

**Donegal VEC – Mission Statement**

**“Our aim is to promote, offer and support accessible, inclusive and holistic learning opportunities which will enable young people and adults to empower themselves to reach their full potential in society.”**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, registered and experienced persons for the following post with effect from 22nd August, 2013:

**PRINCIPAL**

**Finn Valley College, Stranorlar**

**Finn Valley College, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal**

Finn Valley College is a successful and highly regarded school established in the 1939 to meet the educational needs of second level students in the Finn Valley catchment area. The school offers the Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme, Leaving Certificate Applied Programme, Junior Certificate and the Junior Certificate Schools Programme.

**Location and Campus**

The school is situated on the outskirts of Stranorlar town. A splendid new school building with accommodation for 325 students was completed in September, 2011.

**The Person**

The ideal candidate will possess a high level of interpersonal skills, considerable motivational and leadership qualities, as well as the educational vision, organisational capacity and managerial potential commensurate with the responsibilities of this key post. The person appointed will have a significant knowledge and experience of school administration and will be conversant with current trends and developments in education.

Qualifications, conditions of service and remuneration are, in accordance with Department of Education & Skills regulations.

**Principal’s Allowance**: Category XII (€31,520)

**The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12:00 noon on Friday, 19th April, 2013.**

**Please note:**

* Completed application forms will not be accepted via e-mail.
* Shortlisting of applicants will take place.
* Late applications will not be considered.

It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that the completed application form is received by Co. Donegal VEC by **12:00 noon on Friday, 19th April, 2013.**

**Contact Details:** Further information and Application Forms are available on request from:

Linda Harley, Human Resources Division, VEC Administrative Offices, Ard O’Donnell,

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal T: (074) 9161510 F: (074) 9161544 E-mail: [linda@donegalvec.ie](mailto:linda@donegalvec.ie)

# Notes to help applicants

Thank you for your interest in this position as Principal of Finn Valley College with Co. Donegal VEC. Please ensure you have a copy of the Job Description and Person Specification before completing this application.

1. Please make sure you sign and date where indicated on the last page of the Application Form.

2. You may submit a faxed or e-mailed application before the latest date for receipt of completed applications. However, we will in addition require a signed hard copy of your application.

3. You may attach any additional information, which you consider necessary in support of your application in the form of an addendum to the form.

4. Please note that we plan to contact referees in advance of interviews. Please note that we reserve the right to contact previous employers as listed by you, but not nominated as referees.

5. On being invited to interview you will be required to make a five (5) minute presentation (without the use of IT Equipment) on:-

***‘My vision and strategy for the development and enhancement of Finn Valley College’*.**

If you have any queries in relation to the application process, please contact,

Ms. Linda Harley by phone on (074) 91 61510 or by fax on (074) 91 61544 or email to [linda@donegalvec.ie](mailto:linda@donegalvec.ie)

**Draft Appointment Timetable**

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| **Sunday, 7th April, 2013** | Position advertised in the Sunday Independent  with further information available on the web site [www.donegalvec.ie](http://www.donegalvec.ie) |
| **Friday, 12th April, 2013** | Position advertised in the Irish Times (Friday). |
| **Friday, 19th April, 2013 at 12:00 noon** | Closing date for receipt of completed application forms |
| **19th April to 3rd May, 2013** | Processing of Application Forms, Shortlisting of applicants, if necessary. Referees contacted. Interviews arranged. Interviews Held and outcome of interviews communicated to applicants. |

The above timetable is for the assistance of applicants. While every effort will be made to adhere to the dates listed, the scale/number of applications may require changes to the timetable.