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1. General/Ginearálta

Greetings from the United States Embassy!

You are cordially invited to join United States Ambassador to Ireland,

The Honorable Daniel M. Rooney
at an Open Forum:
"Conversation with Two Ambassadors"

**DATE: Monday, July 19, 2010
3.00 – 4.00 pm**

**LOCATION: Peter Kennedy Chamber
Donegal Town Public Services Center
Drumlonagher, Donegal**

If you plan on attending, please RSVP by e-mail or telephone to Margot Collins, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy, Dublin

E-Mail: collinsmm@state.gov

Telephone: 01-668 8777 ext. 2106
ALL WELCOME

Council nominates five communities for prestigious Pride of Place Awards

The Pride of Place competition for 2010 is currently underway with Donegal County Council nominating five community groups for the All Island competition this year.

Killybegs Maritime & Heritage Centre (population over 2000), Carnival Ballyshannon (community arts initiatives), Aislann Rann na Feirste (population 200-500), Glenfinn Area Council (population 1000-2000) and Letterkenny CDP (community response to addiction) will represent Donegal this year and their efforts in trying to achieve a prestigious Pride of Place award are fully supported by Donegal County Council.

All five communities are preparing for the visit of the judges to their areas during 21st to 23rd July. The judges will spend two and a half hours in each area meeting with the community representatives who will be looking to impress them with the hope of achieving a Pride of Place award in their category when the competition culminates at a Gala Awards ceremony in November in Co. Meath.

If any group in Donegal is interested in show-casing their achievements and community activities in the Pride of Place competition in future years they should contact Breid Neely, Liaison Officer, Donegal County Council, Telephone 074 91 72573, email bneely@donegalcoco.ie

**Donegal Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre
Is seeking
VOLUNTEERS**

With time and commitment to working in the area of sexual abuse. Selection candidates must be prepared to undergo training in support work, and to commit a minimum of 5 hours per week to the centre.

Application available on request (to be returned by 16th July) to rapecrisis@eircom.net or telephone 074-9128211

Interview will take place last week in July

**North West Peace III Partnership
Phase II Consultation**

The North West PEACE III Partnership covers the Council areas of Strabane, Derry and Omagh. We currently fund 60 peace and reconciliation projects across the North West and are now consulting on needs and priorities for the next phase (2011-2013). We have attached a link to a short online survey which is part of the consultation process (there is a separate version for young people). The survey is in two parts. Part I covers your own attitudes and Part 2 focuses on wider issues and needs in the North West. It should only take a few minutes to complete and the survey is anonymous. It would be of great help to us if you could complete the survey ideally before 19 July 2010.

To complete the community survey please click on this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSF37WZ>

To complete the young people's survey please click on this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GX3GTNB>

For further information, contact Deirdre Harte at deirdre.harte@derrycity.gov.uk
Tel: (028)71308466 (x 6662)

**Attention gentlemen!
Do we care enough about our health?**

Come along to the Cathedral Hall, Raphoe, on Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 7.30pm

Dr Aidan McMenamin will give a talk on Men's Health issues

Have your blood pressure and sugars checked for free

Light refreshments will be provided

Contact Flora or Pamela: Tel. 074 91 73747

Email. tdaction@googlemail.com

Seminar - The Voice of Older People, Donegal

The VOPD's Peace III project, Strength Through Unity, is hosting a seminar on **Thursday 22nd July 2010, in An Grianan Hotel, Burt.**

The seminar, entitled **Ageing with Dignity**, is aimed at older adults looking at some of the activities and groups that may be of interest to them.

Every one is welcome to attend the day, that starts with registration from 10.00 – 10.30, especially anyone with an interest in older adult groups and who is looking for new ideas and contacts.

Speakers on the day will include a representative from the rapidly growing University of the Third Age, the Big-Telly Theatre Company's Spring Chicken Drama Project and Patricia Swann, qualified Go for Life tutor.

Our key note speaker is local author & activist Brian Smeaton.

We also hope that local groups will exchange information about where and when they meet and the type of activities they are involved in.

To register, contact:

Margaret Lyon, Outreach Network Development Officer
Voice for Older People
The Volt House, The Diamond, RAPHOE, Co. Donegal

Tel: 074 91 73818 Mob: 086 795 6616 e-mail: networkdonegal@eircom.net

Openings for Women into Employment (OWE) Part-time Outreach Project Worker Inishowen Temporary Contract July 26th – October 31st 2010

The post involves: developing and delivering a series of supports and capacity building programmes to women in the Inishowen area; managing the delivery of the programme with a range of tutors; supporting participants to engage and progress with the programme using the Neighbourhood Work approach providing women with pathways, practical advice, progression routes and additional skills to access the labour market; liaising with other agencies and services to provide appropriate and timely interventions; monitoring and evaluating the process and reporting to funders.

Applicants should have:

- An understanding and experience of using the Neighbourhood Work approach and of Community Education processes and practices.
- An understanding and commitment to removing the barriers affecting women's participation in the workforce.
- A minimum of 5 years experience of community development/community education work, at least 2 of which should be within the women's sector.
- Proven organisational, financial, managerial and report writing skills.
- A relevant 3rd level qualification.
- Use of a car and a clean driving license.

Application by CV to secondchance@eircom.net or by post to Second Chance Education Project for Women, c/o Inishowen Development Partnership, St. Mary's Rd, Buncrana, Co. Donegal.

Closing date: 12.00 noon on Friday July 16th, 2010

Applications will be subject to short listing. Interviews: Thursday, July 22nd, 2010

Applicants should be available to start immediately.

SCEPW is an equal opportunities employer

Funded under the Equality for Women Measure

Review of Donegal County Development Plan

Groups will already have received a letter from Donegal County Council about the review of the County Development Plan, which the Council proposes to review from Friday 9th July 2010. The review process involves the re-examination of the current plan and its replacement with a new updated plan.

The County Development Plan sets the framework for the spatial development of the County i.e. it's about where housing should develop, how our towns should grow, how design can be made suitable to its landscape, where industry should be focused, where social and community facilities should be focused and how our environment can be protected at all times. It is an important document for the people of Donegal and, in reviewing the plan, Donegal County Council is seeking your input and ideas.

A period of public consultation commences on 9th July 2010 and closes on 24th September 2010. During this time, the Council is encouraging groups, organisations and individuals to make submissions about how you think the development plan should shape the way in which the County develops. To facilitate this, Issues Papers will be available from mid-July in the Public Service Centres, Libraries and at www.donegalcoco.ie. These provide more detail in relation to what the plan is about and what some of the big issues are.

Public events, due to be held early September 2010, will be advertised shortly - see local press for details. Written submissions should be sent to: Mr Gerry Richards, Central Planning Unit, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal or can be emailed to: cdp.review@donegalcoco.ie

Remember: the closing date for submissions is 24th September 2010.

News from Port na Fáilte

Let's Make A Community Alphabet

We want to invite groups of people, children and adults, of all cultures and backgrounds, to create a series of unique alphabets.

The alphabets will illustrate their cultures and identities through visual art.

Participants will explore and identify significant icons that mean the most to their particular group or community. They will then create an illustrated alphabet using a variety of visual art processes.

The project will consist of four 1.5 hour sessions over four weeks. The workshops will be artist led and no previous art skills are necessary.

Times and dates are completely flexible throughout the month of August to accommodate participants. The individual alphabets will be printed as posters and displayed in public areas. The workshops are completely free, and all materials and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact: Port na Fáilte 0749126550/599 or 0879365695

Hanna's House Summer School 2010. "A Feminist Peace: how do we get there?"

Hanna's House, the feminist all-Ireland peace building organisation invites you to its first Summer School, on August 27, 28, 29 in the Art College, University of Ulster, York Road, Belfast.

Workshops include: Peace building lessons learnt from Liberia and Timor L'este and Kosovo; young women north and south discuss how feminism has impacted their lives; men, masculinities and violence; women's peace movements from around the world – inspiration and activism; women's centres north and south discuss obstacles and opportunities; truth recovery and remembering through art, include scriptotherapy, quilting, video and poetry; and the role of feminist journalism in truth recovery processes.

Admission is €10 /£10 (waged) or €5 / £5 (unwaged).

To reserve your place e-mail: hannashouse@nwci.ie or call 01 8786400
www.hannashouse.net

Extract from Press Release Women Into Public Life – It's About Time!

Women from Derry/Londonderry, Donegal and Scotland will gather today (Friday, 25th June) in Buncrana for the launch of, 'Women into Public Life' (WIPL), funded through the European Union's INTERREG IVA Programme.

Inez McCormack will launch the Project and tell the gathering that 'It is time for action! This project represents a determination of women across sectors, traditions and communities to assert a new doctrine – "We won't wait for change, we are going to make it!" Women should wait no longer to take their rightful place in public life. The pace of change is abysmal. In the past 10 years the percentage of women in the Dáil has risen by only 1% to 13%, in the UK by approx. 3% to 21.5%. Ireland ranks at 80th in the world, and the UK at 50th place. At this rate of change, it will be decades before we get equal participation. Of the 108 elected members in the Northern Ireland Assembly only 18 are women!

The primary goal of the Women in Public Life Project is to address the continuing under-representation of women in public life and decision-making fora. It is a collaborative and innovative regional partnership between three key women's organizations in Derry/Londonderry (Foyle Women's Information Network), Donegal (Second Chance Education Project for Women) and Scotland (Engender), with Donegal County Council providing support as the lead partner. The Project has been awarded

€898,945 under the EU's INTERREG IVA Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

Noirin Clancy, Co-ordinator of the WIPL, highlighted the enormous work done by women at community level - "Women are the back-bone of community, working effectively to make things happen, yet, when it comes to key decisions which affect their lives, their voices are excluded. Women continue to be under-represented at all levels of decision making."

Despite the government's target of 40% women representation on public boards, this target has rarely been met.

Commenting on the project, Eimear Murphy, Programme Manager with the SEUPB explained its significance: "The development of civic networks that promote and facilitate participation in public life is one of the main priorities of the INTERREG IVA Programme. This project will contribute to that and will create long-term benefits for the region. I am confident that it will pave the way for durable sustainable change in the way we view participation in public life and the role women have to play in our society."

For further information contact Ms Noirin Clancy, Project Co-ordinator:
Tel: +353 (0) 7491 72901 or + 353 (0) 87 7739429

7th September for the Seminar " The impact of Poverty in a changing Ireland"

Sligo County Community Forum are delighted to announce a new date for their seminar, the Impact of Poverty in a changing Ireland for the 7th September 2010, 9.30 to 1.30 in the Sligo Park Hotel. The Keynote speaker at the event is Fergus Finlay. The previous date had to be cancelled due to a family illness in the Finlay family. All those who previously registered are still registered for the event and we will be sending you reminders. There are still some places left so if you would like to register for the event now contact cbrennan@sligococo.ie or call 071-9111814. Alternatively log onto our 'latest news' on our website www.sligocommunityforum.com for an application form.

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2. Cultural Services/Seirbhísí Cultúrtha

Donegal Libraries Summer 2010: events for families

Earagail Arts Festival 2010: As part of this year's Earagail Arts Festival Donegal libraries are delighted to host visits by The Storytelling Caravan to Raphoe & Carndonagh. Twisted yarns & tall tales! Old and new fuse as this 'Moragolithic' storyteller spins you from legend to leaping heart, through the keyhole of your front door into strange lands & day-glow dreams, riding the hiccups of laughter like bronco bulls! An odyssey of imagination, she brings her own wide travels like twigs to the fire, igniting her stories with tales from far parts of the globe.

The Storytelling Caravan will be in the Diamond in Raphoe on Monday, the 12th of July at 2pm for 5 to 8 year olds & at 3pm for 9 to 13 year olds; & in Carndonagh Public Services Centre car park on Tuesday, the 13th of July at 2pm for 5 to 8 year olds & at 3pm for 9 to 13 year olds. Average time spent in the caravan is 40 minutes & numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Ballybofey Library will host an exhibition on Frances Browne, the blind poetess of Stranorlar, from the 29th of June to the 16th of July.

The McGinley Clan gathering: takes place from the 30th of July to the 7th of August 2010 & Central Library will host an exhibition on the McGinley Clan during this time. A talk on the McGinley Clan by local historian, Niall McGinley will be held in Central Library on Thursday the 5th of August.

National Heritage Week, 21st to 29th of August 2010: As part of National Heritage Week libraries will be hosting a number of events including Woodturning demonstrations with Conal McGinley on the dates below:

- Carndonagh Library on Tuesday the 24th of August at 6.30pm
- Milford Library on Wednesday the 25th of August at 6.30pm
- Bundoran Library on Thursday the 26th of August at 6.30pm

Milford Library will also have 'WILDCHILD' pavement art for under 12's on Saturday 21st August at 11am.

Local Historian, Helen Meehan, will give a talk on The Background to the Ulster Plantation in Central Library, Letterkenny on Thursday the 26th of August at 6pm. Helen will also give a talk on Barnesmore Gap in Donegal Town Library on Friday the 27th of August at 8pm.

Central Library, Letterkenny will also host two exhibitions throughout National Heritage week. The first is an exhibition on the Ulster Plantation featuring key Plantation figures and highlighting information sources held in the library, second is an exhibition on Letterkenny International Folk Festival, which will focus on groups who travelled from Europe to attend the festival. Festival footage will be played throughout.

Una Mathewson & Anne Mullally from the Central Library will present a talk on Donegal County Library local history resources on Wednesday the 25th of August at 7.30pm in Mevagh Resource/Taobh Tíre Centre.

There will also be local history talks in Buncrana Library on Thursday the 26th of August at 7pm and in Moville Library on Tuesday 24th August at 7pm.

Leabharlann Phobail na Rosann will host an exhibition on local history including information on the Meenacross Agricultural show's 50th anniversary throughout National Heritage Week.

Rhyme Time: for pre-school children & parents/guardians takes place every Wednesday in Central Library, Letterkenny at 11am.

Summer Craft Activities: will take place in Bunrana Library every Tuesday from the 20th of July to the 24th of August at 11am for 5 to 10 year olds; & in Carndonagh Library every Wednesday from the 21st of July to the 25th of August at 11am for 5 to 10 year olds, & every Friday from the 23rd of July to the 27th of August at 11am (over 10 years old).

Summer Reading programmes: are also run in libraries throughout the County during July & August.

All events are free & welcome to all. For more information on these and other events taking place during July & August contact your local library or Taobh Tíre centre, see www.donegallibrary.ie for contact details.

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3. Funding opportunities/Deiseanna maoiniú

Community Foundation for Ireland-Small Grants Scheme 2010 -

The Small Grants Scheme aims to assist projects working to respond to isolation and to develop a more diverse society. Applications are assessed three times per year. Information is at www.communityfoundation.ie or contact info@foundation.ie phone (01) 874 7354. Deadlines 2010; 30 July, and 29 October.

Ray Murphy Fund 2008-2017- Community Foundation for Ireland

The Fund aims to build leadership within the community sector and supports CEOs to reflect on their leadership role. Grants will provide access to leadership-related education or training. The application form is not freely available; contact the Grants Officer at info@foundation.ie or phone 01 8747354. Deadlines; 30 July and 29 October 2010.

EU Culture Programme 2007-2013

Upcoming deadlines.. Cooperation with third countries; 1 May 2010. Advocacy Networks, Festivals, Policy Support; 1 Nov 2010 (annual and 3 year grants). For information <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture>, or the Cultural Contact Point at the Arts Council, (01) 6180234 www.artscouncil.ie.

Youth in Action Programme: Looking for project partners?

Léargas, the Irish National Agency for the Youth in Action programme, is looking for Irish partners to develop youth exchange and youth democracy projects with organisations in other European countries.

A number of youth groups based in countries such as the Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Poland and Spain are looking for Irish partners for youth exchanges in areas such as music and dance, animal care, agriculture and rural development, and many others.

Projects must be submitted by 1 September for activities to start from 1 December 2010 onwards.

If you are interested in further information, please contact [Triona Dalton](#), Project Officer at Léargas. With a total budget of 885 million euros for seven years (2007-2013), this European Commission Programme supports a variety of activities for young people and youth workers across Europe.

Funding Boost For Rural Communities

Around €40 million European Union funding is being made available over the next year to create jobs across rural parts of Ireland.

Minister for Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs Pat Carey has revealed the cash boost is just the initial allocation set to be up for grabs from the Rural Development Programme in 2011.

The minister called on Local Action Groups across Ireland to "focus their energies on supporting projects that will bring jobs and real and sustainable growth" to local communities.

He said:

"The availability of this initial €40m allocation for 2011 will allow Local Action Groups to commit to a range of new projects that will further develop and enhance the social and economic opportunities of rural areas."

Minister Carey also announced plans to meet with representatives from a number of LAGs to discuss how best to allocate the funding and "address any difficulties that participants have encountered with the implementation of the programme to date". Around €425 million will be made available over the entire Rural Development Programme 2007-13.

Source: Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs, 13/06/2010

Still Chance To Grab Grassroots Grants

Voluntary groups across Ireland are reminded to apply for funding from a community support scheme.

Through the programme, not for profit organisations and voluntary groups can bid for funding averaging around €1,000 to €1,500 to carry out community-focused projects that aim to tackle social inequality in one of the following priority areas:

- Carers.
- Older people.
- Families at risk.
- Ethnic minorities.
- Sexual minorities.

- Mental health.

Interested applicants must be able to demonstrate how their activity will benefit the wider community, show how local people will be involved in the planning and delivery of the project, and be willing to share learning and evidence of best practice across the voluntary sector.

Since the scheme was launched back in 2000, more than 2,000 grants totalling in excess of €5.1 million have been allocated. In special circumstances, larger grants worth up to €5,000 have been offered.

Applications in the current funding round must be made by **30 July** – an additional application window will run until **29 October**.

For further information about what grants are available, visit the [Community Foundation for Ireland website](#)

Source: Community Foundation for Ireland, 08/06/2010

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4. Training opportunities/Deiseanna oiliúina

Women into Public Life (WIPL): Expressions of Interest to deliver women's leadership training programmes in Derry/Londonderry and County Donegal

WIPL invites Expressions of Interest for the design and delivery of women's leadership training programmes. WIPL is a newly established regional partnership between three women's organisations, Foyle Women's Information Network (Derry/Londonderry), Second Chance Education Project for Women (Donegal) and Engender (Scotland) with Donegal County Council as the lead partner. The overall aim of the project is to address the continuing under representation of women in public life. The main office is located in Lifford, Co. Donegal.

Expressions of interest should be received by **1.00 p.m Monday 26th July 2010**
For further details contact:

Noirin Clancy, Coordinator
Women into Public Life
Station Island, Lifford, Co. Donegal
Tel.: 00353 (0) 74 9172901 Mob: 00353 (0) 87 7739429

Make your Workplace a Racism/ Sectarianism Free Zone!

Donegal CDB Peace and Reconciliation Partnership is responsible for the implementation of the Donegal Peace III Action Plan 2008 -2010.

A primary objective of the Action Plan is to challenge attitudes towards sectarianism and racism within the county.

Sadly Sectarianism or Racism can be experienced by people in their own places of work, so in order to address this issue the Partnership has contracted Co-operation

Ireland and City Bridges to deliver an Anti-Sectarianism and Anti-Racism training programme to workplaces throughout Donegal.

The training consists of

- A one-day off-site workshop
- Follow-up mentoring visit to your workplace
- Provision of training materials, including online resources

The benefits to your organisation will include

- Greater understanding among staff at all levels of what constitutes sectarianism and racism and the need to combat these issues in the workplace
- Awareness of equality legislation
- Provision of tools and techniques to develop active policies to promote equality, and mentoring on the practical application of these in your workplace.
- A staff and management with the awareness to handle effectively such issues as they arise in your work environment.

There is no cost to participating employers who wish to avail of this opportunity and the training is suitable for staff at all levels within your organisation.

The workshops are being held throughout the county at regular intervals throughout 2010 and we strongly encourage all workplaces to avail of this opportunity - it will have immediate benefits for the participating individuals and firms/organisations, and it is also in the longer term interest of Donegal and the wider community. Application forms and promotional material are available for download through the following link: <http://www.cooperationireland.org/whatwedo/donegal>

The dates of the remaining workshops are as follows (subsequent venues to be confirmed):

- July 27 (Stranorlar)
- September 28, 29, 30
- October 26, 27, 28
- November 30, December 1.

For further details or to book your place please contact Susannah Kingston at Co-operation Ireland (01) 6610588 or by email at skingston@cooperationireland.org.

A partnership between Donegal YMCA and Londonderry YMCA - Training for Young Adults aged 18 - 30

Donegal and Londonderry YMCA are delighted to be in the position of offering two more courses between now and Christmas 2010, providing a range of quality training with the opportunity to acquire new skills. Encourage your volunteers/staff to have an early Christmas present!!

Are you aged 18 to 30...

Do you want to make a difference in your community...?

Would you like your voice to be heard?

Then read on!

Campaigning & Lobbying Skills Training

We are planning to offer an innovative training programme in Campaigning & Lobbying Skills to young adults aged 18 to 30 in the counties of Donegal, Derry and Tyrone which is accredited at FETAC Level 5.

This training will offer the opportunity to learn a range of practical skills for campaigning and lobbying, meet others who want to change the world and have fun learning how to do it!

In addition, participants will be able to meet with representative politicians to quiz them about strategies for successful campaigning and on how to make the greatest impact. It is proposed that the training will take place over two weekends:

17-19 September and 12-14 November 2010

With a follow-up trip to see cross-border political institutions early in the New Year (tbc)

Active Leadership In Sports Award

(In association with Donegal Sports Partnership, accredited by Irish Sports Council)

This course is designed to equip community based physical activity leaders with the necessary knowledge & skills to plan, organise & lead physical activity sessions within their own group setting e.g. local club, community group, workplace, community centre or sports club.

Course modules include:

- What is Active Leadership?
- Leadership Skills
- Child Protection Training
- Safety & Injury Prevention
- Planning & Organising
- Signposting – Opportunities for further development & training

The course will run in Derry/Londonderry on the following dates and times:

October 19	6-10pm	Child Protection Training
October 26	7-9pm	
November 02, 09, & 16,	7-9pm	
December 04	10am-4pm	Assessment Day

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (A.S.I.S.T.)

Run by the HSE and providing practical training for those seeking to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. The emphasis is placed on suicide prevention first aid and helping the person in danger stay safe. Participants will learn how to:

- Recognise an invitation for help
- Review the risk of suicide
- Reach out and offer support to someone in need
- Apply suicide prevention model and much more

The course will run on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November from 9am to 5pm

Venue: St. Johnston & Carrigans Family Resource Centre, St. Johnston, Co. Donegal

There is **no cost to participants** as Finding Your Place is supported by The International Fund for Ireland. Contributions to travel and childcare may also be available.

For more information or to register on any of the above courses, please contact Stewart on 086 8395954 or email stewart@ymca-ireland.org

This project is funded by the International Fund for Ireland and is managed by the Northern Ireland Rural Development Council (RDC) under the Integrating Community Organisations Programme

Childcare Education and Training Support (CETS) Scheme

The **OMCYA** has recently introduced a **new childcare support scheme**, the Childcare Education and Training Support (CETS) Scheme. The CETS scheme is designed to support the childcare needs of participants in training and educational courses operated by FAS and Vocational Education Committees (VECs).

The scheme is open to applications from:

- childcare services providing full day care and/or school age childcare
- both commercial and community day care services
- services which are participating on the CCSS and/or the ECCE scheme

For more information on the terms and conditions of the CETS scheme see www.omc.gov.ie

Sligo IT: Advocacy Training Course

Advocacy is a means of empowering people by supporting them to assert their views and claim their entitlements and where necessary representing and negotiating on their behalf. In recent years a number of community and voluntary organisations have begun employing advocates in order to provide this type of independent support. In partnership with the Citizens Information Board and the Equality Authority, the Institute of Technology Sligo has developed a Higher Certificate in Arts in Advocacy Studies which has been running since October 2004.

The course, delivered by distance learning, is fully accredited at certificate level and provides progression within the third level system. Over sixty students have graduated from this programme to date. Waterford Institute of Technology also delivers the course through their Adult education department in Waterford.

The Institute of Technology Sligo is now inviting new applications for the course. Students may also take single modules.

Deadline for applications is September 3rd 2010.

Please note that although the BA in Advocacy Studies features in the brochure, it will not go ahead until September 2011 at the earliest.

You can download the information brochure or you can contact:

The Administrator
School of Business and Humanities, Institute of Technology Sligo
Ballinode, Sligo
Telephone: 071 915 5439 Email: advocacy@itsligo.ie pdf document icon
<http://odl.itsligo.ie/humanities/higher-certificate-in-arts-in-advocacy-...>

5. The Environment/An Timpeallacht

Ever thought of a beach clean up?

If you haven't done one in the past why not head off to your local beach or the nearest Blue Flag beach and include a beach clean-up in some of your activities for Summer 2010.

Why not make a contribution to our blog www.donegalbeachcleanups.wordpress.com or post information of your planned clean-ups on the events calendar and much more at www.donegal.citizenscape.net .

If you are planning a Beach Clean up we can help. Every year as part of the Summer Clean-Up campaign Donegal County Council provides bags, gloves, litter pickers and a limited number of Hi Viz vests to groups that apply. We can also arrange to lift the collected bags of litter by prior arrangement.

Donegal County Council wants to hear from you. Summer Clean-Up applications will be available at www.donegalcoco.ie or at your local Donegal County Council Environment Office.

Let us know if you plan to do a local beach clean-up so we can help.

For more information please contact Suzanne Tinney, Waste Awareness Officer (074) 91 76276 or by email Suzanne.tinney@donegalcoco.ie

6. Community & Voluntary Register/Clár do grúpai pobail agus deonach

The Research and Policy Unit of Donegal County Council are currently in the process of updating the 'Donegal CDB Community and Voluntary Register ' and to make this as representative of the sector as possible we would be grateful if you can:

- (a) Notify any new community and voluntary groups in your area of the process and request them to fill in a registration form which can be downloaded at:
<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/communityculturalenterprise/communityenterprise/Community+Resources+and+Information/Donegal+CDB+Community+and+Voluntary+Register.htm>

(b) If you can review and update details held on your group in our last directory, produced in March 2010 and can be viewed at:

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/NR/rdonlyres/56FEF415-B8A1-4941-85BB-651DDDCF6B89/0/CommunityDirectorybyGeographyMarch2010.pdf>

(c) If you can notify us if your group is no longer in existence so that it can be removed from the register

We hope to have the new Community and Voluntary register available in October 2010 and to enable this can you please submit returns no later than the 20th August, 2010

Thanking you for your time and cooperation

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7. Insurance/Árachas

The Irish National Community and Voluntary Forum has teamed up exclusively with leading insurance broker BHP Insurances to assist in minimising insurance costs for its members. The INCVF is the umbrella body for the community and voluntary sector and this arrangement will give its 22,000 members direct access to the most competitive and comprehensive insurance package for their sector. Savings of up to 45% can be expected.

If you wish to avail of this competitive insurance package, you must have your ID number to hand when contacting BHP Insurances, together with your existing insurance arrangements where applicable.

To obtain your ID number you should contact **Breid Neely, Community Development Officer, Community, Culture and Enterprise Directorate, Donegal County Council at 074 91 72 573.**

A dedicated BHP Forum helpdesk and free phone number has been set up to deal with all enquiries on 1890 666 111. You can also find out more information on the insurance package at BHP's website, www.bhpinsurance.ie.

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