
Inquiry Into Emigration

Report Launch

"Irish Emigration - A Programme for Action" is the title of the joint report by the AGIY and TIDE, the Dublin based Emigration Research and Action Group. This report presents the findings of two inquiries into emigration held in Dublin in 1987 and London in February of this year. It analyses the impact of contemporary emigration on Irish society and draws together the experiences and issues that affect Irish people in London.

The report makes a series of recommendations to authorities in Ireland, Northern Ireland, London and the EEC on how issues around contemporary Irish emigration might best be tackled.

The report will be launched in Dublin by Bernie Grant MP and an Irish politician at a press conference on *Sunday 11th September 1988 at 11.30 a.m. in Buswell's Hotel, 25 Molesworth St., Dublin 2.*

- Copies of the report which will cost STG £2 or IR £3 will be available from AGIY or TIDE from 12th September.

Young Irish People And The DHSS

Update

As reported in last month's edition of "AGIY INFO" ten agencies from the London Irish Youth Forum were participating in the monitoring of the impact of the

social security changes on young Irish clients.

Questionnaires were distributed to young people using these agencies during the week commencing 25th July 1988. The AGIY is now in the process of analysing and interpreting the completed and returned forms.

The results of this exercise and their implications will be taken up with the DHSS and used to appraise agencies in Ireland concerned with pre-emigration welfare of the particular problems that young Irish people are experiencing under the new system.

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Guide To London For Young Irish People

Update

Distribution of the Guide is going ahead at a rapid pace. Since it was made available a month ago, about 5,000 copies of the Guide have either been distributed to



young people or are committed for distribution at various agencies in London and in Ireland.

- If your agency has ordered copies of the Guide and you have not yet received them they should be with you shortly. If your agency has not yet ordered any Guides or you require more contact AGIY before stocks run out!!!!

Remember, total funding for the production of the guides has been secured so they are free of charge to young Irish people.

Funding News

National Lottery

Further contact has been made with the Department of Education in Dublin concerning the progress of funding applications to the Irish Government's National Lottery scheme by agencies working in London.

Civil servants have informed AGIY that due to the pressure of work and the holiday period the funding applications have not yet been processed. It now appears that an inter-departmental committee comprising of civil servants from the Department of Education, Labour etc. will be set up to examine the funding applications.

The membership and terms of reference of this committee have not yet been established and the Department of Education would not commit themselves to a timetable for processing the applications.

The AGIY were also informed that a decision to fund agencies working in Britain with National Lottery monies still had to be made.

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London Boroughs Grants Scheme (LBGS)

The LBGS is currently inviting applications for funding from voluntary organisations who are not already in receipt of LBGS funding. Groups who already receive funding will automatically be sent an application form.

Any voluntary group which provides a service across more than one borough may apply.

For applications forms and more information about the scheme contact:

LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS UNIT
5TH FLOOR, REGAL HOUSE
LONDON ROAD
TWICKENHAM
TW1 3QS Tel: 01 891 5021

£775,000 DHSS Money For Charity!

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has been chosen by the DHSS to distribute £775,000 of funds to voluntary organisations in England assisting the unemployed, the short term sick and single parent families. The funds have been made available as a result of an error by the DHSS when the updating of social security benefits was carried out.

The funds will be distributed quarterly and grants will be for a minimum of £1,000 and a maximum of £50,000. This money can not be used for fixed assets or core salaries and expenditure of grants must not run beyond 31st March 1990.

Voluntary organisations which fulfill any of the criteria should write to:

CAF
48 PEMBURY ROAD
TONBRIDGE
KENT TN9 2JD Tel: 0732 771333

The AGIY would like to acknowledge the assistance of Voluntary Voice in the production of this item.

Irish Women's Housing Action

The Irish Women's Housing Action Group which was established at the London Irish Women's Conference in April this year has come together out of concern for the growing problems of homelessness amongst Irish women which will be worsened as a result of Central Government legislation.

The immediate concerns of the Group are the new Housing Bill and the Local Authority homelessness policies and their implications for Irish women.

The Group meets every month at:

WESLEY HOUSE, 3RD FLOOR, 4
WILD COURT, HOLBORN, LONDON
WC2 5AO

The dates of future meetings are as follows:

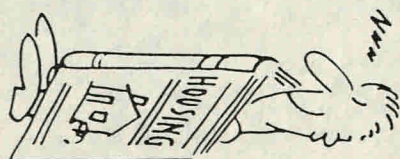
19th SEPTEMBER, 17TH OCTOBER,
7TH NOVEMBER AND 5TH DECEMBER.

If you would like to become involved in the Group or require further information contact:

IRISH WOMEN'S HOUSING ACTION
GROUP,

C/O 59 STOKE NEWINGTON
CHURCH ST. LONDON N16

TEL: 249 7318



YTS And Young Irish People

Compulsory YTS commences on 12th September 1988!

Do you know the answers to these questions?

- Will young Irish people qualify for a bridging allowance if they have been on a FAS youth training scheme in Ireland prior to emigrating?????
- What status will a FAS training scheme have in comparison to YTS????

No-one seems to know the answers to these questions

*CAN MR. NORMAN FOWLER,
SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT HELP US
WITH OUR ENQUIRIES?*

Watch this space next month and hopefully all will be revealed.

An Eye On Ireland

Each AGIY-INFO Newsheet will highlight particular information about events and issues as they happen in Ireland and as they affect Irish youth.

This month's feature gives an EYEFUL of current youth concerns.

London Irish Youth Forum

(LIYF)

The date of the next LIYF meeting is

Thursday 29 September 1988

at

2.30pm

Irish Centre,

50 Camden Square

London NW1

The main agenda item will be the Careers Service and young Irish people



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