



# Tús Programme Blanchardstown



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# What is Tús?

The Tús programme is a Department of Social Protection initiative that is administered in Dublin 15 by Empower since it launched in May 2011.



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# What do we do?

Our objective is to work with unemployed people who have been in receipt of a Jobseekers Payment for a continuous period of 12 months or more with a view to securing them work placements with partner host organisations within the local Community



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# Who do we work with ?

We currently work with 70+ hosts in the Dublin 15 area all of which are Community based non-profit organisations.

We are not permitted to work with private / for profit organisations.



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# Some of Our Host Organisations

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

Homestart

Base Enterprise Centre

Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative

Daughters of Charity

Corduff Sports Centre

Parslickstown House

Phibblestown Community Centre

Phoenix FM

Coolmine Rugby Club

St. Mochtas FC



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# What kind of work could I be doing?

- Maintenance
- Caring
- Childcare
- Cleaning
- Security
- Administration
- Grounds Keeping
- Retail
- Media
- Catering
- IT
- Youth work
- Driving





# What are the hours?

All employees will be required to work 19.5hrs per week.



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# Can I do other work?

If these hours can be worked without affecting the placement, all participants are permitted to take up part time work. Any monies earned during these extra hours should be disclosed to Revenue by the individual.



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# Do I get holidays?

Yes. All Tús Participants are entitled to 20 days annual leave and will receive a contract of employment from Empower (who will be your employer for the duration of the contract)



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# How long is the placement?

The placement will last for 52 weeks.

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to extend employment past this time period but we do offer participant supports throughout the year to assist the person with making a long term transition to employment.



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# How much will I be paid?

A participant will typically receive the equivalent of their JA payment plus a top-up of €22.50\*

The minimum payment is currently €225.50 per week paid into a bank/credit union/Post Office account every Thursday.

\*top ups can vary depending on personal circumstances



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# Are there other benefits?

No longer unemployed

Solid references on completion of placement

Learn new practical skills

Many training options during placement

Supported by your Team Leader for the duration of your placement



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# Secondary Benefits Not Affected

Rent Allowance

HAP Payments

Medical Card

Back to School Footwear & Clothing Allowance



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# Our Tús participants have progressed to:

- Trainer with National Learning Network
- Sales Assistant
- Personal Training Self Employed
- Security
- Warehouse Operative
- Centre Attendant
- Youth Worker
- School Administration
- Airport Security
- Construction Operatives
- Guitar Lessons Self Employed
- Vodafone
- Manager with counselling service
- Caring Roles
- Tús Team Leader





# How do I sign up or find out more ?

Participants are either referred by DSP or can self-refer through their Intreo case officer / LES mediator.

Alternatively you can contact Empower directly at Dillon House on 01 8209550

[www.empower.ie](http://www.empower.ie)