

## SECTION 1: POLICY & LEGISLATION

### OFFICE FOR INTERNET SAFETY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL TO BE ESTABLISHED

On 20 September the Minister of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr Brian Lenihan T.D., speaking at the launch of two booklets on internet safety, announced that the Government has approved his proposals to establish an **Office for Internet Safety** and an **Internet Safety Advisory Council**.

The two booklets being launched on behalf of the Internet Advisory Board were part of the **GET with IT!** Series - a revised **Parents' Guide to new media technologies** and **A Parents' Guide to filtering technologies**

Announcing the establishment of the **Office for Internet Safety (OIS)** Minister Lenihan explained that it will be an executive office of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform with responsibility for:

- Internet safety, particularly in relation to combating child pornography
- Internet Hotline ([www.hotline.ie](http://www.hotline.ie)) - the system for dealing with reports of illegal content on the internet), internet safety awareness campaigns, and
- Monitoring compliance with the Internet Service Provider industry code of practice.

In addition, to placing cybercrime issues squarely within the crime policy framework of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, the OIS aims to be in a position to encourage greater cohesion across state agencies and the industry generally.

Minister Lenihan also announced that he will establish, in the very near future, an **Internet Safety Advisory Council**, which will succeed the Internet Advisory Board. The Advisory Council will be drawn from representatives of the key stakeholders in the statutory, industry and community sectors, and will support the work of the OIS.

The internet safety booklets are available free of charge through libraries, community information centres, on request through a **Freephone number 1800 242595** and on the websites of the Internet Advisory Board ([www.iab.ie](http://www.iab.ie)) and the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform ([www.justice.ie](http://www.justice.ie))

### MINISTER LAUNCHES NATIONAL

## RECREATION POLICY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

On 10 September 2007 Brendan Smith TD, Minister for Children launched **Teenspace: the National Recreation Policy for Young People**. The policy was developed by the Office of the Minister for Children in response to concerns raised by teenagers and parents. In the consultations conducted throughout the country in the development of the National Children's Strategy, the need for improved play and recreation facilities was the single biggest concern cited by children and young people. In response to this finding, the Government committed to developing national policies in these areas. **Ready Steady Play: the National Play Policy** was launched in 2004. The recreation policy was developed in three phases:

1. Research into young people's views about opportunities, barriers and supports to recreation and leisure, was conducted by Dr Áine de Roiste and Ms Joan Dineen of Cork Institute of Technology. Over 2,500 teenagers from all over the country participated in this research, published in December, 2005.
2. In June 2005, a public consultation was conducted on the enablers and barriers to recreation for teenagers. In excess of 900 responses were received to this consultation, the results of which were launched in June 2006. The findings from the research study and the consultation can be found on [www.omc.gov.ie](http://www.omc.gov.ie).
3. Findings and results from the research and public consultation have been incorporated into Teenspace: National Recreation Policy for Young People.

Of particular interest to Youth Services will be the focus on youth cafes within the document. The policy recognises that young people don't always want to participate in structured activities and that hanging out is a valid and important aspect of teenage life. The establishment of youth cafés was identified by young people as their single biggest need during the consultations on the recreation policy. A survey of existing youth cafés is being undertaken and the Minister has asked the National Children's Advisory Council for support in producing a toolkit and guide to setting up a youth café. Youth services with existing Youth Information provision will need to monitor progress in this area.

A poster and A4 leaflet for teenagers have been produced to accompany the main document. These products were developed with teenagers from the Office of the Minister for Children, Children and Young

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People's Forum. They will be circulated to all schools and youth organisations in the country.

Copies of all *Teenspace: National Recreation Policy for Young People* documents in English and Irish can be found on [www.omc.gov.ie](http://www.omc.gov.ie).

For further information on the policy please contact:

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### MINISTER LAUNCHES NEW MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY

On 10<sup>th</sup> October Dr Jimmy Devins, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children with special responsibility for mental health, welcomed World Mental Health Day and also launched the interim National Service User Executive Strategic Plan for 2007/2009 entitled "**Voice for Change**". The interim National Service User Executive (NSUE) was launched on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, with the remit to set up the framework and structures for the operation of the permanent Executive.

Minister Devins acknowledged the Strategy's finding regarding the need to listen more closely to the views of service users and their carers. He also acknowledged the work of the voluntary sector which worked closely with the Health Service Executive in the establishment of the iNSUE, without which it would not have been possible to advance the Strategy initiative so quickly.

The 2007/2009 Strategic Plan outlines four strategic priorities for the coming few years and lays the groundwork for the formation of the Executive which will play a central role in shaping the dialogue between service users and service.

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## SECTION 2: FUNDING

### LATEST EDITION OF THE IRISH FUNDRAISING HANDBOOK

Youth Work Ireland

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**NOW AVAILABLE**

The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Irish Fundraising Handbook has recently been published by Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts, with financial support from the Citizens Information Board and in association with Clann Credo (Social Investment Fund) and The Wheel.

The Irish Fundraising Handbook has become an indispensable resource for voluntary and non-profit groups and remains the most vital source of information on funding in Ireland. It contains information on:

- Grants, awards and other supports for voluntary non-profit and social organisations
- Key information on 700 sources of funding and support – public and private
- Guidance on fundraising practice, charity regulation, tax exemptions and much more

The handbook is available from Create at a cost of €20.00 (plus €3.00 p+p)

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### LATEST ROUND OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR IRELAND'S SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The Community Foundation for Ireland's grant making process is one step in a cycle of philanthropy that exists to assist and complement the work of charitable organisations in Ireland. In 2006, almost 300 groups have benefited from the support of the Foundation and its donors. The General Criteria and core areas eligible for funding are as follows:

**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, and volunteer visiting.

**PEOPLE LEAVING INSTITUTIONS** - Supports for people who are leaving institutional care; areas such as homeless, mental health, offenders.

**SEXUAL MINORITIES** - Supports for sexual minorities, especially in rural areas .

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**ETHNIC MINORITIES** - Assisting the building of networks and structures for ethnic minorities.

**FAMILIES AT RISK** - Support for initiatives involving parents and their children risks of poverty and exclusion e.g. parents who are substance misusers.

The next 2007 closing date for receipt of grant applications is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

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

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### SECTION 3: ROUND UP

#### **BARNARDOS 'HELPING HANDS' YOUNG VOLUNTEERS AWARDS**

The aim of these awards is to promote the spirit of volunteering by encouraging and supporting young people's involvement in volunteer activities. Anyone who is under 25 years of age on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 can be nominated. An individual can either nominate themselves or nominate another person whose volunteer work has made an impact on them or others.

Examples of volunteering could be environment and conservation projects, fundraising, helping in the local community, working with disadvantaged groups, helping in youth groups, volunteering overseas. It can be any activity that involves giving freely of personal time to help others and that contributes to creating a healthy society to live in.

Barnardos wants to hear people's stories of their own 'Helping Hands' experience of volunteer work - or if nominating someone else how the nominees 'Helping

Hands' made a difference. There are three Awards. The best entry also receives a laptop computer, donated by the awards sponsor Softech. 2nd and 3rd prizes are €100 music vouchers. The closing date for entries is **Friday**

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2007.

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#### **LOW COST TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANISATIONS**

The ENCLUDEit Programme enables eligible organisations to gain access to donated technology products, allowing them to choose from a wide range of products from Microsoft and Cisco. The **ENCLUDEit Technology Donation Programme** for Irish Nonprofits is provided by ENCLUDE in partnership with the not-for-profit technology capacity building organisation, TechSoup.

It offers a 96% discount on Microsoft Software and CISCO Hardware and 100% discount on Salesforce CRM (10 Enterprise licenses). The offer is open to nonprofit organisations with a CHY Number (terms and conditions apply). Acquiring a donation is a simple 3 step process - Register your organisation at [www.encludeit.org/](http://www.encludeit.org/). Then choose your products and take delivery of your donated products.

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**Copies of all publications and documentation highlighted in this edition are available for reference or loan purposes from the**

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