



Deputation Profile

Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Ireland

Name: Johanna Austin

Country: Republic of Ireland

Role: Education Department + local ministry in Wexford



Information/Bio:

I grew up in a Christian home in the Republic of Ireland and came to trust in the Lord Jesus personally as my Saviour when I was a child. I became involved in Child Evangelism Fellowship as a teenager and attended the Summer Outreach Training Course in Sligo when I was 18. I volunteered with CEF for many years at camps, 5-Day Clubs® and Good News Clubs®, until 2002 when God called me into full-time ministry. I left my teaching job in a Special Needs School in Wexford and started working full-time with CEF.

I am thankful to God for many opportunities for direct ministry with children and teens in Co. Wexford through Good News Clubs®, Youth Challenge, 5-Day Clubs®, Holiday Bible Clubs, school classes and camps. I have also had opportunities to teach adults and young people in the local churches and through our Teaching Children Effectively Courses, Preschool Teachers' Courses, Summer Outreach Training Courses and Children's Ministry Leadership Courses.

In summer 2020, God called me into the Education Department of CEF. In this role, I am seeking opportunities to serve local churches and believers in the Republic of Ireland through our teacher training courses. I am thankful for the guidance and direction of our Team Leader, Angie McKee. I also appreciate the other instructors who are involved in teaching the courses, alongside their local ministries.

I am grateful to God for the local volunteers that He has raised up to work alongside me in Co. Wexford. With their support, I continue to be involved in 2 Good News Clubs and 2 Youth Challenge groups. I also appreciate those whom God has raised up to pray for the ministry and support it financially. One of my goals is to maintain and strengthen the foundation of prayer in all we do.

Purpose of Deputation

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Ireland

Information

CEF is an interdenominational, international organisation working in over 190 countries around the world. Our passion is to teach the Bible to children in a fun and relevant way.

We are a Bible-centred organisation, whose purpose is:

- To evangelise boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ;
- To disciple them in the Word of God;
- To establish them in a local church.

We endeavour to do this through various ministries to children and young people. We are a faith-based mission; all our workers seek to undertake deputation on a regular basis. The main function of deputation is to establish and maintain prayer, financial and practical support among God's people. We do this primarily by speaking in churches, home/house groups or with interested people about the ministry we are involved in.

Keeping this in mind, the purpose of deputation is not primarily to speak at children's meetings, although these can help to develop an interest in missions among the children and young people. Do keep in mind that the primary purpose of deputation is to speak about our ministry.

Thank you for your interest in, and support for, the work of CEF.