

THE IRISH IN GREENWICH PROJECT ADVICE & INFORMATION SERVICE

OPEN: Monday - Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm

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ADVICE

Benefits: Proof of I.D. for DSS, access to stocks of forms, assistance with form filling, appeals & advocacy.

Housing: Negotiation & advocacy for council tenants.
Links with Housing Association for single people with support needs.
Lists of hostels for emergencies.
Housing benefit expertise
Dealing with private landlords.

Pensions: Problems with pensions.
How to get an Irish Pension.

Debt: Negotiations with creditors.

Employment: CV's prepared and stored on computer disk.
Health and safety at work.
Unfair dismissal and discrimination.

Returning to Ireland:
Emergency contacts in Dublin.
Irish benefits and housing options.

Consumer: Problems with goods and services.
Negotiation with Gas, Electricity, Water, Telecom.

Outreach Work: Visiting people at home, in hospital, prison etc

INFORMATION

Details of local Cultural and Social groups and events ie Irish dancing, music, sport, language.
Library and archive material available to project members and research students.

Assistance obtaining Passports and Birth Certificates.

Listings of Solicitors in Greenwich and Ireland.

Listings of local Schools, religious and secular.

Specialist Information available for Women, Disabled, Elderly and Young People.

LIAISON/SOCIAL POLICY

The Project is a member of the Federation of Irish Societies and participates actively in it's Community Care Committee, also represented on a 'self-build' project for Irish Women in London.

Maintains contact with other Irish Organisations especially local groups ie, Greenwich Irish Pensioners group, Greenwich Gaels.

Co-operates with Lewisham Irish Centre.

Works with local Statutory and Voluntary groups, promoting Irish issues where appropriate and seeking to combat anti-Irish racism, prejudice and discrimination where it occurs.

The Project was involved in the successful campaign against the DSS Habitual Residence Proposal during the year.