

Relief Care Worker – Co. Galway

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland works across the country in the heart of local communities providing dementia specific services and supports and advocating for the rights and needs of all people living with dementia and their carers.

Our vision is an Ireland where no one goes through dementia alone and where policies and services respond appropriately to the person with dementia and their Carers, at the times they need support.

A national non-profit organisation, the Alzheimer Society of Ireland is person centred, rights-based and grassroots led with the voice of the person with dementia and their Carer at its core.

The ASI is currently recruiting a **Relief Care Worker** who will work across our **Daycare & Homecare services in Co. Galway**. The successful candidate will work in our Clarinbridge Daycare Service, located in SCCUL Sanctuary, Bungalow 9, Kilcornan, Clarinbridge, and in assigned family homes across Loughrea, Athenry & Oranmore.

This is a permanent contract of employment working relief hours per week.

To be successful in this position, you will need good communication and organizational skills and be able to work on your own initiative. It is essential you possess previous experience of undertaking social and cognitive stimulation activities with people with dementia, older people or people with intellectual disabilities.

Full clean driving license and access to a car essential. A QQI Level 5 is desirable. Confidence in using IT/Email is also desirable.

Further information on the role is available on The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's website <https://alzheimer.ie/careers/>

If you are interested in applying for this post, please submit a full and up-to-date CV and cover letter explaining why you feel you could undertake this role and send it to recruit@alzheimer.ie

Closing date for applications is 24th August 2026.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is an Equal Opportunities Employer.



JOB DESCRIPTION	
Job Title: Care Worker	Job Holder:
Job Location: Galway	Reports to: Day Centre Manager / Homecare Coordinator

JOB PURPOSE:

The purpose of the role is to provide care to people with dementia and support that is person centred, addressing their needs to enhance their quality of life.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES:

Client Care Provision

- Build up trusting relationships with clients and their carers so that they feel secure and welcome in the service.
- Assist the co-ordinator of the service in the assessment and updating of care plans for each client.
- Carry out care plan activities.
- Provision of personal care if needed including help with meals, toileting, bathing etc.
- Ensure that observations are reported in a timely manner.
- Respect the rights, dignity and confidentiality of all clients.
- In consultation with the line manager, identify and develop activities to enhance the quality of care delivered.
- In consultation with the line manager assist clients and their carers in their dealings with other service providers in the community.

Service Administration

- Adhere to service provision, Health and Safety policies and procedures set out by the Society.
- Assist in the maintenance of service records as directed by the Home Care Co-ordinator.
- Assist in promoting a positive and safe environment and bring issues of concern to the Home Care Co-ordinator's attention.
- Avail of training opportunities identified by the Home Care Co-ordinator.
- Maintain routine contact with the Home Care Co-ordinator. Attend team and one to one meetings with the Home Care Co-ordinator to contribute to the on going development and enhancement of the service.

The principal accountabilities outline the main duties. However, in an organisation such as the Society, it is inevitable that tasks may arise which may not fall within the remit of the above list of main duties. Employees are therefore required to respond with a flexible approach when tasks arise which are not specifically covered in their job description. Should an additional responsibility become a regular part of an employee's job, the job description will be amended to reflect this.

JOB HOLDER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Knowledge (Education & Related Experience):

- Educated to Leaving Certificate or equivalent
- FETAC level 5 desirable
- Experience in health, social or disability care desirable



Skills (Special Training or Competence):

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Good organisational and observational skills
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Training in dementia, care of elderly or related area

Key Behaviours:

- Patience
- Empathy
- Reliability
- Flexibility
- Enthusiasm

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Internal

Colleagues in home care and daycare
Nurse/Daycare Manager
Operations Managers

External

Clients and carers
Other members of the community care team
Public Health Nurse