

## Options 4 U – Providing Support for Young People out of Work

Last February the Partnership ran an information and advice event for local young people who had lost their jobs or who had just left school and were looking for work.

Many local services and employment support agencies set up stalls on the day in St Michael's Parish Centre. Those attending included the Local Employment Service, Job Club, VEC Colleges, An Garda Síochána, FAS training, intercultural groups, community organisations and volunteer services.

The decision to run the event was based on the fact that unemployment among young people in the area has more than doubled over the last 3 years and there are fewer job opportunities coming on stream.

A large number of young people attended the event and they took advantage of the sessions on CV writing as well as responding to questions on what they would like local services to



Options 4 U: Local young people attended the information & advice event to become better informed on a variety of options that are open to them

do for young people.

Many signed up for participation in a Job Club being run by the Canal Communities Local Employment Service for people under 25. The Job Club has since taken place and all of the participants were provided with interview

training and CV preparation.

They also got free access to stationery, stamps and the use of telephones, photocopiers and computers.

If you are under 25 and would like a place on a Job Club contact Jackie Colgan at (01) 453 7324 ■

## Art: Changing Attitudes to Disability

The *Disability 1 Initiative* launched a public exhibition on art and disability in Dublin City Council Civic Offices' Wood Quay Venue on 28 April. The exhibition, which is the start of an initiative that aims to change attitudes to disability through the use of the arts, was officially opened by Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Jimmy Deenihan TD.

The *Disability 1 Initiative* consists of a group of Dublin based Partnerships that want to ensure that disability is prioritised as part of their social inclusion work over the coming years.

The event was so well attended some people had to be turned away on the day.

Following on from the exhibition the outcomes will be evaluated by the groups involved and the next steps will be planned. For further information contact Maureen McGovern at (01) 473 2196 ■

## Local Work Placement Programme to Recruit 20 Unemployed People

A new community work placement programme which is being funded by the Department of Social Protection (DSP) and managed by the Partnership will soon begin recruiting 20 people to fill the places allocated for the Canals area.

The programme, Tús, is a work initiative which will provide short-term quality and suitable working opportunities for people who are unemployed.

Participants will work in local community organisations. As well as providing a work placement for the participant the projects engaging the participants will benefit by

having more support to deliver a broad range of services to local communities in Bluebell, Inchicore, Kilmainham, Islandbridge and Rialto.

Local community organisations have been invited to express an interest in taking on Tús participants and a Team Leader post has been advertised.

When the Team Leader post has been filled and the vacancies in the local community organisations have been established recruitment of participants will begin.

For further information contact Denis Geoghegan (01) 473 2196 or email [info@canalpartnership.com](mailto:info@canalpartnership.com) ■

## Childcare Training Events

The former Childcare Information Bureau has been relocated from Crumlin village to Ballyfermot and is now called *South Central Local Childcare Resource Service*.

Although located in Ballyfermot the service caters to people from Bluebell, Inchicore, Kilmainham and Rialto.

It provides information on

grants and supports available for childcare providers; training and career path information; service of voluntary & statutory agencies and information on the Dublin City Childcare Committee.

The service is currently offering a variety of training relevant to childcare which is listed in the panel below.

For further information on training or other childcare topics contact: South Central Local Childcare Resource Service, 4 Drumfinn Park, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. Tel (01) 6235612 ■

Courses	Venue	Date	Cost
Occupational First Aid	Drimnagh	14 May	€40
Paediatric First Aid	Bluebell	21 May	€25
Workplace Safety	Inchicore	28 May	€25

For details email: [childcare@ballyfermotpartnership.ie](mailto:childcare@ballyfermotpartnership.ie) or Tel (01) 6235612

## Find Work or Source Training

If you are out of work and you live in Bluebell, Inchicore, Kilmainham, Rialto or Islandbridge you should make an appointment with Canal Local Employment Service where you will get help finding either work or other suitable options.

All current vacancies on the FAS jobs database are accessible as well as information on other job opportunities. You will also get support in setting a realistic approach to getting a job or taking up further training or education.

Once you have become a client of the LES you will be able to get support with:

- Looking for a job
- Getting training to suit your needs
- Writing a CV
- Preparing for job interviews
- Getting information on further education
- Exploring the self-employment route
- Getting a place on a local Job Club
- Accessing both FAS and local training opportunities

To become a client of the LES and avail of these services, all you have to do is make an appointment to meet with a mediator. You can do this by telephoning or calling in to one of the LES offices in Bluebell, Inchicore or Rialto.

(See the panel opposite for addresses and telephone numbers of LES offices)

## Start Your Own Business

Canal communities Partnership offers an Enterprise service to people who are out of work and would like to explore the possibilities of setting up their own business. As well as advice and support, business start-up training is also offered to clients of the service.

If you have a business idea and want to find out how to put it into action call our Enterprise Co-ordinator Liz Byrne at (01) 453 7229, Wednesdays & Thursdays.

## Canal LES Work Related Training

Canal Local Employment Service offers a selection of work-related training courses to their clients. Most of the courses are FETAC level 4 or 5 accredited and the duration times for the courses range from 1 day to 8 weeks. Below is a sample of the courses that will be run in 2011.

For further information on times, dates and other details about courses contact:

**Janet Shanks at (01) 453 7229 or email her at janets@canallesn.ie.**

Administration Courses	Health & Safety Courses	Other Courses
Computerised Accounts	Occupational First Aid	Customer Service & Sales
Computer Beginners	Paediatric First Aid	Payroll
Keyboard Skills		Executive Networking
Computer Improvers		

## Job Clubs for 2011

If you are out of work the Job Club service in the Goldenbridge Integrated Complex in Inchicore can offer you the opportunity to learn what you need to know in order to focus clearly on getting a job.

You will not only receive coaching in how to do that, but you will also be given free access to resources such as stationery, stamps and the use of telephones, photocopiers and computers. You will also learn how to do interviews and develop a plan of action to get back to work.

The Job Club is open to anyone who is ready to work between the ages of 16 to 64 years. The service is free and if you are on social welfare you keep your payments while you are on a Job Club Programme.

### Job Clubs 2011

9 May - 27 May

6 June - 24 June

8 August - 26 August

For further information contact Jackie Colgan at (01) 453 7324 or email her at: jackiec@canallesn.ie

## Register with the LES

### Inchicore, Kilmainham, Islandbridge

Canal LESN Inchicore  
103 Tyrconnell Road  
Inchicore  
Tel: (01) 473 1881  
Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm  
2pm to 5pm

### Rialto

Canal LESN Rialto  
398 South Circular Road  
Rialto  
Tel: (01) 454 0935  
Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm  
(open through lunch)

### Bluebell

Canal LESN Bluebell  
La Touche Road  
Bluebell  
Tel: (01) 409 7850  
Monday & Tuesday 8am to 5pm –  
Wednesday & Thursday 9.30 to 1pm

If any of the offices above are not available ring the **Goldenbridge office (01) 453 7229**

## FAS Work Placement Programme

The Work Placement Programme is a FAS initiative which can offer you the opportunity to

obtain nine months experience in a work situation. While the placement is unpaid, you may qualify to retain your social welfare payments during the placement.

To qualify for the Work Placement Programme you must be in receipt of one of the following for at least 3 months;

Job Seeker's Allowance; Job Seeker's Benefit; Disability Allowance; Blind Pension Invalidation Pension; Illness Benefit; or Lone-parents allowances.

For further information on the Work Placement Programme you should contact your Local Employment Service office (see panel above).