## Irish in Britain Representation Group.

## A WELFARE GROUP FOR IRISH PEOPLE.

Did you know that there are 14000 households in Lambeth whose head of household is Irish?

Did you know that those 14000 households represent approx 6% of Lambeths population - the second largest ethnic minority?

Did you know that there are 6000 pensioners in Lambeth who were born outside the UK and that 1500 of them are Irish - again the second largest?

You certainly wouldn't have known it from Lambeth Council. They neither recognise nor make provision for it (unlike for other ethnic minorities).

You wouldn't have known it from the number of Irish self-help and welfare groups in the borough. There aren't any ! (And yet there are Asian, Polish, Jewish and West Indian groups. They care for their people - all credit to them).

Many of our elderly left their families in Ireland and, over the years, lost touch with them. They are often alone and isolated. They don't know the system. They don't know their rights and often miss out on benefits. They need your help.

Many of our families suffer racialism and feel unable to fight back. They get little support from the Council who don't recognise the problem. They feel isolated in Lambeth - unlike in Brent or Camden or Haringay. They need your help.

There are single parent families who need help, there are people who need someone to represent them to the Council or other official bodies, there are people who just want someone to talk to, someone to take them out, someone to 'adopt' them as a granny or grand-dad.

The list is endless but they all have one thing in common. They are Irish and they need YOU. And let's face it, these days we all need each other ......

If you can help

COME TO A PUBLIC MEETING :

ROOM 121 LAMBETH TOWN HALL. ACRE LANE SW2 7.30pm WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH