

What's new?

Weekly update for CIL network

National Affairs Update

Equality & Rights Alliance (ERA) Update

The next meeting of ERA Campaign will take place on Wednesday 26th November 2008 at 2.00pm in OPEN Offices in Smithfield, Dublin 7. An online version of the petition is also available at the following link:

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/erapetition/>

European Affairs Update

John Evans – Article in Guardian

An article about ENIL Board member and internationally recognized advocate for disability rights is available online at the following link:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/oct/21/john-evans>

Funding Available

Funding Information Sessions under the Grundtvig Adult Education Programme

Leargas is holding information sessions on funding available under the Grundtvig Adult Education programme at the following dates and locations;

Tralee Education Centre, IT Tralee, North Campus, Tralee

- on Tuesday 25th November from (2 - 4pm)

Galway Education Centre, Cluain Mhuire, Wellpark, Galway

-on Wednesday 3rd December from (2 - 4 pm)

Dublin Cassidy's Hotel, 6-8 Cavendish Row, Upper O'Connell St. Dublin 1

-on Friday 5th December (11am - 1pm)

The session will introduce and explain the funding available under the Grundtvig Programme for 2009 (Grundtvig Learning Partnerships – Deadline 20th Feb 2009, Grundtvig In Service Training– Deadlines, 16th Jan, 30th April, 15th Sept 2009) and explain the application procedures to participate in these activities. Confirm your attendance by emailing 12

Resources:

FAS – Career Directions

An interactive career guidance resource available online at:

<http://www.careerdirections.ie/>

Configure

Configure Limited is an Irish disabled access consultancy providing public and private bodies with services and products that help to make organisations accessible for people with disabilities. For more details have a look at:

<http://www.configure.ie/>

Upcoming Events

National

3rd December – PWDI Regional Seminars on UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities

The Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co Leitrim,
Keynote speaker: Kirsten Roberts, - Director of Research, policy and promotion, Irish Human Rights Commission

The Clarion Hotel, Cork
Keynote Speaker: Commissioner Robert Daly, IHRC

The Park Plaza Hotel, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15
Keynote speaker: Commissioner Helen O Neill IHRC

The Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co Westmeath
Keynote speaker: Roisin Hennessy, Senior Research and Policy Officer, Irish Human Rights Commission

The registration to any of the above starts at 10.30am and the seminars will conclude at 2pm. For more details please contact PWDI at 01-8721744.

FLAC's Second Annual Dave Ellis Memorial Lecture (December 1, Dublin)

Free Legal Advice Centres is an independent human rights organisation dedicated to the realisation of equal access to justice for all. It is hosting its 2nd Annual Dave Ellis Memorial Lecture on

1st of December 2008.

at the Morrison Hotel, Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin 1 at 6:30 pm. Registration starts at 6pm.

The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Steven Shapiro, Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) who will talk about *"The evolving human rights landscape in the United States"*.

To register for the lecture please contact Afreen Khosa, tel: 01 8745690, email: piln@flac.ie

International

United Nations General Assembly, New York

On 10 December, the United Nations General Assembly will mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. At this meeting, the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights – awarded every five years – will be presented. Other activities on the anniversary will include the screening of Stories on Human Rights, followed by a panel discussion on the state of human rights 60 years after the adoption of this landmark document.

Human Rights Council, Geneva

On 12 December, the Human Rights Council will hold a commemorative session to mark the 60th anniversary of the UDHR. The morning segment will be dedicated to presentations of national, regional, and international initiatives launched on the occasion of the anniversary. The afternoon will be devoted to a high-level segment.

Training

Carmichael Centre Training and Support Service: courses for voluntary and community organisations (November-December)

Becoming an Effective Team Leader (November 26, Dublin)

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=1450>

Taking Effective Minutes (November 26, Dublin)

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=1648>

Chairing the Organisation (November 27, Dublin)

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=3933>

Dealing with Grievance & Disciplinary Issues (December 4, Dublin)

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=3795>

Meitheal training courses in Facilitation Skills and Staff Support & Supervision

Meitheal provides training to the community and voluntary sector, and other organisations working to create social change.

Each training day of the courses listed below, begins at 10.00am and finishes at 4pm, with an hour for lunch. This training will take place in Meitheal, 35 Exchequer St, Dublin 2.

Foundation Facilitation Skills (starts on February 11)

This 5 day courses aims to provide an introduction to facilitation skills and practice, and to build participants confidence.

Advanced Facilitation Skills (starts January 30th, or February 5)

This 10 day course aims to increase the knowledge, skills and confidence of participants in the role of facilitator.

Staff Support & Supervision Introductory Course (March 18th and 25th, 2009)

This 2 day course provides an introduction to a model of effective staff support and supervision.

Closing date for applications: 12th December 2008

<http://www.activelink.ie/ce/active.php?id=3853>

Culture

Stories on Human Rights Films

To mark the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and a non-governmental organization, Art for the World, commissioned a series of 22 short films created by some of the world's leading directors. Stories on Human Rights will be shown at events organized on 10th December in Geneva, New York and Paris, as well as many other locations across the world.

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/>

**IF THERE IS ANYTHING RELEVANT YOU
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TO SHARE WITH THE NETWORK, PLEASE
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