

## SECTION 1: POLICY & LEGISLATION

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Pat Carey, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs, has initiated a public consultation process on how the community development approach meets the needs of disadvantaged communities.

The Community Development Programme was established in 1990 in recognition of the role of community development and a community development approach in tackling exclusion, poverty and disadvantage. The Programme provides multi-annual funding to some 180 designated community development projects and organisations that focus on communities experiencing social and economic disadvantage. The intention is that Projects actively engage with people experiencing poverty to participate in a collective and meaningful way.

The National Development Plan (2007-2013) envisages the continuation of support for community development and the Department is currently engaged in a consultation process with Community Development Projects and other interested groups and organisations to develop and improve the Programme for the duration of the NDP.

As part of this process, interested parties and members of the public are invited to submit their views and proposals on how the community development approach can best meet the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Submissions, observations, or comments should be sent by 14<sup>th</sup> September to [cdpconsultation@pobail.ie](mailto:cdpconsultation@pobail.ie)

or by post to:

**CDP Consultation,  
Community Development Unit,  
Department of Community,  
Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs  
Teeling Street, Tubbercurry,  
Co. Sligo**

## SECTION 2: FUNDING

### DORMANT ACCOUNTS AND RAPID FUNDING FOR PLAY FACILITIES

On 4<sup>th</sup> July Minister for Education and Science, Mary Hanafin, T.D. and Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D., announced details of €6.25 million of funding from the Dormant Accounts and RAPID Leverage Fund for 447 projects to improve outdoor play facilities at schools participating in the DEIS programme, schools in or serving RAPID areas and Special Schools in disadvantaged areas. Approved projects include a wide range of activities such as:

- Repairing / improving hard surface play areas;
- Construction of basketball/soccer/ tennis courts, playing pitches; running tracks;
- Soft / Safety play surfaces;
- Marking of games such as snakes and ladders, hop-scotch etc on hard surfaces;
- Play equipment – swings/ slides/ climbing frames / balancing pools; and,
- Painting of murals.

These 447 projects represent the first phase of approvals under the Dormant Accounts Educational Disadvantage / RAPID Leverage Small Scale Capital Scheme for Schools in Disadvantage Areas which was announced last January. €20.5 million has been allocated to the scheme to provide facilities such as libraries, parent rooms, dining areas as well as outdoor play facilities.

Applications for libraries, parent rooms and dining areas will be assessed and approved over the coming months. A list of allocations by county is available from the Press Office (01 6473156 or [eolas@pobail.ie](mailto:eolas@pobail.ie)).

For further information please contact:

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## Youth Work Ireland Local Member Youth Services Current Awareness Update

### **YOUTH ARTS FUNDING**

The **Artist in Youth Work Residency award** is offered as a means of extending and enhancing opportunities for young people to experience and participate in the arts. The aim of the Residency award is to encourage artistic collaboration between professional artists and young people. Young people will have the opportunity to work with and learn from practitioners of excellence in their field. Equally, artists will have the opportunity to enrich their own professional practice through the contextual experience of working with young people.

During 2007, 3 awards will be offered:

- **Artist in Youth Work Residency** (*rural area*)
- **Artist in Youth Work Residency** (*urban area*)
- **Youth Arts Development Grant**

#### **Artist in Youth Work Residency – rural youth arts development**

Youth organisations, or consortiums of organisations working with young people in a specific rural area, are invited to apply for funding to deliver a youth arts project with a professional artist. Applicants are required to state their chosen art form and project plan – the National Youth Arts Programme can provide information on recommended artists to guide the project or applicants may nominate their chosen artist. For the purposes of this scheme, 'rural' is understood to mean all areas outside those listed in the urban category below.

#### **Artist in Youth Work Residency – urban youth arts development**

Youth organisations, or consortiums of organisations working with young people in a specific urban area, are invited to apply for funding to deliver a youth arts project with a professional artist. Applicants are required to state their chosen art form and project plan – the National Youth Arts Programme can provide information on recommended artists to guide the project or applicants may nominate their chosen artist. For the purposes of this scheme, areas designated as 'urban' are the following cities: Dublin, Waterford, Cork, Limerick and Galway.

Residencies are understood to involve a professional artist working with a youth group within a particular youth work setting, whether a building or locale, over a defined period of time. The youth group - both youth worker and young people themselves - will have direct input into the project.

The Residency may last from six weeks (minimum) to six months (maximum). Shorter projects may demand a

greater frequency of contact between the artist and the group to deliver on the aims of the project.

Funding of up to €15,000 will be awarded to successful Residency applicants. A brief evaluation report must be submitted to the National Youth Arts Programme on completion of the project. The deadline for receipt of application forms is **5pm, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.**

#### **Youth Arts Development Award**

This award is offered as an extension of the Artist in Youth Work Residency Scheme, to further sustainable development of youth arts practice at a local level. The aim of the Youth Arts Development Award is to encourage the formation of partnerships between relevant agencies and organisations at a local level, to work towards integrated development of long-term youth arts programmes in a specific geographical area.

During 2007, up to €20,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant. Applications are invited from local youth organisations, or a consortium of organisations comprised of a youth organisation with one or more of the following: Community Development organisation; Local Authority; Arts organisation/venue; Educational institution (second or third level); Business corporation or Other.

The award will fund a fixed period of research and/or development, towards the establishment of long-term, sustainable youth arts programmes at a local level. The aim of research should be to identify what the needs and opportunities for youth arts development are in the target area. Development projects should be focussed on building partnership models for sustainable practice.

The deadline for receipt of application forms is **5pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007** together with support documents requested.

For further information on grant criteria and guidelines and applications packs please contact:

**Deirdre Brady**  
**National Youth Arts Programme**  
**NYCI**  
**3 Montague Street, Dublin 2**  
**Tel: 01 4784122**  
**Email: [Deirdre@nyci.ie](mailto:Deirdre@nyci.ie)**

## **SECTION 3: TRAINING**

## **NCI CERTIFICATE IN MANAGING TEAMS**

This programme has been developed by the National College of Ireland to educate supervisors and managers in how to manage teams and create competitive advantage. This programme is aimed at those currently working in a management/supervisory position who want a greater understanding of team management in organisations.

The programme runs for twelve weeks starting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 at the National College of Ireland.

To apply online go to:  
[www.ncirl.ie/site/programme\\_details.asp?id=480&ionld=1&pageld=1638&level=1](http://www.ncirl.ie/site/programme_details.asp?id=480&ionld=1&pageld=1638&level=1)  
**OR**  
download the application form (pdf file) from:  
[www.ncirl.ie/dynamic/File/NCIappform.pdf](http://www.ncirl.ie/dynamic/File/NCIappform.pdf)

For further information contact:

**National College of Ireland**  
Mayor Street, IFSC, Dublin 1  
Tel: 01 4498500/ 01 4972200  
Email: [info@ncirl.ie](mailto:info@ncirl.ie) Website: [www.ncirl.ie](http://www.ncirl.ie)

## **CITIZENS INFORMATION BOARD'S NATIONAL CALENDAR OF TRAINING EVENTS**

The Citizens Information Board's National Calendar of Training Events for September - December 2007 has been launched. The calendar provides for 51 training events that will be delivered throughout the country involving five separate Regional Training Programmes plus the Customer Service and Training Programme (Central Services).

New topics in this calendar include: Finding Your Way Around [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie) and Getting to Know its Special Features Better; Using the Social Policy Feedback Toolkit to enhance Information Providers in identifying, documenting and analysing social policy issues and Private and State Pensions among others.

All training course and application details are now contained on the Citizen Information Board's training page. The detailed programme and the requisite application form can be downloaded for use in centres by potential course participants at: [www.citizensinformationboard.ie/providers/provider\\_s\\_training.html](http://www.citizensinformationboard.ie/providers/provider_s_training.html)

## **NCI CERTIFICATE IN MANAGING ORGANISATIONS IN THE C&V SECTOR**

The NCI Certificate in Managing Organisations in the Voluntary and Community Sector starts 15 January, 2008. The programme will provide participants with the skills and understanding necessary for the effective management of voluntary organisations.

The programme is aimed at people currently working in or who are interested in working in the voluntary sector, in a paid or voluntary capacity. The course contains sixty hours of contact time covering the following Programme Modules:

- Management Theory
- Human Resource Management
- Planning

To apply online go to:  
[www.ncirl.ie/site/programme\\_details.asp?id=501&ionld=1&pageld=1876&level=1](http://www.ncirl.ie/site/programme_details.asp?id=501&ionld=1&pageld=1876&level=1)  
**OR**  
download the application form (pdf file) from:  
[www.ncirl.ie/dynamic/File/NCIappform.pdf](http://www.ncirl.ie/dynamic/File/NCIappform.pdf)

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