festivals for family and friends of the school where the cultures of the world, as well as the Irish culture, are celebrated.  Once a month the whole school community go on an activity day /field trip where we explore our local surroundings from a cultural / historical / geographical / natural perspective.
COMPETENCES, SKILLS and EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS	



<b>Requested profile(s) information</b> (Studies, previous experience, language skills, other skills...)	We have a multicultural group of children with a mixture of Italian, Portuguese, Dutch, French and Irish families; therefore fluency in English is not essential. We would like a trainee that has lots of creative energy, open to new experiences, takes initiative and sees value in working with young people. A trainee with teaching experience, or teaching qualifications would be excellent but not essential. The Steiner approach to learning is a very creative one and there is an emphasis put on drawing, painting and hand crafts. Having any of these skills is an added advantage.
<b>Other commentaries</b>	<u>We are a new school, full of enthusiasm and energy. We hope to develop and improve education in Ireland for generations to come. The teacher is a native Irish speaker and though we have quite a multi-cultural group of children the gaelic language is promoted in the class.</u>

## **APPLICATION FORM 1**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY/INSTITUTION

<b>LOGO</b>	
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/AmerginSteinerSchool/">https://www.facebook.com/AmerginSteinerSchool/</a>
<b>INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY AND THE AREA WHERE THE COMPANY/ISTITUTION IS LOCATED</b>  (General information about SECURITY, ACCOMODATION, PUBLIC TRANSPORT...)	The school is located in the rural community of Templenoe, approx. 7km from the busy tourist town of Kenmare in South Kerry. The town has a population of approx 5,000. It is in a geographically beautiful place and attracts a lot of artists from all over the world, who choose to live and work in the area. Kenmare is approx.. a 40 minute drive to the town of Killarney, 70 minutes to Kerry airport and approx.. 1.5 hours drive to Cork Airport. The school is based in the Templenoe Community Centre. It is a coastal location with the shoreline being a minute's walk from the school door. It is a spectacularly beautiful setting. Kenmare is a busy tourist town and though it's busiest time is during the summer months it remains the main centre of commerce for the surrounding district. It has three large supermarkets (Supervalu, Aldi & Lidl) as well as boutique shops and many 4 & 5 star restaurants, hotels and cafes.
<b>GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY/INSTITUTION</b>	Amergin Steiner School has been formed by a group of local parents keen to educate their children using the Steiner/Waldorf method. The teacher is local woman Ana Ní Shúilleabhair who is a State trained teacher but has 7 years' experience in Steiner teaching having taught at Mol an Óige Steiner NS, Ennistymon, Co Clare. The school has an enrolment of 18 children, boys and girls, aged 5-12. There is a 'no uniform' policy. It is a multi-denominational school that does not receive state funding.
<b>NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT THE COMPANY OR DEPARTMENT WHERE THE TRAINEESHIP WILL TAKE PLACE</b>	There is one full time teacher, Ana Ní Shúilleabhair. Siobhán Ní Gháirbhith acts as chairperson, John Harrington is treasurer and Sascha Bot is secretary. There is a parent body of 20 adults who help out with voluntary activities and fund raising. We also have visiting teachers; Adrienne Kenneway teaches art, Suzanne Hughes teaches handwork and Dhara Spillane teaches yoga. Parents apply their own skills to volunteering in the school e.g handwork (crochet, knitting and sewing), art and craft (painting, wet felting, sewing), woodwork, metalwork, blacksmithing etc.
<b>MAIN ACTIVITY OF THE COMPANY/INSTITUTION</b>	The children are taught using the Waldorf method of education. The mantra of Steiner Education is 'education for the head, the heart and the hands'. Every aspect of the child's physical, emotional and intellectual development is taken in to consideration. There is a practical approach to education with art and beauty informing academic subjects also. It is very hands on with children learning a wide range of arts and crafts. Children also learn traditional Irish music and the Irish language on a daily basis. It is a holistic method of education. Children also learn about different cultures and faiths through a celebration of cultures and faiths.



<b>A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF MAIN PROJECTS</b>	<p>The teacher has ten years teaching experience, 7 years of which was in Mol an Óige Steiner NS.</p> <p>Projects:</p> <p>Handwork:</p> <p>Assisting the teacher with the 5 year olds with their hands on activities: handcraft, gardening, baking, circles time.</p> <p>Art:</p> <p>Assisting the art teacher in the drawing lesson, also joining in with the art lesson. Observing the art of drawing using beeswax crayon and wet-on-wet water colour.</p> <p>Nature:</p> <p>Accompanying the teacher and children on daily nature walks / field trips in the locality.</p> <p>Festivals:</p> <p>Assisting with the preparation and execution of our many festivals e.g Harvest (September), Divali / Advent Spiral of Light (November / December), St Bridget's / Imbolc (February), Chinese New Year, Seachtain na Gaeilge, world book day (March).</p> <p>Music culture</p> <p>Assisting with the teaching of traditional Irish music, song, Irish language and Irish dance (this is also something that the volunteers will learn during their stay).</p> <p>What is offered to the volunteer:</p> <p>Observing and shadowing the teacher initially, learning the Steiner approach to education. Learning the various skills required e.g form drawing, wet-on wet water colour painting, knitting, sewing, singing through the medium of Irish, speaking through the medium of Irish, learning a traditional musical instrument, being involved in cultural events eg St Bridget's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Samhain.</p> <p>Introducing children to something they enjoy, perhaps from their country / culture and leading that activity.</p> <p>Running their own activities, perhaps in their own chose areas of expertise eg woodwork, music, dance, drama, puppetry art &amp; craft, storytelling with the assistance of the teacher</p>
<b>PREVIOUS COLLABORATION IN INTERNSHIP/TRAINING PROGRAMMES?</b>	None
<b>OTHER COMMENTARIES</b>	The school is supported by the Education Training Board who wish to bring the school under its remit as a Community National School, however, we await sanctioning from the Department of Education. 95% of schools in Ireland are Catholic. The approach to education is slowly changing and Amergin Steiner School is part of that change thanks to the enthusiasm of the parents.