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2 New Helpful Guides available from BIAS

Two new books "Moving to Ireland" and "Moving within the European Community (EC)" have been produced by BIAS. The books are a response to the growing number of enquiries BIAS has received from people moving between Britain, Ireland and Europe. One of the booklets, "Moving to Ireland" follows a recent highly successful series of Information Days organised by BIAS in co-operation with the Irish Department of Social Welfare. The 3-days event attracted over 1,000 people and was launched by the then Irish Minister for Social Welfare, Mr Charlie McCreery.

BIAS is currently working with Government Departments in Ireland to re-stage the Information Days later in the year.

"Moving to Ireland" and "Moving within the European Community (EC)" price £2.00 each including postage and packing, are available from BIAS Information service, Electric House, 296 Willesden Lane, London NW2 5HW. (Telephone: 081-459 6286, FAX No. 081-451 8865).

INFORMATION SERVICE TO THE IRISH COMMUNITY

What's Going on

SIOL PHADRAIG FEILE BRIDE

Irish Arts Festival in London 1993

Organised by:- The London Irish Commission for Cultural and Education

Venue :- Brent Irish Cultural and Community Centre
76 - 82 Salusbury Road
London NW6

Dates :- Runs until 12th September 1993.
Includes Concerts, Ceili Nights, Plays
Further details from the Box Office
071-625-9585
071-624-0276

Calls for Information

Research is currently underway on the 5th edition of the "Irish in Britain Directory", published by Brent Irish Advisory Service.

Catherine Mulvenna, BIAS Information Worker and Editor of this and its companion booklets "Moving to Ireland" and "Moving within the European Community (EC)", is keen that the Directory should be as comprehensive as possible.

"We are asking that any individual or group involved in working with the Irish community in Britain should send us details of their activities".

The Directory will reflect all aspects of Irish life in Britain. It will cover areas such as social and community activities, arts and culture, education, business interests etc, thus acting as an invaluable sourcebook for anyone interested in making contacts within the Irish community in Britain.

To ensure inclusion in the next edition contact Catherine Mulvenna at Brent Irish Advisory Service, Electric House, 296 Willesden Lane, London NW2 5HW (tel:- 081-459-6286/fax:- 081-451-8865)

Useful Telephone Numbers for Dept of Social Security

* You can get advice on benefits from your local Social Security Office in Brent, or ring Belfast Benefit Centre 03990-41002 (calls are charged at local rate)

* You can also call the free DSS telephone service - Freeline Social Security. Just dial 0800-666555. You will not be charged for the call. The person taking the call will not have access to your papers but will be able to give you general advice

SINGLE IRISH MEN & WOMEN

ARE YOU HOMELESS, SQUATTING, SLEEPING ROUGH?

IS YOUR LACK OF A HOME AFFECTING YOUR HEALTH?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT

OR JUST A CHAT

YOU CAN DROP-IN OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE

CAROL OR DES ON 081-459-6286

FRIDAY MORNINGS 10.00AM TO 12.30PM

BRENT IRISH ADVISORY SERVICE

ELECTRIC HOUSE, 296 WILLESSEN LANE, NW2 5HW

Comming up soon

IRISH WOMEN IN BRENT INFORMATION DAY

Time :- 10.30am - 1.30pm

Date :- Thursday 22nd
April 1993

Venue :- Aras na nGael
Irish Centre
76-82 Salusbury Rd
LONDON NW6

Aimed at all Irish women in Brent, the day will give Irish women information on a range of topics including employment and training opportunities, adult education courses, child care provision, Social Security benefits, health services and Irish cultural activities. A creche will be provided. Further information is available from Carol Colton at BIAS

New System for Child Maintenance Payment

From 5th April 1993, there is a new system for Child maintenance. A new Government agency called the Child Support Agency will operate the new scheme, which applies to people living in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Under the Child Support Act 1991, child support maintenance is an amount of money that absent parents pay as a contribution to the upkeep of their children.

If you need more advice about this, then ring the Child Support Agency Enquiry Line on 0345-133-133, between 9.00am - 6.00pm weekdays (calls are charged at local rate)

OR

Call into any advice agency and pick up the "For parents who live apart" leaflet

What's on at BIAS.....

BIAS telephone Information Line 081-459 6286 is open Monday to Friday 10.00am to 1.00pm, 2.00pm to 5.00pm (closed on Friday afternoon).

- ★ Drop-in Advice Sessions. Monday 2pm to 5pm and Wednesday: 2pm to 5pm. **No appointment needed.**
- ★ Housing Options Advice. Wednesday 6.30pm to 8pm. **No appointment needed.**
- ★ ACCENT. Irish Drug and Substance Prevention Project. Thursday 12noon to 5pm at BIAS.
Contact: Karen Brown at BIAS for further details.
- ★ Roundwood Irish Elders Luncheon Club at Roundwood Community Centre, Harlesdaen. Meets every Tuesday 12 noon to 3pm.
- ★ Copland Irish Elders Care Project at Copland Resource Centre, Wembley. Meets every Wednesday 1pm to 4pm.
- ★ Contact Jeanne Dermody at BIAS for further details of the Roundwood Club and the Copland Project.

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