

Advocacy & Policy Officer – Job Description

Do you want to contribute to supporting polio survivors in Ireland achieve enhanced rights and better services? If so, Polio Survivors Ireland, is building on the organisation's existing advocacy and policy work is recruiting an Advocacy & Policy Officer. This role will advance and further develop a well-established programme of engagement, research, and representation of polio survivor's interests.

The role operates within the framework of the organisation's **2024–2029 Strategic Plan**, supporting the ongoing delivery and expansion of agreed advocacy priorities, strengthening influence on policy, and enhancing outcomes for polio survivors across Ireland.

This is a hybrid working part-time position of 18.5 Hours and offers a salary of €23,000.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop and maintain an in-depth knowledge of relevant policy, legislation, and the broader disability policy landscape in Ireland, particularly as it relates to people living with the long-term effects of polio
 - Analyse and assess the ongoing and emerging implications of public policy, legislation, and service developments for polio survivors
 - Build on existing research approaches by gathering and analysing data from polio survivors, their families, clinicians, and other stakeholders on issues affecting health, independence, and quality of life
 - Maintain and strengthen established collaborative relationships with disability organisations, older persons groups, migrant organisations, and other relevant voluntary and statutory bodies
 - Continue the organisation's programme of meetings, consultations, and seminars on key policy and advocacy issues affecting polio survivors
 - Prepare, develop, and submit policy papers and submissions for review and approval by the CEO and Board of Polio Survivors Ireland
 - Participate in ongoing advocacy engagement with Government Departments, statutory agencies, and elected representatives to progress agreed policy and service improvements
 - Work collaboratively with the wider staff team to support and deliver ongoing campaigns aimed at improving services, supports, and recognition for polio survivors
 - Prepare regular (monthly) written reports for the CEO on advocacy and policy activity, and provide additional reports to the Board as required
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To apply:

Please forward your CV and Cover Letter for the attention of **Nicola Fogarty, CEO** to the email address: ceo@polio.ie or by post to **Polio Survivors Ireland CLG, Coleraine House, Coleraine Street, Dublin D07 E8XF**, by 1pm Friday the 2nd of October 2026.

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