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**Short-Term Co-worker Application Form**

**Surname:**.....(Block Letters) **Forenames:**.....

**Date of Birth:**.....**Male/Female**      **Nationality:**.....**Married/Single**

**Address:**.....  
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**Telephone Number:**.....**Fax:** .....**email:**.....

**Next of Kin:**.....

**DATE OF ARRIVAL**.....**DATE OF DEPARTURE**.....

**DETAILS OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, QUALIFICATIONS**

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**REASON FOR APPLICATION**.....

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**PLEASE SUPPLY 2  
REFERENCES**.....

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**DECLARATION**

**I have read and fully understood the Short Stay information. I understand that even if I will not have any direct responsibilities towards children or adults with a learning disability, I will nevertheless, come into contact with them in either a living, social or working situation. Consequently I will uphold the Child and Adults Protection Policies of Camphill Community Glenraig.**

**I understand that I am a ‘working guest’ of Camphill Community Glenraig and will at all times uphold the values, standards and policies of the Community.**

**I understand that alcohol should not be consumed in the Community and that any contact with drugs will result in my being asked to leave the Community immediately.**

**I am in good health both mentally and physically  yes no**

**If no, please supply a Medical Certificate**

**Please supply a current Police Check.**

**Under the 1989 Children Act we are required to ask the following question.**

**Do you have a criminal record?.....**

**Signature.....Date.....**

## **SHORT STAY INFORMATION** **Practical Guide to Living in Camphill Community Glencraig**

### **GLENCRAIG COMMUNITY**

Our Community is situated right on the shores of Belfast Lough. Whilst we are only 8 miles (15 km) from Belfast, we are in a very agricultural setting, having over 100 acres to care for. This is done by our Farmers who also supply us with milk and meat, and our Gardeners who feed over 200 people with vegetables and fruit. All our land is worked Bio-dynamically. On this land we also have 18 houses, some accommodating up to 18 people and some only 2 people. In total there are 200 people living here. There is also a Hall for social, cultural events and the celebrating of Festivals, 2 school buildings, a Chapel, a shop and various other buildings that accommodate workshops, classrooms, etc.

From the beginning of July to the middle of August this changes a great deal. All of the children and teenagers go home on holiday. The adults take part of their holidays during this time and students are coming and going on holiday also. The main area of work and where help is needed is on the farm, garden and helping the 4-5 remaining functioning house communities.

We take on helpers in this period, and provided you come prepared to meet the needs of the Community, I believe you will have a challenging and whole experience.

Those staying for 3 months may receive £100.00 pocket money per month if they are asked to take care of adults or children with special needs. Should you wish to take holidays you are expected to take them before or after your time with us. We do not offer holiday money for those who stay with us for less than 6 months

We usually take short term volunteers from July – October. If you wish to apply for other times in the year, please feel free to contact us.

## **WHO LIVES IN GLENCRAIG?**

Approximately 35 schoolchildren aged from 7 to 19 years live and attend school here. They all have a variety of difficulties, problems and challenges in their lives from epilepsy, brain damage, behaviour disturbances, to communication problems.

Then there is a group of young people aged 19 -24, many of whom will have gone to school here, who are training in our workshops which help people with special needs to grow and mature into Adulthood.

There are also many Adults who do not so easily fit into a category. These can be people who, having finished the Curative Education Training, remain in the Community to take on a variety of tasks of being a Teacher, Housemother, Workmaster and who make Glencraig their home. There are also many families with children from babies to adults, who are also fully part of the Community. There are many adults with Special Needs who, after their schooling and training have also decided to stay and make Glencraig their home and who form a strong adult Community.

Then there is another group of young people who have come from all over the world but mainly Europe, to spend either a shorter or longer period meeting Community life, getting experience to follow a training in College or University or committing themselves to the three year Training in Curative Education.

## **TERMS OF SHORT STAY VOLUNTEERING**

**PLEASE NOTE: We only accept short stay volunteers who are willing to commit for  
6 - 12 weeks (or up to six months)  
Short stay volunteers must be over the age of 18 years.**

- The minimum age of volunteers is 18 years. If you wish to join us for less than 6 weeks, please submit a Short-Term Co-worker Application Form with relevant papers.
- If you wish to volunteer longer than 6 weeks, please submit a Co-worker Application Form with relevant papers.

## **DAILY LIFE**

### **WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU CAME TO GLENCRAIG**

6.30am Wake up - help to prepare breakfast, or help children or adults.

7.45am Breakfast, all together

8.15 - 8.50 Household chores

8.50 - 9.00 School time for the children / work time for adults  
During school holidays work on farm, garden, or estate

9.00 -12.30 Class helping, Lunch cooking, workshops or land work.

12.30- 2.00 Home for lunch. Sharing a meal as before.  
Maybe a breathing space - maybe not, depending on what is happening that day.

2.30 - 4.30 School/work

4.30 -- 6.00 Leisure activities for children  
Work continues until 5.30pm in workshops/land work

6.00 - 7.00 Supper (as above)

7.00 - 9.00 Children to bed, evening chores, leisure activities with adults.

(All the cooking, cleaning and household tasks of the House are done by everybody, the children are in a learning situation and according to their abilities depend upon your active example)

If you live in the Adult Houses then the above timetable is also applicable.

### **LANGUAGE**

English is the language we use in Glencraig

### **HEALTH AND INSURANCE**

Please ensure that you have the appropriate insurance to cover incidental medical or dental treatment.

It would also be important if you would tell of any physical or mental health problems so that we have a clear picture of your strengths and weaknesses when placing you in the Community.

### **SOME PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

1. You should come with sufficient and suitable clothing, for outside work in wet weather, and for formal occasions a dress or good trousers.
2. We do not accept private vehicles. There is an efficient public transport system of bus and train in the immediate vicinity.
3. You will have 1 day off per week.
4. You will receive free board and lodging.