



airfield estate



Airfield Estate is a 38-acre working farm, gardens, heritage experience and centre for food education and research based in Dundrum, Dublin. A self-funded Charitable Trust, Airfield works on one of the biggest challenges of our time, food sustainability. Home to the Overend family since 1894, Airfield was left in trust to the people of Ireland by Letitia and Naomi Overend in 1974, trailblazing sisters who understood the importance of being self-sufficient and sustainable.

Chief Executive Officer

Reporting to the Airfield Estate Board and Trust, the Chief Executive Officer will be responsible for delivering Airfield's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan and will oversee the Management and Governance of the Estate.

The successful candidate will be deeply passionate about food sustainability and be capable of leading and publicly representing Airfield, an organisation at the forefront of advocating food sustainability in Ireland. The CEO will lead, develop and motivate a committed team of 40 people and build strong relationships with external stakeholders and like-minded organisations.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL:

- Lead the implementation and delivery of Airfield's Strategic Plan in conjunction with the Board, Trust and Team and oversee the Management and Governance of the Estate.
- Be an inspirational leader, who as CEO, will proactively communicate Airfield's mission-related work to internal and external stakeholders and be an advocate for food sustainability in Ireland.
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills both internally and externally and be able to demonstrate a proactive approach and be a trusted voice in previous roles.
- Bring a strong knowledge of the food system, the challenges around food sustainability and the impact of food on climate change.
- Develop an appropriate network of external partnerships building strong relationships with diverse stakeholder groups, like-minded organisations, and continue to manage internal commercial partnerships.
- Have strong financial skills and a track record of delivering agreed targets.

Airfield Estate is an equal opportunities employer. See www.airfield.ie for more details.

For a confidential discussion and further information, you may contact **Catherine Hughes on +353 1 448 5660.**

Candidates are invited to email a comprehensive curriculum vitae together with a cover letter, in strict confidence, quoting 'Airfield CEO' to: airfield@mmkexecutive.com

Closing date: **30th July 2021**

