

Bray Partnership LINKS

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Welcome to summer LINKS, where you can read about a new information booklet on education for local parents and students, as well as other local initiatives and projects.

Our noticeboard on the back page lists forthcoming events, training, funding opportunities and other resources.

And remember that we would love to hear from you if you want to advertise forthcoming events, new services, training, etc., that would be of relevance to our local social inclusion agenda—just contact me by phone or email: michelle@braypartnership.ie. Until the next edition, enjoy the summer!

Michelle Rogers
Editor

Launch of new information booklet on education



Lorna Lafferty (Bray Partnership), Judy Coolahan (Bray Education Network), Minister Dick Roche, Rhona Loughman (Designer), and Jennifer D'Arcy (Bray Partnership) at the launch of the information booklet in the Esplanade Hotel.

A new education information booklet for parents and students has been launched by Bray Partnership.

The booklet, entitled *Chalk It Down*, contains a wealth of information on primary and post-primary education provision in the town.

As well as information on local schools, there are other useful sections such as handy checklists for parents to use when choosing schools, subject choices and exam options, a guide to coping with bullying, and details of a wide range of local contacts and supports.

The booklet is available in English and Irish and is the result of a collaborative effort between Bray Partnership and local agencies, primary and secondary schools in Bray, in response to a need identified by parents in the Bray Education Network.

It has been circulated widely to students and families through local schools and agencies and is also available from Bray Partnership.

For copies of the booklet or further information, contact Jennifer D'Arcy or Lorna Lafferty on (01) 2868266.

Partnership staff news

We're delighted to welcome several new staff members who have joined us in the past few months.

Pictured below is Jackie Briggs, who is a new Information Officer with our Local Employment Service Network. Jackie is based in the Wicklow Trade Union Centre for the Unemployed.



We're also delighted to welcome onto our staff team Patty O'Malley (pictured below), who joins us as Advocacy Officer for our new advocacy service for people with disabilities.



Paivikki Hoolan is on maternity leave and we are very happy that Aisling Maher will be working with us one day a week to take on the facilitation of the Disability Cluster Group and other related work during Paivikki's absence.

Brian Geelon and Eleanor Phillips both left the Bray Partnership managed Job Initiative Scheme recently to take up employment. We would like to wish them well in their future careers.

Bray Partnership training

Using a digital camera

An evening workshop on using your digital camera to take pictures for your organisation's publications, such as newsletters and annual reports.

The workshop will take place at 7pm on Wednesday, 12th July, at Bray Partnership, 4 Prince of Wales Terrace, Quinsboro Road, Bray.

Places will be limited to 12 participants and you will need to bring a digital camera with you. Contact Eileen Byrnes on 01 286 8266 for further information and to register.

Charities Regulation Bill 2006

The Government has published the *General Scheme for the Charities Regulation Bill 2006*. There are aspects of this proposed legislation that you might want to be aware of or comment on before the legislation is actually written.

We have therefore organised a workshop at 7.15pm on the evening of 29th June with Ivan Cooper, Director of Advocacy at the Wheel. We need an idea how many people might be interested in attending so we can arrange for a suitable venue.

If you are interested in the workshop please contact Eileen Byrnes as soon as possible on 01 2868266.

Eileen will also be able to email you a brief press release and/or the full 309 page *General Scheme for the Charities Regulation Bill 2006* for your information.

Health programme for local Traveller men



The picture shows Dr. Helen Casey, Senior Community Dietitian from the HSE's Health Promotion Department, giving a talk on the dietary health pyramid.

A group of Traveller men from the LEAP Project have been taking part in a Socialisation and Health Promotion Programme funded by the Health Service Executive's Health Promotion Unit under their Community Grants Scheme.

The course has covered a wide range of topics, such as physical activities, mental health awareness, relaxation and physical well-being - including blood pressure and cholesterol, a healthy diet, and alcohol and drugs awareness.

Easi-Cab Travel Club launches new website

The Easi-Cab Travel Club has launched its new website, which you can log onto at www.easi-cab-travel-club.org.

You can now become a member of the travel club online, or download an application form to send by post or fax.

The site will be updated regularly with lots of information of interest to members and prospective members. You can also add your ideas and comments about the site on the contact page.

So why not log on today and find out what Easi-Cab can offer you.

Little Bray Family Resource Centre celebrates 20 years



Anne Egan (Bray Town Council), Fran Brennan (LESN), Niamh Wogan (LBFRFC) and Mary O'Reilly (Marian Pre-School) pictured at the recent 20th birthday celebrations at Little Bray Family Resource Centre.

Would you like to receive this newsletter by email?

As part of our drive to save paper and resources, we would be happy to send our 'Links' newsletter to you by email.

Just email me, saying you would like to receive 'Links' by email, and specifying whether as a Word document or a PDF.

Email to: michelle@braypartnership.ie.

NOTICEBOARD

Events/Seminars/Conferences

Industrial Yarns: new theatre piece from Shadowbox Theatre Company

New devised theatre piece by Shadowbox as part of the Bealtaine Festival and celebration of older age in 2006, based on and inspired by the writings and stories of older people in the community. At 8pm on 9th June at Mermaid Arts Centre in Bray.

Promoting equality of participation for migrants in Ireland

One-day conference organised by The National Association of Citizens Information Services of Ireland, European Citizen Action Service and Citizens Advice International on 3 July 2006 at the Clarion Hotel, Excise Walk, IFSC, Dublin 1. Contact Noirin Farren at dinfoser@eircom.net for further information.

Funding

Please feel free to contact Eileen Byrnes at the Partnership if you need any assistance in developing funding applications

Community Foundation for Ireland

Small Grants Scheme for projects leading to the social inclusion of people and communities excluded by reason of geography, age, disability, family circumstances, poverty, gender or race. The scheme will have a particular focus on carers, older people, people leaving institutions, sexual minorities, ethnic minorities, and families at risk. For criteria and application form visit www.cfi.foundation.ie

Dormant Accounts Measure A - Economic and social disadvantage

See www.pobal.ie/live/DAF website for application, general guidelines, and measure specific guidelines for Supports for Prisoners and Ex-Prisoners - deadline 30 June. Information on other Category A measures are expected to be announced later in 2006. These will include Alcohol Related Harm, Jointly Funded Flagship Projects and Disadvantaged Children and Young People.

St Stephen's Green Trust

The St. Stephen's Green Trust exists to make a positive contribution to charitable projects and initiatives that aim to tackle poverty, social exclusion, disability, discrimination, racism and injustice in Ireland. The trustees meet four times a year to assess grant applications, usually at the end of February, May, August, and November; the deadline for receipt of applications is six weeks in advance of these meetings. Grants are in the region of €500 to €15,000. To receive an application form and guidelines, contact info@ssgt.ie with the following brief details: name and address of organisation, contact name, what your organisation does, estimate of amount of money requested and what it is needed for.

The Wheel Training Links Programme

The Wheel is making funding available for training networks of community and voluntary groups (existing or new) with a particular shared interest in or need for training, operating in the same geographic area (they will decide the type of training). Funding between €20,000 and €50,000 will be granted to the network, if successful. A minimum of 10 groups need to be involved in the network (a group must be not be a branch of another organisation and must be independently constituted). Bray Partnership is putting in an application for a Bray Training Network. If you are interested or for further information, please contact Eileen Byrnes by 12th June 2006 at Bray Partnership, 4 Prince of Wales Terrace, Bray, tel: 01 286 8266 email: eileenb@braypartnership.ie. The closing date for applications is 16 June 2006.

Volunteering

Sunbeam House Services: Friends in Deed

Sunbeam House Services Friends in Deed scheme is seeking volunteers who can offer 3-4 hours a month to support people with disabilities with activities such as socialising, sport, shopping, trips and concerts. For more information contact Maura O'Laughlin on 01 2042972.

Bray Partnership Website: Our website, www.braypartnership.ie, has a 'Noticeboard' section. To include information or photos about your group's activities, or publicise a forthcoming event, contact Michelle at the Partnership, e-mail: michelle@braypartnership.ie.

Comments, contributions and feedback on the newsletter are welcome. Contact Michelle Rogers, Bray Partnership, 4 Prince of Wales Tce., Bray, Co. Wicklow. Tel: 286 8266 email: michelle@braypartnership.ie. **This document is available in Braille, large font, on audio cassette, disk or CD on request. It is also available to read and download from our website in the 'our publications' section.**