

SECTION 1: POLICY & LEGISLATION

OECD REVIEW OF IRISH PUBLIC SERVICES

The Government has asked the OECD to undertake a major review of the Irish Public Service, which is to be completed by end of 2007. The findings will help to shape the Irish Public Service of the future and provide useful information regarding how we compare with other countries. The views of the public and comments on the Public Service are being sought and they will be an important contribution to the Review process. Closing date for receipt of submissions is **1st June 2007**.

Members of the public can give their views by going to the Better Government website www.bettergov.ie and then clicking on **OECD Review of the Public Service**. There are three different options available in this section of the website which people can access and simply start writing their views and comments or do so on all three if people wish. There are no restrictions:

1. People can give their **views on the Public Service generally** on accessibility, value for money, accountability for results, service quality etc.
2. People can give their **views on particular parts of the Public Service** that are of interest, by answering a number of specific questions that have been developed to help prompt their thoughts. For example, the Civil Service (Government Departments and Offices), Education (VECs, schools, institutes of technology, universities etc, the Health Sector (HSE, hospitals etc.), the Justice Sector (An Garda Síochána, The Courts Service, The Prison Service, etc.) and Local Government (City and County Councils) etc.
3. People can give their **views on a specific organisation** within the Public Service that they are particularly interested in. This could be a particular Government Department or Office, a city or county council, a hospital or school.

People can also detach an RTF copy of the questionnaire to their PC, complete it and e-mail it to ocdreview@taoiseach.gov.ie or print off the PDF copy of the questionnaire, complete it and post it marked "OECD Review", to: **PSM Division, Department of the Taoiseach, Government Buildings, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.**

In addition to these website options people can email their views directly to ocdreview@taoiseach.gov.ie,

with or without an attachment or send a letter marked "OECD Review", to the same address as above.

For further information and details please contact:

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Government Buildings,
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.
Tel: 01 6194462
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SECTION 2: FUNDING

REVAMPED FUNDING SCHEME FOR NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE C&V SECTOR

The White Paper on a Framework for Supporting Voluntary Activity commits the Government to provide a range of funding measures to support the Community and Voluntary Sector. In the period 2003 – 2007 funding has been provided to Federations, Networks and Umbrella Bodies, to National Anti-Poverty Networks and for a scheme of funding for training and support in the community and voluntary sector.

A new funding scheme to support national organisations in the community and voluntary sector was announced in May 2007. This scheme will amalgamate a number of the above previous schemes. Applications are being invited from community and voluntary organisations that operate at a national level with evidence of a nationwide membership. This scheme will provide multi-annual funding to such national organisations towards core costs associated with the provision of services. Priority will be given under this scheme to supporting national organisations which provide coalface services to disadvantaged target groups.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications under this scheme is **22 June, 2007**.

For further information/application forms please contact:

Department of Community,
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Dún Aímhígin, 43-49 Mespil Road, Dublin 4
Tel: 01 6473000 Fax: 01 6473051
LoCall: 1890 474 847 Email: eolas@pobail.ie
Website: www.pobail.ie

VODAFONE IRELAND

Youth Work Ireland Local Member Youth Services Current Awareness Update

FOUNDATION GRANT SCHEME

Vodafone Ireland Foundation (VIF) was established in 2003 and is the first Foundation of its kind in Ireland. It is among 24 Vodafone Foundations around the world - www.vodafonefoundation.org - and is part of Vodafone's commitment to be a responsible global citizen and member of society.

In the first three years of its existence VIF funded 105 projects throughout Ireland, spending euro €2.3m. Following a strategic review process the Foundation has decided to narrow its focus and to prioritise its efforts on supporting children, young people and their families facing adversity in their lives. VIF will have available €1m in 2007 to assist programmes or projects targeting young people, children and their families.

All of the projects supported by the Vodafone Ireland Foundation have to improve life for children and young people who are:

- Affected by economic, geographic, educational or social disadvantage
- Growing up in care, the "new" Irish, unaccompanied minors, traveller children, living in lone parent families, living with special needs or growing up in poverty.

The Foundation will consider applications, for level 2 and level 3 grants every June. The closing date for applications is **6th June, 2007**. Awards will be made on the basis of yearly to three yearly grants. Most grantees will be invited to submit a proposal. However, the Foundation is also open to receiving "*applications of interest*" from charities whose projects meet the designated criteria. These charities must hold a current CHY number with the Irish Revenue Commissioners.

For grant criteria and application forms please contact:

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF IRELAND - LATEST ROUND OF SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The Community Foundation of Ireland provides a channel for organisations and individuals to undertake

effective community based charitable giving. The Community Foundation operates a Small Grants

Scheme. The priority areas over the years 2004-2006 were to assist projects working to respond to Isolation and to develop a more diverse society.

The Foundation will favour projects leading to the social inclusion of people and Communities who are excluded by reason of geography, age, disability, family circumstances, poverty, gender or race. The grant scheme will support: areas of work that are not currently well supported by the State; target areas of work where a small grant can create a new opportunity or obvious additionality and be relevant to urban and rural areas.

The Scheme will have a particular focus on:

- **Sexual Minorities:** Supports for sexual minorities especially in rural areas.
- **Ethnic Minorities:** Assisting the building of networks and structures for ethnic minorities.
- **Families at Risk:** Support for initiatives involving parents and their children where there are particular risks of poverty and exclusion e.g. parents who are substance misusers.
- **Carers:** Support for carers including actions such as the development of social networks, local respite initiatives.
- **Older People:** Reducing the social isolation of older people including actions such as clubs, day centre activities, volunteer visiting.
- **People leaving institutions:** Supports for people who are leaving institutional care; areas such as homeless, mental health, offenders.

Grants will normally be in the range of €1000 to €1,500. In some instances grant aid may cover larger amounts, with the maximum grant being €5000.

Applications should be made using The Community Foundation for Ireland Application Form. The closing date for the next round of applications is **31st July, 2007**.

For grant criteria and application forms contact:

The Community Foundation for Ireland
32 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1
Tel: 01 8747354 Fax: 01 8747637
Email: admin@foundation.ie
Website: www.communityfoundation.ie

SECTION 3: TRAINING

CENTRE FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT SUMMER SCHOOL

The Centre for Nonprofit Management, Trinity College Dublin will hold its second annual Summer School on 21ST June 2007 in the Irish Management Institute (Cost: €150). The School entitled '**Conflict and Consensus: Assumptions, Values and Roles in the Irish Nonprofit Sector**' is aimed at leaders in the Irish Nonprofit sector, and those with an interest in its future.

The aim of the School is to offer a space free of the demands and constraints of everyday organisational life and to facilitate open discussion. It brings international experience to bear and reflects this against the Irish experience. The three main sessions outlined below consider existing and possible roles of the sector and the legitimacy of these roles in Irish society.

- **Session 1: Conflict and Consensus on Values: The Roles of Civil Society Organisations in Maintaining and Changing Value Systems**
- **Session 2: Nonprofit Organising in Service Provision - A Viable Approach for the Future?**
- **Session 3: The Negotiation of Spaces in Public Governance: Conflict and Consensus in the Roles of Civil Society Organisations and Actors**

In the afternoon two sets of four parallel sessions will explore: **Philanthropy; Volunteers, Education and Research; Public Policy, Regulation, Evaluation, Contracting and Representative Structures.**

For brochures/booking forms or further information contact:

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SECTION 4: ROUND UP

NEW GARDA NATIONAL AGE CARD LAUNCHED

On 24 April the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Michael McDowell, T.D., launched the new Garda National Age Card. It has been introduced to keep step with technological advances and to ensure that Card is protected against forgery or alteration. The card features a high-level security hot foil, invisible UV

features, embossed characters and latest generation kinegram technology. Currently there is no matching technology or method by which this technology can be copied.

The introduction of this new and enhanced card has necessitated a small increase from €6 to €10 in the fee for applicants. Due to the legal requirement for persons between the ages of 18 and 21 years to have an age document if they are in a licensed premises after 9.00pm, any person under 21 with an old card, will be provided with a new one free of charge. The primary difference from the old system is that once the verification process of the application has been completed by the Gardaí the application form will go directly to the age card contractor, rather than via the Garda Community Relations Section in Harcourt Square, as is current practice. This is designed to significantly speed up the process and shorten the length of time it takes for an applicant to be issued with an age card.

For further information contact:

Department of Justice, Equality, and Law Reform
94 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2
Tel: 01 6028202 Lo-Call: 1890 221-227
Email: info@justice.ie Website: www.justice.ie

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES TO YOUNG ADULTS IN IRELAND

Teen-Line Ireland opened its National Free Phone Help Line in July 2006, and in response to the amount of young people in distress from around the country looking for supports, is in the process of collating a directory for each county of Ireland of services relevant to young adults in distress. If anyone has any listings that would be of help to the young people of their county would they please forward the details to:

Eithne Dunne, Project Manager, Teen-Line Ireland
Email: eithnedunne25@hotmail.com

Copies of all publications and documentation highlighted in this edition are available for reference or loan purposes from the Irish YouthWork Centre, Tel: 01 8729933 Email: fbissett@youthworkireland.ie Website: www.iywc.com

