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from all the staff at NATC*



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1. Youth Mental Health Promotion

The Mater Child and Family Psychiatric Service is very keen to proactively promote preventative community youth mental health initiatives. As part of this on-going work they have developed a youth mental health resource, 'Working Things out Through SPHE' which consists of a DVD- based compilation of youth mental health case studies with accompanying supportive materials. These real-life case-studies form the basis for interactive youth mental health lessons. Having successfully piloted this material with a sample of inner-city Secondary schools they are now keen to gain experience with a more varied sample of young people and are now seeking youth mental health partners who might collaborate with them in using this approach.

Participating organisations will receive the DVD/materials; gain training in their use and get on-going support from them in relation to managing youth mental health issues. Apart from delivery of some 10 lessons they would only require two 40min sessions at project beginning and end to assess the effectiveness of the materials.

If your project or organisations is interested in becoming a mental health partner with them in this important work. Further information is available from the following address.

**Mater Clinic, Child and Family Psychiatric Service. Mike Power. Project Leader, Ph: 086 8513763.
Email: mikepow@eircom.net**

2. "Going to Secondary" - A Child Centred Action Research Project

Creating conditions to support young people to make a positive transition from Primary to Post-primary school.

The Educational Action Research Project (EAR) was commissioned by Athlone Community Taskforce (ACT), a Community Partnership company, and conducted over a one year period from February 2005 to January 2006. This Child-centred Action Research Project was progressed through two simultaneous Strands: A & B.

Strand A - A six session Transition Programme with a cross section of twenty-five 6th Class Primary pupils drawn from two different Primary schools in the Athlone area. "To examine from a young person's perspective the experience of the transition from Primary to Post-primary School"

Strand B - involved the Project Manager networking with Primary and Post-primary schools; Statutory and Non-statutory service providers, which worked with families and young people in the Athlone area.

This report would be a particularly useful resource for:

- * People who carry out work with young people
- * People working in the formal education system
- * Students of youth development in Colleges and Institutes
- * Policy makers at local and national level
- * Readers interested in youth culture

A free copy of this report can be obtained by contacting The Educational Action Research (EAR) Project, ACT, Athlone. Tel: 090 649 4555 E-mail: sheilamcardle@eircom.net

3. Challenging Youth Work in a Changing Ireland (March 22nd Dublin)

To mark International Day Against Racism 2007, the National Youth Development Education Programme are hosting:

**Challenging Youth Work in a Changing Ireland: A European Perspective on Intercultural Youth Work
Thursday 22 March 2007 (10.30 – 1.30 followed by a light lunch)
Room TR4, Royal College of Surgeons, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin**

This seminar will provide participants with the opportunity to reflect on the changes to youth work brought about by an increased ethnic diversity within Ireland's youth population. Participants will be encouraged to reflect critically on their own practice and what it means to work in an intercultural way and to learn from experiences in other European countries. The seminar is aimed at youth workers, policy makers, ethnic minority organisations and NGOs in this field. It is taking place within the context of the forthcoming intercultural strategy for youth work. **Tel 01 4255931 Email rosie.boyle@nyci.ie**

4. Free DEN Goodies For Your Competitions

RTE are offering magazines and newspapers Den goodie bags as prizes for competitions. So if you run competitions in your Training Centres, or Youth Projects or newsletters etc...which are in need of prizes for children, a new batch of Den Goodie Bags have landed in the RTÉ Young People's Department- just contact Rayna below and you could be in with the chance of winning: a Den Backpack, a T- Shirt, a badge, stickers and a mobile phone charm!

**Contact Rayna Connery, RTÉ TV Press and Publicity Officer, rayna.connery@rte.ie
Tel: (01) 208 3169, (087) 9862902**



5. Childline Text and Web Service

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Childline is run by the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and belongs to all children and young people in Ireland. Childline Online is looking for Volunteers for the Text and Web service. Are you over 18 years old? Have you four hours a week to spare? Are you interested in helping children? No experience necessary, we train you.

Contact: Susie in ISPCC Reception by Phone: 01-6794944 Email: iboylan@ispcc.ie website www.childline.ie

6. Children's Books Ireland (CBI) Bisto Book Awards

The CBI Bisto Awards are the leading annual Children's Book Awards in Ireland. Now in their 17th year, the awards have been sponsored since their inception by Bisto (RHM Ireland). The Awards are made annually by Children's Books Ireland to authors and illustrators born or resident in Ireland. The Shortlist for the 06/07 Awards will be announced on March 21st and the winners will be announced on May 16th.

There are a total of five awards:

- **CBI Bisto Book of the Year Award**

Prize: €10,000 prize and a perpetual trophy and framed certificate

- **CBI Bisto Honour Awards**

Prize: Three Honour Awards share a prize fund of €6,000 and each prize winner receives a framed certificate

- **The Eilis Dillon Award**

Prize: €3,000 prize, and a trophy and framed certificate

All awards are made at the discretion of the judges.



For more info on competitions, newsletters etc. log on to www.childresbooksireland.com

7. Charity Regulation Bill

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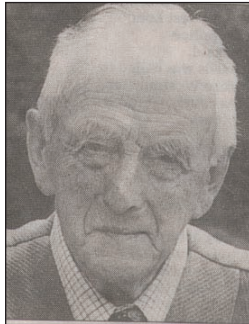
The Government has announced the inclusion of the Charity Regulation Bill in the legislative programme for the Spring 2007 Dail session. There is no indication as yet about the actual date that the draft legislation will be introduced for consideration by the Oireachtas. There is a network of interest that has formed around the area of charity regulation and legislation. There are a number of resources available on The Wheel's website (www.wheel.ie) that are of assistance in getting to grips with the issues.

8. Guss O'Connell Retires

Mr Guss O'Connell retired from FÁS on January 31st after a long and eventful career that has seen him work in Nigeria as well as Ireland. Guss started his career as a metalwork teacher and was headmaster of a school in Nigeria for a number of years in the 1960s. He had to leave his mission there during the civil war and did not return. Instead he went to America where he wound up, amongst others, at the original Woodstock festival. Whether it was the music or something else he encountered there, he never returned to the mission but came home to Ireland.

He has been ever present in our sphere since the mid 1970s when he ran St. Vincent's Trust in Henrietta Street in Dublin, the first Community Training Workshop to be established. Subsequently he worked with the Youth Employment Agency. During this time the network of CTWs expanded to 45. The YEA was incorporated into FÁS in 1987. Dermot Stokes quoted that "Guss was a great help to me when Youthreach was established in 1988. The needs of disadvantaged young people have always been his driving concern in all his work. In bending and interpreting rules in their interest he always practised the golden rule that it was easier to be forgiven than to receive permission! With him goes a great well of knowledge and commitment". We wish Gus the best of luck in his new phase of life.

9. Traveller Folklore Collector Dies at 106



Patrick Greene (Padraig Mac Greine), who died on February 22nd 2007 at the age of 106 was a teacher and folklore collector, specializing in the stories and traditions of the Travelling community. He also collected stories among the settled community in north Longford, an area with a strong storytelling tradition. He is estimated to have transcribed 10,000 pages of folklore materials in the course of his work! In the 1930's, he collected and published several lists of Shelta or Gammon vocabulary. Master Greene, as he was known locally, remained active in his retirement. As a centenarian, he renewed his driving licence for a further 3 years and he gave weekly classes to settled members of the Travelling community in Longford. In 2004, Master Greene commented on the lack of interest among Travellers – particularly young men – in their own culture. Most of the stories that Patrick Greene collected are known to folklorists as Machen, better known as magic or fairy tales, most of them centuries old. May he rest in peace and his work live on.

10. Collaborative Working - A CEO Breakfast Briefing

Wednesday 14th March 2007. This event is aimed at the Chief Executives or other senior managers in community / voluntary / charitable organisations and is a continuation of our series of similar briefings held in 2006. It is timed to run from 7.45am to 9.15am to enable participation before another busy day's work.

Guest speakers:

Anne Dempsey – steering committee of the Older and Bolder Campaign

Sinead Hanly – who was, until recently, Chair of the Consultative Forum of the Homeless Agency, a

Board member of the Family Support Agency and a member of the Steering Group on Violence Against Women.

To register your place(s) in one of these workshops contact Danielle Byrne at register@wheel.ie or fill out the registration form on our website: www.wheel.ie.

11. Garda Vetting

PLANS to vet staff working in crèches, nurseries and pre-schools have been postponed because gardaí are unable to cope with the demand to carry out background checks. Minister for Children Brian Lenihan has been forced to postpone the implementation of the vetting system until at least September as the 33 staff at the Garda Central Vetting Unit (GCVU) are already facing eight-week backlogs to check for convictions on teachers, staff at voluntary organisations and some healthcare workers. In October 2006, the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Child Protection was told if the GCVU was to report on all the people working with children on a recurring basis, it would need to check 550,000 people a year. Last year, the GCVU had to vet all new student teachers and then turn its attention to 80,000 other teachers. It anticipates when it is working properly that the unit will have to re-check everybody on its books every five years. In time, volunteers for sports organisations will also be obliged to go through the vetting process before they work with children.

Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform
An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí

12. Almost Half of All Primary Teachers Bullied

ALMOST half of primary teachers reported being bullied and harassed in schools according to the Irish Independent (January 3rd 07) The most common form of bullying is being undermined in the workplace, followed by intimidation and exclusion. The least common form of bullying, reported in the survey by the Irish National Teachers Organisation (INTO), was sexual harassment. Other forms of bullying identified by teachers as taking place in schools are being shouted at, public humiliation, physical abuse being threatened with dismissal and being verbally abused. The survey of almost 1,200 teachers in the Republic and Northern Ireland was carried out in October 06. It found that bullying was most likely to be a "top down" experience with boards of management, school inspectors and principals identified as the most common perpetrators.

Stress is the most common effect for individual teachers of workplace bullying, being reported by more than one in three teachers (36%). Other effects included low self esteem (21%), low motivation (14%), sick leave (7%) and depression (6%). As many as 37% of teachers surveyed said that in their schools there was a lot of workplace bullying, describing it as a "serious" matter.

INTO general secretary John Carr admitted adult bullying and harassment in schools was a serious issue that needed to be addressed. "The health effects of bullying are clearly considerable. Such effects provide an economic argument for tackling workplace bullying and harassment in addition to the human relations and industrial relations arguments,"

13. Fund For Interagency Projects In Relation To Travellers

Round 2, February 2007

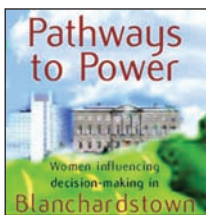
In March 2006 the Government approved the Report of the High Level Group on Traveller Issues. This report places particular emphasis on the need for Interagency cooperation. In April the Taoiseach wrote to all Departments asking all relevant Ministers to ensure that there is a clear and sustained support for the implementation of the Report. Following this, the Department of Environment, Heritage & Law Reform wrote to each County and City Manager (*Circular letter LG12/06*). The Department requested that each City/County Development Board initiate a process of developing a strategic plan drawing together relevant agencies and organisations to agree how this can be best accomplished. The Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform (*which is responsible for monitoring the ongoing implementation of the Report of the High Level Group on Traveller Issues*) made a fund of €1 million available in 2006 in Round 1.

Twelve projects were funded under that round. €600,000 euro is now available from the fund for Round 2. It is envisaged that a third round of funding will be made available later in the year. The fund aims to support projects targeting the Traveller Community which are delivered on an interagency basis, are consistent with the High Level Group Report and arise from the CDB endorsed plans. The funding is available only to CDBs with interagency groups established on foot of circular LG12/06 and with a Strategic Plan for the Traveller Community, endorsed by the CDB and submitted to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

The Fund For Interagency Projects in Relation to the Traveller Community is a distinct fund and is designed to give additional impetus to the work of the Interagency groups established in each city and county area following on from the Report of the High Level Group on Traveller Issues. Decisions on funding will be made entirely on the assessment of the proposed projects against the criteria detailed in the Guidelines for Interagency Groups Applying for Funding Under The Fund For Interagency Projects in Relation to the Traveller Community.

Completed Applications forms and all supporting documentation should be forwarded by registered post to the following address: Interagency Projects In Relation to the Traveller Community, Pobal, Holbrook House, Holles Street, Dublin 2. Applications must be received at the above address no later than 5pm Friday, 27th April, 2007.

14. Report of Women's Participation In Local Development



Maureen Bassett and Mary Quinlan carried out research with the aim to audit current participation of women in statutory and non-statutory organisations in Blanchardstown, to map current procedures within organizations for the participation of women from Rapid areas and to identify how greater participation by women might be encouraged.

Their report "**Pathways to Power: women influencing decision-making in Blanchardstown**" aims to map women's current participation in decision making in Blanchardstown, and makes recommendations on how to increase women's participation, with specific recommendations for chosen key organisations. The Report launch was accompanied by a half day conference with over 100 attendees which aimed to assist both policy makers and members of the community sector to prepare for the potential scenario in near future, where all public authorities in the Republic will be required by legislation to proactively promote equality, including equality of both men and women.

15. Ireland's Campaign Against Racism in Football & Society

Show Racism the Red Card is harnessing the profile of sport to educate against racism. The Red Card is a partnership of Education and Sport with the active involvement of the three main teaching unions and the players organisations for the three most popular sports in Ireland- Gaelic, Rugby and Soccer.

Visit www.theredcard.ie On this site you can visit our existing sponsors and can read interviews with leading personalities in Gaelic, Rugby and Soccer. You can also keep up to date with news on matters of interest to Show Racism the Red Card. You can view feeds with interviews from the latest DVD of the UK project. You can download posters of your favour teams in Ireland, Scotland and England.



Through a partnership of teachers in education and footballers in sport we aim to harness the high profile of Gaelic, Rugby and Soccer players to Show Racism the Red Card. The partnership already involves the active participation of each of the relevant organisations.

16. LINK Community Development

Link Community Development invites applications from Irish primary school principals and teachers to take part in its Global Teachers Programme. The Global Teachers Programme is a programme for experienced school principals and teachers, centred around a five-week placement in a primary school in Uganda in July/August 2007.

The programme aims to help teachers become better development educators, and also develops their leadership, management and training skills. Since 2001 over 300 UK teachers and principals have taken part in this programme. Participation is on a voluntary basis. The programme receives support from Irish Aid, which is the Government of Ireland's programme of assistance to developing countries.

For more information and an application pack, phone 087 9697623, or email info@lcd.ie. www.lcd.ie

17. The Light Exchange

The Light Exchange is a photography resource facility currently being developed in Dublin to service both professional photographers and artists alike. They will provide both colour and black & white darkrooms, digital imaging facilities and a photography studio for hire. Their aim is to provide a stimulating, creative and communicative working space. In order to do this it is vital to determine your needs as a photographer or artist who may need such a facility. If the idea is of interest to you please take 2 minutes of your time to complete the brief questionnaire at the following link:
http://www.via.ie/light_exchange.

18. Encouraging the “Helped” to Become “Helpers”

Volunteering Ireland promotes high quality voluntary activity, by encouraging organisations, who involve volunteers, to adopt good policy and practice, and by acting as a link between such organisations and individuals who wish to undertake meaningful voluntary work. They are currently running a project around Social Inclusion. Its focus is in changing perceptions about **who** is able to volunteer and to show that people who are traditionally perceived as **'the helped'** can actually be **'helpers'** themselves. Additional support needs in terms of volunteering can include people who have caring responsibilities, physical, mental or health problems, or potential forms of marginalisation such as being an asylum seeker, ex-offender, a member of the Traveller community, etc.

Volunteering can be an opportunity to develop or improve social contacts, integration, skills and abilities, etc., can provide work experience and training, and can certainly facilitate social inclusion and active participation to the community. Therefore they would be particularly interested in making contacts with members of the Traveller community (or organisations who represent and support them), who might be interested in volunteering and giving their skills and time to local voluntary and community groups.

Chiara from Volunteering Ireland is available for promoting volunteering in group-based information sessions (*how to find volunteering opportunities, how to get involved and contact the volunteer-involving organisations, etc.*) or one-to-one appointments.

For further details, contact Chiara Magini : chiara@volunteeringireland.ie

19. Artist In The Community Scheme 2007

Twice yearly, The Arts Council offers grants to enable artists and communities of place or interest to work together on projects. The scheme covers all art forms. The Artist in the Community Scheme is managed by Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts. The aim of the scheme is to encourage intense collaboration between communities of place and/or interest and artists, culminating in an artwork or a project in which the members of the community group and the artists work together. It is essential that meaningful consultation take place between the artist and the community group, so that both parties are involved in deciding on the nature of the project. Group ownership of the art should be maintained at every stage. There are two phases to the scheme:

Phase One: Research & Development, is open to artists who wish to research and develop a project in a community context. Maximum time frame is 3 months. The maximum amount awarded in Phase One is €1,000.

Phase Two: Project Realisation, is open to communities of interest or place (or their representative organisations), planning a project of between 6 weeks and 5 months with a maximum award of €5000, and those who agree planning a project of between 6 months and 9 months with a maximum award of €10,000.

The next deadline for the scheme is 5pm Friday 29 June 2007. For further information, application forms or to book an advisory session, contact Katherine Atkinson, Project Support & Professional Development, Tel 01 - 473 66 00. Email support@create-ireland.ie www.create-ireland.ie

20. Intercultural And Anti-Racism Training



Intercultural and Anti-Racism Week takes place from 19-25 March 2007. To celebrate the week and March 21st - International Day Against Racism, the National Youth Development Education Programme is hosting intercultural and anti-racism training for youth workers. This training is aimed at anyone working with young people who wish to explore the issues of diversity, promote equality and challenge prejudice and discrimination.

Training Details :

Dublin, Tuesday 20th March Limerick, Wednesday 21st March Portlaoise, Thursday 22nd March Galway, Thursday 22nd March. All trainings start at 10.00am and finish at 2.00pm. A light lunch will be provided.

All participants will receive a copy of the newly updated "All Different All Equal Ireland" resource pack. For more information contact Alan Hayes on 01-4255932 or alan.hayes@nyci.ie

21. Understanding Human Behaviour

21st April 2007 Time: 9.30am - 5.00pm Price: €65.00 (Including Lunch, Tea & Coffee)

One Day exploring the following areas: Understanding yourself in order to understand others. Reveal your own Personality. An essential day for those who must interact with people as part of their work. Comprehensive course notes and information supplied.

Facilitator: Tony Bolger. Email: reservations@emmauscentre.ie

22. Facilitation Skills Training (MARCH 13,14, DUBLIN)

Michael Communications & Training

10 Modules delivered over 2 days the training teaches core competencies of Facilitation, which include:

- Facilitators have no vested interest, no axes to grind, no points to score.
- Competencies & Characteristics of Facilitator
- Facilitation Skills - Capable of Maintaining Objectivity.

Trainer: Michelle Thomas Fees: €300 per person lunches inclusive. email: info@michcom.ie / tel 086 2426733

23. Plexus Bio-Energy One Day Health Care Programme

24th March 2007 Registration 10.00am Closure 4.30pm. Price: €100 p/p Including treatments & Lunch

The aim of this programme is to educate you to understand how we as human beings function energetically, and to provide you with the tools and techniques needed to transform your stress into vitality. Many television documentaries has been done on Plexus including a segment on The Late-Late Show.

Email: reservations@emmauscentre.ie Web: <http://www.plexusbio-energy.com>

24. The Alexander Technique

27th March 2007 Time: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Price: €85.00p/p Concessions Available

The Alexander Technique can dramatically help or prevent backache, arthritis, insomnia, as well as a whole range of physical aches and pains that are so common in our society today. As these tensions are released, so are many of the thoughts that hold us back from being who we truly are. During this course you may find that your confidence and self-esteem naturally grow, and with it a natural spontaneity and a greater contentment .

Email: reservations@emmauscentre.ie

25. Classroom Drama 5 Sessions

26th April, May 3rd, may 10th, May 17th and May 24th Time: 4.30pm - 6.30 each date Price: €90 in total for all five workshops.

Done the In-Service - Whats Next? Practical Ideas - Lesson Plans - Cross -Curricular - Research Stimuli Learn and Explore the use of drama skills in teaching and presenting topics and themes. Presenter: Br. Sean Beckett

For a copy of the brochure please Email: reservations@emmauscentre.ie

26. Facilitation Skills & Staff Support Training Courses

Training location: Meitheal, 35 Exchequer St, Dublin 2. www.meitheal.ie

• "Facilitating Equality, Reflection, Analysis & Practice"

February 21st and 28th Fees: €132, Community / Voluntary - €198, Other

• Foundation Facilitation Skills Training;

February 1st, 15th, and March 1st, 15th 29th : 10.00am - 4.30pm each day €330 (Comm & Vol) €495 (Other)

• Advanced Facilitation Skills Training:

January 25th / 26th, February 8th / 9th / 22nd / 23rd, March 8th / 9th / 22nd / 23rd 10.00am - 4.30pm each day. €660 (Community & Voluntary organisations) €990 (Other)

Target Group: This training is for people who are currently working with groups and who wish to further develop their facilitation skills and confidence. Meitheal provides training to the community and voluntary sector, and other organisations working to create social change.

27. Upcoming Hope Workshops

HOPE Workshops 15 North Strand Road, Dublin 1.

Being Well -an eight week programme looking at holistic healthy living. The programme works on eating, exercise, and stress management. Thursdays from 10 - 11.30 am, February 8 - March 29th

A Parenting Course will run from March 7 - April 11, on Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11.30 am

Drug and Alcohol Facilitation Skills Course. 10 weeks - Fridays, from 10am - 1pm, January 29 - April 20. Courses are free of charge, with a €20 booking fee. Please telephone 01 - 887-8404 for more information.

28. Working With Children Through Art

Spring Course

Venue: Carmelite Community Centre,
Aungier Street, Dublin 2 on the following Tuesdays:
20th March, 27th March, 3rd April, 17th April, 24th April
10.00am to 4.00pm Fee: 5 day programme- €500. Concessions €300
Bookings: Phone Susan on (01) 679 4173 email susan@pcc.ie

Summer Course

Venue: Rockforest, Burren, Co. Clare
23rd to 27th July 2007 or 20th to 24th August 2007 From 10.00am to 4.00pm
Week long summer courses set in the beautiful surroundings of Rockforest, Tubber, Co. Clare at the very edge of the Burren National Park. Fee: The week costs €300.
For more information contact: Jole phone (01) 679 4173 or (091) 633 947 email jole@arttoheart.ie

29. For Your Diary

Childhood Trauma: Hearing The Voice of The Child (June 16, Dublin)
First Annual Conference organised by the Irish Play Therapy Association
June 16th (10am to 4 pm) at All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

The aim of the conference is to bring interested professionals and parents/carers together to discuss the impact of trauma on children and ways forward in their healing process. Many children that are affected by trauma find it difficult to tell their story. Likewise many parents and professionals can find it difficult to hear and respond to the pain these children express.
Download detailed information and registration forms (pdf file)
www.activelink.ie/download/Irish_Playtherapy_conf07.pdf

Contact Cathy Monahan, IPTA Conference Office, 150 Petitswood Manor, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath



Submissions for Network News



If you have any news that you wish to have circulated in Network News, please email it to martina.breen@nadc.ie or post it to: Martina Breen, NATC, Unit 1, Monksland Retail Park, Athlone, Co Roscommon.

30. BOND: Prison Community Links Worker (Dublin)

To strengthen its support for young people from the Dublin 15 area prior to their release from custody, BOND has been granted funding for two years for the employment of a Prison Community Links Worker

This post is offered on a full-time 2 year fixed-term contract basis subject to continued funding. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Apply by sending a letter of application with a current C.V. to:

The Director, BOND, 37-37a Coolmine Industrial Estate, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Closing Date for receipt of applications is 4.00.p.m. Friday 16th March. Applications can also be sent by e-mail marked for the attention of The Director to info@bondproject.ie

31. Youth Workers (Various)

Youth Work Ireland (Louth): 3 vacancies (various locations)

1. Youth Development Worker (Drogheda)

The Position is in the Northside of Drogheda, which will involve direct work with young people and developing an effective programme for their needs. This will entail supporting existing and setting up new youth groups. The post is 28 hours per week for a fixed contract ending 31st December 2007

2. Youth Worker (p/t) Dundalk

The Position is in the Muirhevnamor area of Dundalk, which will involve direct work with young people and developing an effective programme for their needs. The post is 25 hours per week and is a Permanent Position.

3. Temporary Youth Worker (p/t) On B.O.Y.N.E. Garda Youth Project

This post is job share and 17.5 hours per week. (Position may be extended to Permanent in October 2007). It is based on Southside of Drogheda. Candidates should have knowledge of Youth Justice issues and/or "Guidelines for Garda Youth Diversion Projects". - www.garda.ie

Relevant experience in Community based Youth Work and having worked as part of a team is essential. Candidates should hold or be attending for a Third Level Qualification in a related field.

Please forward letter of application and CV to: Regional Director, Youth Work Ireland (Louth), Rivercourt Business Centre, River Lane, Dundalk. Telephone: 042 933 83 23.

32. Exchange House Traveller Services (Various, Dublin)

Exchange House Traveller Services provides a range of services to the Traveller community in the Dublin area. These services include family support, youth work and educational programmes.

We are inviting applications for the following positions working in the family support team:

- Social Work Team Leader
- Outreach Drug Worker
- Outreach Family Support Worker

Completed Application Forms (downloads below) only (no CV's) should be sent to The Director, Exchange House Travellers Service, 61 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1 no later than 23rd March 2007. Interviews will be held in as soon as possible after the closing date

33. Social Worker Team Leader

Social Worker Team Leader, Family Support Team. Reporting to: The Director

Outline of position: This is a senior management position, leading the family support team in implementing the goals of the strategic plan. **Download application form (pdf file) www.activelink.ie/download/ehs-socialworker-teamlead.pdf**

34. Drugs Outreach Worker

Working as part of the family support team, the position will involve identifying and supporting women involved in drug misuse within the Traveller community. Salary: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experiences.

This is a full time (39) hours a week position. **Download application form (pdf file) www.activelink.ie/download/ehs-outreach-drug-worker.pdf**

35. Outreach Family Support Worker (2 Positions)

Qualifications: A qualification in the area of social care, child development or equivalent would be desirable but not essential. Experience: Knowledge and experience in the area of family support. Experience of working with the Traveller community would be a distinct advantage.

Skills:

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Good organisational and time management skills
- WORD processing
- Record keeping skills
- Report writing skills.

Salary: The salary will be based on the HSE Family Support Worker Scale.

There are two positions advertised:

- One full time 40 hours a week position.

- One part time 20 hours a week position.
Some flexibility may be required. Probation period: 6 months.

Job Description

Reporting to: Team Leader – Family Support

Outline of Position: Working as part of the family support team. This position will involve complementing the current work of the family support team, working with families in crisis to offer practical support in the home and in relation to children.

Duties and responsibilities:

- To provide practical support to families in times of crisis.
- To specifically attend to the needs of the children, ensuring they are linked into schools etc.
- To link with emergency accommodation providers and to ensure families are linked into mainstream services.
- To organise child facilities while parents may be attending appointments, hospital, court etc.
- To organise emergency child care support
- To work with other members of the team to provide regular informal sessions to individuals relating to family health, etc.
- To carry out other duties as required by the Team Leader or Director.

Download application form (pdf file) www.activelink.ie/download/ehts-outreach-fsw-0207.pdf

36. Traveller Families Care (Various)

Traveller Familie's Care: various vacancies (Clondalkin and Co. Wicklow)

Traveller Familie's Care LTD is a voluntary organisation providing a range of community and residential services for Traveller Families in partnership with the Health Service Executive have the following vacancies:

RELIEF RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL CARE WORKERS (on an on call basis)

RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL CARE WORKERS (Full-time, Permanent) to work in our centre in Ballyowen Meadows Clondalkin. These posts provide an exciting opportunity to join a dynamic and evolving service committed to quality through partnership. We offer regular supervision and opportunities for training and professional development. Applicants should have experience and/or training in social care work.

Application forms and further information from Patricia Dowling, Manager, Traveller Families'Care Ltd., Family Support Unit, Clondalkin, Dublin 22. Tel: (01) 6235735 / email: tfcltd@indigo.ie

37. Relief Residential Social Care Workers

To work on an on-call basis in our centre in Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.

These posts provide an exciting opportunity to join a dynamic and evolving service committed to quality child care. We offer regular supervision and opportunities for training and professional development. Applicants should have experience and/or training in social care work.

Application forms and further information from Petra Mulvany, Manager, Traveller Families' Care Ltd. Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. Tel: (01) 2818355 / email: tfcltd@indigo.ie

38. Kerry Youthreach Programme - Student Support Worker

KERRY YOUTHREACH PROGRAMME (Tralee): Invites applications for Student Support Worker (28 hours per week) Transforum Alley Youthreach aims to meet the needs of early school leavers by providing a developmental, creative and challenging educational programme.

Please submit completed Application Form by 22nd February <http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=3961>

39. Traveller Visability Group Ltd - Youth Workers, Cork

We currently wish to recruit:

- Youth Worker – Outreach
- Youth Worker – Policy Development & Outreach

To work as part of an interagency collaboration to maximise Traveller Youth participation in mainstream Youth Work Programmes.

**Job Description & further information available from: email tvgsheila@gmail.com tel 021 4503786
Closing date: 5pm Friday March 16th 2007.**

40. Sligo Traveller Support Group

Temporary Health Care Co-ordinator

The key tasks of the co-ordinator are:

- To Co-ordinate the Primary Health Care Project in Sligo town.
- To plan and implement agreed initiatives leading to accredited training.
- To liaise with all funding agencies in achieving agreed FETAC accredited training.
- To report to the manager in developing this project.

**Job Description and Person Specification are available from Sligo Traveller Support Group on (071) 915 44 09.
Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 5.00pm on Friday, 16th March 2007.**

41. Harmony Community Development Project

Family Project Worker (Athlone, 2 yr contract)

To work closely with and provide intense support to families during the regeneration of St Mel's Terrace. The worker will liaise with all the relevant agencies and services with a view to meeting the support needs of the community. Salary €36,000 per annum.

Further information from Ger O'Rourke, administrator Tel (090) 647 6346. Email harmonycdp@eircom.net



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