



# BIAS BULLETIN

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## Tragedy of mass exodus from Ireland

NORTH West London is now receiving as many new arrivals from Ireland every month as would populate a small Irish town. The Kilburn-based Brent Irish Advisory Service calculates that up to 30 people are arriving in the area every day.

The scale of exodus from Ireland is now reaching the proportions of the massive 'fifties flight from the land. Community workers can barely cope with the problems created by the tragedy and there is a rising swell of resentment that no Irish government cares enough to remedy the situation.

Young new arrivals at BIAS Information Centre and Conway House hostel — both in Kilburn — speak with great bitterness about being "let down" by Ireland. Thousands will never return and a whole new generation of exiled Irish is in the making.

As the numbers of out-of-work youths grow on Cricklewood Broadway and Kilburn High Road, local Irish community workers confirm that their constant advice not to emigrate unless fully prepared have fallen on deaf ears.

"The majority of the new arrivals stay with relatives and friends and have no need to ask agencies like us for help," says BIAS Co-ordinator Donal Mac-Craith. "But of those who seek our help, many are jobless, more are homeless and some have merely exported their mental or other difficulties across the Irish sea.

"Those with skills can get jobs; those without are finding it tough, although there are training opportunities on offer. We have assisted hundreds of jobseekers, but even the trained carpenters and secretaries face great

difficulties in finding a place to live.

"Privately-rented flats and bedsits are dearer than ever before and the number of Irish squatters has mushroomed," says BIAS housing worker Jim Smith. "Because the government has prevented local councils from building new homes the stock of housing is shrinking.

"This is further aggravated by the official policy of selling council homes. Many hundreds of Irish people have been forced to squat in sub-standard accommodation throughout north-west London and this is going to continue given the housing shortage and high migration rates."



KEN Livingstone went to the opening of the Brent Council mentally handicapped home in Melrose Avenue, Cricklewood, to take part in its open day. There was a lively programme of Irish music and dance provided by the London Bantry Pipers and Dancers. Two of the band, Colin O'Connor (10) and Johanna O'Dell (10), are pictured with the former GLC leader.



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WHEN CLOSED

## KILBURN GROUP

A NEW Irish group which was formed in Kilburn

as the result of long and serious discussions over the last three months, has decided to call a representative conference shortly.

The group, which is called Irish Community Action, aims to promote the welfare of the Irish community and to campaign on issues of concern, such as homelessness, unemployment, social welfare, education and culture.

The group also intends to highlight the unmet needs of specific groups within the local Irish community,

including elderly and disabled people, women and youth, especially young migrants.

Founder-member Tim Hartnett says: "The group has been formed because, despite the praiseworthy efforts of many local community groups, there is a real need for a united strategy for community action.

"The new group hopes to co-ordinate the work of progressive groups and individuals from the Irish community who are endeavouring to tackle the real and pressing social needs of our people".

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## DISCRIMINATION CLAIM AGAINST IRISH — ACTION GROUP CALL

MANY Irish people living in Kilburn and Willesden face the same problems which include discrimination in jobs and housing.

That is the claim of Christopher Mullan, who wants people who suffer from those problems to get together and form an action group.

Christopher, 23, comes from Derry but has lived in Kilburn for five years. He says there are many people from Northern Ireland in Kilburn who suffer from problems induced by living through the troubles and feel those people could also help one another.

Christopher is involved with Brent Irish Advisory Service and Brent Private Tenants Action group. He also works as a home help and once a week he helps down and out of Charing Cross.

He is setting up the action group so that problems with accommodation, racism or employment can be discussed. Advice on claiming benefits will also be given.

"It is important that we all get together and give practical help to each other," he says.

The first meeting will take place on Friday March 27, at 8pm in The Anson Hall, Cricklewood. All are welcome.



# Hostel opens

THE Kilburn-based Innisfree Housing Association, which was started just over a year ago, is already showing that by working together and pooling their resources, Irish people can begin to tackle the housing problems of their community in a practical and effective way.

This was stated by Colum Moloney, the Longford-born chairman of Brent Irish Advisory Service, who added that Innisfree's new hostel in Cricklewood was a small tribute to the great work of the late Catherine Coleman after whom the house in Cricklewood is named.

"We feel sad that she cannot be here with us to see her efforts come to fruition, but we will continue to provide vital assistance with housing to both new arrivals and to those who have been resident here for a long time and to highlight their unmet needs", he said.

In addition to the new hostel, Innisfree also manages several units of temporary accommodation, mainly occupied by younger single people and couples, and is developing a scheme with Brent Council to enable older Irish council tenants to return to live in Ireland.

CATHERINE Coleman House, a new long-term hostel in Anson Road, Cricklewood, was officially opened by the Kilburn based Innisfree Housing Association Ltd, which was founded last year to help meet the housing needs of the Irish community in north-west London.

The six-bed hostel is named after the late Mrs Catherine Coleman, of Albert Road, Carlton Vale, a Waterford-born community activist who had campaigned for the rights of Irish people and for the rights of tenants and homeless people from her arrival in London in 1928 until her death two years ago.

Innisfree hopes that the small six-bed hostel will be the first of many establishments to help homeless Irish people in the 35-55 age group, who are not old enough to be considered in "Priority need" for council housing and who form a high proportion of the older single homeless.

Listowel-born housing worker Tim Hartnett, chair of Innisfree, welcomed the guests and introduced the speakers. The attendance included members and officers of Brent Council, Brent People's Housing Association, and a number of Irish community organisations.

Association chair Tim Hartnett said: "We thank all those involved with Innisfree who have contributed their talent and time on a voluntary basis to improving the position of single homeless people.

"We also thank Brent People's Housing Association for having developed this new hostel and we hope that it will be the first of many such projects to be undertaken by the Association over the coming years."

Association secretary Jim Smith, of Chamberlayne Road, Kensal Rise, said: "The hostel has been developed for Innisfree by Brent People's Housing Association, and it accommodates both women and men between 35 and 55, each with their own room as well as shared amenities.

"The hostel residents all agree that this accommodation is preferable to being packed four to a room in a Bed & Breakfast establishment, or in a large dormitory in a hostel, conditions which are 'home' for thousands of Irish people in this age group."

Mr Jim Cunningham, chair of Brent People's Housing Association, particularly welcomed Mrs Eileen McGuire, daughter of the late Catherine Cole-

man after whom the house is named, and said that his own father, like Mrs Coleman, had come from Waterford.

The Mayor of Brent, Cllr Les Ford, said that he was very pleased to be at the opening of the hostel which he hoped would be the first of many. Housing associations, he said, were particularly necessary because government cutbacks had restricted the council's ability to provide housing.

Brent Council Leader, Cllr Merle Amory, said that it was important to provide accommodation for the single homeless, and for the council to work with voluntary agencies to achieve this. She said that she was very impressed with the standard of accommodation provided.

Cricklewood Councillor, Graham Durham, said that the council would be using its planning and environmental powers to provide a better deal for the single homeless. He also pointed out that Cricklewood was the site of the proposed "drop-in" centre which the council was developing in partnership with Homeless Concern.

THERE has been an unprecedented response among older Irish council tenants in Brent to the proposed scheme which is being established by the Kilburn-based Innisfree Housing Association in conjunction with Brent Council.

The association, which was set up last year by members of Brent Irish Advisory Service, is now working together with Brent's housing service on a scheme through which accommodation in Ireland will be provided for retired Irish tenants of the Council who wish to return 'home'.

Innisfree Secretary Jim Smith of Chamberlayne Road, Kensal Rise said: "We are inviting Irish-born council tenants in Brent who are aged over 55 and interested in eventually returning to live in Ireland to get in touch."

# Breakthrough

THE national conference on mental health and the Irish community, at the Irish Centre in Camden, was a major breakthrough for members of the Kilburn-based Brent Irish Mental Health Group, which was formed just over a year ago.

Group member, Galway-born Padraic Kenna, of Douglas Road, Kilburn, told the conference: "We are the first Irish community organisation which is trying to achieve an adequate understanding of the needs of Irish people with mental health difficulties."

Recent research by one of the main speakers at the conference, psychologist Dr Raymond Cochrane, of Birmingham University, showed that the Irish immigrant community are most likely to suffer from mental illness in Britain.

Although the Irish are more likely to commit suicide, suffer from depression, personality, behavioural and alcohol-related disorders than any other major immigrant group, "there has been relatively little interest perhaps because the Irish are not really seen as immigrants", he said.

Dr Cochrane's research showed that the majority of Irish immigrants were more psychologically stable than the average British adult. Most put down firm roots and had the support of tightly-knit local Irish communities.

He said that a small minority, however, did extremely badly and were then at a double disadvantage — alone and alienated among the British and disowned by their fellow countrymen and women for "giving the Irish a bad name".

Psychiatrist Roland Littlewood said: "Nobody is examining the problem, partly, I think, because the Irish do not have the 'exotic appeal' of other immigrants. But there is too the English block about Ireland. The lack of research is a case of singular neglect."

Mayo-born Dr Rose Anne Varley, of Brent Irish Mental Health Group, said: "Taking on the issue of Irish mental health in Britain means facing up to the very deep, ambivalent feelings we have towards the British and living here."

Cork born psychiatrist Dr Maire O'Shea, also a member of the Brent group, said: "We hope to set up a national forum to campaign for more resources and encourage more specific research into the mental health problems of Irish immigrants and their children."

Padraic Kenna told the conference: "Overall we found little up-to-date research in this field because it has been ignored by statutory and voluntary bodies. With the assistance of Brent Community Health Council we compiled a collection of all available material."

"We received a positive response from Brent Area Health Authority with the result that one of our committee members is undertaking a research project funded by the Authority on the incidence of attempted suicide among young Irish people."

"We felt that to highlight the problems faced by Irish people living in this country was the most effective course of action. The voices of Irish people with mental health problems are not often heard, and their experiences have never been documented."

"For our forthcoming booklet we interviewed a cross-section of Irish people in London with mental health difficulties. This booklet is being funded by Brent Race Relations Unit and will be available soon."

Rose, who lived in Malvern Place, Carlton Vale, had been a member of Brent East Labour Party for several years, playing an active part in the campaign against 'strip-searching' and in support of the Hunger Strikers.

Like many single Irish people in north-west London, Rose had experience of homelessness and she was a member of the management committee of Kilburn-based Brent Community Housing which provides accommodation for single homeless people.

One of her colleagues paid her a moving tribute this week, saying: "Rose's republicanism, socialism and feminism were as much a part of her as her honesty, generosity and humour. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Deepest sympathies are extended to her family and many friends."

## Sudden death of Irish activist

THE burial took place in her native Dublin of Rosemary Deane, after her tragic and sudden death at the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead, at the age of 30.

## INNISFREE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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# Reunion party



THIS GROUP enjoyed the Irish Senior Citizens' Christmas reunion party organised by the Kilburn-based Brent Irish Advisory Service

ALMOST a hundred local Irish pensioners came to the second annual Irish Pensioners' Christmas Reunion Party at the Cavendish Ballroom in Willesden Green. The guests included Brent's deputy mayor Cllr. Len Williams and the deputy mayoress.

The event provided an opportunity for the pensioners to renew old acquaintances, to exchange news and greetings, and to make new friends in an atmosphere reminiscent of the 'Céilí house' of old Ireland. Greetings were exchanged between pensioners from all over the Brent area before they sat down to enjoy a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings done to a tune by Mrs. Harty and staff of the Spotted Dog, and served up by a small army of willing helpers.

A delightful display of Irish step dancing by young pupils of the Noonan School of Dancing in Kilburn was followed by lively traditional music played in fine style by Mayo-born fiddler Peter Sheridan of Cricklewood and Limerick-born accordionist Jim O'Shea of Kilburn.

The pensioners' party was followed by the annual Irish Community Christmas Reunion Social and Dance, a unique occasion which brings together hundreds of local Irish people and their friends of many lands from all over the Brent area.

All ages, backgrounds and generations, and most of Ireland's different counties and towns of origin, were represented at the reunion dance in an enjoyable celebration of the festive season.

fitting start to the Christmas holiday.

Brent Council leader, Cllr. Merle Amory, Chief Whip, Cllr. Christine Winter and Labour group chairman Norman Long, together with fellow Brent councillors Cedric Best, Pam Jordan, John Ryan, and Penny Withum were warmly welcomed when they dropped in on the proceedings.

Longford-born Colum Moloney, chair of Brent Irish Advisory Service, which organised the whole evening, thanked Brent Council for its support. He said that Brent's provision of a specialist social worker would be of great benefit to the Irish community.

Mick Maloney and the Sidetracker's band supplied an entertaining programme of Irish, folk, country, old time and modern music, and the young pupils from the Kennedy School of Irish Dance gave a graceful exhibition of Irish step dancing.

BRENT Councillors Hazel Baird and Frank Hansen who represent the Mapesbury ward between Kilburn and Cricklewood are the second pair of Brent councillors to use the Irish language in communicating with their constituents from across the water.

A multi-lingual information card to be distributed to all homes in the area will include details of the councillors' regular advice surgeries, as well as their addresses and telephone numbers, all translated into the ancient Gaelic tongue.

In recent years there has been a steady growth in the use and learning of the modern Irish Language, especially among people of Irish descent, as well as by Irish parents and their children, and this is reflected in the constant demand for tuition, books and tapes.

# Dancers

ALMOST every young Irish dancer in north-west London seems to have entered this year's Brent Feis — the Irish Dancing section of the annual Brent Festival of Music and Dance.

Now widely recognised as the premier event in Irish dancing circles, the Feis has attracted thousands of entries from all over Britain, including hundreds of young girls and boys from the many local schools of Irish dance who took to the huge Wembley stage to display their unique talents.

There are several teachers of Irish dance in north-west London — especially in Kilburn, Harlesden, Willesden, Cricklewood and Wembley — who aim to carry on the tradition of the old 'dancing master' who first appeared in rural Ireland in the middle of the 18th century.

The Brent Feis features a distinctive form of Irish dancing — solo dances — usually performed nowadays in exhibition or competition and requiring a great deal of skill. The style is one of simplicity and natural grace, while the figures and steps are executed with accuracy and precision.

The types of dances in the Brent Feis include slip jigs, light jigs, heavy jigs, double jigs, reels, hornpipes and set dances; and while they are mainly performed by solo dancers there are also competitions for couples and threesomes.

The vivid costumes worn by the dancers at Brent Town Hall reflect the clothing of the past. For the ancient Irish were very fond of bright colours; in fact it was a mark of one's standing in the community to be allowed to wear more than one colour.

Embroidery was very much a part of women's clothing in the past. And today, these aspects of Irish culture are picked up in the dance costumes being worn by entrants to the competitions.

The girls' dresses are a copy of the 'peasant' dress of old Ireland and they are adorned with hand-embroidered Celtic designs, while copies of the famous Tara brooch are worn on the shoulder, holding the flowing piece which falls over the back.

The boys' costumes are less embellished, but no less steeped in history; they wear a plain kilt and jacket and a folded cloak hanging from the shoulder. The cloak or 'brat' was a symbol of rebellion during the suppression since it enabled the rebels to endure the worst weather in the mountains.

Nowadays each dancing school has its own distinct costume, and an expert eye can identify which school a dancer attends from simply looking at the colour and design. Among the local schools taking part in this year's Brent Feis are the Griffin, Kennedy, Kinsella, Massey and Troy.

THE Irish Dancing section of the annual Brent Festival of Music and Dance — Brent Feis — at Brent Town Hall

showed the high standard, variety and popularity of Irish dancing today.

Many factors have contributed to this, not least the dedication and hard work by dancers and teachers

alike and generally a greater awareness of all forms of Irish music and dance in recent years.

Grace and beauty on a high level are the main delights of Irish dance and the dancers themselves, being the proud and fortunate possessors of a unique inheritance of national dances, have the gifted temperament to combine both.

# On Location

EVENING Extra, the leading daily current affairs programme on Ireland's RTE television in Dublin, was on location in Brent

to report on some of the activities and achievements of the borough's Irish community.

Producer Billy Magra, presenter Richard Crowley and a film crew from the programme visited the temporary offices of Brent Irish Advisory Service and the London Irish Commission for Culture and Education at Salusbury Road.

The filmed reports included interviews with educationalist Brendan Mulkerre and his colleagues in the Irish Commission about their work, which is of special interest in the context of anti-racism and multi-cultural education.

Interviews also took place with Brent Councillor Colum Moloney on the position of the borough's travelling people; with Irish pensioners who want to return to live in their homeland, and with Irish language students in Kilburn.

# DEGREE STUDY

LOCAL Irish people are being invited to apply now for places on the new ACCESS courses which are starting at the South Kilburn Community School in Stafford Road, Carlton Vale next September.

The ACCESS courses are designed to help adults over 21 go on to do a professional or degree qualification at a university or polytechnic even though they may not have the traditional O and A levels.

Students take the course for a year and if successful then go on to complete their studies at university or polytechnic. The courses on offer are in humanities, science and social science.

Potential applicants should contact Barrie Birch or Gill Scott on 328 3471 as soon as possible.



# Single homeless

A NEW DAY centre for single homeless people in the area is the priority of Cricklewood Homeless Concern in 1987 — the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless — and the organisation is to step up its campaign for this facility.

This was stated by Neasden-based housing worker Gerry Molumby, chairman of the registered charity, in his address to its annual general meeting at St Agnes's church in Cricklewood Lane, where the group was founded just four years ago.

"We started in 1983 because of concern amongst the priests and some parishioners of St Agnes's at the number of people calling at the presbytery for a food handout — many of the men were sleeping rough," he said.

"From the very beginning Homeless Concern has been involved with single homeless people who have special needs as a result of alcoholism, mental illness or poverty. Our service is available to any homeless person regardless of race, colour or creed.

"Our Sunday Club at St Agnes's Community Centre is now attended by up to 90 users and we are also open on Tuesday afternoons. We want the club users to see it

as a social event, as their place, where they can chat, watch TV, or read newspapers.

"Our development worker, Paul Hinge, is available to meet the welfare needs of club users. But with the increase in numbers of people coming for help during the week and the need for a daily club facility, it is obvious that we need our own day centre."

Parish priest Fr Herbert Haines told the meeting

that although the recent sub-zero temperatures had focussed attention on the homeless and aged, their needs are still there throughout the year.

"Looking at Cricklewood and taking account of the daily calls at the Presbytery over the past year, the needs of the homeless have not lessened or gone away," he said. "The number of homeless people has stayed at a constant figure."

Fr Haines also drew attention to an issue which he feels is important, and not just homeless people: "Cricklewood has no public toilet — and this must reflect a certain lack of sensibility on the part of the local authority."

In his first year's report, development worker Paul Hinge said that a number of

people who were living rough are now housed in local council housing. Their housing applications had been speeded up by the existence of 'Concern' and his efforts.

"During the year we have started alcohol counselling for people who wish to avail themselves of this service," he said. "This counselling has often resulted in people being referred to de-toxication units miles away. There is no unit in Brent."

Tom Reynolds recounted the efforts made by the organisation to obtain joint funding from Cricklewood's three surrounding

boroughs — Barnet, Brent and Camden — and the delays and difficulties before the grants were eventually received.

"We are grateful that Brent Council has agreed the capital funding for our day centre," said Mayor-born committee member Mary Cribbin. "We feel strongly that day-time, and how to kill those long, dreary hours is a problem many people fail to consider when discussing homelessness."

In a moving address to the meeting, Maurice O'Connor, a native of Listowel, Co Kerry said: "I have been a

REPRESENTATIVES from Irish community organisations in north-west London went to the House of Commons

to join a mass lobby of MPs about the cases of the Maguire family of Paddington, the "Guildford Four" of Kilburn and the "Birmingham 6".

The lobby was followed by a meeting, attended by more than 100 people, which was chaired by Seamus McGarry, chair of the Federation of Irish Societies in Britain, and addressed by a number of guest speakers including

member of the Cricklewood Homeless Concern almost from its inception both on the management committee and as a 'down and out' in Cricklewood.

"At first it all seemed impossible, but by sheer determination and love how could it fail? Daily I was gaining confidence, so as to re-establish myself back into the community. By now I was strong enough to commit myself to a Detox Unit to get dried out."

Members of the management committee elected at the meeting include: Gerry Molumby (chair), Margaret Egan (secretary), Brigid Keenan (treasurer), Len Cole, Mary Cribbin, Sr Winifred Dowd, Leslie Dunn, Maurice O'Connor, and Tony Sheward.

writer Robert Kee, lawyer Alistair Logan, Lord Gerry Fitt, and Clive Soley MP.

The meeting agreed that an "eminent persons group" should be set up to lead the campaign which aims to proclaim the innocence of the 17 people involved in the three cases. Many speakers called for the setting-up of an independent public enquiry with a legally qualified chair and independent lay assessors.

A benefit social in aid of the Guildford Four campaign at the Cricklewood was attended by hundreds of local supporters of the campaign which is rapidly gaining support among the wider community in north-west London following the recent publication of Robert Kee's book.

At Brent Town Hall, last week, Irish Councillor Colum Moloney moved that Brent Council should support the campaign: "The people accused of committing bomb outrages on flimsy forensic and uncorroborated evidence must be given support to have their cases re-examined immediately," he told a meeting of the ruling Labour group.

"There is great concern among the Irish in this borough about the injustices to the parties concerned. We also call for the names of the Maguire family to be cleared of the alleged offences against them, and also to be compensated for their illegal incarceration," he said.

## GAEILGE RIACHTANACH DO PHOST I LONDAIN

Tá an Ghaeilge luallu mar chaillocht i gceonhail polst mar Oifigeach Polasal Éireannaigh le Comhairle Brent i Londain.

Doir an Chomhairle go mbeidh sé riachtanach goilge a bheith ag an lea i ngluathar nó, ar a lathad, le mbeidh sé aistia an

leanga a thoghlaim. Tá níos mó Éireannach i mBulng Brent ná mar atá in aon limistéar údaráis áitiúil eile i Sasana. Tá sé mar pholasal ag Comhairle Brent cur i aghaidh

**le Mícheál Réamonn**

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Caidrimh Chnóich. Beidh an t-oifigeach nua mar theagmháil idir Pnóm-Chomhairleoir Caidrimh Chnóich na Comhairle agus pobal Éireannach na bulng. Is air nó

úirlín a thábhóid go riachtanais agus casmhairíochtaí an phobail sin a mhíniú do na húdaráis agus polasaithe a mhólaíocht do réir Boilear ag aul leis go gcuirfidh an t-oifigeach spéis ar leith i riachtanais bhan Éireannach.

De bheirs ar an gceaillocht leanga, tathar ag lorg duine le taithí phearsanta ar leithrom tríd Éireannach, le cur amach

ar eirdeirí deirne agus reachtula, scileanna nairchán ag le cymas tuighne Ba don duine a bheith luy do pholasal deirne comhionannacha Comhairle.

**Iarratais**

Tá formeacha nua ar fáil ach gluathar i 013-0371.

## OBITUARY

### 'Spotter' Murphy

THE death occurred at St Mary's hospital in Praed Street of Mr James Gerard 'Spotter' Murphy aged 65, of Cambridge Court, Kilburn Park who was a native of Belfast and had lived in the Kilburn-Paddington area for more than forty years.

The late Mr Murphy was a well-known figure to local people of all nationalities. He was a veteran republican and socialist in the true 'Connolly' tradition, and was passionately concerned with the welfare of everyone regardless of race or creed.

THE DEATH of James 'Spotter' Murphy on Sunday morning, October 19th, in a London hospital came as a shock to his many republican friends and comrades in Ireland and Britain. Spotter Murphy was a lifelong republican who joined the Republican Movement at the age of 16 and became a Volunteer in the old 'D' Company in Belfast.

Educated at St Peter's School, Raglan Street, he was active in the '40s and was interned in Crumlin Road Jail for some years until the release of the internees in 1945. He later moved to London, where he lived until his death.

He frequently visited Belfast and was always in touch with the Movement in Belfast and England. In the present campaign he was arrested and charged with supplying information to the Balcombe Street Four in London.

He was found guilty and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

#### FAILING HEALTH

On release after serving the sentence, he continued to reside in London, but his health had begun to fail.

The Republican Movement extends its deepest sympathy to the Murphy family on their sad loss.

I measc laochra na nGael go raib a anam uasal.



### BRENT council Women's sub-committee

invited local Irish women to attend a reception at the Town hall for Sinn Féin women councillors who are visiting various local councils in England to exchange views and information on how councils might address the needs of women in their communities.

AN Irish Women's Group now meets at the Brent Women's Centre in Willesden on the first Friday evening of each month, and new classes in the Irish language, set dancing and assertiveness training for Irish women are planned. For more information contact Nuala at the Centre on 459 7660.