



**Chief Economist/Director of Policy
Limerick Chamber**

Hours Full time, 37.5/week	Salary Negotiable
Annual Leave 25 days pa	Healthcare Annual contribution
Location Hybrid, remote flexible subject to agreement with CEO.	Direct Reports Policy Executive

Established in 1805, Limerick Chamber (www.limerickchamber.ie) is the third largest Chamber of Commerce in Ireland. It is a mixed sector body, representing approximately 420 member organisations in the Mid West across industry, trade, commerce, tourism and professional services.

As the largest business representative body in the Mid West Limerick Chamber is recognised as the voice of Limerick business and plays a key leadership and enabling role in the development of the Mid West operating environment.

The Board of Limerick Chamber wishes to recruit a suitably qualified and motivated person to the key role of Chief Economist/Director of Policy.

The Role

Reporting to the CEO and working with the Board of Limerick Chamber, the successful candidate will set and drive the economic and public policy of the Limerick and greater Mid West region. The role will involve working with the Chamber's members and our wider stakeholders on developing, influencing and lobbying on economic and public policy in the region, representing Limerick Chamber in dealings and discussions with National and Local Government and other public bodies. The role will also involve representing the Chamber at public Forums and in the media from time to time.

What the role offers?

This is a high profile role and the successful candidate will be working directly with key corporate partners in the public and private sectors both locally and nationally. This will provide an excellent opportunity to build on experience and reputation in the area of economic policy which is making a significant impact on the development of the Mid West region.

Duties, responsibilities

- Leading the planning, delivery and evaluation of the policy programme
- Leading the planning, delivery and evaluations of the public affairs and lobbying programme



- Ensuring high standards of output from the internal research team, including delivery of the Mid West Economic Insights publication.
- Horizon scanning for new opportunities and advising the organisation as appropriate

Leadership/Strategic Planning

- Work with the senior team and Board on the strategic development of the Chamber, working on yearly Operational Plan and 3 year Strategic Plan
- Provide business analytic strength to help drive initiatives critical to on-going growth of the Chamber
- Fostering/strengthening relationship with key stakeholders

Stakeholder Engagement

- Contributing to permanent and political Government influence on Chamber policy priorities
- Articulating policy positioning and messages to appropriate stakeholders
- Co-ordinate responses to stakeholder consultations in a timely and effective manner
- Support the Chamber's representation activities at external meetings
- Provide counsel to CEO and other senior colleagues prior to high level meetings
- Act as Secretary to Limerick Chamber Board

Public Affairs

- Contributing to external media
- Maintaining and communicating with a high-level network of senior policy-makers at a regional and national level
- Providing regular updates on all Chamber policy activities to Chamber members and to the Chamber's wider audience of politicians, policy-makers, decision-makers and journalists.

Essential requirements

- Educated to degree level in Economics or a related Business or Public Policy area.
- Experience of preparing relevant policy documents and submissions
- Experience of preparing briefing notes and reporting to stakeholders
- Excellent presentation and communications skills
- Prior experience representing an organisation in external forums
- Skilled in market analysis and communicating this to a range of stakeholders both internal and external.
- Able to work on own initiative but equally strong at working as a key member of a small team in a dynamic environment.

Desired & advantageous

- Post graduate qualification in economics or public policy is desired, PhD in Economics advantageous.



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- Experience of working with an economic/management consultancy is desired

Further information:

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