

# **Informational Bulletin**

*Weekly update for CIL network*

## **CIL News**

Dear all members of Independent Living Network,

Welcome to the second issue of 2009.

This issue is focussing mostly on education, training, funding and publications, as there is a lot happening at the moment and funding applications have deadlines that we all have to meet.

Quick reminder for those of you who haven't submitted the FAS Survey – email that to me as soon as you can please, as I would like to present the results to the Council Officers so they can progress on the agenda for our next Council Meeting.

Also if you haven't received your invitation to the Launch of Strategic Plan of CIL Carmichael House and Strasbourg Freedom Drive 2007 DVD – do contact me if you wish to join us. The venue is Park Inn (Smithfield, Dublin 7), 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009, starting at 2pm.

Hope you are all keeping up the good work. Let me know if there's something new happening in your area or organization. And of course – your feedback on this bulletin is extremely important, so do send me comments or any ideas on what you would like to be included in this.

My contact details haven't changed:

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Until next Friday!

Best Regards,

Barbora Korandova  
Finance & Communication Officer  
Center for Independent Living

## **National Affairs**

### **Charities Bill Update**

The Charities Bill now passed through both Houses of the Oireachtas. The Dail should be approving the amendments that were made in the Senedd in next few months. Then the Bill will pass to the President to be signed into law. The Minister indicated that full implementation is to take up to two years. A special workshop on the new Charity Regulation is to be held by the Wheel in Dublin on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009 (9.30am – 12.30pm). To register for this event or for more information please contact Ivan Cooper at 01-4548727 / [ivan@wheel.ie](mailto:ivan@wheel.ie)

## **European Affairs**

### **Motion for the European Parliament on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union 2004-2008**

Some of you might be interested in this document:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+REPORT+A6-2008-0479+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN#title1>

The motion has been discussed in the parliament on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and the report created by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.

## **Funding Available**

### **The Community Foundation for Ireland's Small Grants Scheme (2009)**

Projects leading to social inclusion of people and communities who are excluded by reason of geography, race, age, disability, family circumstances, poverty or gender will be favoured.

The deadlines are as follows:

27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 (receiving the grant in April)

31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 (receiving the grant in September)

30<sup>th</sup> October 2009 (receiving the grant in December)

Guidelines along with the application form can be found at the following website:

<http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/>

For additional information please call 01-8747354.

### **Sir George Quigley Award Fund**

Annual award of the Ulster Bank aiming to help the community and voluntary sector in Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to achieve long-term sustainability through practical actions such as development / implementation of a strategy for organizational sustainability and learning from experience and sharing with others. The successful organization will receive €5,650. Deadline for the applications is 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Informational leaflet:

<http://www.communityfoundationni.org/download/1/UB%20GEORGE%20QUIGLEY%20BROCHURE.pdf>

Application form:

<http://www.communityfoundationni.org/download/1/UB%20Application%20form.doc>

### **Vodafone Ireland Foundation**

Vodafone Ireland Foundation's World of Difference Programme is offering up to four Irish residents a chance to work for a charity of their own choice for a year. Successful applicant will be offered a salary (€40,000) and necessary expenses to enable them to support the charity of their own choice not only as a volunteer. Deadline for the applications is 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009. The application is available at the link below:

[http://www.vodafoneirelandfoundation.ie/apply\\_wod.php](http://www.vodafoneirelandfoundation.ie/apply_wod.php)

For more information contact Kate O'Herlihy at 087-9495667 / [kate.oherlihy@vodafone.com](mailto:kate.oherlihy@vodafone.com)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **National**

#### **Getting to Grips with Governance**

The Wheel in partnership with Boardmatch organizes another event focused on the governance within an organization, liabilities of governing bodies and development & improvement of good governance practice in Dublin on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and in Athlone on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009. The registration starts at 9.15am and the cost of the workshop is €45 members / €80 non-members. For more information please contact The Wheel at 01-4548727 / [info@wheel.ie](mailto:info@wheel.ie)

## **Count Me In!**

Including People with a Disability in Local Government Structures and Services – that's a title of the National Conference of Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI). The conference is going to take place in Hilton Dublin Kilmainham on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The admission fee is €100. The purpose of the conference is to bring stakeholders together to discuss how to work collaboratively to ensure that the wide variety of needs of people with disabilities are represented within the local government structures. It is also to ensure that the full range of services and facilities offered by Local Authorities and other state agencies at local level can adapt to meet these needs.

If you should require more information or would like to book a place, please contact Eleanor Reece at 01-4547978 / [conference@disability-federation.ie](mailto:conference@disability-federation.ie)

## **Publications**

### **Le Cheile**

Newsletter published by The Wheel (the latest issue – Winter 2008) can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.wheel.ie/user/content/view/full/1958>

In this issue you can read more about the conference Partnering for Success (20<sup>th</sup> November 2008), The Inaugural National Fundraising Awards (30<sup>th</sup> September 2008), what are the areas of concern in relation to the Budget for 2009, about Equality and Rights Alliance, the Charity Bill, HSE Service Level Agreements or have a look at the spring events calendar.

### **All In... Social Inclusion (Dublin City)**

A newsletter published by Dublin City's Social Inclusion Unite is available online at the following link:

[http://www.dublin.ie/uploadedFiles/City\\_Development\\_Board/Christmas\\_2008.pdf](http://www.dublin.ie/uploadedFiles/City_Development_Board/Christmas_2008.pdf)

This is the latest issue (December 2008) where you can read more about RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development) programme in the Northside of Dublin, Integration programmes which took place in Dublin in December 2008 and many more.

### **Rights News**

A newsletter published by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties can be accessed online at the following link

<http://www.iccl.ie/publications/Newsletters/Rights-News-8.pdf>

In this issue (Winter 2008/2009) you can find out some more information on the Civil Partnership Bill 2008, Equality & Rights Alliance campaign, Human Rights Film School Competition launch and many more.

### **Spoke Out**

For those of you who do not have a hardcopy – the newsletter of Irish Wheelchair Association – Spoke Out – is also available online at the following link:

[http://www.iwa.ie/Docs/Spokeout/spokeout\\_winter08.pdf](http://www.iwa.ie/Docs/Spokeout/spokeout_winter08.pdf)

Winter 2008 issue includes details on the Angel Campaign, what is it like to have a guide dog, an article about Ann Marie Healy (Mayo CIL) who won The Erris Person of the Year (2008), reviews on wheelchair accessible restaurants in Dublin and Meath and many more of course.

### **Direct**

The newsletter for disabled people receiving direct payments published by Southampton Center for Independent Living – December 2008 issue – is available at the link below:

<http://southamptoncil.files.wordpress.com/2008/12/direct-178-december-20082.doc>

In this issue you can access for example Adolf Ratzka's Definition of Independent Living, tips on how to go on about buying mobility equipment, what would happen if the Leader fell for his PA and many more.

### **Disability News**

A winter issue of a newsletter published by Disability Databases Unite under the Health Research Board can be accessed online at the following link:

[http://www.hrb.ie/fileadmin/Staging/Documents/In\\_House\\_Research\\_Info\\_Systems/DDU/Other\\_PDF\\_docs/newsletterwinter08.pdf](http://www.hrb.ie/fileadmin/Staging/Documents/In_House_Research_Info_Systems/DDU/Other_PDF_docs/newsletterwinter08.pdf)

Includes mostly information on the work of the unit.

### **Shaping Our Lives Newsletter**

Published by National User Network in London, Winter 2008/2009 issue available online at the following link:

<http://www.shapingourlives.org.uk/documents/SOLNewsletter14.pdf>

Information on Education, Service Users Involvement, Employment and Social Care Transformation can be found here.

## **Guidelines**

Winter 2009 issue of a magazine published by The Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind is available online at the link below:

<http://www.guidedogs.ie/media/guidelines/winter08.pdf>

Updates on the organization, its volunteers, activities, training programmes, various parts of Ireland and service users can be found here.

## **Education & Training**

### **Liberties College**

Based in Bull Alley Street (Dublin 8) – this college offers courses in Childcare, Social Studies, Health Care, Media, Tourism, University Access, Art & Design, Montessori Education, Counselling, Performance, Information Technology and Youth & Community Work. The deadline for applications of the first round is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February (with the interviews being held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009). You can see the college for yourselves on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February between 10.00am and 3pm when they hold Open Day. More information can be obtained from the college directly at [www.libertiescollege.ie](http://www.libertiescollege.ie) / 01-4540044 / [info@liberties.cdvec.ie](mailto:info@liberties.cdvec.ie)

### **Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI)**

An instructor certification programme in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention will be held in Ireland by CPI. The training programme is aiming to reduce incidents of workplace aggression. The training takes 4 full days and will be held in the following locations:

2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – Cork

20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Dublin

22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June - Limerick

To secure your place or to get some more information, please contact Mark Gorman or any of his team members at 0044-161-9299777 / [enquiries@crisisprevention.com](mailto:enquiries@crisisprevention.com)

## **Carmichael Centre**

Management Training Programme is offering plenty of very interesting courses. Each of the trainings listed is a one-day course (10.00am – 4.00pm):

Branding for Community & Voluntary Groups – 17/02 & 03/03 (2-day course), Dublin

Taking Effective Minutes – 23/02, Dublin

Writing Successful Grant Applications – 05/03, Dublin

Time Management – 06/03, Dublin

Board Roles & Responsibilities – 09/03, Dublin & 11/03, Cork

Setting Up a Charitable Organization – 12/03, Dublin

Diversity & Equality Awareness – 13/03, Dublin

Managing Organizational Change – 19/03 & 20/03 (2-day course), Dublin

The Media as your Ally – 25/03, Dublin

Project Management – 26/03, Dublin

Good Practice for Management Committees – 20/04, Galway

Conflict Resolution – 23/04, Dublin

Finance for Non-Financial People – 24/04, Dublin

Financial Reporting for Charitable Organizations – 29/04, Dublin

Dealing with Grievance & Disciplinary – 30/04, Dublin

Writing a Marketing Plan – 14/05, Dublin

Effective Board Meetings – 18/05, Dublin

Corporate Fundraising – 20/05, Dublin

Producing an Annual Report – 21/05, Dublin

For more information on any of the listed trainings, please contact Barbora at 01-8730455 / [barborakorandova@dublincil.org](mailto:barborakorandova@dublincil.org) or Carmichael Centre – Training & Support Service directly at 01-8735282 / [tssinfo@carmichaelcentre.ie](mailto:tssinfo@carmichaelcentre.ie)

## **Meitheal**

As you are probably aware of – Meitheal specializes at training programs on facilitation skills. Not only that though – a two-day introductory course on Staff Support & Supervision will take place 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009 in Dublin. It will not only introduce the participants to a model of effective support & supervision, but also will identify and practice the skills required.

For more information please contact Meitheal at 01-6719803 or email [info@meitheal.ie](mailto:info@meitheal.ie)

### **Enable Ireland**

Electronic Assistive Technology Training Courses in 2009 are currently looking for applicants. The training 9 days long and certified by Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT). The modules include computer access, power mobility, educational software, service delivery and more. The course fee is €950 and the venues are the following:

University of Limerick – 19<sup>th</sup> January - 23<sup>rd</sup> January & 18<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> May

Microsoft (Dublin) – 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September & 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October & 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November

For more information please contact Enable Ireland at 01-4990412 / [sdeakin@enableireland.ie](mailto:sdeakin@enableireland.ie)

### **Fusion Training & Development**

In the last issue we have informed you on Facilitation Skills training programs carried out by Fusion Training & Development. The organization now offers FETAC level 6 accredited Advanced Train the Trainer Programme. The training takes five full days and commences 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009. The cost of the course is €800 per participant. The course is aiming to develop a theoretical knowledge of adult learning, teamwork and leadership and would suit those of you who wish to be able to deliver training. The course is to be very interactive with a practical part where you can practice your training skills.

For more information please contact Ger Fitzpatrick at 083-3482333 / [ger@fusiontraining.ie](mailto:ger@fusiontraining.ie)

### **Skill Project**

Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) is calling for expressions of interest for organizations that would wish to participate of the SKILL (Secure Knowledge Intra Lifelong Learning) training program 2009 / 2010. The training is level 5 & 6 FETAC accredited and the deadline for the expression of interest is 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009. A funding of €3,500 per person is available to organizations participating on Skill Project. The latest newsletter is accessible at the link below:

<http://www.skillprogramme.ie/publications/news66.pdf>

To find out more information on the training program visit the following website:

[www.skillproject.ie](http://www.skillproject.ie)

or contact Cathy McGrath in Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) at 01-4547978 / [cathymcgrath@disability-federation.ie](mailto:cathymcgrath@disability-federation.ie)

## **Culture**

### **National Gallery of Ireland**

Art for All Ages is a programme of free events for adults organized by the National Gallery of Ireland. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 a Pastel Technique Workshop with Aoife Dwyer will take place in the Atrium at 3pm. A visit of an exhibition of Hugh Douglas Hamilton: A Life in Pictures is included in this workshop. No booking is necessary for this event. For more information please contact Joanne Drum (Education Department) at 01-6633505 / [jdrum@ngi.ie](mailto:jdrum@ngi.ie)

Did you know that National Gallery of Ireland also offers free lectures every Sunday at 3pm? This Sunday (18<sup>th</sup> January 2009) Dr. Phillip Cottrell (UCD) will talk about Romanticism in Blake, Constable and Turner. The following Sunday Dr. Paul Caffrey (National College of Art and Design) will lecture on Miniatures and Silhouettes in the context of the Mary A. McNeill Bequest.

### **Ouch!**

Ouch! is a website from the BBC that reflects the lives and experiences of disabled people. It has articles, blogs, a very busy message board and an award-winning downloadable radio show - The Ouch Podcast). It's aimed at those with a stakehold in disability: family, friends, professionals and, rather importantly, disabled people themselves - without whom all this would be a bit meaningless.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ouch/>

The newest columns and articles include:

Dangerous Disabled People –

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/ouch/2009/01/dangerous\\_disabled\\_people.html](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/ouch/2009/01/dangerous_disabled_people.html)

The row over paralympics –

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/ouch/2009/01/row\\_over\\_paralympic\\_honours.html](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/ouch/2009/01/row_over_paralympic_honours.html)

Learning to drive with Cerebral Palsy –

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/mbouch/F2322273?thread=6212702>

Disability & Body Image –

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/mbouch/F2322273?thread=6213453>

Wheelchair user attending a football match –

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/ouch/opinion/still\\_going\\_to\\_the\\_football\\_.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ouch/opinion/still_going_to_the_football_.shtml)

Obama's inauguration –

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/ouch/2009/01/obama\\_inauguration\\_and\\_accessi.html](http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/ouch/2009/01/obama_inauguration_and_accessi.html)

What is the highest gap you can climb? –

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/mbouch/F2322273?thread=6230753>

## **Employers Corner**

### **IT Support**

Landmark Technologies provides IT support and free IT consultations. One of the representatives can simply call into your office and carry out a review of your IT infrastructure. If you need an advise regarding network set-up or backup and security solutions – contact Paula as 01-6205500 or email [paula@landmark.ie](mailto:paula@landmark.ie).

### **Raffle Ticket Print**

Sooner than Later Distribution Solutions offer sales for printing of raffle tickets. And not only that – they will also design your tickets and distribute them directly to your sellers. Call 01-2844777 or email [data@soonertanlater.com](mailto:data@soonertanlater.com) for a quatoation.

### **Payroll Budget Update Seminar 2009**

The finance bill 2008 represents a number of significant changes to the payroll process. To get familiar with the new rules and regulations and to ensure the new levies are being implemented – Complete Office Package Systems will carry out seminars around the country that you might wish to attend. The cost of this 2.5 hour-long seminar is €195 per delegate and €95 per additional delegates. The seminars will take place as follows:

28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – Waterford, Tipperary  
29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January & 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 – Dublin  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Dundalk, Monaghan  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Letterkenny, Donegal  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Cavan, Drogheda  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Naas, Portlaoise  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Carlow, Kilkenny  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Wexford, Wicklow  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Limerick, Ennis  
19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Tralee, Killarney  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Cork City, Mallow  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Mullingar, Longford  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Sligo, Castlebar  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 – Galway, Athlone

To book a place – please visit [www.cops.ie](http://www.cops.ie) or contact the company over the phone at 01-2883846.

### **ORS**

ORS Health & Safety Department specializes in Occupational Health & Safety. They conduct on-site audits to assess compliances with all statutory Health &

Safety requirements. Their services include: access audits, safety statements, risk assessments, safety management system, accident investigation, fire consultancy, environmental health & safety and training. If you would be interested in their services, please contact Edel McKeon at 044-9342518 / [info@ors.ie](mailto:info@ors.ie)

**Croke Park Conference Centre**

Did you know that if you book a conference room in the Croke Park before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009, you would get a 20% discount on room hire? Simply quote "December Conference Campaign" when booking. For more information please contact Croke Park Conference Centre directly at 01-8192300 / [events@crokepark.ie](mailto:events@crokepark.ie)

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