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1. General/Ginearálta

**Unemployment Information Event to be held in Letterkenny
on 14th July 2009**

ARE YOU
UNEMPLOYED?

Find out what help is available at an
information event:

Tuesday 14th July
11am – 1pm

Letterkenny Public Services Centre
Neil T. Blaney Road

*Everyone Welcome
Admission Free*

**Meet with Citizens Information, Department of Social & Family Affairs, Mabs, HSE,
Regional employment Service, FAS, VEC, LYIT and others**

This is an initiative of the Donegal CDB Social Inclusion Measures Group.

2009 Pride of Place

A prize giving ceremony to acknowledge the success of the entries to the Donegal Pride of Place competition, took place on 1st July in the Ramada Hotel, Letterkenny. Each of the groups will be presented with a cash award and a certificate to mark their participation in the Donegal Pride of Place Awards Scheme 2009.

Donegal County Council received a great response to the 2009 Donegal County Pride of Place Award Scheme, with 23 entries received from community and voluntary groups across Donegal. Applications were short-listed, and 11 groups were invited for interview

Winners

Group	Category
Cara House Family Resource Centre, Letterkenny	Over 2,000
Habinteg Housing Association (Ireland), Lifford	Integration
Ardara Parish Council	Heritage
Comharchumann Oileán Arainn Mhóir Teo	Islands
Forbairt na Rosann Teo, An Clochán Liath	500-1,000

Runners Up

Project	Category
Coiste Sheáin Bháin	Heritage
Comharchumann Thoraí Teo	Islands
Aislann Chill Chartha Teoranta	Heritage
Coiste Pobal Ghort a Choirce	Over 2,000
Coiste Forbartha Dhobhair	500-1,000
Ard McGill Project	Under 200-Housing Estate

The winners of the Donegal Pride of Place competition were nominated to compete in the Co-operation All Island Pride of Place competition. The judges visited these groups on the 7,8 & 9 July. The results of the All-Island competition will be announced in November.

Issue 4: "Donegal - community in touch / Dún na nGall - pobail i d'teagmháil" E-zine

Donegal County Council in association with Donegal County Development Board is actively involved in a Diaspora Project, promoting the North West of Ireland over the last number of years. Building on the success of the Diaspora project, we have produced an e-zine entitled "Donegal - community in touch / Dún na nGall - pobail i d'teagmháil" E-zine. The e-zine is distributed to people all over the world who have a connection to or interest in Donegal and provides information on local news, events and stories of interest.

The fourth edition of the Donegal e-zine was published at the beginning of July 2009 and is available on the CDB website at:

<http://www.donegalcdb.ie/publications/DonegalCommunityInTouche-zineIssue4.pdf>

For further information on the e-zine, please visit our website at www.donegalcdb.ie or contact Ms Maria Ferguson at maria.ferguson@donegalcoco.ie / 0749724466 or Ms Roisin McBride at rmcbride@donegalcoco.ie / 0749172562

Toolkit for Community and Voluntary Sector

Donegal County Council recognises the importance of supporting the community and voluntary sector in these turbulent times. It is on this basis that we are developing a 'Toolkit for Community and Voluntary groups in Donegal, which is a valuable resource for groups looking for assistance on setting up a community group, developing a business plan or seeking financial assistance. This toolkit is not an exhaustive resource; it will be updated on a regular basis with new and relevant information for the communities of Donegal.

This 'Toolkit' will be made available to all community and voluntary groups registered with Donegal CDB within the next few weeks.

The International McGinley Clan Gathering

1. McGinley Historical Walking Tour of Letterkenny.

The McGinley clan will hold a historical walk around the town of Letterkenny, hosted by Niall McGinley, our clan leader and well known local historian. Much of the tour will centre on the life and work of his father, Dr. McGinley, one of the most important figures in twentieth century Donegal history.

2. Bus Tour of Dunfanaghy and Muckish. The McGinley clan are proud to announce that Donegal's best bus/coach company, John McGinley Coaches are offering us one of their coaches for a tour to the ancient homeland of the McGinleys at Dunfanaghy. Those fit enough (and willing enough) can join our trip to nearby Muckish mountain and to climb it for a spectacular summit view of the entire McGinley clan lands. The tour up Muckish will be weather permitting. This promises to be a great day out for all McGinleys.
www.johnmcginleycoaches.com

3. Arrangements are currently being worked on for **art exhibitions** by local Letterkenny artist Charlie McGinley. Also Derry Wood Sculptor Theresa McGinley is planning an exhibition of her great work. More info will follow when we get it.

4. Finally for now, Etienne McGinley, the brilliant **Juggler/Comedian/Entertainer from Maryland, USA** will be joining us too and will showcase some of his amazing skills.
www.veryfunny.com

My thanks to all the great McGinleys out there and for all the help and support we have had worldwide. We have one or two ideas that we are thinking over at the moment such as a 'Questions and Answers' evening. This may be of great interest to McGinleys who want some answers or further insight into their origins, history etc. If any of you out there has any further ideas or suggestions as to what should be included at our McGinley Clan Gathering, then please contact us with your thoughts, after all... this is Your clan.

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McGinley Clan Historian
www.mcginleyclan.org

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2011 Year of Volunteering

The European Commission has officially published a proposal to declare 2011 as the European Year of Volunteering. 4 key objectives have been set out for volunteering as an activity: working towards enabling and facilitating the environment; empowering organisations and improving quality; rewarding and recognizing activities; and raising awareness of its value and importance. The total budget dedicated to these activities is expected to be approximately €6 million which will fund awareness raising campaigns, conferences, seminars, exchange of best practices and publications. An additional €2 million will be available for preparatory activities in the years leading up to 2013. The Member States and the European Parliament are expected to endorse this proposal by early next year.

Looking further ahead, a Commission consultation, with a 31 July deadline, is underway on an initial proposal for designating 2012 as the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity. The current concept deals *inter alia* with the threats and opportunities of ageing; necessary policy measures; and the role of the EU in these fields.

Further details available at

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=699&langId=en&consultId=1&visib=0&furtherConsult=yes>

Poverty Profile 2009

Research and Policy Unit are currently in the process of updating the Poverty Profile for County Donegal. This report will collate, analyse, map and present a number of key indicators of poverty within County Donegal. The first draft is now complete and will be circulated to the Social Inclusion Measures Group and the Social Inclusion Forum for their comments. This report is being prepared on behalf of the Social Inclusion Unit and under the auspices of the Social Inclusion Measures Group and the Social Inclusion Forum.

Updating Community Directories

The Research and Policy Unit are also in the process of updating the Donegal Community and Voluntary Directory, which can be accessed on the Donegal County Councils Website www.donegalcoco.ie. We would encourage you to look at this document when completed to update us on any changes in your group's information (i.e. contact persons, contact details, meeting place etc) that may have occurred since you submitted your registration form. In addition, if you would like to register with the Community Audit please contact the Research and Policy Unit at (074) 91 72 569/ 470.

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2. [Cultural Services/ Seirbhísí Cultúrtha](#)

Free Summer Art Exhibitions

Donegal County Council has lined up a great series of free exhibitions at the Regional Cultural Centre and County Museum Letterkenny to coincide with the 21st Earagail Arts Festival and running throughout the Summer.

There are four fantastic free exhibitions in the Regional Cultural Centre during July and August. The highlight is '**Modernism, Activism, Bauhaus**' an exhibition of Hungarian art from 1910-1930. The exhibition brings together the leading artists of the Hungarian avant-garde and is a truly world-class show that would grace any national gallery in the world.

Local audiences will not only have the chance to see some great artworks but will also have the chance to make their own art in the specially constructed **Drop-In, Hands-On, Art-Room**, which proved such a bit hit with families and children last Summer.

The Cultural Centre also features the world renowned Hungarian artist Moholy-Nagy's film '**Lightplay Black White Gray**' and Letterkenny artist Paul Rooney – '**Reflections in 4 Lights**', a photographic document of the physical and social changes in the fabric of the County Donegal over recent years.

The Centre is open 11am to 5pm Tuesday to Friday and 1pm to 5pm Saturday (Closed Sunday and Monday). For further information telephone 074 91 29186

Eileen Gray – Models

Donegal County Council also presents 'Models' by Eileen Gray (1878-1976), regarded as one of the most important furniture designers and architects of the early 20th century, at Donegal County Museum Letterkenny throughout July and August. The Irish designer who lived most of her life in Paris inspired both modernism and Art Deco. At a time when other leading designers were almost all male and mostly members of one movement or another – she remained stalwartly independent. A chair designed by Gray was recently sold for €22m at the Yves Saint Laurent auction in Paris, the most ever paid for a work of 20th Century design. The Museum is open 10am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and 1pm to 4.30pm Saturday (Closed Sunday). For further information telephone 074 91 24613

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3. Funding Opportunities/ *Deiseanna Maoiniú*

About Fundingpoint.ie

Fundingpoint.ie provides information on all the funding sources available to voluntary and community organisations. It provides a range of online tools for tracking down funds to support an enormous range of good causes. It also offers guidance on how to fundraise and links to a huge library of other resources. It helps funders promote their news and funding criteria.

Fundingpoint.ie helps funding specialists in advising others.

Check out www.fundingpoint.ie

Approaching deadlines

Ray Murphy Fund for leadership education and training 2009

2009 Closing Dates:

31st July (successful grantees will receive their grants in September)
30th October (successful grantees will receive their grants in December)

The Ray Murphy Fund – managed by the Community Foundation for Ireland - will make grants to build leadership within the community sector for the next 10 years, 2008 - 2017.

The grants will be for a maximum of euro 4,000 each and 5 grants will be awarded per year.

The fund is envisaged to assist people managing organizations within the community and voluntary sector access leadership - education or training.

The Ray Murphy Fund Application Form is not freely available.

Potential applicants must contact the Grants Officer to discuss the suitability of a proposed project prior to making an application: email info@foundation.ie tel 01 874 7354

Integrating Communities Application deadline 14/08/2009

Description:

Grant funding through the Support Phase will provide a maximum of £10,000 to implement a small project.

Integrating Communities is a programme of support provided and administered by the Northern Ireland Rural Development Council (RDC) and the International Fund for Ireland.

The scheme is intended to encourage and facilitate community organisations that are based in

Northern Ireland and the Border Regions of Ireland to co-operate on a cross-border and cross-community basis, in order to develop relationships and carry out projects of common interest. The programme offers a mixture of training, support and funding.

Addresses and Contacts:

Yvonne Breen

Northern Ireland Rural Development Council
17 Loy Street
Cookstown
County Tyrone
BT80 8PZ , Tel: 028 8676 6980

The Back of School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) is a payment to help you meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children attending school. The scheme operates from 1 June to 30 September each year.

To get the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, you (parent or guardian) must meet a number of conditions:

- You must be getting certain social welfare payments or payments for training, employment schemes or adult education
- Your total household income must be below a certain amount
- The child/student must be between 2 and 22 years before 1 October of the year you apply and must be in full-time education at a recognised school or college.

[Find out more about the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, including how to apply.](#)

**St Stephen's Green Trust grants scheme 2009
Application Deadline: 11/09/2009**

Grants will be made to organisations working in 3 specific areas. They are homelessness, prisoners / ex-prisoners and Travellers.

There is one grants meeting in 2009.

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=2317>

OLC Ireland Trust Fund: A New Grants Scheme for Marginalised Women

The Community Foundation for Ireland has launched a new nationwide fund, the **OLC Ireland Trust Fund**, and has called for applications from registered charities and not for profit organisations around Ireland who work with marginalised women.

The OLC Ireland Trust Fund is managed by The Community Foundation for Ireland on behalf of The Sisters of Our Lady of Charity. The Fund will endeavour to support projects that most closely respond to issues concerning addictions, prostitution, trafficking, violence and abuse of women. The goal of the fund is to provide resources which will help educate, develop and enhance the lives and dignity of marginalised women.

This new Fund has been opened with a total of EUR 85,500 available for grant-making in 2009. It will award grants four times per year with the first closing date for applications being **March 31st 2009**.

Value Notes : Grants will be in the region of EUR 500 to EUR 5,000 except in exceptional circumstances when a maximum of EUR 10,000 will be awarded. Grants will be made for once-off projects that are not the core of ongoing activities of the organisation concerned.

The 2009 Closing dates for applications are:

- March 31st
- June 30th
- September 30th and
- December 31st.

The grants will be awarded in April, July, October and January.

Application forms for the OLC Ireland Trust Fund are now available at www.communityfoundation.ie/grants or by contacting The Community Foundation for Ireland directly: tel 01 874 7354 / email info@foundation.ie

Community Grants Programme

Application deadline: 25/09/2009

Description: Financial assistance is available to local community projects and organisations operating in the areas of recreational sports, culture and knowledge

Value Notes: Applicants may apply for between €500 and €5,000 in one application.

The available fund will be divided between the five regions that the Bank covers, which includes:

- Dublin.
- Midlands.
- North West.
- South West.
- South East.

Application Procedure: Application forms are available from local National Irish Bank branches and also online during the application period (1 July - 25 September 2009). These forms must be completed and returned to the applicants local branch.

Addresses and Contacts:

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Anne McCoy

National Irish Bank
Communications Department
One Airton Close
Tallaght
Dublin 24
Tel: 01 484 21 82

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4. Training opportunities/Deiseanna oiliúina

Pharmacy Technician Course

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 7th August 2009.
Interviews take place on Wednesday 19th August 2009.

Early Childhood Care, Health & Education

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 24th July 2009.

FETAC results will be released on July 30th so there is no need to interview for this course.

For further information and applications forms:

Contact Marnie Grier, School of Science, Letterkenny Institute of Technology by

E-mail: marnie.grier@lyit.ie;

Telephone: 074 91 86306

BSS in Housing & Community Studies: University College Dublin & Respond! Voluntary Housing Association **The closing date for applications is 17th July 2009.**

The Bachelor of Social Studies in Housing and Community Studies (BSS) is offered by University College Dublin, in partnership with Respond! Voluntary Housing Association.

The BSS degree is a four-year, part-time programme designed for mature students, (23 years and above) who wish to return to education. It contains three stages of study: Year 1 Certificate, Year 2 Diploma and Year 3 & 4 honours Degree

For further information please contact Declan Markey, Respond!, High Park, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 Email: bsscourse@respond.ie Tel: 0818 – 357901. Website: www.respond.ie

Sharpen up... with a part-time professional development qualification from Queen's

Queen's University has launched a range of part time courses aimed at those people who want to gain a university qualification, but don't have the time or resources to invest in full time education.

What better way to meet the challenge of these difficult economic times than to grasp the initiative and upgrade your skills base? Part time learning can open the door to new opportunities, improve your career prospects and increase your earning potential.

If you're involved in social policy or community development there is a three year multidisciplinary Masters in Social and Community Development and a flexible Certificate in Community Learning and Development. For more information please contact Barbara McCabe on 028 9097 5979 or email b.mccabe@qub.ac.uk.

There are courses in management, coaching and more. Download a brochure of part time professional development courses at www.qub.ac.uk/edu , call 028 9097 3323/5941 or email education@qub.ac.uk.

Roots of reconciliation - Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation

This is a five day residential course at Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation, Co Wicklow from 23 to 28 August 2009.

Bringing together practitioners, theoreticians and others with experience of societies in conflict, this participatory, experiential learning aims to offer an opportunity for real sharing and reflection on a core reconciliation challenge, namely humanisation between deeply divided people. Specific themes to be explored include:

- Meanings and dynamics of humanisation and dehumanisation
- Facing fears, taking risks
- Dealing creatively with difference
- Cultivating sustainable co-operative relationships

- Forgiveness, mercy, justice, truth

For more information, details of tutors and how to register please contact Theresa Dillon at theresa.dillon@glencree.ie or call +353 (0)1 282 9711.

Masters in Public Advocacy and Activism, NUI Galway

The Masters Degree in Public Advocacy and Activism offers an advanced programme for those working, or intending to work, in international or local advocacy; including community organization, development, labour, rights, health, and environment.

The course is a full-time degree taken over a twelve-month period (September 2009 to August 2010).

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=2357>

Certificate in Community Development and Leadership

This is a 3rd level certificate course accredited by the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. There are 4 core modules, Working with Groups, Social Analysis, Introduction to Community Development Studies and Project Planning for Community Development. There is also an extra module on Leadership.

This course is designed for people who are already working in the community development sector who may wish to enhance their skills, or for those who are actively involved in their community and who would like to achieve a NUI Certificate in "Community Development and Leadership".

Participants must be 23 years or over. As there are 2 written assignments, a Learning Journal and project work, participants should have the capacity to complete a course at this level.

Participants gain an understanding of:

- ❑ community development
- ❑ how to engage with political, social and educational policy
- ❑ practical tools for assisting groups in planning, team work and organisational development
- ❑ how to communicate, interact in personal, public, community and employment situations
- ❑ an awareness of their own pattern of participation as an individual and as a group member
- ❑ the work of community and statutory organisations in local development

Details

The course will take place in Ballymun, it is 100 hours part-time over 30 weeks.

The dates and times are September 17th 2009 to May 20th 2010 one morning per week from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, including one Saturday workshop.

Deadline : 31st August 2009

Course fee: €1100.00

Deposit on application: €450.00 (Maynooth Registration Fee)

Completed application forms to:

Cathy Kiernan, CAFTA, Axis, Ballymun, Dublin 9

For further information or application form contact us:

Telephone 8832132/34 E-mail: cafta@axis-ballymun.ie Web: www.cafta.ie

Additional third-level college places for the unemployed

The Department of Education and Science has announced 2,500 places at third-level colleges to be made available to people who will have been unemployed for at least 6 months on 1 September 2009. The places are part-time and are funded by the Department of Enterprise,

Trade and Employment and the Higher Education Authority. Tuition fees will not be charged for these courses.

Further details on where and how to apply will be available in the coming weeks.

[Read the press release on the Department of Education and Science website.](#)

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5. The Environment/*An Timpeallacht*

Litter Campaigns Spring Summer Clean UP Programme

Donegal County Council offer assistance to the general public every spring/summer season to clean up litter and illegally dumped waste from their local environs e.g. approach roads, local beauty spots, beaches and general public areas. It is also intended through the programme to develop a community led approach to the problem of litter and fly tipping. The programme runs from April to September.

Who Qualifies for the Programme?

Groups that may apply include the following: Bona Fide Clubs, Organisations, Associations, Environmental Groups and Tidy Towns Committees. Groups of individuals not necessarily attached to a group may also qualify for assistance provided it is a public area they are intending to clean up. Private household clean ups will not qualify for the scheme and skips in particular will only be distributed to group led clean ups in public areas. Groups interested in organising an environmental clean up can apply for assistance through their local area office. Bags, Gloves and Litter pickers are available at the offices below. Any groups organising a major environmental clean up can apply for a skip. They must however register and complete the application form, which is available at the main council offices in Carndonagh, Dungloe, Donegal Town, Letterkenny, Lifford and Milford.

2009 COMMUNITY COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS *Don't delay, book your composting workshop today!*

In 2009, the Waste Awareness Officer plans to deliver a number of Composting Workshops to local community groups. These workshops are becoming popular and there is a lot of interest among local community groups for information on composting etc.

1/3 of our household waste is organic waste that can be composted. This can be done using a compost bin or heap and will turn food waste into rich compost that can then be used as a garden fertiliser. Diverting this food waste from your regular waste bin will also cut down on waste to landfill and waste costs for the householder.

If you are involved in the local Tidy Towns committee why not consider a composting workshop as it will help with your next application for the Tidy Towns competition next year.

If any group would be interested in hosting a composting workshop please contact me directly at (074) 91 76276 or email suzanne.tinney@donegalcoco.ie

WANTED: BATTERY RECYCLING COLLECTION POINTS!

To increase the number of waste batteries that are collected for recycling, Donegal County Council is interested in hearing from any community groups that would like to become a collection point for waste batteries in their local area.

Battery Boxes will be provided to any interested groups and when boxes are full they may be brought to any Donegal County Council Civic Amenity Site, Public Service Centre or make

arrangement with Mr. David Friel, Recycling Officer (074) 91 76274 or Suzanne Tinney, Waste Awareness Officer (074) 91 76276 for their recycling.

Waste Batteries

Waste Batteries must never be placed in your waste disposal or recycling bins. There is a bin for small batteries in your local store. Battery Recycling is free.

What to do with Waste Batteries:

Under the new Battery Regulations that came into effect on the 26th September 2008 waste batteries can be dropped off **FREE OF CHARGE** at any retailer supplying similar batteries and with no obligation to purchase batteries.

Retailers do not have to accept leaking batteries or more than 5kg at a time. Batteries can also be dropped off **FREE OF CHARGE** at your local Civic Amenity Site. Donegal County Council also has collection points for batteries at all the Public Service Centres.

On all new batteries there is a crossed out wheelie bin sign, this is to remind you not to put the waste battery in the ordinary bin.

For more information on the Waste Battery Collection and Recycling log onto www.weeeireland.ie or www.environ.ie

Tax Relief On Bin Charges: Lo Call Revenue 1890 777 425

Did you know that you can claim tax relief on the bin charges you pay each year. Tax can be claimed back on annual charges and pre-paid tags, receipts are not necessary. To make your claim call into your local Revenue Office or Lo call 1890 777 425 and quote your P.P.S. number.

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

If you are aware of other community and voluntary groups who would like to receive the monthly Donegal Community Bulletin, then please advise the group to contact Ms Breid Neely, Community & Enterprise, Station Island, Lifford, Co Donegal, Tel: 074 9172573 or Email: bneely@donegalcoco.ie. In order to receive the monthly bulletin, the group must be registered as a community and voluntary group with Donegal County Development Board Community & Voluntary Register.

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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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8. Flight of the Earls / Imeacht na nIarlaí

Flight of the Earls Commemorative Poster Postéir Cuimhneacháin Imeacht na nIarlaí

2007 saw Donegal County Development Board and the County of Donegal commemorate this landmark event in our history. To mark this year and the landmark event that was commemorated, a limited edition of numbered Flight of the Earls/Imeacht na nIarlaí Posters has been produced. The poster denotes a lasting reminder of 2007 and the Commemoration, which took place.

The posters cost (€20) unframed and (€75) framed.

Posters can be acquired from –**Michelle McGill**
Community & Enterprise Division, Donegal County Council, Lifford, Co Donegal
(074) 9172568 michellem@donegalcoco.ie



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