



# Newsletter December 2008

Inner City Organisations Network

The Community Network for Dublin's North-East Inner City  
22 Lower Buckingham Street, Dublin 1.

## Budget 2009: Grossly Unfair?

By Deirdre McCarthy

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, six weeks earlier than usual the Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan, announced his first budget.

The main changes outlined in the budget included, an income levy of 1%, disappointing increases in social welfare payments, changes in eligibility criteria for some social welfare allowances and the loss of an automatic right to a medical card for the over 70s.

This was the harshest budget in over a decade and the outcry that followed resulted in the government pulling back on some of the proposals. Most publically, they had to revise proposals in relation to medical cards for the over 70s, but the automatic right to a medical card when you reach 70 is now gone.

The Finance Bill (20<sup>th</sup> November), also announced changes to the income levy. The 1% levy will still apply to incomes up to €100,000 a year, (2% for incomes above €100,000, and 3% above €250,120). More importantly, those on low incomes (defined as below €18,304) will be excluded from having to pay the levy.

This budget has changed the trend of recent years; it would appear that the government plan is to cut back on services, income and entitlements. This is going to have the worst affect on the most vulnerable. They are changing universal payments (will Children's Allowance survive further cuts next year?). They have not increased social welfare payments in line with inflation, and they have, for the first time in many years, increased class sizes in schools. Children will be in bigger classes in 2009 than 2008.

Organisations that were established to protect the most vulnerable have also been cut, (the Equality Authority's budget has been cut by nearly half). One wonders were they doing too good a job?

So tomorrow your children will be in bigger classes, there will be less language support, your wages will be taxed more, and if you are on social welfare your money will buy you less tomorrow than today. You will have to pay more for A&E, more to go to college, and get your children's allowance for less time. Overall, this budget was denounced by the Society of the St Vincent De Paul as '*Grossly Unfair, and failing to protect Ireland's most vulnerable families*'.



"More budget cuts. One gown per room. Who wants to wear it first?"

# ICON Health Action Forum

The ICON Health Action Forum is comprised of local community organisations and individuals living and working in the North East Inner City who are exercising their right to participate in health and service development.

A new health care facility is to be built on the Mountainview Court site in Summerhill. This development has provided an opportunity for the community to identify their health needs and to identify the range of services that should be provided within this new facility.

The Forum identified that the planning stages for the health care facility were underway and that it was imperative that the consultation process be initiated quickly to ensure that the community was facilitated to identify their own health and service needs.

Funding was secured from the Dublin Docklands Development Authority and RAPID to undertake a community consultation which began in Spring 2008. Louise Monaghan and Siobhan McGrory, Independent Consultants, were hired following a tender process and were tasked with organising and facilitating community consultations to include the views of marginalised groups (e.g. homeless population, drug users and minority ethnic groups) living in area. In addition an expert panel consultation took place as well as individual interviews. A report is now available.

This consultation is the first phase of a two phase strategy to identify health needs in the North East Inner City. It is envisaged that the second phase will involve a detailed health needs assessment to further facilitate the participation of the community in Primary Care at a local level. It is hoped that this initial consultation will be useful in supporting the community in the process of determining health care needs. The second phase is however dependant on accessing funding.

For further information on the ICON Health Action Forum, or if you would like to get involved, please visit [www.iconnetwork.ie](http://www.iconnetwork.ie) or contact the ICON office 8366890.



**All are invited to attend**

the switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights  
to commemorate all those who have died from drug related causes

**Thursday 11th December 2008**

**5.30pm**

**The Memorial at Buckingham Street**

# HALLOWEEN PARTIES



**Ballybough House Tenants' Association** organised a Halloween Party for the children from the complex on the 29th October. Witches, Pirates and Cats came to the party as well as other creatures (who had no names). A Vampire dropped by as it was getting dark and tried to snatch the children away with no success. The children took part in games such as apple bobbing, basket ball shoot outs and a disco. Although the day was wet and gloomy the children (and adults) had a ball.

**Club 47 Summerhill** ran their first Halloween Party on Thursday 30th October. It was threatening to rain all day and as the group don't have a community room a lot of phone calls were made looking for a venue. Agnes from the Senior Citizens Complex came up trumps for the group as she was able to give the group the senior citizen's room for the party (a special thank you to Agnes). Children from babies to teenagers took part in the party and all had a great time. They played apple bobbing, musical chairs and chocolate marshmallow making (of which the adults ate the most). Each child went home with a big goodie bag and is already looking forward to next year's party.



*If you would like help to organise similar parties in your complex, contact Christine Taylor in ICON.*

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## Housing Maintenance Advocacy Training

**By Christine Taylor**

ICON Tenant's Development Worker, Christine Taylor, in conjunction with Dublin Inner City Partnership and O'Devaney Gardens launched a new Housing Maintenance Advocacy Training. ICON has been aware for many years of the inadequate housing maintenance service that tenants in local authority housing are experiencing. It was felt that it was important to support and enable a number of local authority tenants in the inner city to advocate and negotiate with Dublin City Council for improved maintenance service in their areas.

Funding was secured from the Dublin Inner City Partnership and the Community Participation Project to develop a training programme for tenants in the inner city. The training covers Social Research and Advocacy Training delivered by Community Technical Aid and the Dublin Inner City Partnership. The training has been supported by Dublin City Council. ICON recruited tenants from Ballybough House and Summerhill and they are joined by tenants from O'Devaney Gardens and Teresa's Gardens. It is hoped that the training will lead to improved housing maintenance through informed and assertive involvement by local people in their engagement with Dublin City Council.

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## Dial to Stop Dealing North Inner City Launch

DIAL TO STOP DRUG DEALING is an initiative to tackle drug dealing and the harmful outcomes on local communities. It provides a safe, confidential and completely anonymous way for individuals to pass on information on drug dealing in their local community. The individual is never asked for their name, their address or any other information which might identify them. They can rest assured that the person answering their call will not know them and will not recognize their voice. The information gathered is passed on to the Garda Síochána.

Speaking at the launch on 11th November Joe Costello T.D. said "This is a new initiative to combat the scourge of drug abuse in the North Inner City and nationally... I am calling on any person with information on drug dealing or threats or intimidation in their local area to call the Dial to Stop free phone number 1800 220220 today".

Over the upcoming weeks a variety of printed materials and information promoting the free phone number will be circulated to all households, pubs, clubs, retail outlets, sports group, schools and youth services and community drug projects in the North Inner City area.

**“It’s destroying our kids’ lives. Bringing the area down. Cocaine, Crack, Heroin, Tablets & Cannabis. My kids have seen the dealing first hand. Now I can call someone. They don’t want my name, just information.**

**Finally I can do something.”**

**NORTH INNER CITY  
DIAL TO STOP  
DRUG DEALING  
AND THREATS**

**1800 220 220**

ANONYMOUS AND SAFE. YOU DIAL, WE ACT

**[www.dialtostop.ie](http://www.dialtostop.ie)**

### Larkin Job Club, 57/58 North Strand Road, Dublin 3

Anyone who is ready to work and is between 16 and 64 years of age can join a Fas Job Club. Participants do not have to be on a social welfare payment but if they are, it will not be affected by becoming a member of a Job Club.

#### Job Club Course Content

Training topics include health and safety, rules and regulations, the world of work, C.V. preparation, career planning, job targeting, job seeking skills, and sourcing jobs, applying for jobs, assertiveness, interview techniques, and mock interviews.

#### Job Club Course Duration

Job Club training duration is usually 3 weeks; however back-up services are offered for as long as it takes the participant to get a job.

**An allowance of €20.00 per week is available to all participants on the 3 week training course.**

**Call in or ring me, Bernie Nolan on 856 0711 to arrange an appointment to start your job search.**

#### LARKIN JOB CLUB – Klub Pracy Larkin

Klub Pracy Larkin jest jednostką finansowaną przez FAS, świadczącą usługi związane z poszukiwaniem pracy. Celem naszych działań jest pomoc bezrobotnym w zdobyciu zatrudnienia. Członkami Klubu mogą być osoby bezrobotne i poszukujące pracy, które chcą aktywnie jej poszukiwać, lecz nie znają metod ułatwiających jej otrzymanie. Każdy kto może legalnie pracować na terenie Irlandii oraz jest w wieku pomiędzy 16 a 64 lata może zarejestrować się w naszym Klubie. W naszym klubie zdajemy sobie sprawę, iż proces poszukiwania pracy w pojedynkę może być dość trudny, dlatego też wspieramy indywidualne jednostki w czasie jego trwania. Pracownicy Klubu Pracy pracują z ludźmi z każdego środowiska w miły i profesjonalny sposób. Gwarantujemy pełną anonimowość oraz poufność.

W celu umówienia się na spotkanie proszę zadzwonić pod numer telefonu 01 856 07 11 lub wysłać e-mail na adres

[marta@larkinctr.com](mailto:marta@larkinctr.com)

# An Unholy War in the Holy Land

By Joseph McGucken

I'm Joe. I'm 18 and I live off the North Strand. I've recently returned from a trip to the West Bank in the Occupied Territories of Palestine in the Middle East. It really opened my mind and eyes to what is going on in the world even if it was just one part of the world.

Going to Palestine I didn't really know what to expect. I knew the basic background of what is going on over there. We all do. We hear it on the news and read it in the newspapers. We hear about, suicide bombers, Arabs, bombs, tanks and checkpoints. So I was a bit unnerved at the idea of going over because of that, but when we arrived at our destination it was a shock to see the conditions the Palestinians live in. It's just so surreal. But still, they can just get on with their daily lives, despite the fact of their land being occupied by Israeli soldiers and checkpoints intercepting their destinations.

Also coming from a Catholic background and family, it was a shock to see the way the Holy Land was being treated. The land, where Jesus was born raised and crucified is now, a land where the Palestinians themselves aren't allowed walk. A Palestinian isn't allowed go to Jerusalem even though it's part of their land. It was taken over by Israel against international law but no one challenges it. Israel has total control of where everyone goes in the Occupied Territories of Palestine and there are many check points everywhere to make sure of this. This is the same with many parts of the Holy Lands which are Palestinian lands including Bethlehem, and even the Dead Sea. I spoke to Palestinians and most of them haven't seen the sea in 15 years, because they are refugees in their own country. Nobody deserves to be treated like this. Israeli soldiers, no older than me, are given guns and power. Of course it's going to go to their heads. That's exactly what has happened. Coming close to Christmas we should be thinking about how the Holy Land has changed from how we learned it was to how it is today. The Palestinians are struggling to survive in their own land in Gaza and the West Bank. If we don't speak for them, who will?

*Joe was part of a group of 6 young people from the North East Inner City that undertook a study visit to Israel/the Occupied Territories of Palestine in October 2008 with SWAN Youth Service. They met with Israeli and Palestinian Groups working towards Human Rights and the end of the Apartheid Wall currently being build on Palestinian Land.*

*The group will be available to give talks to schools and community groups of the experiences in the New Year.*

**For further information please contact Eibhlin on (087) 9817511).**



# Recession will not Divert Community Workers in Disadvantaged Communities

By Tommy Byrne



A gathering of over 200 community workers has highlighted the fact that they are determined not to be distracted from their work in disadvantaged communities in the current economic down turn. This was one of the major points raised at a forum hosted on Friday (14 November 2008) by the Dublin Inner City Partnership (DICP) for people in the community, voluntary and statutory sectors.

The event also discussed the way forward aimed at tackling acute poverty in the inner city. This task has been brought into sharper focus with the threat to resources brought on by looming recession. Some of the other themes that arose during the forum were:

- Commitment to even closer working between community, voluntary and statutory sectors
- The need to mobilise expertise and knowledge to fight the Government cuts.

Recent DICP experience and research has shown that high levels of poverty are concentrated in specific areas of the inner city, often hidden by the new apartments with a much wealthier population. The complex nature of persistent poverty experienced by individuals and families requires a new and fresh response. As part of this response the Partnership has organised this event aimed at workers from the community and the statutory sectors involved in delivery of front line services and activities in the inner city. It is also aimed at those involved in local policy formation in response to persistent poverty and disadvantage affecting inner city residents.

The event was chaired by Professor Joyce O'Connor, DICP Chairperson, and presentations were made by:

- Trutz Haase, Social & Economic consultant on the concentration of poverty and inequality in the inner city;
- David Connolly, DICP Director, on the Partnership role and new policies in response to persistent and acute poverty;
- Rory O'Donnell, Chief Officer of National Economic & Social Development Office, on developing tailor made services in response to acute and diverse needs;
- The presentations were followed with an open forum where all participants were able to contribute.

For more information contact DICP at email [office@dicp.ie](mailto:office@dicp.ie) or phone (01) 8721321

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## Cairde's New Advocacy Centre



The Advocacy Centre is a drop-in centre in providing relevant, accurate and culturally appropriate health information and advocacy to individuals and groups from ethnic minority communities to enable them to access and use health services.

You can find out about health services in Ireland, for example GPs, hospitals, maternity services etc..

You can find out about your rights and entitlement to health services

You can find out about many different health issues

If you're having difficulties, you can get support to resolve them e.g help applying for medical card etc..

All services are free and confidential regardless you status in Ireland

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## Dublin Buddhist Centre Opens on James Joyce Street

After two decades of renting in commercial locations, the Dublin Buddhist Centre is putting down roots in a residential area for the first time, at 5 James Joyce Street (formerly Corporation Street). The Centre's main activities are running courses in Yoga and Meditation, as well as in Buddhism. We also work in areas of pain management, living well with chronic illness, stress reduction, non-violent communication etc.

Locally, we have experience of life skills training to voluntary groups such as MS Ireland; people recovering from depression; carers, informal and formal; as well as involvement with intercultural and interfaith organisations.

Internationally our movement is involved in a wide range of activities including fair trade, peace work, community support and development in India including solidarity

with the ex-Untouchable community and so on. We are interested in making connections with the local community and other groups to explore ways in which we might be of service and contribute to the area.

**For further information contact  
Laurence Cox at 8178933 or  
info@dublinbuddhistcentre.org**



# Community Childcare At Risk

By Deirdre McCarthy

A number of community childcare services in the inner city of Dublin are at risk of closing down, while working parents are likely to see significant increases in fees for their childcare, in some cases by more than 100%.

The risks and increased costs are as a result of changes in how the government supports community childcare with the introduction of the Community Childcare Subvention Scheme.

These are the findings of a newly published report, *Community Childcare in Dublin Inner City: A study of the effects of the Community Childcare Subvention Scheme* (October 2008), commissioned by the Dublin Inner City Partnership and the Dublin Inner City Childcare Providers' Network.

The key findings from the twelve inner city childcare providers highlighted that five (or 42%) have had their funding cut, (cuts in funding that was already not enough). The fact is that there is a real risk that crèches who have had their granted income cut will continue to experience grants cuts into 2009. The requirement in the scheme to charge different fees, based on the parent's income/social welfare, will also result in many working parents paying higher fees, in some cases over 100% more.

There is a real concern that this new scheme will act as a poverty trap, where parents will decide to take children out of childcare as they will be unable to pay. Who will lose out? Children in inner city communities, and their families, that is who.

Community childcare is a vital element of the social support of disadvantaged communities. It supports parents to work, learn and access services. It supports family's social role and provides children with a safe, secure and learning environment, giving them the advantage of a pre-school education. It also provides the local community with employment and training opportunities. There are few services that offer so many valuable outcomes for children, families and communities. Some of our community children facilities are at risk of closure, or having to increase fees so much that some local people will be unable to send their children. We must support these vital services in our community, please join the protest on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1pm at SIPTU, Liberty Hall.

**SIPTU and The Dublin Inner City Childcare Providers Network are uniting workers, employers, parents and children by calling for an end to the Community Childcare Subvention Scheme. SIPTU stands for quality, affordable childcare with good jobs. Subvention is an obstacle to achieving these and must be scrapped.**

For more information email [childcare@siptu.ie](mailto:childcare@siptu.ie) or Lo-Call 1890-747881

**Childcare Protest  
Scrap Subvention, Provide  
Adequate Funding**

**Tuesday 9th December**

**1pm**

**SIPTU**

**Liberty Hall**

# The Talbot Centre Celebrates 25 years

By Liam Roe

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008 the Talbot Centre celebrated twenty five years working in the North Inner City. The gathering in the back garden included people from the local community that use and have used the service, representatives from local community, voluntary and statutory agencies and Mr. John Curran, T.D., Minister of State with special responsibility for the Drugs Strategy and Community Affairs.

A mosaic created and donated by prisoners from Mountjoy Prison was unveiled by the Minister. To mark the occasion a booklet entitled "The Talbot Centre, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1983 to 2008" was produced.



Introducing the booklet Mr. Gerry Reid, HSE Area Operations Manager, Addiction Service, said "it is my privilege to introduce this booklet which recognises and celebrates the work of the Talbot Centre over the past 25 years. The Talbot Centre is a unique resource in that its focus is on the support of the young person and their family in dealing with drug and alcohol issues. The Centre has reshaped its services and programmes over the past 25 years to reflect the changing nature of the drug problems in the inner city".

The Talbot Centre located on Buckingham Street is now the longest established drug education and prevention project for young people in Ireland. In 1983 the Talbot Day Centre was set up by the Eastern Health Board in response to requests made by a local committee who were concerned at the rapid increase in the number of young people in the area using drugs. Out of this need, the Talbot Centre was established. The day to day operation of the Talbot Day Centre of 1983 bears little resemblance to the Talbot Centre of 2008, yet the core aims, client group, and ethos remain the same.

The history of the Talbot Centre has accordingly been characterised by a flexibility and capacity to adapt to changing needs and a commitment to reflect on what works. The work of the Centre over these twenty five years has involved; targeting vulnerable groups of children and parents in local projects, prisons and schools; using community development principles and working with the local voluntary, community and statutory groups.

Drug use, legal and illegal is an integral part of life in Ireland and specifically in the north inner city. The Talbot Centre is uniquely positioned at the heart of the community to respond to children and young people affected by problematic drug use. Over the years the Centre has offered a safe and stabilising space for many children, young people and families and this continues to be core to the ethos of the Talbot Centre. Part of the charm and strength of the Centre is that it is small and it is based in what could be a family home, where the atmosphere and ambience is homely. Many of the families, children and young people who now attend the Centre have done so for years and continue to do so as the need arises.

The Talbot Centre will continue to work in a collaborative integrated manner with relevant agencies so as to offer those who use the service a richer coordinated response to their needs. This work with children young people and their families is a vital contribution and investment for future generations.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those agencies which are part of ICON that have worked alongside us over these twenty five years. Alone we are tiny. Together we can be mighty. We look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

To access the service a person must be under 20 years and must be living in the North Inner City. Referrals can be made from statutory and community organisations, or the service can be contacted directly tel 01 8363434/01 8366746.

# NYP 2 social housing project, Paraguay, 2008/9

By Fergus McCabe

NYP2, under the aegis of Habitat, the international social housing agency, is organising a group of young people and leaders to participate in a house building project with local people in a disadvantaged area of Paraguay next July 2009. The project will involve up to sixteen young people and three leaders going to Paraguay for two weeks to help local Paraguayan people build affordable housing units. Prior to going to Paraguay there will be a number of workshops and training seminars here in Ireland that all potential volunteers have to participate in.



When in Paraguay the project will involve sleeping and living in very basic accommodation while doing physical work on the building of basic housing units under the supervision of qualified Habitat personnel and in collaboration with local people. The venture will also involve cultural and social interaction between the two groups and will hopefully promote an ongoing relationship between the Paraguayan and Irish groups. It is sure to test everybody's physical, mental and emotional strengths and can in no way be described as a holiday. The project will however be a huge personal challenge and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and privilege for all who get the chance to participate.

The NYP2 group will be an "international brigade" with about 50% of the participants being Irish nationals and the rest coming from countries such as Nigeria, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Romania, Poland, Austria, Vietnam, Moldova and Armenia. The huge majority of the NYP2 group, both the Irish nationals and those young people from new communities now living in Ireland, reside in the north inner city area and all of the young people are currently attending, or have attended local secondary schools such as Larkin Community School and O'Connell Schools CBS.

The overall cost will be in the region of 60,000 euros (3000 euros per person) and an essential part of the initiative will involve the whole group in organising fundraising events and seeking corporate and other sponsorship. Starting in September of this year we are organising a series of local fundraising events such as quizzes, race nights, sponsored walks etc, etc, as well as approaching organizations and businesses for sponsorship.

Support for this project can be via direct sponsorship of a young person(s), by a financial contribution to the overall project, or by financial support to one of our fundraising events. It is important to stress that unless we can organise sufficient sponsorship the project is unlikely to happen.

**For Further Information, or if you would like to make a donation please contact NYP2 at 8561316**

**Adult & Community Education Programme**

City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?

- Understand maths?
- Learn how to use a computer?
- Improve your writing skills?
- Build your confidence?
- Try something new?
- Get a Certificate?
- Make new friends?
- Help your children with their homework?

Education can make a difference to your life and that of your children.

The Larkin Centre in partnership with the City of Dublin VEC is preparing its education programme for 2008-2009 and we would like to hear from you. Your ideas will help us decide on what courses to run.

If you want to find out more contact:

Anthony Murphy	8365544
Anne Flannery	8099004

# Ethnic Minority Health Forum (EMHF)

By Tonya Sanders

The Ethnic Minority Health Forum (EMHF) is a forum of ethnic minority community groups who meet to identify and address issues which impact on the health of their communities.

In recent months the EMHF members were persuading their health agenda on behalf of their communities to the HSE

bodies in Dublin area. The EMHF organised several meetings with the HSE Northern Area to discuss issues that affect ethnic minorities in the North Inner City Area, the aim of this partnership is to tackle barriers and difficulties that ethnic minorities



are experiencing in accessing health services; representatives from EMHF who attended meetings were very anxious about this development and are keen to meet with HSE policy makers and work with them on how to make the health services better accessible, some of the issues were covered includes;

1. Medical Card, accessing medical card is a problematic for many ethnic minorities, lack of information.
2. Maternity Services: There is a lack of information, support and explanation when accessing maternity services. Some ethnic minority women still getting invoices when availing maternity services; Lack of information on rights and entitlements.
3. Primary Care; Nothing has changed for people on the ground, even if primary care team were set up.
4. Habitual Residency; there are habitual residency condition limitations; Supplementary Welfare Allowance refused due to habitual residency condition.

However, agreed actions have been progressed and are due of final implementation; Such as initiating direct contacts and meetings with Mater and Rotunda hospitals to discuss barriers and concerns experienced by ethnic minorities

**The Ethnic Minority Health Forum is also a member of the ICON Health Forum.**

## Health Promotion Training

Cairde is developing an Intercultural health promotion project and has identified a need of community participants for academic input on health promotion, which recent Cairde/DCU research also identified.

The aim of this module is to introduce ethnic minorities to the concept of health promotion. The module aims to help Ethnic Minority Health Forum members to make application of the principles of health promotion to different settings and populations.

For further information contact: Cairde, 19 Belvedere Place, Dublin 1,

Tel: 01-8552111

Email: [cdh@cairde.ie](mailto:cdh@cairde.ie)

Website: [www.cairde.ie](http://www.cairde.ie)

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# Notice board

## Funding

- **The Community Foundation for Ireland** supports projects involved with Carers, Older People, Families at Risk, Ethnic minorities, Sexual Minorities and Mental Health and Integration. Applications accepted by 29th February, 31st July and 30th October. For further information phone 874 7354 or email [info@foundation.ie](mailto:info@foundation.ie)
- **Community and Voluntary Grants Scheme** Refurbishment Grants, Equipment Grants and Training Grants. There is no closing date for receipt of applications but Pobal has advised to submit them as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted on the official forms only, which can be downloaded from [www.pobal.ie](http://www.pobal.ie)
- **Grundtvig In Service Training Grant (Adult Education Sector)** Funding for the delivery of adult education in the formal and no-formal sectors to enhance skills and broaden awareness of lifelong learning. The deadlines for 2009 are 16th January, 30th April and 15th September. Information is available at [www.leargas.ie/education/grundtvig/action3.html](http://www.leargas.ie/education/grundtvig/action3.html)

## Jobs

- **Employment and Skills Mediator (Part-time) Position at ICRG.** For further information please view the jobs section at the ICON website or for an informal discussion about the post contact Stuart at 087 0622023. CV and covering letter should be sent to Linda Costello, ICRG, 57 Amiens Street, Dublin 1 or [Linda@icrg.ie](mailto:Linda@icrg.ie) by 8.30am on Monday 8th December.

## Courses

- **Ozanam House Resource Centre Adult Education Programme** Next Registration Date will be January 12th 2009 from 9am-9pm. Programmes include Cookery, Drama, Home Furnishing, English Language, yoga, Dance, Art Class. The programmes run for 10 weeks starting on January 19th. For further information contact Ozanam House at 8742804 or [ozanamhouse@iol.ie](mailto:ozanamhouse@iol.ie)
- **North Centre City Community Action Project (NCCCAP)** Places are currently available, for further information contact 01 8366957.

## Miscellaneous

- **Busy Bees** High Quality Pre-loved furniture available at the shop in Summerhill at very competitive prices. We will also take away unwanted household clutter. Call for a quote 086 8339684
- **Good Practice Guide to Community Participation** A simple to use resource offering solutions to some of the barriers facing people's participation and also highlighting the challenges and models of best practice in the promotion and development of community participation. Copies are available from the Community Participation Project c/o ICON 8366890 or [iconet@iol.ie](mailto:iconet@iol.ie). Copies are also available to download at [www.iconnetwork.ie](http://www.iconnetwork.ie)
- **The A-Z Directory of National Voluntary Organisations and Other Agencies in Ireland** the 12th edition is now available from the Citizens Information Board. Copies of the Directory can be ordered by contacting the Citizens Information Board at 01 6059000 or by email to [info@ciboard.ie](mailto:info@ciboard.ie)
- **Monitoring Cutbacks in Frontline Services** A new pilot web based database on frontline services that have experienced cutbacks or closure due to unavailability of funding has been launched by the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice. The website can be found at [www.jcfi.ie/cutbacks](http://www.jcfi.ie/cutbacks)
- **Women's Aid Christmas Cards on Sale Now** All proceeds go directly to the Women's Aid National Freephone Helpline **1800341900**. To place your order contact Stefania Demurtas on 8684721 or be email to [stefania.demurtas@womensaid.ie](mailto:stefania.demurtas@womensaid.ie)
- **Prospecting, Connecting you to your Future**, a show on Dublin City Radio 103.2fm provides a forum for you to ask questions on your career, further education, welfare and finance. Tune in weekly 1-1.30pm. Contact Peter in ICRG at 8557207 or [peter@icrg.ie](mailto:peter@icrg.ie)