



**Churches
in Ireland**
Connecting
in Christ

**Irish Council
of Churches**

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title	Good Relations Officer, Irish Council of Churches
Location	Inter Church Centre, 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast with responsibilities throughout Ireland
Salary Scale	£28,250 – £29,400 p.a. for 37.5 hrs per week
Line Manager	General Secretary, Irish Council of Churches
Interview Date	7th November 2023

BACKGROUND

The Irish Council of Churches and the Irish Inter-Church Meeting work together under the title: Churches in Ireland - Connecting in Christ. They seek to develop opportunities for Ireland's churches to work together, to provide a Christian voice in society, and so witness to their common belief in Jesus Christ.

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC) currently has fifteen member churches. It is one of the longest serving established national ecumenical bodies in the world, celebrating its centenary in 2023, and has a proud track record of addressing issues of justice, peace and integration as well as facilitating collaboration on key contemporary priorities.

The Irish Inter-Church Meeting (IICM) is the way in which the ICC churches and the Roman Catholic Church collaborate ecumenically (see www.irishchurches.org/about for more details on these structures).

MAIN DUTIES

The Good Relations Officer will have lead responsibility for implementation of the strategy document "The Unfinished Work of Peace", for leading ICC/IICM work on peacebuilding and reconciliation, and for developing ICC/IICM connections with local inter-church initiatives across Ireland. The main duties will include, but may not be confined to:

- Unfinished Work of Peace
 - Leading inter-church engagement on the identified areas of focus in the Unfinished Work of Peace strategy document, with a particular attention paid to the border counties.
 - Developing an institutional understanding of reconciliation, holistically conceived to incorporate the various dimensions of societal life in Ireland facing fractures and conflict.
 - Convening working groups as required and documenting these meetings as appropriate.
- Building relationships
 - Developing connections with new/migrant-led/other churches outside of the membership of ICC across the island.

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- Building on relationships and key links in member churches and Republic of Ireland local ecumenical bodies.
- Connecting local and national inter-church engagement
 - Supporting new and emerging local/regional reconciliation initiatives between churches.
 - Identifying issues emerging from local inter-church cooperation and sharing learning within the inter-church structures.
 - Documenting and sharing examples of new and/or successful models of inter-church engagement.
- Support and Financial
 - Developing a work plan and providing quarterly progress reports on targets.
 - Ensuring the programme remains within the allocated budget.
 - Keeping appropriate records and developing a database of contacts.
 - Preparing and submitting funding applications to funding bodies as appropriate.
 - Contributing to the communications of the ICC/IICM.
 - Contributing to the planning and organisation of ICC/IICM events.
 - Deputising for the General Secretary as required.