

National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism

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Intercultural and Anti Racism Week 2008

Theme: Education

This year 'Intercultural and Anti Racism Week' will take place from the
7-14th April 2008

The Official launch takes place on the 20th March 2008, in the European Commission Dublin Office

The National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (NCCRI) was established in 1998 and is an independent expert body, primarily funded by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, focusing on racism and interculturalism. This monthly e-bulletin is designed to provide relevant and up to date information in the areas of anti-racism and interculturalism. If you have information about events, campaigns, initiatives or publications etc related to racism and interculturalism in Ireland, we would like to hear from you. To send information or to subscribe/unsubscribe to this email bulletin, please send email to info@nccri.ie

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1. Policy and Legislative Updates

- **Irish Developments**

Launch of the Intercultural Health Strategy

On Thursday 21st February, the Health Service Executive (HSE) launched its National Intercultural Health Strategy at the Mansion House in Dublin. Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney TD and CEO of the HSE Professor Brendan Drumm launched the strategy. Strategy will facilitate healthcare to be provided in an inclusive, respectful and fair way to minority communities. You can read or download the information from: <http://www.hse.ie/en/Publications/HSEPublicationsNew/HSECorporatePlans/InterculturalHealthStrategy/>

Launch of the Cultural Diversity Policy for the Arts

The Arts Council has engaged Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts, to manage the extensive research and consultation phases of this resource.

<http://www.artscouncil.ie/en/news/news.aspx?article=1bcc9dfb-c9c8-4893-9dff-4798e445c794>

[The IHRC on the Immigration Residency and Protection Bill](#)

The Irish Human Rights Commission (IHRC) has expressed concern at certain provisions on detention and deportation contained in the Government's new Immigration Bill. http://www.ihrc.ie/press_releases/news.asp?NCID=12

[NGO / Community Groups Express Concerns and Opposition to the Immigration Bill](#)

Five groups supporting migrants and asylum seekers have expressed their opposition to the Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill.

<http://www.thepost.ie/breakingnews/ireland/mheyidgbeykf/>

[NCCRI Facilitates Meeting Between NGO's and the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform](#)

On Friday 22 February the NCCRI facilitated an all day meeting between the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and key NGO's concerned with the Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill, including Crosscare Migrant Project, Immigrant Council of Ireland, Integrating Ireland, Irish Council for International Students, Irish Refugee Council, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland, Nigerian Association of Ireland, Refugee Information Service. The meeting was constructive and afforded an opportunity to raise concerns and to discuss issues emerging from the legislation.

[Dublin Schools to end Catholic-first Policy](#)

The Archdiocese of Dublin has approved a new school enrolment policy, which will see schools for the first time setting aside a quota of places for non-Catholic pupils. The new admissions system is being introduced on a pilot basis in two primary schools in west Dublin. Until now all schools belonging to the Archdiocese were obliged to enrol Catholic applicants first. <http://www.rte.ie/news/2008/0123/schools.html>

[SIPTU to Lobby Dail on Agency Workers](#)

SIPTU General President, Jack O'Connor, led a group of trade union activists and agency workers outside Dáil Éireann to lobby for the introduction of legislation to which will give equal treatment to agency workers.

For further information contact: 01-8586300

[The Student Support Bill and Criteria Changes for Funding for International Students](#)

All applicants will have to have lived in Ireland for three of the last five years to qualify for a grant, whereas previously it was a requirement a student's parent had to have lived here for the previous year. Ms Hanafin explained while there was no evidence of international students taking advantage of the system, the measure is being introduced as a precaution. Only citizens of the EU, the EU economic area or refugees will continue to be eligible for college grants. There are also residency criteria to qualify for free third-level fees but a student can have lived in any EU country for three of the past five years, rather than just in Ireland as will now be required for the grants schemes.

<http://search2.openobjects.com/kbroker/iegov/ieeducation/search/search.sim?sr=0&nh=10&cs=iso-8859-1&sc=&sm=0&ha=167&qt=+support+Bill>

• [EU/International Developments](#)

[New Australian Government to Close 'Offshore' Detention Camps](#)

The Rudd government announced their intention to put an end to the 'Pacific Solution', a controversial policy involving sending asylum seekers who try to enter the country irregularly to offshore detention centres on the Pacific island nation of Nauru and Papua New Guinea's Manus Island.

<http://www.lemonde.fr/web/article/0,1-0@2-3216,36-993480,0.html?xtor=RSS-3210>

[Europe Prioritises the Management of Migration](#)

Money for programmes to manage migration flows for example, will rise by 24%. Source:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/07/1924&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

[Demonstrations Across France Against new Proposals to Allow Irregular Immigrants to be Detained for up to 18 Months.](#)

<http://www.expatica.com/fr/articles/news/French-protests-against-detention-plan-for-illegal-immigrants.html>

[France and Spain Agree on Measures for Immigration and Asylum Policy](#)

The declaration includes a proposal to strengthen the borders agency, Frontex, by giving the agency the means to better control the coastal borders of the EU with Africa.

Sources: http://www.premierministre.gouv.fr/chantiers/immigration_865/les_gouvernements_francais_espagnol_58916.html

2. [Upcoming Funding/ Awards](#)

- **Office of the Minister for Integration Small Grants Schemes 2008**

The Office of the Minister for Integration invites applications for funding under the Small Grants Schemes 2008.

Under these Grant Schemes funding will be provided to voluntary community groups involved at a local level in supporting asylum seekers and/or legally resident immigrants. Special provision will be made for applications from the minority ethnic led organisations. The deadline for receipt of applications is **29th February 2008**.

Further information, Application Forms and Guidance Notes will be available from the 1st February on the website: www.ria.gov.ie or on request to:

Small Grant Schemes 2008
Office of the Minister for Integration
43/49 Mespil Road
Dublin 4

- **St Stephen's Green Trust Grants scheme 2008**

Development and Integration (Older people in isolation; New Communities; Travellers)

Who is eligible to apply?

SSGT will accept applications from voluntary or community organisations, with a CHY or XR number. If the number is pending or if there is no charitable status, the Trust will require copies of the instrument under which the organisation is set up, such as Constitution or Memo and Articles of Association. If your group does not fit into one of these categories, please check with us before completing an application form.

Ineligible activities

The Trust cannot consider applications for building costs; general appeals; retrospective funding or individuals.

Application Process

We encourage applicants to contact us before completing the application form to ensure the project meets the Trust's criteria. Applications are considered by the Trustees, usually within six weeks of the deadlines. Applicants are informed of their decision within a week of that meeting. Occasionally an application will be deferred pending receipt of further information. Organisations in receipt of a grant will be required to provide information relating to the grant e.g. reports, updates and newsletters. The Trust also requires mention of the grant in annual reports and accounts and any other appropriate publication.

Application forms are not freely available. This is to ensure organisations meet the criteria before writing the application. If you feel your organisation is eligible, please contact the Trust giving the following brief details

- Name and address of organisation
- What does the group do
- For which project do you need the money

- Estimate the amount of money you are requesting

You can phone, post, fax or email the information.

Please contact **Orla O'Neill**

Grants & Development Director

email info@ssgt.ie

tel/fax 045 480 666

St Stephen's Green Trust

PO Box 950, Naas, Co Kildare

Applications are considered by Trustees three times each year.

Next deadlines for 2008

- Friday 2nd May 2008
- Friday 5th September 2008
- **EU Funding Call for Proposals - 'Youth in the World': cooperation with countries other than the neighbouring countries of the European Union / 'Youth in action' Programme**

Deadline 15 April 2008 **Budget line / available budget** - EUR 2 500 000

This call for proposals seeks to support projects promoting cooperation in the youth sector between Programme Countries and partner countries other than the European Union's neighboring countries. The aim is:

- to promote the exchange of experience and good practice in the field of youth and non-formal education,
- to contribute to the development of youth policies, youth work and the voluntary sector, as well as to capacity-building and leadership development for youth organisations/structures,
- to develop sustainable partnerships and networks between youth organisations.

Projects must deal with one of the following themes:

- Strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy
- Fight against racism and xenophobia
- Inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue
- Post-conflict resolution and reconstruction
- The active role of women in society
- Minority rights

For more information contact eac-info@ec.europa.eu

For further information please visit the following website:

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc86_en.htm

In order to apply, to have access to the complete list of requested documents:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/calls2008/action32/index_en.htm

- **International Bursaries for the Institute of Fundraising National Convention**

The Institute of Fundraising, in partnership with AFP, offers a bursary scheme for international fundraising professionals who wish to attend the National Convention. - THE largest gathering of fundraisers outside the US and attracts over 2,200 fundraising professionals from across the voluntary sector.

Monday 7 – Wednesday 9 July 2008, London

Bursaries are open to applicants from across the international not-for-profit sector regardless of their cause and size of their organisation. Applicants do not need to be a member of the Institute of Fundraising.

What is on offer?

One full bursary which includes a three-day Convention pass, party ticket, place at the National Awards, three nights of accommodation and full travel expenses. Additionally, we are offering 10 travel bursaries that provide financial support towards international travel. Each bursary application will be assessed individually by the Trustees of the Institute of Fundraising in association with AFP.

The deadline for applications is Friday 25 April 2008

Apply online at www.nationalconvention.org.uk/intbursaries.php

- **Ray Murphy Fund for Leadership Education and Training**

The Community Foundation for Ireland today announced the establishment of The Ray Murphy Fund on February 1st, 2008. The fund has been set up to assist and encourage managers within the community and voluntary sectors to access leadership education and training. The Community Foundation will contribute Euro 200,000 to the fund over the next 10 years.

The fund was named after the late Ray Murphy of The Mott Foundation, and formerly of Atlantic Philanthropies, to acknowledge the support he gave to both the philanthropic sector and to the Community Foundation itself during his lifetime.

Five grants will be awarded annually and will be for a maximum of €4,000 each.

The fund will issue grants to organisations to allow individuals to:

- Attend a course or take an opportunity that will provide time for reflection and skills development that will enhance the community sector
- The Foundation will construct an opportunity to enable the attendee to present their learning to their peer group by way of seminars possible a lunchtime series on Leadership
- The fund will not issue grants retrospectively
- Grants will be awarded to charities or organisations working within the charitable sector

- Grant recipients will be expected to provide a final report to the CFI regarding their progress.

The Community Foundation is currently accepting applications for grants under this scheme and further grant information and application guidelines are available from The Community Foundation for Ireland's office at (01) 874 7354 or on their website [www.-communityfoundation.ie/grants/](http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/)

- **28th Cork Youth Film & Video Festival: call for Entries**

The 28th Cork Youth International Film Video Arts Festival is calling on all budding Spielberg's to submit films for this year's festival. Films in fiction, documentary, animation, experimental, musical and digital animation will be accepted for entry. The festival will run from the 15-17 of May 2008 - Films should be no longer than 30 minutes and entries are accepted on DVD or VHS in both the English and Irish language. The competition is open to filmmakers in three categories; Under 12's, Under 18's, and Students Under 25; and a special category Blarney Trophy Award open to adults.

The Cork Youth International Film Video Arts Festival was established in 1980 to open the doors of the world to young people, most especially those involved in youth clubs, schools people with disabilities and community groups. The aim of the festival is to create awareness and involve young people and all those who would not otherwise be involved in all forms of art, and to provide a showcase for their work.

Send entries to festival office, 16 Fr. Matthew Street, Cork, Ireland.

Deadline for entries is 20th April 2008.

For further details contact Derek 021 4306019, 021 4273526 or email Helen hprout@europa.com

- **Co-Motion Youth Film Festival Call for Entries 2008**

Co-Motion Youth Film Festival, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th of April 2008 at Belvedere House, Mullingar, Co Westmeath

Call for Entries 2008:

Deadline Friday 28th of March 2008

The Co-motion team are delighted to announce that Co-Motion Youth Film Festival will return in 2008 for a second year. The festival's organisers were very excited with the interest in the festival in 2007, with young people from all over Ireland coming to the festival at Belvedere House and Gardens, outside Mullingar in Co Westmeath, the venue where the 2008 festival will take place.

If you are under 21 and you or your school/youth group has made a short film, now is your chance to show what you can do and be in with a chance to win the Midland Young Film Maker of 2008 award. The 2007 award went to 15 year old Nick Sheridan, from Co. Wexford for his film Revelations, a moving short about a young boy coming to terms with

autism. See details below on how to enter.

The 2008 judging panel will be headed by well known writer and broadcaster, Manchán Magan. The audience will also have an opportunity to vote their own 'Pick of the Day'. The management of Belvedere House have graciously offered access to the many amenities of this beautiful estate during the festival for all delegates.

Send a copy of your film (on DVD only and under 15 minutes duration) with a short synopsis and your name, age, school, address and contact number to CoMotion Youth Film Festival, Artmedia, Newtown, Coole, Co. Westmeath before Friday March 28th 2008.

If you or your school/group would like to take part in CoMotion 2008, please contact Fiona MacGinty at 086 3463685 or email comotionyouthfilmfestival@gmail.com or Catherine Kelly, Westmeath Arts Officer on 044 9340781

- **[Irish Aid Call for Proposals for Funding of Events to Mark Africa Day 2008](#)**

Irish Aid, Ireland's official programme of assistance to developing countries, invites community and cultural groups, local authorities and academic organisations to submit proposals for funding in support of events to mark Africa Day 2008 (25 May). Events receiving funding will also benefit from promotion of Africa Day by Irish Aid.

Africa Day is the annual commemoration on May 25 of the 1963 founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), which was succeeded by the present African Union.

What type of events might be funded?

- Events should be open to the public, free and engaging;
- Events are sought from throughout Ireland and may be aimed at the general public;
- Events may be cultural or educational;
- Events will raise awareness of African development, diversity, history, culture or society;
- Ideally events should take place on Africa Day itself or in the week leading up to the 25 May;
- The diversity between and even within countries should be highlighted;
- Existing or annual events may be considered for support if they contribute to the objectives outlined above;
- Events do not have to be development related. Proposals that relate to campaigning and advocacy will not be considered.

How do I apply?

Application forms are available on the Irish Aid web site, www.irishaid.gov.ie/latest_news.asp?article=1186

Applications for grants are requested by 5.00pm on Friday 29 February.

Applicants will be informed as quickly as possible as to whether or not they have been successful.

What amounts are available?

Seed grants of up to e5,000 are available to support local community events.

Full grants up to e30,000 are available for larger events, reaching a wider audience (e.g. 500+).

70% of funding will be made available before the event. The remaining 30% will be made available on completion of the event, pending adequate reporting to Irish Aid, including the submission of promotional or published material relating to the event.

Who might apply?

Irish Aid encourages cultural and academic organisations, local authorities and community groups to apply.

What costs are eligible?

Only costs directly associated with the staging and promotion of the event are eligible for submission to Irish Aid.

Capital or retrospective costs will not be considered.

How will applications for funding be assessed?

Proposed events should:

- Engage the public;
- Highlight African culture, society, progress or diversity;
- Challenge perceptions of Africa;
- Offer value for money;
- Take place in Ireland, in or around 25 May.

Proposed events will be assessed in terms of (a) their potential effectiveness in achieving the overall objectives of Irish Aid's support for Africa Day in Ireland and (b) their potential efficiency in terms of the proposed approach and mechanisms, including planning, management, monitoring and evaluation systems, risk assessment, and the actual costs being incurred in implementation. An expert panel, appointed by the Minister of State for Overseas Development, will assess the applications received. Further information and the application form are available by e-mail: africaday@dfa.ie

- **Grants for Review / Development of Equal Status Policy or Employment Equality Policy in Organisations**

Grants are available to provide up to 5 days of consultation for the review of an organisation's current equal status or employment equality policy (if one is in place), and to develop a new policy or training programme.

Equal Status Policy

An equal status policy is a statement of organisational commitment to equality, diversity

and non-discrimination for customers or service users from across the nine grounds covered by the equality legislation. It identifies areas of activity to be developed to prevent discrimination, to accommodate diversity and to promote equality in the provision of goods and services.

Employment Equality Policy

An employment equality policy at enterprise level is a statement of commitment to equality, diversity and non-discrimination in the workplace across the nine grounds covered by the equality legislation. Employers need to have policies, practices and procedures in place to prevent discrimination and should have policies, practices and procedures to promote equality.

Effective equality policies can:

- Assist organisations in complying with equality legislation.
- Stimulate a staff focus on the legislation and on good practice.
- Contribute to addressing the employer's liability under the Acts.
- Contribute to enhanced quality customer service with its emphasis on meeting the needs of a diverse client base.
- Stimulate and support positive staff – customer relationships that in turn contribute to enhanced staff morale and engagement with the business.

For more information contact **Valerie Ni hEideain at 087-660-4889** or check www.vialeone.com

- **[Social Entrepreneurs Ireland 2008 Awards Programme](#)**

Do you know someone who is passionate about social change in Ireland?
Do they have a new idea and can they put it into action?
Will they stop at nothing to make it happen?

The Social Entrepreneurs Ireland (SEI) 2008 Awards Programme is now open for applications. The SEI Awards programme provides support - both financial and practical to help social entrepreneurs to get their idea off the ground or to grow and develop an idea which has passed the start-up stage and is now poised to have real social impact.

Level 1 Award

Level 1 Awards are suitable for applicants who are at the early stages of development of their project, typically at proof-of-concept/pilot stage. A Level 1 Award lasts for 12 months. Awardees receive Euro 5,000 plus practical support and training and access to the Social Entrepreneurs Ireland network.

Level 2 Award

Level 2 Awards are suitable for applicants whose projects already have a proven model and who are looking to significantly grow the scale and impact of their project. Level 2 awards consist of an award of Euro 70,000 (€80,000 for partnerships) over a period of 2 years plus practical support and training, a personal advisory group and access to the Social Entrepreneurs Ireland network.

To find out more and for full details on how to apply, please visit our website www.socialentrepreneurs.ie

Closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday 4th April 2008**.

- **[EIL Intercultural Learning Invites Applications for the 2008 Global Awareness Programme Scholarship](#)**

The Global Awareness Programme is a training, volunteering and awareness raising project focusing on HIV/AIDS.

- The four people chosen for the 2008 programme will attend training on HIV/AIDS issues in Ireland
- Volunteer for 8 weeks in a key HIV/AIDS organisation in South Africa or Nigeria
- Plan and implement an awareness raising campaign around HIV/AIDS on their return to Ireland.
- For further information, including application form, please log on to www.eilireland.org or contact Laura Spring
E: laura@eilireland.org / T: 021 455 15 35

- **[European Award for Languages – The Language Label](#)**

Call for Applications for the Language Ambassador of the Year Award 2008

Closing date for application: 31 March 2008

2008 has been designated the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue. Language learning is a powerful tool for building an inclusive multicultural society. It develops an awareness of cultural diversity and an understanding of different values and beliefs. The purpose of this award is to recognise the achievements of those individuals involved in the teaching and promotion of languages from any sector, for example, someone running conversational classes in their free time, a person who encourages language learning within their community, or someone who creates awareness of other languages in society.

For application forms and further information contact:

Ivanna D'Arcy,

Léargas

189 Parnell Street

Dublin 1

Tel: (01) 887 1258

Email: languages@leargas.ie

Web: www.leargas.ie/education

The closing date for applications is April 2nd at 1pm.

- **[Simon Cumbers Media Challenge Fund](#)**

The Simon Cumbers' Media Challenge fund supports media projects highlighting issues in the developing world. Print, photographic, radio and other journalists are encouraged

to apply as are those considering a TV documentary on the themes suggested.

The Simon Cumbers Media Challenge Fund is a funding scheme aimed at assisting and promoting more and better quality media coverage of development issues within the Irish media. The fund is managed by Connect-World on behalf of Irish Aid.

Connect-World is an Irish organisation, created and supported by the development aid community in Ireland, with a mandate to seek to increase the quantity and the type of coverage of international development issues in the media. Connect-World is funded by its sponsors, which include the Irish government and a range of the most significant NGOs.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- TV Seed Grant Monday 3 March 2008
- Standard Grant Round I - Wednesday 30 April 2008
- Standard Grant Round II - Tuesday 30 September 2008

All information about the administration of the Fund is available at www.connect-world.net/Links/Simon_Cumbers_Fund/Simon_Cumbers_Media_Fund.html

3. Events and Initiatives

Events in Association with the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008



- **Launch of Intercultural and Antiracism Week 2008**

This year 'Intercultural and Anti Racism Week' will take place from the 7-14th April 2008.

The launch will take place on the eve of the UN designated International Day Against Racism, March 21st in the European Commission Dublin Office.

The theme this year is 'Education', focussing on all aspects of both formal and non-formal education. We strongly encouraging all members of society and educational institutions to take part in this important week and assist in a public awareness campaign in your locality. Below is a list of ways that you can get involved.

Please email details of your event to kate@nccri.ie by the April 2nd 2008 to include in our calendar of events that will be circulated to our mailing list.

Ideas for activities during Intercultural and Anti Racism Week 2008

Here are a few suggestions on how to get involved:

- If you work in a school avail of the 'Intercultural Dialogue in the Classroom Toolkit' available on the NCCRI website from March 20th 2008 (further information below)
- Organise an event in the evening or during lunch in your school, college, workplace to coincide with Intercultural and Anti Racism Week such as a concert, a reading or even a quiz night
- Launch an intercultural and anti racism policy document or a publication linked to the theme of the week. A guideline titled Key Considerations for Service Providers is available from the NCCRI website at <http://www.nccri.ie/pdf/KeyConsiderations.pdf>
- Organise an antiracism/intercultural training session
- Organise a debate on the theme of racism/ethnic diversity or a related theme such as immigration
- Get in touch with local community groups to organise an event in your community
- Issue a press release to mark 'Intercultural and Anti Racism Week' and to highlight some key event or issue
- Highlight the Week with the group you work with by displaying posters available on our website soon
- Attend some of the events taking place in your locality during the week. A calendar will be available in the future on our website

The NCCRI will be producing a practical toolkit for all primary and secondary schools, including VECs and community colleges, which will be available from the 20th March. This publication aims to assist in the co-ordination of practical school based activities, public awareness initiatives and a virtual city twinning exercise. The publication will be posted to all schools before April 7th and we strongly encourage you and your organisation to get involved. Posters will be circulate and available on the website in the coming weeks.

Please go to www.nccri.ie for further information on the week or contact kate@nccri.ie.

- **[Cultural Diversity Forum organised by Integration of African Children in Ireland \(IACI\).](#)**

The forum will discuss the challenges faced by service providers in providing support to migrants (migrant children and families who are legally resident in Ireland). Location: Wynns Hotel, Dublin. 10-16hrs. For further information contact Yemi Ojo, iacyouth@gmail.com or 086 4023953.

Date: 6th March

- **[An Post and the NCCRI Launch of European Year of Intercultural Dialogue Stamp](#)**

To be launched by Minister of State for Integration, Conor Lenihan TD and special guests at the Chester Beatty Library at 11am. The launch coincides with the opening of an intercultural dialogue project run by the Chester Beatty Library and Draíocht "Tell Your Story Project" which is funded by the One Foundation and will consist of a series of storytelling, drama, music and visual arts workshops for children and families from diverse communities in the Blanchardstown area from March – June 2008. For further information about the launch contact NCCRI 01 8588000 or fionuala@nccri.ie or for information on the "Tell your Story Project" go to www.draiocht.ie or www.cbl.ie
Date: 7th March

- **E v a arts exhibition**

Curated by Hou Honru. Location: Limerick, various venues. For further information contact Paul O Reilly, info@eva.ie or 061 318240
Date: 7th March – 25th May

- **St Casimir's Fair / Kaziuko Muge**

Two day event organised by the Lithuanian community in Ireland featuring music, food and folk crafts fair. Location: People's Park Dun Laoghaire. All day event.
Date: 8th-9th March

- **Tomorrow- 4th Annual Schools Against Racism Poetry & Short Story Competition**

Run by National Consultative Committee on Racism & Interculturalism (NCCCI) and the Equality Commission of Northern Ireland (ECNI), in association with Poetry Ireland, the **Schools Against Racism** Competition is open to all post-primary schools in Ireland, North and South. Poems & stories can be in English, Irish, French or Polish. This year judges are Michael Longley, Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, Piotr Sommer and Jean-Philippe Imbert. The award ceremony will take place in the Linen Hall Library, Belfast; on Wednesday, April 9th at 5pm. Closing date is this Friday 29th February.

For more information go to www.poetryireland.ie/education
www.nccri.ie

General Events

- **Training - Writing Funding Proposals**

A Carmichael Centre training course
Date: 5th March, 2008 (Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm)
Venue: Carmichael Centre - either Coleraine House or Carmichael House, Dublin 7.

Content

Do you dread completing that funding application form? Do you want to develop better fundraising proposals? This course targets those with responsibility for making funding

proposals. The subject of this one-day workshop is proposal writing. It will demystify funding application forms and develop practical skills to help secure financial resources for your organisation. While proposals need to be tailored for specific funders, this course will cover the basic rules that apply to all funding applications.

Outcomes

After this course participants will be able to:

- Compile the background information for a funding proposal
- Write a clear project description
- Produce a detailed and compelling statement of need
- Identify and estimate relevant costs

Fees

Carmichael Centre members and non-staffed groups euro 100

Voluntary and Community Groups employing staff euro 120

FÁS project participants, statutory sector staff euro 140

To book a place on these courses please complete the booking form (pdf file)

www.activelink.ie/download08/carmichaeltraining-aform.pdf

Return it to **Danielle McGoldrick** with your cheque at

Carmichael Centre

Coleraine House,

Coleraine Street, Dublin 7.

For more information call Danielle at 01 - 873 52 82

website www.carmichaelcentre.ie

- [Workshop on Protection of Undocumented Children and Basic Social Rights](#)

Brussels, Friday, April 04, 2008

09:00 – 17:30

Venue: ACV-CSC (Trade Union Building) 19 rue Pletinckx, 1000 Brussels

The focus of the workshop will be the discrimination against undocumented children in their access of basic social rights, particularly education and housing. The workshop will provide an opportunity to investigate the specific needs and problems that undocumented children face in Europe when trying to access their basic social rights.

The event will enable participants to share experiences of good practices regarding the provision of protection to undocumented children subjected to discrimination-based violence in the fields of housing and education.

The draft program and registration form is attached, and also available on PICUM's website (www.picum.org).

Eve Geddie
Interim Director

PICUM - Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants
Gaucheretstraat 164 1030 Brussels Belgium tel. +32/2/274.14.39 fax +32/2/274.14.48
Email: michele.levoy@picum.org
<http://www.picum.org>

- **Intercultural Cities Conference 1-3 May 2008, Liverpool**

In the cities of today and tomorrow, how can people from different cultures really live together - rather than just rub along side one another?

As part of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, the Intercultural Cities Conference will look at migration, diversity and urban life in a fresh way. New thinking is needed on how diverse communities can co-operate in productive harmony instead of leading parallel or antagonistic lives. The conference is organised by EUCLID and Comedia, in association with the Liverpool Culture Company, and with the support of the European Commission and the Council of Europe.

Full details can be found at <http://inter.culture.info/icc> including the early bird booking fee, only available until 31 March!

- **Diverse Dialogue – Report of the Proceedings of the North South Intercultural Forum (2005 – 2007’)**

We are planning to launch the above report on 11 April, at the Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council Offices in Dungannon, Co Tyrone at 10.00am as part of the programme of events for Intercultural and Anti Racism Week 2008 (7 – 14 April) and also in the context of European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008

We have also invited both Conor Lenihan TD Minister for Integration and one of the Northern Ministers (Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister) to also officiate.

The launch of the *Diverse Dialogue* report will be held at 10.00 am in advance of the Sixth North South Intercultural Forum which is due to commence at 10.30 am. The theme for this Forum will focus on the provision of social services and how they engage with minority ethnic communities particularly in relation to children. A number of key speakers from agencies and leading NGOs working in this field North and South will make an input. This will be followed by a roundtable discussion. The Forum usually attracts 60/65 participants from across a range of sectors North and South.

Diverse Dialogue will present the proceedings of six North South Intercultural Forum thematic meetings on migration & employment, accommodation & housing, education, health and immigration policies and incorporates useful summaries for each of them. For more information contact Joe at 0429352730

- **UCD Equality Studies Centre**

Equality Studies is an exciting and dynamic interdisciplinary programme that provides students with a unique and challenging opportunity to examine a wide range of equality,

human rights and global justice issues through research and analysis.

The four major themes underlying the Equality Studies Programme are; Social Class Structures and Equality; Gender Inequalities; Global North/South Inequalities and Development; Minorities and Discrimination (addressing issues of racism, ageism, disability, language, and sexualities).

The centre offers the following programmes:

- MSc Equality Studies
- Graduate Diploma in Equality Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Equality Studies

The centre also offers PhD and MSc (Research) programmes.

The closing date for applications is 15th May 2008.

Late applications may be considered subject to availability.

For more information and applications, please go to

www.ucd.ie/socialjustice/postgraduate.htm

contact socialjustice@ucd.ie or telephone 00 353 1 716 7104.

- **[Every Human has Rights - 2008 is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 60th Anniversary](#)**

It's a time for a global conversation about human rights. To consider the values that unites us as one human family, and one global village. But it can be more. For the last 60 years it's been governments that have been asked to sign the Universal Declaration. We hope that 2008 can be the year that individuals, not just governments, sign the declaration. We're hoping for one billion signatures from across the world. We want yours to be one of them.

We urge you to embrace the values and goals of the declaration.

To protect the rights of your fellow global villagers. And encourage others to do the same in your communities, workplaces and schools.

Please sign the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Make your personal pledge to live your life by its principles.

Every human has rights: www.everyhumanhasrights.org

The international campaign is organised by "The Elders". This group can speak freely and boldly, working both publicly and behind the scenes on whatever actions need to be taken. Together we will work to support courage where there is fear, foster agreement where there is conflict, and inspire hope where there is despair. It includes Nelson Mandela, Graça Machel, Desmond Tutu, Kofi Annan, Ela Bhatt, Lakhdar Brahimi, Gro Brundtland, Jimmy Carter, Fernando H Cardoso, Li Zhaoxing, Mary Robinson, Muhammad Yunus, Aung San Suu Kyi.

www.theelders.org

- **[Migration Studies in Ireland: An Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Conference](#)**

Date: March 26-28, 2008

Venue: Robert Emmet Theatre, Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin

During the past five years a growing number of postgraduate students have been developing inquiry into the area of migration studies across the Humanities and Social Sciences. This welcome development is occurring cross-institutionally, north and south, traversing the fields of sociology, anthropology, cultural studies, linguistics, geography, education, social policy, lens-based practice, film and media studies, race, ethnicity and gender studies, among others.

This timely and inaugural conference on 'Migration Studies in Ireland' will occur annually and rotate location between the following convening partner institutions: University College Dublin (UCD); National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM); University College, Cork (UCC); Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT); University of Limerick (UL); Dublin City University (DCU); Trinity College Dublin (TCD).

Registration Details: www.tcd.ie/immigration/conferences.php

Conference Registration Deadline: 20 March

Latin America Week: Turning the Tide - Resisting the Water Trade

The Latin America Solidarity Centre would like to invite you to its annual Latin America Week!!!

What is Latin America Week?

Latin America Week (LAW) is an annual programme of educational, cultural and campaigning events on issues relating to human, social and economic rights in Latin America. A range of conferences, meetings, workshops, fundraising and cultural events will take place around Ireland. Please contact LASC on info@lasc.ie if you want to organise an event as part of Latin America Week 2008.

Latin America Week 2008

LAW 2008 aims to focus attention on the issue of the private exploitation of water, and the impact of this on human development. It will have a further emphasis on the Association Agreement currently being negotiated between the European Union and the Andean Community of Nations (CAN) - to be approved by summer 2009.

For more detailed info about LAW: www.lasc.ie/activities/law/law2008.html

About the EU-CAN agreement: www.lasc.ie/issues/water/water-homepage.html

Contact LASC

Tel 01 676 04 35

Email info@lasc.ie

EPIC 2008 - Employment for People from Immigrant Communities

EPIC (Employment for People from Immigrant Communities) is Business in the Community Ireland's new innovative programme which is targeted at legally resident EU and Non-EU adults. The goal of EPIC is to assist this target group with finding employment, training and education.

In 2006-7, the EPIC programme targeted Parents of Irish-born children. For 2008, our target group has been enlarged to include all legally resident EU and non-EU adults who have permission to work in Ireland and would like to access employment. We will continue to use the EPIC name, now representing Employment for People from Immigrant Communities.

A partnership approach

EPIC is funded by the Office of the Integration Agency, under the Department of Integration. Managed by BITCI, the programme is also run in association with SPIRASI (Spiritan Asylum Services Initiative).

For further information on the EPIC Programme, please contact **Patti McCann at 01 402 0274 or pmccann@bitc.ie**
website www.bitc.ie/si_programmes/programme_profile.html?id=2

- **[AkiDwA Appeal for Office Furniture](#)**

Akina Dada wa Africa (AkiDwA), Swahili for African sisterhood, is a national network of African and migrant women living in Ireland. AkiDwA, a non-governmental organization with charitable status, was established in August 2001 to address the needs of an expanding population of migrant women resident in Ireland. We are based in Dublin City centre. And have been providing services to Migrant women for the past seven years; we are in the process of establishing a drop in centre and we hope to provide basic computer and English classes for migrant women. We are making this appeal for any used computers, desks, filing cabinets and chairs to help us provide these services.

If you do have something useful to donate we would be grateful.

For further information please contact our new office at

29 Gardiner Place Dublin 1

Tel (0)1 814 8582

or contact Lindiwe at 086 8704846.

Website: www.akidwa.ie

- **[International Peacebuilders' Summit](#)**

On the eve of the one-year anniversary of the re-establishment of Northern Ireland's power-sharing executive and legislative assembly, peacebuilders from across the world will share their perspectives, practice and experience of the challenges of peacebuilding.

Venue: **Europa Hotel, Great Victoria Street, Belfast**

Date: **May 6 & 7 2008**

The focus for the summit is dynamic learning, looking at new ways for peacebuilders from across the globe to update their programming, share expertise and gain fresh

ideas.

Delegates at the summit will

- learn new approaches to peacebuilding to utilise in their own communities
- gain free training on emerging and innovative models for peacebuilding
- make new contacts and forge new partnerships
- share their expertise and gain fresh insights
- be motivated and encouraged to continue in their peacebuilding work.

Attendance at the Summit is free of charge, but you should register first by completing the Peacebuilders' Summit Registration Form.

All Registration Forms should be returned by email to sarah@globalpeacebuilders.org

Bursaries available

We have a limited number of bursaries available to assist delegates travelling from outside of Northern Ireland.

For more details contact Global Peacebuilders

Springboard Opportunities Limited

4th Floor, 108-112 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1DL

T: +44 (0)28 9031 5111

website www.globalpeacebuilders.org

- **[Canal Communities Spring Programme](#)**

Contact: Claire Ducept

Volunteer Co-ordinator

Canal Communities Intercultural Centre

3/4 Ring Terrace

Inchicore - Dublin 8

Tel: 01-4537239 or 087-1324115

- **[Comhlámh Wednesday Debates in 2008](#)**

Comhlámh's mission is to challenge society on the root causes of global poverty and inequality and empower people to demand equity in global relations.

The debates take place from 6.15 – 7.45 at Bewley's Café Theatre, Grafton Street, Dublin 2.

All welcome! No reservations needed! Early arrival advised as spaces allocated on first come first-served basis.

- Migration: Forcing Movement, Closing Doors?
- 5 March
- Human Trafficking: The Slavery of Our Time?
- 2 April

- Media: Reality TV, New Media and Development - Is the Truth Out There?
- 7 May

For further information check www.comhlamh.org T: 01 4783490.

- **Awareness Training with the NCCRI/SYNERGY Regional Office**

This is part of a series of workshops run in partnership with Newry & Mourne District Council and Louth Co Co's Challenge of Change project
The sessions will continue on the: 10th March, 21st April, 7th May and 4th and 5th June.
Please contact the Dundalk office at: 0429352730 or email joe@nccri.ie

- **Youth Media Democracy Conference**

A conference exploring the effects and opportunities of new media on children and youth

Dublin Institute of Technology and Digital Hub, Dublin
18-19 April 2008

The Irish Youth Media Foundation are pleased to invite you to their inaugural conference 'Youth Media Democracy,' to be held in Dublin on 18th-19th April 2008.

This exciting event sets out to explore the effects that new media have on the youth, and will also focus on the tremendous opportunities that new media bring.

The conference will be opened by the Irish Education Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Eamon Ryan; followed by a keynote address from David Buckingham, Professor of Education; Director, Centre for the Study of Children, Youth and Media - University of London.

New research will be presented through both papers and workshops as well as providing an opportunity to watch youth media projects being created, as youth groups from both and south Ireland will be participating. This will provide a unique opportunity to experience youth media culture as it is being produced.

Conference Price

Adults E120 (two days)

Concessions (Student/ OAP): E70

(Price includes reception on Thursday 17th April and evening meal Friday 18th April)

Additional information can be found on our website, including the full conference programme as well as information on the conference venue, hotels nearby, travel and Dublin tourism

www.irishyouthmedia.com/conf.html

Contact:

Estelle Clements,
Office 3048, School of Media, Dublin Institute of Technology,
Aungier Street, Dublin 2
Phone: +353 (0) 1 402 7191
Email: youthmediademocracy@gmail.com
Email: jan.pettersen@dit.ie
Ph: +353 (0) 1 402 4278

- **European Intercultural Dialogue – Engaging with each other, communicating with the wider world**

Date: March 10th, 6.30pm,
Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin 2
Chair: Pat Leahy
Speakers include:
Philip Watt, Director, National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism
Eugene Downes, Chief Executive, Culture Ireland
Mary Fitzgerald, *Irish Times*
If you would like to attend, please RSVP by email or telephone to Barbara or Pippa: **barbara@q4pr.ie** T: 01 4790352 / T: 01 4790365

4. **Job Vacancies/Calls for Tender**

- **Poverty Research Initiative 2008: Internship and Research Fellowship**

Thought leadership, Evidence-based thinking, Policy advice

Combat Poverty is the lead public body for promoting research on poverty. It has developed the Poverty Research Initiative to support independent, policy-relevant research, with the twin aims of promoting public understanding of poverty and informing the development of policy frameworks to tackle poverty, especially the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion 2007-2016. It aims to provide thought leadership, inform evidence-based thinking and offer policy advice for relevant stakeholders.

Research Fellowships (academic based)

They support postgraduate students and individuals in the public sector and non-governmental organisations to undertake individual studies on poverty and policy at third-level institutions. There are three categories under this strand: Visiting research fellowship at the Policy Institute, Trinity College Dublin; PhD fellowship and civil society research scholarship at University College Dublin.

Scholarships for Civil Society Activists

The UCD Egalitarian World Initiative (EWI) invites applications for two EWI Civil Society Research Scholarships. These scholarships are funded by the Combat Poverty Agency

and hosted by the EWI in UCD. They are worth 10,000 each and are designed to support people based in non-governmental organisations in Ireland who are actively working for social change on issues relating to poverty, social exclusion and social justice.

The scholarship provides the resource to the organisation to allow the activist take research 'time out' and spend three months at UCD working on a project of their choice.' Further information and application forms on www.ucd.ie/ewi and www.combatpoverty.ie/research

Closing Date: **29 February 2008**

- **Post-graduate Internships in Combat Poverty**

Two post-graduate internships are offered for post-graduate students qualifying with a research or social policy Masters degree in 2008. It provides students with an opportunity to apply their academic research skills by contributing to Combat Poverty's research and policy work through assisting in commissioned and in-house research projects, undertaking qualitative and quantitative research analysis and contributing to policy development. The interns will be based in Combat Poverty's offices in Islandbridge for a three-month period.

The closing date for applications is **29 February 2008**.

- **CANDO Community Partnership: invitation to tender for organisational review**

CANDO Community Partnership is a Community Development Company funded by the Irish Government as part of the National Development Plan 2000 to 2006.

As the first phase in the preparation of a Strategic Plan for the period 2008 to 2011 tenders are being sought from suitably experienced contractors to carry out an internal review of the company's strategies and structures during the period 2000-2007. The primary focus of the review will be the period from 2004 to 2007.

This specification sets out the tasks required from the contractor and the time table for the project.

Background:

CANDO Community Partnership was formed in 1995 as a Community Development Organization charged with the delivery of the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme (LDSIP) in County Carlow. The Company also delivers a Jobs Club which supports clients to prepare for and engage in job seeking activities.

The focus of this Programme is to combat social exclusion caused by poverty, unemployment, rural isolation, lack of community services and inadequate social networks.

CANDO Community Partnership supports a number of actions to meet the needs of identified disadvantaged groups and individuals and works in partnership with the wider community, voluntary and statutory agencies.

The three main areas of CANDO Community Partnership's work are as follows:

- Community Development
- Community Based Youth Initiatives
- Services to the Unemployed – Training & Education and Rural Development

For full description and information contact:

Tenders together with an up to date tax clearance certificate should be submitted to:

Pat Cullinane
CANDO Community Partnership
The Assembly Rooms
40 Dublin Street, Carlow

Telephone No: 059 – 913 34 57

Email: pcullinane@cando.ie

- [Pobal: Invitation to Tender for Consultant for Case Study under the Community Services Programme](#)

Pobal is an independent intermediary company established by the Irish Government in agreement with the European Commission to promote social inclusion, reconciliation and equality and to counter disadvantage through local social and economic development. Pobal currently manages 17 programmes on behalf of five government departments.

The Community Services Programme is funded under the National Development Programme 2007-2013. The Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs is the lead government department for the programme and Pobal manages the programme on their behalf.

Closing date for receipt of application is **Friday 14th March 2008**

Approximate budget is E 12,000.

For detailed information on the tender document and proposed case study please contact acurtis@pobal.ie or phone 01-2400795 mobile 087 1217174 or kmoran@pobal.ie 087 6575014.

- [Trocaire: Supporter Relations Coordinator](#)

The successful candidate will be responsible for the management of our Supporter Services and will lead Trócaire's Regular Giving programme. This role will coordinate relevant teams, channels and information to enable Trócaire to provide the best standards in supporter services and to retain support. The role will provide strategic

direction to the Supporter Relations programme, ensuring reliable systems, processes and procedures for interaction with supporters are in place.

Candidates should have a experience in working in a customer care or marketing function with a knowledge of relational databases, spreadsheet packages and the ability to set up, manage and streamline systems and processes aimed at providing an excellent service to supporters; and relevant experience in leading and managing a team. Salary - E45,000 to E63,000

For more information on this role call **Harvey Duthie** on + 353 (0) 1 640 1824 or email harvey@2into3.com for an information pack or see www.2into3.com

- **Irish Traveller Movement: 2 vacancies**

The Irish Traveller Movement (ITM) is a national Traveller organisation that promotes the recognition of Travellers as a nomadic ethnic group in Irish society.

ITM is recruiting for the following positions:

Membership Development Coordinator:

The overall role of the Membership Development Co-ordinator is to coordinate, manage and develop all aspects of the membership development work in line with the ITM strategic objectives. The co-ordinator will be based in Dublin and be expected to work with Traveller Organisations in the Dublin and North Eastern region.

Essential requirements for the post include:

- Thorough knowledge of the issues affecting the Traveller community
- Experience of working with the Traveller community or groups experiencing similar issues
- Third level qualification in community development or 3 years experience of working in a community development organisation
- Experience of managing and supervising staff
- A commitment to human rights and equality
- Understanding of and experience with a national network/membership organisation

Salary will be in the region of e38 to e45K commensurate with experience.

This is a full time position. Applications for job share will be considered.

Membership Development Worker (Part-time)

The overall role of the membership development worker is to support local Traveller organisations to engage in national policy development. The successful candidate will be expected to work with Traveller organisations in the following counties, Wicklow, Wexford, Waterford, Kilkenny, Carlow, Tipperary, Laois and Kildare but will initially have a national brief. Flexibility will be required.

Essential requirement for the post include:

- Thorough knowledge of the issues affecting the Traveller community
- Community development skills, experience and analysis
- Experience of working in Traveller organisation or other with other groups experiencing similar issues at local or national level
- Understanding of and experience with a national network/membership organisation
- Understanding of the support needs of Traveller organisations regarding policy issues
- Knowledge and understanding of the local and national policy fora that affect the Traveller community
- A commitment to human rights and equality.

Salary will be in the region of e36K to e41K pro rata, commensurate with experience. This is a part-time position, filling a job shared post (17.5 hours per week).

Additional support/training will be available to the right candidate pursuant to Section 33 of the Employment Equality Act 1998 as amended by section 22 of the Equality Act, 2004.

To apply please return completed application form with questionnaire to the **Director ITM**
4-5 Eustace Street, Dublin 2.

Closing date for applications for both posts is **Friday March 7th 2008.**

Application forms and job description are available from the administrator ITM office 01 6796577 or e mail itmtrav@indigo.ie

The Irish Traveller Movement is an equal opportunities employer.

- **Trócaire: Protection Officer**

Job Title: Protection Officer (Ref: 07/ID/030G)

Location: Based in Trócaire head office in Maynooth with extensive travel overseas.

Department: Emergency Preparedness and Response Team

Contract Type: Fixed Term

Contract Duration: 3 years

The new Trócaire Strategic Plan 2006-15 was finalised in June 2006 and contains six organisational programmes including Preparing for and Responding to Emergencies. Within this programme Trocaire is committed to needs based and protection-orientated response.

The Protection Officer will fill a newly created position in the Emergency Preparedness and Response Team. As part of the overall restructuring and decentralisation of Trócaire, the structure of the team is currently in transition. It will consist of a Programme Leader, a Policy Officer, a Protection Officer, a Disaster Risk Reduction/Preparedness Officer, a Humanitarian Co-financing Officer, Humanitarian Response Officers, an Administrative Assistant and an Intern. The unit will be linked to Humanitarian

Programme Officers in each of the six regional offices overseas. As part of the Preparing for and Responding to Emergencies programme, protection has been identified as a priority area.

For more information check www.trocaire.ie/about/vacancy?id=65

The closing date for applications is 6th March 2008 and all applications can be sent to;

Eileen Ryan, Head of HR & Support Services

Trócaire

Maynooth, Co Kildare

email: HR@trocaire.ie

- **The Africa Centre: Co-ordinator**

The Africa Centre seeks to promote opportunities for inclusion and participation of Africans in Ireland and to build interaction and exchange among the wider society between Africa and Ireland.

We now wish to recruit a CO-ORDINATOR to:

- work closely with the Board and assist them in developing and providing vision-ary and strategic direction for the Africa Centre; and to implement the Work plan;
- proactively engage in the public arena, to encourage debate in the wider society promoting the Africa Centre as a leading voice for Africans in Ireland;
- promote long-term organisational development and financial stability and to manage the day-to-day activities and affairs of the Organisation.

The successful candidate will:

- have an understanding of and commitment to addressing issues affecting mem-bers of the African communities in Ireland;
- have strong communication skills and ability to respond to national debates and media representation of Africa and organise high profile events;
- strategically network in support of the Centre's aims and objectives;
- be highly innovative and self-motivated with the capacity to lead a small team;
- be fluent in English with excellent oral and written communication skills;
- have a minimum of 3 years' experience in developing and managing a range of programmes;
- have a relevant third level qualification (preferable);
- possess a proven ability to attract and draw in funds for the Centre's work.

To apply, please submit a letter of application demonstrating your suitability, together with your Curriculum Vitae by latest **5.00pm on Wednesday 5th March 2008**.

The Chairperson

The Africa Centre

Methodist Church Building

9c Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1

Telephone: 01 8656951

This position is fulltime, on a one year contract, with a probation period, renewable based on funding.

Full Job Description and Person Specification are available on request by contacting **Eloho Egwutera** at eloho@afriacentre.ie

Salary is commensurate with skills and experience.

The Africa Centre is an equal opportunity employer

- **Comhlàmh: invitation to tender for evaluation of strategic plan (2005 -2007) and recommendations for development**

Comhlàmh is an independent membership organisation, committed to critical engagement on worldwide development. Through training, education, research and awareness raising Comhlàmh has sought to empower individuals to take action for addressing global injustice.

Background

Comhlàmh reached the end of its three year strategic cycle in December 2007. The Board of Directors agreed to extend the strategic objectives into 2008 whilst a review of the three year cycle was being undertaken. It is now inviting tenders from suitably experienced and qualified individuals, agencies or organisations to support them in evaluating the outcomes of the 2005 -2007 strategic planning cycle, together with recommendations for future development.

Tender Information

Applicants interested in tendering for this work will gain further information about the work of Comhlàmh via its website, www.comhlamh.org

Further information about Comhlàmh's strategic plan (2005–2007) can be obtained by contacting the Interim Director, **Graham Whitehead**, via graham@comhlamh.org

Final tender submissions should be emailed to Graham Whitehead, graham@comhlamh.org no later than 3rd March 2008.

- **SPIRASI: Strategy and Development Trainee**

Vacancy: Strategy and Development trainee

A vacancy exists for a FAS trainee at SPIRASI.

Start Date: March 18th 2008

Requirements:

- Excellent computer literacy (Microsoft Office)
- Good command of English verbal and written
- Ability to compile reports,
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Financial training or experience
- Relevant Educational Background

- Commitment to supporting new communities

Remuneration:

FAS trainees are entitled to an allowance of approximately e 210 allowance per week), medical card, rent allowance and child care if applicable.

Hours: 40 hour per week, Monday to Friday 9 to 5 p.m.

Closing date of applications: February 29th

Applications to: Tom Hogan, Assistant Director, SPIRASI

E mail: assistdirector@spirasi.ie

Telephone: 01-8389664

SPIRASI, 213 North Circular Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7

Job description: See SPIRASI's web site at www.spirasi.ie for a job description

SPIRASI is an equal opportunity employer

- **St. Margaret's Travellers Community Association: Accommodation Worker**

Located in Ballymun, St. Margaret's Travellers Community Association is an innovative and creative community initiative, which is a coming together of Travellers and settled people, working to promote social inclusion and equality.

We are now recruiting one full time position funded through Ballymun Regeneration Limited's TRANSITION PROGRAMME:

Accommodation Worker

- To develop and implement a range of initiatives to support and address Travellers Accommodation needs in the Ballymun area.
- A commitment to and understanding of Traveller issues including cultural diversity, equality & anti racism is essential.
- Experience working with Travellers and/or marginalised groups will be an advantage.
- A commitment to the principles of Community Development is essential.

Salary scale - euro 40,000 to 49,000.

Applications from members of the Travelling Community will be welcomed.

Please forward a Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter to

stmargaretsballymun@gmail.com or to:

The Chairperson

St. Margaret's Travellers Community Association,

St. Margaret's Park,

St. Margaret's Road,

Ballymun, Dublin 11.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 29 February 2008.**

For further information please contact Damien Smyth on 01 8622144 or at stmargaretsballymun@gmail.com

St. Margaret's Travellers Community Association is an equal opportunities employer. Funded by the Irish Government under The National Development Plan 2007 to 2013 from National Lottery Funds.

5. Recent Publications and Resources

- **Integrating Migrants: Halfway to Best Practice**
The European Policy Centre has issued this report: <http://www.epc.eu/en/er.asp?TYP=ER&LV=293&see=y&t=2&PG=ER/EN/detail&l=&AI=755>
- **European Web Site on Integration - your chance to participate!**
<http://www.migpolgroup.com/news/3979.html>
- **UNESCO - 'The Migrant Workers Convention in Europe: Obstacles to the Ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of their Families: EU/EEA Perspectives'** http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=11273&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
- **'The "Global Approach to Migration": rhetoric or reality?' European Policy Center (EPC) policy brief:** http://www.epc.eu/TEWN/pdf/339002765_Global%20Approach%20to%20Migration.pdf
- **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown ARD Plan Publications Now Online**
Please visit the updated site www.dlrard.ie Hard copies of the two new reports are available upon request at any time from: Torry Schellhorn, Social Inclusion Officer, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council tschellhorn@dlrcoco.ie (01) 204 7924
- **A UNHCR research paper has recently been published by John Gibson on 'The removal of failed asylum seekers: international norms and procedures'**
The paper reviews existing norms and best practice in removals procedures and asylum/appeals procedures relevant to the removal process in chosen countries. <http://www.unhcr.org/research/RESEARCH/476651262.pdf>
- **Show Racism the Red Card- interactive DVD Education Resource**
For further information go to: <http://www.srrtc.org/>
- **'Migration-Related Detention: A research guide on human rights standards relevant to the detention of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.'** <http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/sites/detentionwatchnetwork.org/files/AI%20HR%20Report%20on%20Migration-Detention.pdf>
- **Undocumented Worker Transitions (UWT) project Website.**

The Working Lives Research Institute at London Metropolitan University has just launched the website for this document: [http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/research-units/\\$-working-lives/projects/uwt/](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/research-units/$-working-lives/projects/uwt/)

- **Your Child and Schools in Ireland' - Booklet for Parents**

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- **The International Organization for Migration - 'International Migration Law N° 12 - Migration and the Right to Health: A Review of European Community Law and Council of Europe Instruments'** http://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/site/myjahiasite/shared/shared/mainsite/published_docs/serial_publications/IML12-MRH%20dec07.pdf

- **A study entitled "The Conditions in Centers for Third Country Nationals with a Particular Focus on Provisions and Facilities for Persons with special needs in the 25 EU member states.** A study commissioned by the European Parliament <http://www.statewatch.org/news/2007/dec/eu-ep-detention-centres-report.pdf>
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