

BRENT IRISH ADVISORY SERVICE



WORKING FOR THE
IRISH COMMUNITY

THE IRISH COMMUNITY

Irish people can be seen as a distinct community with an ancient cultural heritage, history and traditions, a language of its own and all the aspirations of a modern lifestyle.

Many thousands of Irish people come to London each year to seek work and accommodation.

The BIAS Information Centre in Willesden offers up-to-date information, help and confidential advice on people's rights in Britain, Ireland and Europe.

Our community work includes helping Irish people with something in common to start new groups and activities. We carry out research on issues affecting the Irish community, liaise between statutory agencies and Irish people, and advise people coming from, or going to, Ireland. 'BIAS received an Irish Post Community Award for the significance of its work'. **Irish Post**

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Registered Office: 296 Willesden Lane, NW2

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Housing. We provide housing information and support to Irish people in housing need.

Social Work. We assist Irish people to obtain the welfare services and benefits they are entitled to.

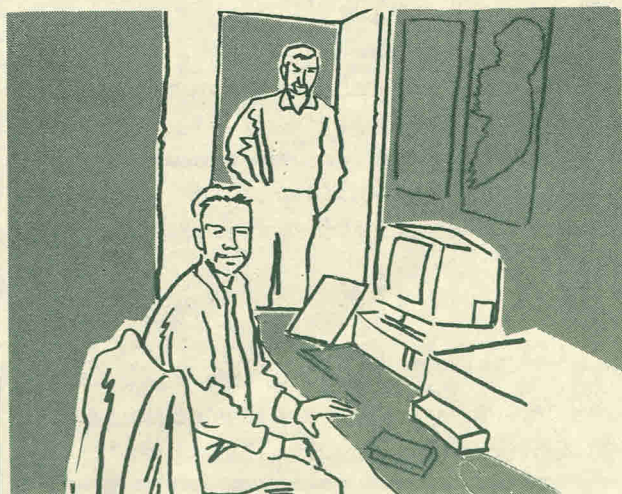
Pensioners. We provide a visiting and support service for isolated and housebound pensioners. A luncheon club meets every week.

Young People. Drop-in facilities for young Irish people both newly arrived and settled. A young mother's group meets regularly.

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INFORMATION SERVICES

BIAS provides information on a wide range of issues:

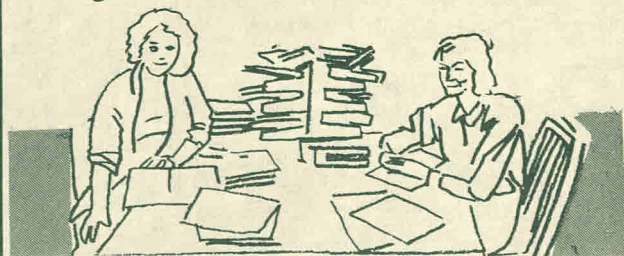
- Housing options and access to housing.
- Welfare rights and benefits.
- Employment and training opportunities.
- Legal services.
- Health needs.
- Education.
- Irish social and cultural activities.
- Returning to Ireland.
- Moving to Europe.

BIAS produces publications on the needs, experiences and aspirations of the Irish community.

The Irish in Britain Directory. The definitive guide for the Irish community, providing information on all aspects of Irish life in Britain.

BIAS NEWS. A regular information newsletter.

Special reports on single issue problems facing the Irish.



BRENT IRISH ADVISORY SERVICE (BIAS)

Established in 1978, Brent Irish Advisory Service provides information and community services to all Irish in London, and especially the Brent part of North West London.

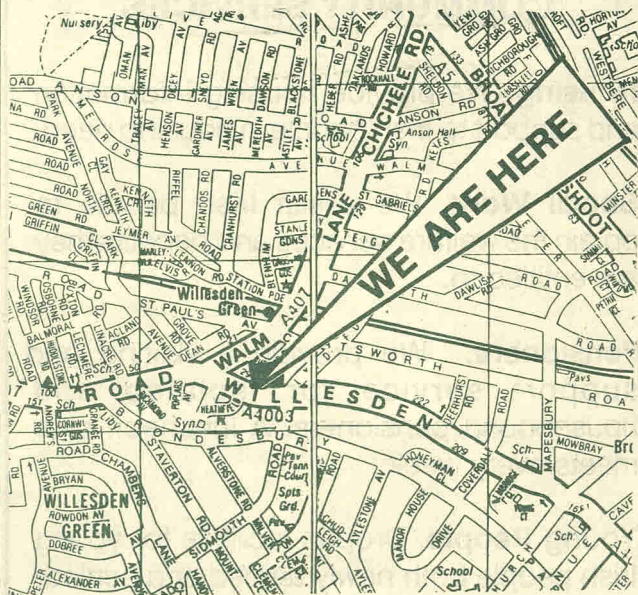
BIAS' work is carried out by staff and volunteers who all share a common concern for the Irish in London.

The agency receives assistance from a number of organisations but needs more funds to continue its welfare work. Difficulties in finding accommodation and employment have resulted in an ever-increasing number of Irish people requiring our services.

'Certainly the BIAS initiative is a vital step in the right direction' **London Irish News**



HOW TO FIND US



Nearest underground station: **Willesden Green (Jubilee Line)**.

BIAS is also on the following bus routes: **8, 52, 260 & 266.**

Opening hours:

Monday to Thursday 10am to 5pm

Friday 10am to 3.30pm

Closed daily 1 to 2pm

Tel: **081 459 6286** for information or to make an appointment.

Please send me a copy of the *Irish in Britain Directory*

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £3.50 inc. P&P

Name.

Address.

Postcode.

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