

National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism

Intercultural and Anti Racism Week 2008 / 7-14th April 2008

Theme: Education

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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- Committed to Making a Difference: Racism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and intolerance and their impact on young people in Europe (symposium report) (2008)
- EU Annual Report on Human Rights 2007
- European Commission Reveals Plans for EU Border Management
- Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2008
- EU-OSHA Report on Occupational Safety and Health for Immigrants
- OSCE Publication- Countering Terrorism, Protecting Human Rights: A Manual
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1. Policy and Legislative Updates

- Irish Developments

NCCRI Submission on the Immigration Residency and Protection Bill

<http://www.nccri.ie/policy-submissions.html>

ICCL Submission the Immigration Residency and Protection Bill

Contact: tanya.ward@iccl.ie

IHRC Submission on the Immigration Residency and Protection Bill

http://www.ihrc.ie/_fileupload/publications/ImmigrationBillObservations2008.doc

Newpark Comprehensive School and the NCCRI Presentation to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education and Science

On the 13th March a presentation was made to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education and science on the local challenges for secondary schools and recommendations were proposed for implementing a national intercultural education strategy.

<http://www.oireachtas.ie/viewdoc.asp?fn=/documents/Committees30thDail/J-EducationScience/Presentations/document1.htm>

UNHCR Calls for Changes to Current Immigration Residency and Protection Bill

<http://www.ireland.com/newspaper/frontpage/2008/0313/1205104711226.html>

USI Voice Concern Over the Immigration Protection and Residency Bill

<http://www.usi.ie/pages/posts/students-slam-unjust-immigration-bill551.php>

Research into Family Reunification in Ireland and Europe

The Refugee Information Service has established a policy and research advisory group which is conducting further research into the outcomes from the Irish and European family reunification processes to date. The research will include a review of data held by the RIS, focus groups with applicants for family reunification and a comparison of legislation, policy and practice with a select number of European countries. For further information contact Catherine Kenny, Head of Policy and Research at

catherine.kenny@ris.ie

Refugee Appeals Tribunal Asked to Review up to 1,000 Cases Decided by Barrister

This follows the tribunal settling a case where three asylum seekers sought to have their cases heard by someone other than him because of his "perceived bias". Mr Nicholson heard close to 1,000 cases from the beginning of the tribunal in 2000, and was the highest earner of any of its members, being paid €840,000. He resigned as a member of the tribunal last November on the eve of the settlement of the case, known as the Nyembo case. The settlement came after the Supreme Court ruled that the tribunal had to produce the statistics on his record to the High Court, where asylum seekers were claiming he had close to a 100 per cent rejection rate.

<http://www.ireland.com/newspaper/frontpage/2008/0310/1205104564265.html>

Language Services Provided to General Practitioners by the State Attacked by the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO).

Language services provided to general practitioners by the State have been attacked by the Irish Medical Organisation.

http://www.imt.ie/news/2008/03/gp_language_service_poor.html

Fewer Latvians Moving to Ireland

The Number of Latvian migrants to Ireland is slowing after an initial surge that followed the country's accession to the EU in 2004, according to Ireland's Ambassador in Riga. Figures compiled by the Department of Social and Family Affairs show that in 2007, almost 129,000 people from those accession countries that joined the EU since 2004 were issued with PPS numbers. The number of Latvians receiving PPS numbers fell from 7,954 in 2006 to 4,674 last year. The downward trend has continued this year, with only 557 Latvians being given PPS numbers in the first two months of the year, compared to 887 over the same period in 2007.

www.ireland.com/newspaper/ireland/2008/0326/1206144724891.html

Government Plans to Establish a Separate Detention Centre in the New Thornton Hall prison Complex for Asylum Seekers or Illegal Immigrants.

<http://www.ireland.com/newspaper/frontpage/2008/0326/1206144727127.html>

Deportation Halted of Mother and Children

The High Court last week granted an injunction preventing the deportation of Sligo-based Nigerian woman Pamela Izevbeckhai and her two daughters. Justice John Edwards granted the injunction due to the failure of Minister Brian Lenihan to explain why he believed there were no grounds to allow the woman to receive a subsidiary protection order allowing her stay in the country.

<http://archives.tcm.ie/sligoweekender/2008/03/25/story35161.asp>

- **EU/International Developments**

UK Migrants say Discrimination Undermines Sense of Belonging in Britain

This research was carried out by the Joseph Rowantree Foundation and is available at: www.december18.net/web/papers/view.php?paperID=6200&menuID=41&lang=EN

FRA Management Board Appoint Director and 2008 Work Programme

In its meeting on 6/7 March 2008, the Management Board, inter alia, appointed FRA's first Director Morten Kjaerum. The Management Board will also adjust FRA's Work Programme 2008, considering the thematic areas included in the MAF.

www.fra.europa.eu

Czech Lower House Passes Anti-discrimination Bill

http://www.romea.cz/english/index.php?id=detail&detail=2007_811

UN Commissioner Urges States to Sign on to Anti-racial Discrimination Treaty

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour this month called for all states to sign up to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and said that "as a matter of urgency" they should also "strengthen law enforcement to ensure justice for victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance."

<http://www.unhchr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/view01/90ABC1E962BACD62C1257410004EE5CF?opendocument>

Development of the European Migration Policy Centre

Europe's migration strategy covers policy areas such as Europe's labour market needs, demographic changes, the integration of immigrants into increasingly multi-cultural and multi-ethnic societies and the fight against illegal migration, while at the same time ensuring a secure environment for the free movement of its citizens. In order to underpin policies that address these complex challenges, the EU may create a special platform where research focuses on the evolving needs of policy-making in the area of migration management. It is from this perspective that Vice-President Frattini supports the establishment of a European Migration Policy Centre (EMPC), the opening of which is envisaged for as early as the autumn of 2008.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/423&format=HTML&aged=0&language=en&guiLanguage=en>

BBC Starts Mentoring Programs to Increase Diversity

The BBC will launch mentoring programs and other initiatives to fill more top positions with ethnic minority and staff with disabilities. The broadcaster plans to tackle their lack of diversity with several measures over the next three years.

<http://www.personneltoday.com/articles/2008/02/27/44595/bbc-takes-positive-action-to-tackle-lack-of-diversity-at-the.html>

2. Upcoming Funding/ Awards

- **EYID: Photo competition - Cultures on my Street**

As the European Union grows together, the European Commission challenges interested people to capture their vision of intercultural dialogue and share it with the world in the competition "Cultures on my street". All European residents, regardless of age or origins, can participate. The idea behind the competition is that the borders within Europe are fading and people from an even greater mix of cultures and backgrounds are coming together, mingling their voices in an ever growing dialogue of their unique stories and experiences. The jury will review all submissions and select the winning entries by the end of June. For more information please check www.street-cultures.eu

- **European Cultural Foundation Grants**

The European Cultural Foundation provides grants for artists and performers to collaborate and network with other young Europeans. There are no application deadlines but applications to the STEP beyond travel fund should be submitted at least eight weeks before the date of travel. The Fund has a particular focus in 2007 and 2008 on promoting Europe's cultural diversity. The fund is available to artists, cultural operators / activists, cultural journalists, cultural translators and cultural researchers. The STEP beyond fund will make a contribution to travel costs, visa costs, and, in certain cases, accommodation costs (through an allowance) of those awarded a grant. It is an asset if the host organisation could support the accommodation costs.

Applications can be made at any time. For more information, visit www.eurocult.org/we-support-cultural-cooperation/programmes/mobility/apply-step-beyond.

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

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

- **Anti-Sectarianism Fund – Department of Foreign Affairs**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Dermot Ahern T.D., announced the launch of the Anti-Sectarianism Fund during his delivery of the annual St. Brigid's Lecture in South Belfast on 27 February 2008.

The purpose of the Anti-Sectarianism Fund is to assist local efforts aimed at tackling sectarianism, supporting projects in communities seeking new and more effective ways of addressing sectarianism and division in society. It is intended that a sum of e1 million will be available to assist suitable projects during 2008. Grants will be given to individuals or organisations looking to develop new projects that will challenge intolerance and sectarianism and will break down barriers between people caused by religious and cultural differences.

Applications forms are available on line at www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=42931

Applications should be addressed to:
Anti-Sectarianism Fund
Anglo-Irish Division
Department of Foreign Affairs
Iveagh House
78-80 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2

- **Fundamental Rights Agency - Call for Proposals JLS/FRC/2007 Operating Grants for NGOs**

The deadline for submission of applications is 2 April 2008.

For more information got to;

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/rights/funding_rights_en.htm

- **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.

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/

- **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 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

- **North-South Masters Bursaries**

The 2008 North-South Masters Bursaries, co-sponsored by Universities Ireland – which the Centre for Cross Border Studies administers – and six individual companies under the auspices of the Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC) and the Confederation of British Industry (Northern Ireland). These generous scholarships, worth €20,000 (approximately £14,800) each, are open to both undergraduates and recent graduates who wish to relocate to a university in the other Irish jurisdiction to do a Master's course or the first year of a Ph.D. in an area of study of relevance to business and industry.

The closing date for applications is 2 May 2008. Further details can be found by clicking on the link: <http://www.universitiesireland.ie/news/scholarship2008.php>.

Contact: Andy Pollak

Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies, and Secretary, Universities Ireland
39 Abbey Street, Armagh BT61 7EB, Northern Ireland
Tel. 028-3751-1550 Fax 028-3751-1721
[048 from the Republic of Ireland]
Email: a.pollak@qub.ac.uk
Website: www.crossborder.ie

- **[The Call for Proposals JLS/FRC/2007 Action Grants Under the Specific Programme Fundamental Rights and Citizenship](#)**

The deadline for submission of applications is 5 May 2008. Please consult the Europa website for further details:

(http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/rights/funding_rights_en.htm#)

- **[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.

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**.

- **[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:

- 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



- Intercultural and Antiracism Week 2008

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

The theme this year is 'Education', focussing on all aspects of both formal and non-formal education. We strongly encourage 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
- 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 has produced 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 circulated 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.

- **Primary and Secondary Schools Public Awareness Campaign**

Date: 7-14th April 2008, Nationwide

- **Union of Students of Ireland (USI) Public Awareness Campaign**

Date: 7-14th April 2008, Nationwide

- **NCCRI and The Equality Commission Northern Ireland Poetry and Short Story Awards**

9th April: NCCRI and The Equality Commission Northern Ireland present an awards ceremony for the winners of Schools Against Racism Poetry and Short Story Competition. Guests of honor include Michael Longley. Location: Linen Hall Library, Belfast. Time: 17hrs.

- **Schools Exhibition on European Union Countries**

Location: Abbey Centre, Ballyshannon, Co Donegal.

- **Public Lecture European Media and Cultural Policy: The Challenges**

The School of Communications - The Theme Leaders Office for Internationalisation, Interculturalism and Social Development, Dublin City University public lecture: European Media and Cultural Policy: The Challenges Delivered by Professor Kevin Robins

Date: Thursday, 3 April 2008

Time: 7.00pm.

Venue: Room HG22, Nursing Building, Dublin City University

This lecture will explore issues relating to media and cultural politics in the contemporary European context. It will offer a critique of prevailing approaches, arguing that they are too nation-centric.

Kevin Robins is Professor of Sociology at City University, London, and a Visiting Fellow at Goldsmiths College, University of London.

Light refreshments will be served before the lecture at 6.30 pm.

We are happy to inform you that we have a new structure in place which could be seen on our new website www.infocentreforimmigrants.com.

Our new email is admin@infocentreforimmigrants.com.

- **Department of Applied Social Studies Seminar to Mark Intercultural and Anti Racism Week 2008**

You are invited to a Seminar on Religion and Belief in Changing and Diverse Societies Tuesday April 8 Th 12.30 – 17.00 at the Renehan Hall South Campus National University of Ireland Maynooth

This seminar will focus on religion and belief issues and their relevance for the diverse and changing societies of The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) participating States. It will provide a particular opportunity to discuss the relevance of these issues for government, local authorities, service providers, NGOs, academics, religious and community and minority organisations who work, or are concerned with the diverse communities which are part of Ireland now. The Seminar aims to bring together civil and public servants, service providers, academics, activists, NGOs, religious, community and youth workers, members of minorities and others to exchange experience and hear of issues and practice elsewhere. It will also provide an opportunity to extend awareness in Ireland of the OSCE and the work of its Office for Democratic Institution and Human Rights especially on Freedom of Religion and Belief matters. The event has been organised by the Department of Applied Social Studies, National University of Ireland Maynooth as a contribution to the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue and to the Annual National Anti-Racism and Intercultural week. Places are limited to ensure good conditions for dialogue and exchange, so early booking is advised.

Please email your details, name and organisation to appliedsocialstudies@nuim.ie before 4 th April if you plan to attend. The seminar is free and a light lunch will be available beforehand in the adjacent Pugin Hall, South Campus.

- **Ireland's First Eastern European Business Forum and Exhibition**

The first Eastern European Business Forum and Exhibition will take place on the 12th of April 2008 at the Dublin Institute of Technology, Aungier Street, Dublin 2. For participation enquires please call 01 8740004 or 0861931072 Max Stoliarov

ms@mercapitalcommerce.com . For sponsorship and exhibition call 0860858364 Iliya Korolev iliya@unistaff.ie or 086 86 36240. Email: Sergey Tarutin gazeta@russinairereland.com

- **Roundtable Discussion with the Polish Community and Irish Service Providers NCCRI in Partnership with the Polish Community of Ireland**

The aim of this event is to provide an overview of the issues and concerns faced by Polish migrants in Ireland and to look at ways in which Irish service providers can link more effectively with the Polish community. The discussion will focus on policy, employment, training, education, health, community issues and culture.

Date: 18th April 2008, 2pm-5pm

Venue: Wynn's Hotel, 35-39 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1

Contact: 018588000 for more information

- **A Cultural Evening Showcasing Polish and Irish Music Initiatives**

This event will take place after the above Roundtable Discussion with the Polish Community and Irish Service Providers

As places are limited please RSVP: Zoe Thomson by Wednesday 16th April 2008.

Telephone: + 353 1 858 8000 | Email: zoe@nccri.ie

Location: The Morrison Hotel, Ormond Quay, Dublin 1

- **Through a Film Darkly"- Arambe Productions in Partnership with the NCCRI**

Janet Wilson is a young English woman living in a rapidly changing post-independence Ghana with Fenyinka, her Ghanaian husband. Like a duck to water, Janet is settling down nicely as an immigrant in this West African country until the day she crosses paths with John Owusu, a Ghanaian who has a few bones to pick with white people since an experience he had as a student in Britain. *Through a Film Darkly* asks if it is ever possible for an immigrant, white or black, not to be made feel like an 'inside outsider' in a foreign land.

Special Matinee performances for Secondary Schools

Venue: The Cube, Project Arts Centre. Previews 1-12 April. Matinees 15:15 Wed 9,16 April and Sat 12, 19 April. Bookings call: 01 8819613. Tickets €15 or €13. Preview €12. (concession) Group discounts available. Contact Ross ross@project.ie.

- **RTÉ Broadcasting Supports Intercultural and Anti-racism Week 2008**

In support of Intercultural and Anti-racism Week 2008 RTÉ is to broadcast a range of themed programming across some of their most popular radio and television shows and through music, documentary and drama programming.

The highlights of the week will include;

- On TV throughout the week the *Seioge and O'Shea Show* will look at the lives of different communities living in Ireland through a series of interviews with Nigerian, Brazilian Polish, Pakistani and Chinese people living and working in different parts of the country.
- On the 7th, 9th and 14th of April respectively RTÉ will broadcast three different documentaries on Islam in Europe, Polish Farmers and Filipino Nurses in Ireland.
- The week will also feature a series of one minute short films on the experiences of immigrants to Ireland.
- On Radio 1, the *Today with Pat Kenny* show will feature a series of reports on the Polish in Ireland from Zbyszek Zalinski and *The Tubridy Show* will feature a range of interviews with people of different nationalities currently living and working in West Cork.
- On Sunday 13th of April Radio 1 will broadcast a comical play about multicultural Ireland by Gavin Corbett, and the *Rhythms of Life* programme on Thursday 10th will feature music and conversation from and with the Brazilian community in Gort, Co. Galway.
- On RTÉ Lyric FM, the *Blue of the Night* programme each night during Intercultural Week will feature interviews with immigrants from Brazil, Lebanon, Poland and Kurdistan to find out how they are getting on with their lives in Ireland and to share with us the music that “brings them back home.”

The full details of RTÉ's programming across radio and television for Intercultural and Anti-racism Week 2008 will be posted on a specially designed website at RTÉ.ie in the week leading up to April 7th. www.rte.ie

- **Hitting The Balance : Islam And Politics In The West**

Speaker: Dr. Ghayasuddin Siddiqui (Leader Of Muslim Parliament Of Great Britain)
 Venue: Trinity College Dublin (TCD)
 Date: 2nd April 2008 (Wednesday)
 Time: 5.30 pm- 8.00 pm

- **Food Festival: Halalicious Extraordinaire!**

Venue: Examination Hall, (RCSI)
 Date: 4th April 2008 (Friday)
 Time: 7.00 pm-9.30 pm

- [Islam Or Integration: The Near Future Of The Muslim Community In Ireland](#)

Venue: Graduate Memorial Building (TCD)

Date: 7th April 2008 (Monday)

Time: 7.30 pm-9.30 pm

- [Islam In Ireland: The Challenge of Coexistence](#)

A Collaboration with NCCRI

Venue: Tr2 & Tr3, (RCSI)

Date: 8th April 2008 (Tuesday)

Time: 5.45 pm-8.15 pm

- [IAW Football Tournament](#)

Venue: Dublin City University (DCU) Sport Pitch (Pitch 1)

Date: 9th April 2008 (Wednesday)

Time: 4.00 pm-7.00 pm

- [Talk: 'Exposed Truth' & Closing Ceremony](#)

(In Collaboration With Interfaith Centre Of DCU)

Venue: Hg 20, Henry Graton Building Dublin City University (DCU)

Date: 10th April 2008 (Thursday)

Time: 6.00 pm -8.30 pm

- [Movie Special: A Caged Bird Sings \(Followed With Q&A Session\)](#)

Venue: Swift Theatre, Art Block, (TCD)

Date: 11th April 2008 (Friday)

Time: 6.00 pm-8.00 pm

- [Occupied Palestine: A Student's Perspectives](#)

By Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Venue: Atrium Gallery, (TCD)

Date: 7th -11th April 2008

- [The Refugee Information Service \(RIS\) will host a Roundtable on Employment for Legally Resident Migrants.](#)

April 2 2008 at the Royal College of Physician, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

- [Health, Faith and Equality Report Launch](#)

The Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin launches a research report "Health, Faith and Equality" on Monday 28th authored by Dr Katy Radford. The report considers the needs, rights, expectations and experiences of those from non-Christian religious backgrounds seeking health care service provision. Invitations from Aideen Woods, on 353 1 218 0538.

- **Social Policy Network Meeting**

The Social Policy Network is a forum for people in voluntary or statutory organisations whose work includes a social policy interest or policy remit.

The role of the Network is to:

- To provide a forum for an exchange of information
- To share experience/expertise of "what works in influencing public policy" (e.g. contacts in relevant government departments)
- To hear how other agencies/organizations approach their policy brief
- networking opportunities
- strategies around approaches to policy
- discussing impact of policy work
- role of policy officers in respective organisations, scope and perspectives on role in different organisations
- a forum for themed discussions
- monitoring policy environment and policy opportunities

The Forum meets approximately every two months.

The details for the next meeting -

When: Wednesday 9th April 2008 (10am to 12pm)

Host: Finglas Cabra Partnership

Where: Rosehill House, Finglas Road, Finglas, Dublin 11.

RSVP: by Monday 7th April, this allows time for the distribution of information prior to the meeting.

If you would like further information about the Social Policy Network meeting, please contact Annette Head, Community Liaison Officer at the Finglas Cabra Partnership, telephone 01 836 1666 or e-mail annette.head@fcp.ie

- **Europe Starts Here - A Celebration of European Culture**

Did you know that the most North Westerly border of the European Union is the one between Belleek and Ballyshannon? A cross border Partnership between the two towns aims to highlight this with a unique celebration of European Culture, with the theme '*Europe Starts Here*' - the event will be held in April.

'The Strengthening Cross Border's Project of the Belleek Erne Partnership is part-financed by the European Union through the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation managed for the Special EU Programmes Body by the Cross Border

Consortium.

Local schools are being invited to research different member states of the EU and do a display on each country. The Schools' EU Exhibition will be on display in Abbey Centre, Ballyshannon, Co Donegal from Monday 7th April – Sunday 13th April.

The Partnership also plans to release hundreds of balloons in a Cross-Border Balloon Race 'Balloons Across Borders'. Local children will be invited to write their messages of Peace to be released on the balloons: Saturday 5th April from 1.30 pm- 5 pm in Hotel Carlton, Belleek, Co Fermanagh

If you would like to know more, or to get involved with this celebration, contact Isobel Cleary or Leza Monaghan at 028 68659041 (048 68659041 from R of I) or email bepartners@freenet.co.uk

- **Crosscare Workshops 2008**

Crosscare's Information Services¹[1][1] have developed workshops in the areas of housing, welfare and migration matters. The aim of these workshops is to offer other information providers an opportunity to up-skill in specific areas. With almost 30 years experience in this work, Crosscare has developed a strong expertise in these areas.

1. How to support people to accessing accommodation in the private rented sector - Tues. 15 April 2008 and Wed. 23 April 2008 (all workshops take place from 10am-1pm)
2. Emergency services and first steps out of homelessness - Tues. 13 May 2008 and Wed. 21 May 2008 (all workshops take place from 10am-1pm)
3. Supporting people to challenge work exploitation – (THIS WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 10AM-2PM ON 2 DATES IN MAY. DATES TO BE CONFIRMED. PLEASE SEND APPLICATION FORM AND WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU WITH DATES)
4. Supporting people who are emigrating from Ireland - Mon., 7 April 2008 and Monday 21 April 2008 (all workshops take place from 10am-1pm)
5. Supporting people who are returning to Ireland – Mon. 14 April 2008 and Mon. 28 April 2008 (all workshops take place from 10am-1pm)

If you have any queries about these workshops please contact: Ciara McGrath 01-8726775 ciaramcgrath@crosscare.ie for info. on workshops 1 and 2 and Richard King 01-8732844 richardking@crosscare.ie for info. on workshops 3, 4 and 5

- **Mayo Youth Intercultural Event**

6 April: Mayo Youth Intercultural Event including a drumming and chanting session. Venue: Mayo Intercultural Action Office, Social Services Centre, Castlebar. 14-16hrs with a presentations from 16-17hrs. Booking is essential. Please contact the MIA office on 094 9044511

- **Schools Exhibition on European Union Countries**

Location: Abbey Centre, Ballyshannon, Co Donegal.

- **Week Long Free Filming Events in the Nerve Centre Derry/Londonderry**

Series of international films documentaries, workshops and outreach screenings focusing on around themes such as racism, discrimination, harassment including racist bullying, and issues such as immigration, asylum seekers, forced labour and the exploitation of migrants. Further information on www.nerve-centre.org.uk or call Bernie Mc Laughlin 71373456

- **Public Meeting on Migrant Rights - Waterford Council of Trade Unions.**

7th April: Public Meeting on Migrant Rights organised by Waterford Council of Trade Unions. Speakers include civil rights campaigner Bernadette McAliskey (formerly Bernadette Devlin) who will discuss how trade unions, community groups and wider civil society can support migrants in their everyday struggles, and Robin Hannon of the Irish Refugee Council who will critically analyse the Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill. Venue: Granville Hotel, Waterford. 20hrs

- **Launch of Equality Reference Guide by Belfast City Council**

8th April: Launch of Equality Reference Guide by Belfast City Council. Location and Time TBC.

- **Celebrating Diversity in Athy**

10th April: Celebrating Diversity in Athy- the first anniversary of the Women's Integrated Network of Athy. Venue: The Hunting Ground, Dublin Road, Athy 10-13hrs.

- **Intercultural Street Carnival taking place at St Louis High School,**

10th April. Location: Rathmines, Dublin 6.

- **Cultural Connections - A morning to Enjoy and Embrace Cultural Difference**

11th April: Cultural Connections - A morning to enjoy and embrace cultural difference. Location: Easkey Community Centre. 11-14hrs. For further information contact caitkeaveney@gmail.com or Easkey Family Resource Centre 09649088.

- **The Sixth North South Intercultural Forum**

11th April: The Sixth North South Intercultural Forum. The theme of the forum is policy and service delivery to support access by minority ethnic communities, including Travellers', to social services and children's services North and South. The forum will examine policy and practice issues that exist in the delivery of appropriate social work services to black and minority ethnic communities and individuals. This builds on the Fifth Intercultural Forum held in November 2007 which reflected on the fact that intercultural dialogue has to date focused in on a health service perspective, and recognised the importance of this being extended to social services, including children's services. The forums are facilitated by NCCRI's North South Initiative 'Synergy.'
Location: Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council, Dungannon, Co Tyrone.
Time: 09:30am. For further information please contact tinu@nccri.ie or 0429352730.

- **[The Garda College Intercultural Day including a Diversity Community Fair](#)**

11th April: The Garda College Intercultural Day including a Diversity Community Fair.
Venue: The Garda College, Templemore, Co Tipperary.

- **[National Youth Council of Ireland Seminar "Taking the Initiative on Intercultural Youth Work](#)**

Roundtable Meeting: "Women from Minority Ethnic Communities in Ireland: Having our Voices Heard." 14 April: Location: Chester Beatty Library, Dublin. Time: tbc.

- **[Roundtable Meeting: Women from Minority Ethnic Communities in Ireland: Having our Voices Heard.](#)**

15th April: As part of European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008 a series of roundtable meetings are taking place nationwide bringing together women from minority ethnic communities to discuss issues and concerns and establish networks. A major conference will be held towards the end of the Year to discuss the outcomes of the meetings and share experiences at a national level. The first of a series will take place in Limerick. Location: Doras Luimni, Limerick. Time: TBC

- **['Smycz' Teatr Polski Wroclaw \(Poland\) in association with Axis, Ballymun.](#)**

23-26th April: 'Smycz' Teatr Polski Wroclaw (Poland) in association with Axis, Ballymun.
Location: Axis Arts Centre, Ballymun. Time: 20:00pm

- **[Cork International Coral Festival](#)**

30 April- 4th May: Cork International Coral Festival, location: Cork. Further information: www.corkchoral.ie

- **[Launch of Health, Faith and Equality Report](#)**

30th April, location: Trinity College Dublin. Time:TBC. Contact: Kate Radford, Irish School of Ecumenics.

- **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

- **Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council Conference:
Racism: Moving Beyond Denial?**

A major conference examining the present acknowledgement of racism, its manifestations and what should be done to tackle it.

Wednesday 30 April 2008

Dungannon Campus: South West (nee East Tyrone) College
Community Relations Week - EU Year of Intercultural Dialogue

Keynote speakers:

Arun Kundnani, Institute of Race Relations

Bernadette McAliskey, South Tyrone Empowerment Programme

Dr Robbie McVeigh, Independent Researcher

Political Parties Q&A Panel:

Chair: Benedicta Attoh (independent practitioner)

Dolores Kelly MLA (SDLP), Richard Watson (UUP), Alex Maskey MLA (Sinn Féin),

Naomi Long MLA (Alliance party)

DUP spokesperson TBC

Workshops and Closing Plenary:

Workshops on the topics of: models for the public sector, racism in the workplace, racism faced by Travellers and on the role of the Assembly.

A spokesperson from OFMDFM will provide government input.

Full details of conference, speakers and a booking form are attached:

Completed booking forms to be sent to: Ligia Parizzi, Anti Racism Officer, Dungannon Council

ligia.parizzi@dungannon.gov.uk or fax (028) 87728650.

- **UN International Roma Day at Pavee Point**

UN International Roma Day will be celebrated on Tuesday 8th of April from 11 - 1pm in Pavee Point Traveller Centre. A number of NGO information providers in conjunction with Crosscare and Pavee Point will be launching an information leaflet aimed at the Roma community, a number of interesting inputs and a celebration event will follow. Further details of speakers and content will follow next week. <http://www.paveepoint.ie/>

- **Our day Against Racism - The Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland**

The Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland announces Multi-Cultural Day 2008.
Official Opening by An Cathaoirleach Denis O'Callaghan / Dun Laoghaire Rathdown,
Saturday 22/3/08 12pm at the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland, 19 Roebuck Rd.,
Clonskeagh, Dublin 14.

Included in the days program is a football tournament with teams from An Garda Siochana, SDFL, ICCI, Algerian Men's Group, and much more. Also on display will be the art works of the many children from diverse backgrounds that share the faith of Islam. Contacts: 01-2080000 / 01-2080006 / 087-2129177

- **2nd Year of Celebrating Diversity in Athy and 1st Anniversary of WIN**

Women's Integration Network (WIN) Athy

Theme: Building Lasting Bridges for Positive Integration

Date: 10th April

Time: 1000-1300HRS

Venue: The Hunting Ground, Dublin Road, Athy

AGM: 2PM-3.30PM

For more Information contact: 085-142-6012

ATTENDANCE IS FREE.

Contact: Frances Soney-Ituen

085-142-6012

gloriousgod2004@yahoo.co.uk & win_220307@yahoo.co.uk

- **Comhlámh's Media Skills**

This course provides participants with the knowledge and essential practical skills to relate more effectively with the media, including broadcast media skills, press release writing skills, and a session around the potential of the new media and creative media events.

The three sessions can be booked independently. The sessions are aimed at NGO Staff
Session 1 - Media landscape and Press Release Skills. For Volunteers who are involved in media management, creating media pitches or who are spokespersons for their organisations/groups.

Wednesday, 2nd of April (10 am – 1 pm)

Session 2 - Media Opportunities and New Media

Wednesday, 2nd of April (2 – 5 pm)

Session 3 - Broadcast Media Skills

Wednesday, 9th of April (2 – 5:30 pm)

Facilitator: Catherine Heaney, DHR Communications.

Venue: The Digital Hub, Crane Street, Dublin 8

Cost per Session: Members e15, Non-Members e20, Unwaged/Student e10.

Places are limited so register now to avoid disappointment.

Contact Nina Sachau on 01 478 3490 or nina@comhlamh.org for more information and bookings.

General Events / Initiatives

- Introductory Training for Civil Society on Preventing and Responding to Hate Crime

Date May 31 - June 2, 2008

Location: OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw, Poland

This two and a half day training will provide civil society organizations with a menu of tools to build a more effective response to hate violence. Using techniques modeled in the training, NGOs will craft and implement strategies tailored to individual country and community challenges. Civil society participants will be trained on a variety of models; from establishing partnerships with officials, to monitoring, and victim support. The training will include lecture, group discussions, interactive activities, and small group work covering all the major topic areas in the resource guide. At the culmination of the training, participants will have an opportunity to propose a small scale project modeled on the training to implement in their community. The training will be conducted in English. Civil society organization leaders from across the OSCE region with experience combating hate crime and intolerance and with a commitment to implement projects and programs as a follow up to the training.

Deadline for submission

March 31, 2008

Deadline for selection

April 15, 2008

- FESTAFRIQUE!

FESTAFRIQUE will be held from Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th July (with African Fashion Market Mon 7th - Fri 11th at the Loft, Powerscourt Centre); and will be launched by Minister for Integration Conor Lenihan TD at the Launch and Photo and Art Exhibition on Thursday at 7:30pm.

Can you please let us know if you are (or someone you know is) interested in exhibiting art work (paintings, steelwork, sculptures, photos, pottery, etc.) at *An African Perception 2008*, the FestAfrique 2008 Launch and Photo and Art Exhibition? If so, can you please reply with your full name and a short bio (4-5 lines) as you would like it to appear on our website and during FestAfrique 2008?

Please note that the exhibition will be happening on Thursday 10th July at Powerscourt Centre on South William Street; participation is free, and you will be able to sell your pieces.

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<http://www.afrimania.com>
<http://www.festaac.com>

- **Racial Harassment in Housing: a Respond! Housing Association Training Course**

Training/Seminars in conjunction with the Chartered Institute of Housing, Northern Ireland. Respond! is the only agent in Ireland delivering training and education courses for the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH), an organisation well established in Housing and Community Development training.

Racial Harassment in Housing on Thursday 17 April 2008

Venue: Respond! Campus, High Park, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

The aim of this course is to help you develop an effective strategy to tackle racial harassment in our area.

For further information on this and other courses, please visit www.respond.ie or www.cih.org/northernireland/training.php

Contact

Tel: 0818 357901

Email: education@respond.ie

- **Global Campaign for Education Action Week**

The Global Campaign for Education's annual Global Action Week will take place from 21st to 27th April. Its purpose is to raise awareness in civil society and lobby for the attainment of the Education for All Goals. Progress has been made but at present the world is so far off track that in many countries these goals will not even be met by 2115 – let alone by 2015! You can help by taking part in the WORLD'S BIGGEST LESSON on the 23rd April at either 9am or 4pm (Irish time) 2008. Tell us about it and your lesson will go towards breaking the Guinness World Records attempt at the world's biggest lesson ever taught at the same time all over the world.

Log onto www.campaignforeducation.ie for further information.

- **European Summer School – European Union Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum**

Dates: 30 June - 11 July 2008 at the UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES

For more information go to: <http://www.ulb.ac.be/assoc/odysseus/Summer08UK.html>

- **Re-imagining Development Education**

Annual Development Education Conference organised by the **Centre for Global Education** on **9 April in St Mary's University College, Belfast.**

The conference will explore new methodologies and actions supported by current

practice and will discuss Development Education future trajectory on the basis of recent policy and practice changes in the sector.

Further information from **Jenna Coriddi**, Training and Research Officer, Centre for Global Education

E: jenna@centreforglobaleducation.com

T: 0044 2890 241879.

4. [Job Vacancies/Calls for Tender](#)

- [Galway City Partnership: vacancies](#)

Galway City Partnership is a local development company implementing a wide range of social inclusion measures funded through Pobal and various Government departments and agencies. To further this work, we now require committed and dynamic persons for the following positions:

Clerical Support Worker (Full Time) APS 1

To provide a quality reception and clerical support service for our busy central office and provide support to various committees through minute taking and Administration.

Youth Advocacy Worker (Job Share – Two and Half Days per week) APS 2

Provide a tracking and support service for young people between the ages of 15 and 20 who have left school with no/inadequate qualifications, in order to enable them to return to relevant education, training or employment.

Successful candidates:

Successful candidates will have relevant experience and qualifications in their areas of expertise and will have a thorough knowledge and an understanding of issues affecting our target groups.

The positions will be based in Galway. We welcome applications from members our target groups. With respect to all positions, an initial one-year contract will be offered, which will be renewed subject to funding.

To obtain an Application Form, Job Description and Person Specification for these positions please contact us at –

Galway City Partnership, 3rd Floor The Plaza, Headford Road, Galway.

Tel: 091 773466 / Email: info@gcp.ie All documentation is also available from our website www.gcp.ie

Closing date for receipt of applications is **5pm on Monday 7th of April 2008.**

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Galway City Partnership is an equal opportunities employer. We welcome applications

- **[Ombudsman for Children's Office: invitation to tender for provision of case](#)**

work services

The Ombudsman for Children's Office wishes to retain a contract for the provision of case work services.

The Office of the Ombudsman for Children was established under the Ombudsman for Children Act 2002. The Office has a dual function of promoting children's rights and investigating complaints against public bodies, schools and hospitals. Complaints are made directly by children or adults on their behalf. Because of this duality of function, the Ombudsman for Children's Office is not only a redress board but a human rights institution which has an important role to play as a national monitor of children's rights and part of the reporting mechanism to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Details of the work of the Office are available on the website www.oco.ie

The Ombudsman for Children's Office is located in Millennium House, 52-56 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1.

The responsibilities of the contractor

The contractor will be, along with other member of the team, the first point of contact for the complainant (both children and adults) through phone, emails and letters. The contractor's main tasks are to:

- Help, advise and guide complainants through the internal/external/local complaint procedures and/or support structures available to the complainant;
- Have an understanding of the issues presented by the complainant and compile a complaint's file;
- Analyse the information provided in the complaint and help assess its admissibility;
- Carry out the preliminary examination of complaints in cooperation with the investigator and in line with the OCO's procedures;
- Liaise with public bodies and complainants on the progress of files;
- Communicate the outcome of the preliminary examination to all the parties involved;
- Present a comprehensive but concise report and analysis of relevant cases to the rest of the investigation team at case reviews;
- Keep the complaints database up to date; and
- Support the work of the Investigation team as required; and
- Carry out any other tasks as deemed necessary by the complaint and investigation team.

Above all, he/she must have a commitment to fulfil the statutory mandate to promoting the rights of children and young people without prejudice.

Person Specification

The nature of the work in this Office is child centred. A commitment to working with children and young people under the age of eighteen is essential. Many of the complaints are complex involving children and their extended family situations. The

individual should be capable of evaluation or analysis of complex and sensitive issues. Being empathetic, fair and impartial with all people (complainants, public bodies, etc) who bring a complaint to the Office is essential to work in the Ombudsman for Children's Office's investigation team.

Skills Required

Interpersonal Effectiveness

The contractor must be able to establish good relationships with a wide range of people. The individual should have the ability to deal with children and young people and officials in Government departments. Many children and families are distressed when they make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman for Children. It is essential that the person be sensitive, empathetic, impartial and guide a child or adult through the process. An excellent telephone manner and ability to listen is essential.

Objective processing skills

The contractor must be able to objectively process and evaluate a wide range of complex information, identifying the main issues for presentation in a report to the Investigator. It is vital that the contractor adopts an open-minded approach to issues and is committed to expressing his/her own opinion on issues based on the evidence available.

Work Management Skills

A contractor must have the ability to organise and schedule work in a timely and resource-efficient manner taking into account future objectives and cost implications. It is essential to be able to manage the workload and to handle problems in a well-organised manner.

Office Base

The Ombudsman for Children's Office will provide office facilities for the Contractor in its offices at Millennium House, 52-56 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1 from the hours of 9.15 to 5.30 Monday to Friday.

Tender process

Applicants should respond to this invitation to tender for the supply of a case work services by forwarding a C.V. and a letter of application to the address below.

Selection will be on the basis of competitive interview. Applicants will be assessed in accordance with the essential and desirable criteria set out in sections 4 and 5 above.

The OCO reserves the right to not to award a contract where no suitable applicant is identified.

Tenders in the form of a C.V and letter of application should be forwarded to:

Charles Reid
Corporate Business Manager
Ombudsman for Children's Office
Millennium House

52-56 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1
Tel 01 8656803

The deadline for the receipt of applications is 7th of April at 12 noon.

- **South Dublin County Council / Create: invitation to tender for Evaluation of Arts Development Programme**

Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts, in partnership with South Dublin County Council (SDCC), would like to receive expressions of interest from consultant(s) to undertake a formal evaluation of arts development activity in North Clondalkin and West Tallaght.

Interested parties should apply in writing, by 12 noon on Wednesday 2 April 2008, outlining previous experience and how the evaluation will be undertaken:
Assistant Director, Create, 10/11 Earl Street South, Dublin 8
or by e-mail to finance@create-ireland.ie

The submission should include the following:

- Response to the details of the brief including the approach that will be taken, methodology, reporting structure and tangible outputs
- Profile of the personnel assigned to the task, experience, qualification, etc
- Proposed scale of fees and how they are derived.

Candidates must be available for interview on Thursday 10 April 2008, at the Create office.

For full details and background information visit www.create-ireland.ie
To request a background information pack email: finance@create-ireland.ie
or tel: 01-473-6600.

- **Business in the Community Ireland - The Linkage Programme: Training and Employment Officers**

Business in the Community Ireland is a unique movement of companies committed to Corporate Responsibility practices. Our purpose is to inspire, challenge and support business in continually improving its positive impact on society in the community, environment, marketplace and workplace.

Training and Employment Officer, Dublin and Cork (3 Posts)

We are seeking to recruit persons with proven experience of working with the socially excluded, particularly ex-offenders / ex-prisoners in a variety of settings to fill three new posts that have arisen. Two posts will be based in Dublin City, and one post will be based in Cork servicing Cork County.

Applications will be welcomed from candidates with exceptional experience but who do not possess formal qualifications. We have a policy of interviewing candidates with disabilities who meet the essential criteria.

Please note: *Access to transport for business is essential.*

Starting salary is in the region of euro 32,470 - 38,443, depending on qualifications and experience. Further details of the posts can be obtained by contacting Eilish Corcoran at 01-8747232 or, email ecorcoran@bitc.ie

Applicants for the above post should forward their Curriculum Vitae by Post, Fax or Email no later than 5.00pm Wednesday 2nd April 2008 to:
Paddy Richardson, Manager Employment Programmes,
Business in the Community Ireland,
32 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1
Fax: 01-8747637 / Email: prichardson@bitc.ie

Interviews for these posts will take place in Dublin on Wednesday 16th April 2008
Please indicate which post you are applying for.

- **National Women's Council of Ireland: Head of Finance and Operations**

The National Women's Council of Ireland - promoting equality, human rights and empowerment for women - seeks a **Head of Finance and Operations**
Salary: Assistant Principal Scale (e64,565 - e80,506)

Reporting to the Director, the post holder is responsible for the integrity, quality and effective management of the NWCI finances; and for the management of administrative operations in line with the Strategic Plan.

Essential requirements:

- At least 5 years experience in a financial management position
- A recognised professional accounting qualification
- At least 3 years experience in the past five years, of management at a senior level
- Working knowledge of the non-profit sector
- Works well under pressure and capable of prioritising tasks effectively
- Works well with people, excellent communication skills

The closing date for completed and signed application forms is Friday 4th April at 5p.m.
Interviews will take place on Wednesday 23rd April.

For job description and application form, please visit our web site at www.nwci.ie/about_us/vacancies
or email: encagc@nwci.ie / telephone: 01 889 84 71

5. Recent Publications and Resources

- **New European Website on Integration**

New European Website on Integration A new EU-wide platform, called Unisys, for networking on integration through exchange about policy and practice, will be launched this year. The project was initiated by the European Commission's Directorate General

for Justice, Freedom and Security and will be developed in partnership with the Migration Policy Group, Social Change Online and Eurocities. The website will contain a broad range of information and documents relevant to immigrant integration such as official EU information, national legislations, policy papers and impact assessments from Member States, documents from civil society organisations and research centres, case studies of integration practices, information on funding opportunities for integration practitioners, country information sheets and an events calendar For further information please visit: www.migpolgroup.com

- **[Committed to Making a Difference: Racism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and intolerance and their impact on young people in Europe \(Symposium report\) \(2008\)](#)**

To place an order directly:

http://book.coe.int/sysmodules/RBS_page/admin/redirect.php?id=36&lang=EN&produit_aliasid=2251

- **[EU Annual Report on Human Rights 2007](#)**

EU Annual Report on Human Rights 2007 is jointly prepared by the Presidency of the European Union, the European Commission, and the General Secretariat of the Council. It covers the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 and gives an overview of the human rights related work of the EU, with regard to third countries and multilateral fora. Section 2 on “developments within the EU” introduces FRA and its work.

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cmsUpload/2007.5997-EN-EU_annual_report_on_human_rights_2007.pdf

- **[European Commission Reveals Plans for EU Border Management](#)**
http://www.ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/frattini/news/default_en.htm
- **[Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2008](#)**

The Commission, on 30 January 2008, adopted the proposal for a Joint Report on social protection and social inclusion. This fourth Report examines more in depth child poverty; health inequalities, access to health care and evolving long-term care needs; and longer working lives and privately managed pensions.

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/spsi/joint_reports_en.htm

- **[EU-OSHA Report on Occupational Safety and Health for Immigrants](#)**

A new report by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) provides an overview of the most important issues relating to the occupational safety and health of migrant workers.

http://osha.europa.eu/priority_groups/migrant_workers/migrantworkers.pdf

- **OSCE Publication- Countering Terrorism, Protecting Human Rights: A Manual**

http://www.osce.org/odihr/item_11_28294.html

- **The Equality Authority – New Models of High Performance Work Systems**

This report, published jointly by the Equality Authority and the National Centre for Performance and Partnership, examines the nature of management and workplace practices in Irish-based private sector companies. It finds compelling evidence that equality and diversity strategies, workplace partnership, and flexible working systems have a positive impact on labour productivity, innovation, and employee well-being.

If you require a hard copy of this report please contact Elaine O'Neill in the Research Section, Equality Authority on 01 4173304 or E-mail eoneill@equality.ie The report can also be downloaded from the Equality Authority website at www.equality.ie/research.

- **Community Cohesion at Local Level: Addressing the Needs of Muslim Communities**

<http://fra.europa.eu/fra/index.php?>

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- **Information Centre for Immigrants New Website**

New website for migrants www.infocentreforimmigrants.com and new email henceforth is: admin@infocentreforimmigrants.com