

Irish Emigration - A Programme for Action

House of Commons Launch

The AGIY have secured all party support to launch "Irish Emigration - A Programme for Action" at the House of Commons on Monday 13th March 1989 at 12.00 noon.

Mr. Bernie Grant Labour MP for Tottenham, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris Conservative MP for Leominster and Simon Hughes Democrat MP for Southwark and Bermondsey are sponsoring the event.

The report which was jointly published by the AGIY and TIDE the Dublin based Emigration Research and Action Group presents the findings of two Inquiries into Emigration in Dublin in 1987 and in London in 1988. The report makes a series of recommendations to authorities in London, Ireland and the EEC on how issues around contemporary Irish youth emigration could be tackled.

Copies of the Report which cost £2 plus £1 post and packing are available from the AGIY. For more details of the House of Commons launch contact the AGIY on 328 9029.

Construction Safety Campaign

At the last meeting of the London Irish Youth Forum the Construction Safety Campaign (CSC) raised the issue of the increasing number of Irish people being killed or seriously injured on building sites. Enclosed with this edition of AGIY INFO is a standing order mandate and information about the CSC campaign.

All donations to the CSC should be sent to the Treasurer: Andy Higgins, 84 Tower Gardens Road, Tottenham, London N17

A Guide to London for Young Irish People

Update

AGIY ACTION GROUP
FOR IRISH YOUTH

AND

SEALINK

Sealink UK Ltd. have agreed to make available nearly 1,000 copies of the Guide for distribution on their sailings between Britain and Ireland. Young people will now be able to obtain a copy of the Guide on all Sealink vessels travelling to Holyhead, Liverpool and Fishguard.

The AGIY intend to revise and update the Guide. If your agency has information that you would like to see included in the new edition please contact AGIY as soon as possible.

Stocks of the current Guide remain available. Contact AGIY for your supply.

New Irish Advice and Information Service in Haringey

The Haringey Irish Cultural and Community Centre have started a new advice and information service. The service provides information on employment

rights, education, training, health, social security benefits, pensions, accommodation, housing rights, consumer problems and debt counselling. The service is available at the following times:

Monday and Friday 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Tuesday 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

For further information contact the advice worker Helen Read at:

HARINGEY IRISH CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRETORIA ROAD

TOTTENHAM

LONDON N17 8OX TEL. 365 1125

AGIY meets Fine Gael

In January the AGIY had a meeting with Fine Gael party leader Alan Dukes TD and party Chief Whip Jim Higgins TD who were in London on a fact-finding visit to Irish community groups. Among the issues raised were the effects of the new social security changes on Irish 16/17 year olds, the effects of funding cuts on the work of Irish groups in the voluntary sector, the high levels of homelessness amongst Irish youth in London and the difficulties experienced by young Irish people seeking employment.

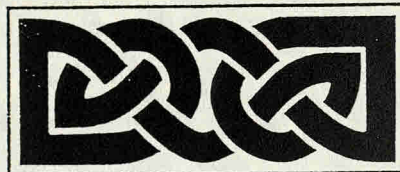
Fine Gael were lobbied to (1) demand an increase in the Irish Government's allocation of money for Emigrant Services Abroad and (2) to support the requests from Irish groups in Britain for an allocation of monies from the National Lottery Scheme.

Fine Gael expressed concern and agreed to support both requests.

Irish in Britain Directory

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A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE

BIAS, the Brent Irish Advisory Service is currently preparing for publication the fourth edition of its "Irish in Britain Directory" which contains a comprehensive guide to Social and Community Organisations, Educational and Cultural Organisations, Business and Commercial Groups and a section on Information and Advice Organisations.

BIAS intend to print 10,000 copies of the Directory; for further details of availability and placement of orders contact:

GERALDINE VESEY,

BIAS,

ELECTRIC HOUSE,

296 WILLESDEN LANE,

LONDON NW2 TEL. 459 6286

DION money doubles!

DION, the Irish Government's Committee based at the Irish Embassy has received an increase in its grant monies in this year's budget. The grant from the Irish Government has doubled from £250,000 to £500,000!

DION have announced that the money will enable it to support the work of existing agencies and other voluntary organisations seeking to offer advice and counselling to Irish emigrants in areas which do not already have such services. The money will also be used to fund research and information projects.

DION is now inviting voluntary bodies to apply for funding from the increased grant and can be contacted at:

IRISH EMBASSY,
17 GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON SW1 TEL. 235 2171.

Agency Profile

AGIY INFO will from time to time feature the work of one particular agency in London in order to assist other agencies understand the role and work of a particular organisation. In this edition we feature the work of the Short Stay Young Homeless Project (SSYHP) at 525/527 Holloway Road, London N19 4BY (Tel. 272 5383).

525/527 Holloway Road is managed by SSYHP who also manage a short stay hostel in South Kensington. Although the Holloway Road project is run by SSYHP it is not, confusingly, short stay at all!

Holloway Road provides accommodation for young people between the ages of 16 and 25 who require an absolute minimum of support. The project cannot offer accommodation to people who are unable or unwilling for any reason to lead independent lives. Licences are issued initially for three months and then, all being well, on a twelve month renewable basis. All residents are classed as boarders for DSS purposes.

SSHYP have adopted an Equal Opportunities Policy and fully welcomes applications from women, people from all ethnic backgrounds and gay men and lesbians.

525/527 Holloway Road is divided into two separate houses. 525 is a large shared house which accommodates 14 people in single and shared bedrooms. 527 houses four flats which provide accommodation for 3 or 4 people in single and double bedrooms.

Referral Guidelines

An agency wishing to refer an individual to Holloway must have visited the project first and spoken to the workers. For further info about referrals and the SSHYP contact:

SSYHP
525/527 HOLLOWAY ROAD
LONDON N19 4BY TEL. 272 5383

Attention Irish Women!

Two community groups have just commenced new projects aimed at young Irish women.

The **LONDON IRISH WOMEN'S CENTRE** based at 59 Stoke Newington Church Street, Hackney, London N16 has started a drop in session on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00p.m. offering advice, help and a friendly chat to young Irish women new to London, women and/or young women born in Britain of Irish parents.

For further details contact **Eilish** at the Women's Centre, **Tel. 249 7318**.

KILBURN IRISH YOUTH ACTION GROUP offers a Cead Mile Failte to young Irish women aged between 16-25 at the Abbey Community Centre, 222 Belsize Road, Kilburn, London NW6 every Thursday night from 7.00 - 9.30 p.m. where various activities including music, crafts, drama etc. will be on the agenda.

For more info contact **Eileen** Tel. **624 0915**.

London Irish Youth Forum

(LIYF)

The date of the next LIYF meeting is

Thursday 16th February 1989

at 2.30 p.m.

Irish Centre

50 Camden Square

London NW1

**THE MAIN AGENDA ITEM WILL BE WORKING WITH TRAVELLERS -
ISSUES AND CONCERNS.**

**TIM HARTNETT, A WORKER WITH TRAVELLERS IN HARINGEY WILL
ATTEND.**

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GROUP WISH TO PUBLICISE ANY EVENTS, NOTICES ETC. SEND
DETAILS TO EITHER JOAN OR DAVE AT THE ACTION GROUP
FOR IRISH YOUTH ON TEL. 328 9029**

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