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Community Service Graffiti Removal

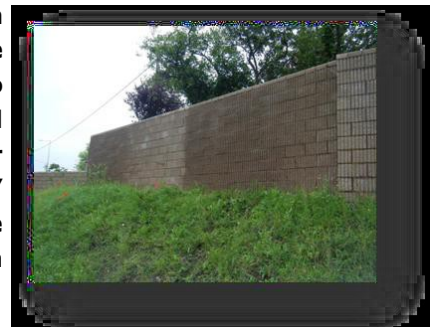


Graffiti has been an issue for many years, defacing public buildings, private homes, children's playgrounds and bus shelters. Nowhere is immune. Whole neighbourhoods feel the demoralising effect as their area is daubed in unsightly graffiti and clean up is costly. The Probation Service is currently working with Cork City Council in a joint project to remove Graffiti from property. The Probation Service now has the capacity to do more graffiti removal work and would be interested in hearing from community projects throughout the city who would be interested in availing of this service. This might be of interest to community development groups or those responsible for public buildings such as schools and churches.

The Probation Service in Cork has currently over 300 individuals subject to Community Service Orders. The Graffiti Removing Project works as follows. The City Council provides the Probation service with a list of locations where Graffiti needs to be removed. The City Council can prioritise the work, so that offensive graffiti is removed as soon as possible. The Probation Service has trained Supervisors who will take responsibility for up to 8 offenders subject to Community Service Orders and will instruct and supervise the offenders in the completing the Graffiti removing task. The Probation Service provides all the necessary equipment to complete the task and Cork City Council provides the graffiti removal chemicals. Where Graffiti is placed on a painted surface, it makes more sense to do a paint over of the area. In this situation it will be necessary for the organisation requesting assistance to provide the paint required. The Probation Service would be interested in hearing from any community based groups who would like to avail of this service. Once the Probation Service has the approval from City Council, work can commence. A referral for Graffiti removal work can be made by either writing to Tony Coughlan Senior Probation officer, Probation Service, St Nicholas Church, Cove Street Cork or email txcoughlan@probation.ie. If emailing please ensure the subject title of you email is "Graffiti Referral". Include the contact details of a representative of your organisation and the full



address of the location where Graffiti needs to be removed. If you wish to discuss your project and you require further information to "clean up" your area you can phone Tony Coughlan on 021.4836700.





Grants available to Communities

Cork City Council is inviting applications from community groups and residents associations for funding for Community Area Maintenance Grants. The grants are intended to fund community initiative with a litter prevention focus. Application forms and details of conditions are available from Environment Department Room 232, City Hall, Cork. Tel. 4966222 extension 4308. You can also make contact by email environment@corkcity.ie. The closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Friday 22nd April 2011.



Human Rights in Ireland

Members of the public and organisations generally are invited to highlight issues of concern regarding Ireland's human rights record. A report for the United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process will be prepared concerning Ireland's domestic human rights situation. All submissions received will be examined and considered in the compiling of Ireland's National Report which must be submitted to the UN by Monday, 4 July 2011. The Universal Periodic Review is one of the major innovations of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council (established in 2006) whereby the domestic human rights records of all 192 UN Member States are reviewed every four years. 48 countries are reviewed each year and Ireland's first review under the UPR process will take place on 6th October 2011. Members of the public can use this opportunity to make submissions on issues of importance in the area of human rights in Ireland. To ensure that submissions can be taken into account they should be submitted no later than Monday, 6 June 2011. For more information and guidance to prepare a submission please visit the website, www.upr.ie or Tel 01.643130 Email: eolas@pobail.ie



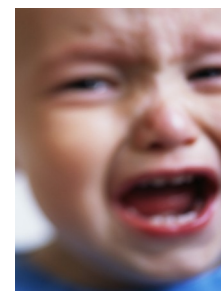
Digital Television in Ireland



RTÉ is planning to launch SAORVIEW in May 2011. SAORVIEW will operate alongside the existing analogue terrestrial TV network until the analogue network is switched off in late 2012. The switch-off of the analogue TV network will release additional spectrum for commercial purposes which will produce significant benefit to the Exchequer.

"How Children Heal from Stress and Trauma"

This course will be of interest to professionals and parents. It provides an overview of the sources and symptoms of stress and trauma, including a discussion on violence, hyperactivity, fears and attachment disorders. It will be presented in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee, Co Kerry on Tuesday 31st May 2011. Cost €70 per person includes a Light lunch. Booking essential as places are limited. For more information contact Samantha Fitzgibbon Tel: 0876406064





Would you run for Saint Lukes

St. Luke's Home, Cork has recently established a Charitable Foundation aimed at raising funds for St. Luke's residential programmes. They wish to provide additional support services to ensure they can continue to provide the best care to residents, their families and to the wider Cork community. They are asking for your support to help achieve their goals. One of their first objectives is to purchase a new bus for the home.

They say this is an essential part of their community outreach and day care programme. The event you are encouraged to support is the Cork City Marathon on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th June 2011. You can enter On-line by visiting www.corkcitymarathon.ie Entry forms also available at St. Luke's Home.

Housing Seminar



Housing is a critical part of the Irish economy. The management or mismanagement of the sector over the past number of years has greatly contributed to the economic crisis we now find ourselves in. This half-day seminar will examine housing in Ireland from three different perspectives: (1) The housing sector's contribution to the current economic crisis. (2) The impact of contemporary policies. (3) Future plans, future direction for the housing sector? The seminar will take place 20th April 2011 (10am-1pm) and will be delivered by Aoife Walsh, Respond! National Housing Spokesperson. The cost of the course is €50. The Venue is Respond! Housing Association, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin.

Free Book for Pensioners



The annual Pensioners Handbook is now available for seniors and carers. This free guide provides practical information and advice on issues such as allowances and entitlements for seniors, elder care options, home safety information and other issues relative to older people. It also has a directory of older person's organisations and other useful contacts for seniors and carers. For a free copy of the Irish Pensioners Handbook call (021) 500 2190.

Court Fines Collection Service

Under a Department of Justice initiative, Fines Collection Services (FCS) has been engaged to provide a collection service for overdue court imposed fines. FCS are entitled to make contact with defaulters by letter and phone. **FCS do not have powers to arrest or to seize goods.** If you have any queries in relation to the details of a fine or if you wish to enquire as to the procedures for lodging an appeal or an extension of time to pay a fine, you should **contact your local court office.**



Circles of Support : A "Circle of Support" Course will take place on 30th April in the Maldron Hotel, Shandon, Cork from 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. The idea of a Circle of Support is to help someone establish a social network when they have experienced broken relationships. This workshop aims to assist people to develop, facilitate and maintain Circles of Support that will make positive life changes. For further information contact Fidelma on 087.1424797



New Bus Arrival Information Service

A new information service has been developed on behalf of the National Transport Authority. It will be launched in Dublin and then in cities across Ireland. The system is currently being tested using information signs at a number of bus stops in Dublin. Stops displays will show arrival times for buses, updated in real time. The plan is to roll out signs at approximately 450 stops as quickly as possible. A web and text messaging service will also be available later in 2011.

Meet the Staff

Jilian Casey-Kenny is a Client Service Officer with Cork Local Employment Service based in Cork City Partnership office Blackpool. Jilian is married to Ray and is mummy to Tuan Anh who is two years old. In recent months her social life she contends has literally "gone out the window" due largely to the aforementioned very energetic



growing bundle of energy. When she does get the odd "outing" she can be found at a Cork City Soccer game or at a good gig somewhere like the Savoy or the "Pav". Jilian says she was always a feline freak and her current cat is called "Taz" a lazy tabby who likes to eat occasionally but sleep mostly. Jilian is currently extending the family and Hubby Ray and herself are looking for a little puppy for their little boy Tuan Anh. Jilian adores travel which in the past has taken her on the piste in the snow to camel riding in the sun. Their next travel adventure will be to return to Vietnam to reacquaint their son Tuan Anh with the land of his birth. A lotto win would be really welcome in that regard according to Jilian. In the meantime evenings by the fire and strolls in the park help them cut down on expense as they save for their much awaited return trip to South East Asia.



Community Moving

The community / voluntary sector is moving from Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs and will be under the auspices of Minister Phil Hogan's Department of Environment, Community and Local Government .



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