



Disability Federation of Ireland Newsletter

*An Advocate for the Voluntary Disability Sector.
Supporting Organisations to Enable People with Disabilities*

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DFI Proposals Find Expression in The New Programme For Government

When we launched "A Lot Planned – All To Do", our Programme for Government document we singled out three key issues to be addressed in the parties' manifestos. We sought parties to state fully in their manifestos:

"That in Government we:

- will commence progressive implementation of the Cost of Disability Payment.
- will adequately resource current service delivery by voluntary disability organisations.
- will identify for each year of the Programme for Government the objectives and outcomes for the NDS, having regard to the vision and long term goals for people with disabilities as set out in 'Towards 2016'."

The new agreed Programme for Government section on disability states:

"This Government is determined to continue to prioritise the interests of people with disabilities over the next five years, through a series of significant measures. We are committed to ensuring that the Strategy is driven and managed from a whole of Government perspective and it will be overseen and supported by the Department of An Taoiseach. This Government, will for each year of the Programme for Government, set out the objectives and outcomes to be reached in the NDS having regard to the vision and long term goals for people with disabilities as set out in Towards 2016. This approach will be properly monitored and we will ensure that at least half of the strategy is implemented by 2010. (Page 33)"

The Programme for Government does not include a direct commitment on resources of current service delivery by voluntary disability organisations , but states: "We will also examine ways of: Strengthening further the relationship between Government and community and voluntary organisations .(Page 50)" DFI will continue to press the issue of under-resourcing of organisations through all available channels.

It is disappointing that the Programme contains only a commitment to "Publish a review of the Cost of Disability payment. (Pg. 34)" This falls far short of implementation the case for this payment is well proven. It is time to implement the payment now, without further delays and yet another review.

The General Election is over and now we must continue to remind the elected candidates of the commitments they made during the campaign. Disability must be kept at the top of the Government agenda to ensure that people with disabilities are enabled to fully participate in all aspects of society.

DFI will be working to influence the Estimates and Budgets 2008. DFI encourages all organisations to make their needs known. We will launch our pre-budget submission on Wednesday 3rd October 2007. You will be able to present your own organisation's issues directly to the members of the Oireachtas who will be present at this event.

John Dolan
CEO

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Date for Your Diary DFI Conference

The theme of this years conference is
'Working Better Together
to Deliver the NDS'.

Venue: Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise
Date: 21st and 22nd November 2007

More details to follow.

News

DFI Research Project into Joint-Working

DFI is working on a small scale research project into the nature and scope of cross agency relationships / joint work that is being undertaken by member organisations. This information is being gathered in preparation of the DFI conference later this year and will be used to support DFI's ongoing representation to the Department of Health and Children, Health Service Executive, and Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, and other agencies, on the role and value of voluntary disability organisations.

The DFI research project will be carried out in order to provide some background into the types of cross agency and joint working that disability organisations are involved in with either other disability organisations, community and voluntary organisations, or

statutory organisations. This study aims to simply identify the type of joint work practices that exist within the sector.

To structure the research DFI has initially identified four categories of joint working.

1. **Networking:** Individual organisations exchange information with other organisations which will be of benefit to all organisations concerned.
2. **Co-Ordination:** In addition to exchanging information, organisations aim to share some activities that are carried out across the organisations concerned, in order to increase efficiency.
3. **Co-Operation:** In order to achieve a common purpose, the organisations concerned, in addition to sharing some activities for the purpose of efficiency, may also share resources, e.g. staff, work space, training, information, funding, and, in some cases, legal arrangements.
4. **Integration and Inter-Agency:** Individual organisations with similar interests and work practices form a common facility or entity through which information, activities and resources are exchanged and pooled, involving time, trust, work space, sharing and shared risks, rewards and resources.

If your organisation would like to bring any examples of joint work practices to our attention, to be considered as part of the research, please forward your suggestions to Eleanor Scanlan, eleanorscanlan@disability-federation.ie on or before the 30th of July. of the organisation concerned.

DFI Easy to Read Guide to NDS and Towards 2016

DFI is preparing an 'Easy to Read Guide' to the National Disability Strategy (NDS) and the new Social Partnership Agreement, Towards 2016.

The aim of the guide is to provide an understanding of the NDS and what it means for disability organisations. The guide will outline the various components of the NDS, and other relevant legislation, national strategies and policies. In particular, the guide will look at Towards 2016, outlining the Lifecycle Approach, developed for the Agreement, insofar as it relates to people with disabilities. Implementation mechanisms for the NDS, outlined in Towards 2016, will be noted. Finally, the role of the Community and Voluntary Sector, set out in both Towards 2016 and the NDS will be highlighted.

It is expected that this Easy to Read Guide will be published later this year. In the meantime if you have any queries in relation to the NDS / Towards 2016, please contact DFI.

Independent Assessment of Need

The roll out of the Assessment of Need as outlined in the Disability Act 2005 has commenced. With effect from 1st June 2007, children with disabilities in the 0-5 age group are now entitled to receive an Assessment of Need. It is intended that Assessments of Need will be available under the EPSEN Act, (2004) to children with special educational needs by 2010.

The July issue of Citizen Information Board's Relate also details the Assessment of need provisions of the Disability Act 2005 which came into effect on 1st June for Children up to the age of five. For more details please check the CIB website: <http://www.citizensinformationboard.ie/publications/relate>

Standards

Under the legislation the Assessment of Need must be conducted in accordance with specific standards. In October 2006, the Department of Health and Children and the Department of Education and Science set up a Cross-Sectoral Team with representatives from both Departments, as well as representatives of the Health Service Executive and the National Council for Special Education. This Cross-Sectoral Team established a Sub Group to prepare draft standards for the Assessment of Need process, pending the establishment of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA). Compliance with the standards will be monitored on a regular basis by the independent Health Information and Quality Authority, when established. A two day consultation process took place in February of this year to present these standards for discussion and consultation. In general there was broad acceptance of the process as described and of the standards.

National Steering Group Implementation of Disability Act (Under Fives)

The Disability Federation of Ireland has been invited to become a member of this implementation group, comprising statutory and non statutory service providers and service users. Representation was also sought from the Federation of Voluntary Bodies, the Not for Profit Business Association and from Inclusion Ireland. The group has a remit:

- To provide a national overview and direction to support the cohesive and effective delivery of provisions of the Disability Act 2005;
- Focus on Key issues and approaches taking a high level view of what needs to be achieved, and
- The initial focus will be on children under five.

The group will meet approximately four times a year, possibly more frequently initially.

DFI has two places on this group one of whom will be a staff member, we are in the process of identifying another representative from among our member organisations that provide services to children in this age group.

Issues DFI will be pursuing and promoting include:

- Recognition of the Voluntary organisations and services providers in the roll out of the legislation;
- Developing and enhancing the specialist nature of our niche members to meet needs in Local Health Office areas;
- Ensuring that standard guidelines and templates are used across the country for all assessments;
- Ensuring that current interventions and services, that work and are necessary, are not lost in the transfer to new systems, and
- Advising organisations to ensure that their parents and guardians are aware of the avenues of access to the assessment process

Challenges

The process of assessment will utilise current existing resources within the sector. This poses a challenge for both the HSE and the service providing organisations. To this end one of the first actions will be to carry out an audit of these existing resources to quantify capacity in each Local Health Office area. After this the HSE and service providers will be asked to work together to ascertain how the assessment process can be progressed.

This is a time of dramatic change and will require that we meet the challenge in a practical and pragmatic way. Organisations

are asked to use this opportunity to reflect on the needs of their organisation going forward; issues such as enhancing specialist expertise; developing communication and relationships with liaison officers and Primary Care Teams in their locality; utilising the specialist therapy expertise of their staff and support to individuals and their families through the process of assessment and beyond are all areas of potential development for the future.

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Review of Department of Health and Children Sectoral Plan

The Department of Health and Children Sectoral Plan is due for review in July 2007. The DoHC Plan is somewhat different to the other five Departmental Sectoral Plans, in that it was to be reviewed after it's first year. The DoHC Plan outlines the Department's Plan in respect of health and personal social services for people with disabilities, as provided for in the Disability Act 2005

The DoHC Sectoral Plan contains a number of commitments relating to

- Implementation of the multi-annual investment programme to progressively address identified needs;
- Implementation of Part 2 of the Disability Act 2005 in relation to the Independent Needs Assessment;
- A number of cross-Departmental and cross-Sectoral issues relating to housing, income and employment / training opportunities for people with disabilities;
- Implementation of Parts 3 and 5 in relation to access audits of public buildings, audit of services, accessible

procurement, communication and information policies, staff training, and designation of Access Officers, and

- Monitoring and review procedures

As part of the National Disability Strategy, the intention of the Sectoral Plans is to act as a detailed road map for the development of supports and services to people with disabilities over the coming years

DFI / CIB Study on Housing and Accommodation Needs of People with Disabilities

The study of the Housing and Accommodation Needs of People with Disabilities, undertaken jointly by DFI and the Citizens Information Board (formerly Comhairle), is being prepared for publication. Some of the key findings were presented by the researcher, Michael Browne at a recent meeting of DFI's Housing Group and also at the meeting of the project's Advisory Committee. A brief summary of his presentation gives a flavour of the results of the project.

The focus of the investigation on the experience of people with disabilities and the voluntary organisations providing services to them highlights those for whom housing need is not being met or only being partially met at present, especially people visibly without accommodation (homeless people); people in 'hidden spaces' - in family homes when they wish to and/or would be better off living elsewhere; people in long stay residential settings; people awaiting discharge from hospital; some people in nursing homes, e.g. people with an acquired brain injury, people with MS; people with Alzheimer's/dementia who are not in appropriate accommodation.

The research reveals some innovations and good practice in respect of meeting the accommodation needs of people with disabilities, but the absence of an integrated approach to housing needs

assessment for people with disabilities gives rise to ad hoc and somewhat fragmented responses at local level. Under-investment features in the whole area of facilitating transition from residential settings to community living and the housing and related supports required are frequently not available. There is insufficient attention given in Ireland to accessibility / lifetime adaptability aspects of housing design.

The study identifies a number of cross-cutting issues and principles that need to be incorporated into implementation of the NDS and T16. It finds that a key challenge going forward is how the housing and accommodation needs of people with disabilities can be addressed taking into account factors such as individual choice, equality of access, comprehensive needs assessment, establishment of an ethos of collaboration, joint working throughout the service delivery system and the need for a change of mindset in regard to the needs and aspirations of people with disabilities.

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SKILL Project Update

The SKILL (Securing Knowledge Intra Lifelong Learning) Project is now in its second year. It's aim is to provide further education and skills to support staff in the health services. The training is provided free of charge to all participating staff, and the HSE has committed to providing a backfill financial contribution to organisations who support staff on SKILL Project.

In late 2006 DFI agreed to facilitate and support the uptake of DFI Member Organisations onto the SKILL Project.

Currently, just over 230 staff from fourteen DFI Member Organisations have completed the fourth of SKILL Project Training Modules, with eight modules in total to complete. Core training has been taking place on the following topics of:

- Communications;
- Care Support;
- Infection Prevention and Control, and
- Legislative Procedures and Quality

There are over 34 optional modules for participants to choose from including for example other key areas of:

- Managing People;
- Planning for Personal Development;
- Human Growth & Development;
- Caring for the Older Person;
- Personal Effectiveness in the Workplace;
- Person-Centred Focus to Disability, and
- Intellectual Disability Studies

In 2007, 235 staff from 16 DFI Member Organisations underwent Pre-Learning Advice Sessions and are now registered scheduled to begin training in September 2007.

DFI will continue to support organisations participation on the project, particularly through the DFI SKILL Project Steering Group. If you or your organisation would like to hear more about the project please For more information please contact:
Cathy McGrath
(Dublin Office)
E: cathymcgrath@disability-federation.ie ,
Tel: 01 4250124 or check out the website www.skillproject.ie

Monitoring Progress of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government's (DoEHLG) Sectoral Plan

The first meeting of DoEHLG's Disability Act Sectoral Plan Advisory Committee took place on 22nd June. Six disability organisations including DFI (members of the Disability Stakeholders Monitoring Group) were invited to consult on the Department's review of progress implementing the Plan. The main issues arising from the review were:

- The efforts of Local Authorities to improve access to their buildings and communications with the public as well as to streets, roads and footpaths were highlighted, with the promise of implementation plans specifying programmes of actions and costs becoming available by the end of July 2007. According to the Department spending on these areas using NDS multi-annual funding exceeded €28m over 2005 and 2006.
- Co-Operation with other bodies was outlined, for example on providing accessible bus stops, as well as mechanisms to encourage good practice and standards across local authorities. See for example: www.la-accessibility.ie.
- On housing, protocols were reported to be almost ready to guide liaising on individual needs assessments between housing authority and HSE staff and about service supports costs for special housing projects.
- Commencement of the new 'Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability' awaits Ministerial signatures on underpinning Regulations.
- Nomination of stakeholders is underway for the National Group that T16 identified for progressing the National Housing Strategy for people with disabilities, with the first meeting anticipated in September.

- Rather limited progress was reported on mechanisms to co-ordinate the range of services locally to meet the needs of people with disabilities and for the involvement of the disability sector in the processes. Departmental letters have been sent to Local Authorities and County and City Development Boards.

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Irish Mental Health Coalition issues Agenda

The Irish Mental Health Coalition issued a 10-point Agenda for Action on Mental Health to the new Irish Government.

The Coalition calls on the new Irish Government to commit to:

1. Full and Timely Implementation of 'A Vision for Change';
2. A Comprehensive Implementation Plan for 'A Vision for Change';
3. Annual detailed progress reports on implementation of 'A Vision for Change';
4. Interdepartmental Coordination on Mental Health;
5. Prioritised Mental Health Expenditure;
6. Equitable Distribution of Financial Resources;
7. Restructuring of Mental Health Services;
8. Adequate Resourcing of Suicide Prevention Strategies;
9. Relocation of the Central Mental Hospital from proposed Thornton Hall site, and
10. Placing Ireland as a Leading Country in International Action on Mental Health

For further information or comments, please contact:

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 Chair of the Irish Mental Health Coalition
 and Director of Schizophrenia Ireland:
 087-9271292 or
 01 860 1620
 Fiona Crowley, Amnesty International:
 087-250 5551 or 01-677 6361

Mainstreaming Social Inclusion

Evaluation of Mainstreaming Social Inclusion in Europe found Ireland was one of the best performing States at putting in place proper political structures to deliver social inclusion policies.

The Report, by the Combat Poverty Agency, says Ireland is ahead of many of its counterparts in ensuring plans to tackle poverty and promote social inclusion are integrated into Government policy. However, it also concludes that the Government could do more to involve people experiencing poverty in devising and supporting policy solutions.

For further information please check the website: www.msieurope.eu or email msi@cap.ie.

Funding

Community Foundation Grants

The Community Foundation for Ireland's grant making process is one step in a cycle of philanthropy that exists to assist and complement the work of charitable organisations in Ireland.

The 2007 closing dates for receipt of grant applications occur annually on the following dates:

- July 27th
- November 30th

It is essential that applicants consult the full criteria, available on the Community Foundation's website prior to submitting a grant application:

<http://www.communityfoundation.ie/grants/>
 Grant information and application guidelines are also available from The Community Foundation for Ireland's office at (01) 8747354.

For further information please contact:

Helen Beatty,
 Grants Officer at hbeatty@foundation.ie
 The Community Foundation for Ireland
 32 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1
 Tel: (01) 874 7354

Training

Dealing With Difficult Situations In Volunteering

This training course is organised by Volunteering Ireland.

Venue: Hardwick Room, Coleraine House,
 Coleraine Street, Dublin 7
 Date: Tuesday, 20 September 2007
 Maximum participants: 14
 Cost: €125 Volunteering Ireland members,
 €150 non-members.

This one day course is suitable for anyone managing volunteers who wants to address difficult behaviour and situations with the goal of benefiting themselves, others and the organisation. The aim of the course is to give some practical tips on how to manage volunteers in a way that can reduce the likelihood of difficult behaviour.

To book a place please check the Volunteering Ireland Website:

www.volunteeringireland.ie/page.php?id=75

Developing Your Volunteer Policy

This training course is organised by Volunteering Ireland.

Date: Tuesday, 23 October 2007
 Venue: King House Interpretive Galleries and Museum, Main Street, Boyle, Co. Roscommon
 Maximum participants: 14
 Cost: €100 Volunteering Ireland members, €125 non-members.

This one day course is suitable for any organisation that already involves volunteers in its work, or that intends to do so in the future.

To book a place please check the Volunteering Ireland Website:
www.volunteeringireland.ie/page.php?id=75

College Certificate on the Social Inclusion of Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants

Paul Partnership, Cork City Partnership and Mary Immaculate College are offering the College Certificate on the Social Inclusion of Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants. It offers people who currently work with Asylum Seekers, Refugees or Migrants a unique opportunity to hone their already learned skills in the area and enhance them further.

Duration: September 2007- May 2008
 Venue: Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
 Time: 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm Friday and 9.30 am - 4.30 pm Saturday
 Fee: €500

Closing Date for Applications: 27 July 2007.
 For further information and application details check www.paulpartnership.ie or email soconnor@paulpartnership.ie or lmullen@paulpartnership.ie
 Alternatively please ring Louise on (061) 419 388 Monday-Thursday.

Facilitation Skills

The National Institute for Intellectual Disability (NIID) has been established at Trinity College to promote the inclusion of people with intellectual disability and their families. The course of eight two-hour sessions will provide participants with an understanding of the theory and skills of facilitation and enable them to achieve competence as a facilitator.

How to apply:

Applications to:
 The Executive Officer,
 National Institute for Intellectual Disability,
 School of Social Work and Social Policy,
 Trinity College, 4th Floor, 3 College Green,
 Dublin 2.
 Ph: +353 1 896 3885,
 Fax: +353 1 677 9131 or
 Email: akenned@tcd.ie

New Horizons Partnership

New Horizons Partnership is a cross-border, cross-community organisation that provides services to learning disabled and other disadvantaged clients.

The focus on four main areas are to:

1. deliver [Training](#) to learning disabled and other disadvantaged clients;
2. provide [Supported Employment](#) services for those clients ;
3. set up and run [Social Enterprises](#) that employ service users in real businesses, run on a not-for-profit basis by New Horizons and to
4. develop [Learning Resources](#) and training programmes and other organisations that provide training to individuals with a learning disability.

For additional information please contact New Horizons Partnership
 45c Derry Road, Strabane, Northern Ireland, BT82 8DY
 Tel: +44 (028) 71 883114, FAX: +44 (028)

71 885273 or Email
mail@newhorizonspartnership.co.uk

Orla Murphy
 Tel: 01 296 9392 or
 Email: conference@hiqa.ie
 Or visit the website:
www.hiqa.ie/conference2007

General Notices

Rathmines Access Group

Are you affected by lack of access to footpaths, public buildings, shops & other facilities in the local area? The Rathmines Access Group is working to improve accessibility in the community and are looking for new members!

If you are interested in getting involved please contact either:
 Sandra: Rathmines Community Partnership
 Tel: 01-4965558 or post to 11 Wynnefield Road, Dublin 6, email sandra@rathminespartnership.ie
 or
 Louise McCann, DFI Dublin Office
 01 4250126 or email louisemccann@disability-federation.ie

International Patient Safety Conference

The Health Information and Quality Authority is partnering with the World Health Organisation's (WHO) World Alliance for Patient Safety to undertake a major collaborative project on patient safety. The project aims to drive learning while supporting patients, families and clinicians in the aftermath of a patient safety incident.
 Venue: Croke Park, Dublin
 Date: Thursday 6th September 2007

For Further information please contact:
 Ruth Murphy,
 Tel: 01 296 8688 or
 Email: conference@hiqa.ie

Optimal Individual Service Design

Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary and the Muiriosa Foundation are hosting a course entitled, 'Achieving Deep Quality In Individualised Service And Support Arrangements' and 'Optimal Individual Service Design Course For Disability, Mental Health and Aged Care Services'.
 Dates: 5th - 9th November and 26th – 30th November 2007
 Venue: Mount St. Anne's, Retreat and Conference Centre, Killenard, Portarlington, Co. Laois.
 Cost: €1,800.00

Further Information

A detailed outline of the course and a registration form will be forwarded to interested participants by contacting:
 Roisin Morrin 00 353 45 529475 ext. 115
 Email: roisin.morrin@scjms.ie
 Or
 Karina Wallis 00 353 45 525327 or 087 2675538 Email: karina.wallis@scjms.ie

Happy Heart Weekend 2008

Please note the following dates for your diary for the Irish Heart Foundation Happy Heart Weekend 2008 Campaign: Thursday 15th May – Sunday 17th May 2008.
 For further information please contact Irish Heart Foundation, Tel: 01 668 5001 or Email: info@irishheart.ie

Seminar on Suicide

Mental Health Ireland has arranged a one day information seminar on suicide at the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone 6th October 2007 (10 am – 4 pm), aimed directly at volunteers to inform them on what

might be undertaken when suicide / suicidal behaviour is encountered.

National Disability Authority Library

The NDA library is open to the public and visitors are welcome by appointment. There is an extensive collection of books, journals, and e-resources on disability and related topics. Books can be borrowed by postal loan, and journal articles supplied by post. You can search the NDA catalogue online at www.nda.ie/library and click 'Search the catalogue' link. Also, you can subscribe to the weekly 'Current Awareness' email, containing references to all the new articles and books available from the library, by sending an email to library@nda.ie. The library opening hours are 9 am – 1 pm and 2 pm – 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

Brainwave Annual Conference

The Brainwave Annual National Conference will be held in Galway this year. This is the first time that it will be held in the west. The venue is the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway.

Date: November 3rd, 2007.

For more information please contact: Evelyn Monson Kirby, Community Resource Officer, crogalway.brainwave@epilepsy.ie or visit: www.epilepsy.ie

Focus On Acquired Brain Injury

ABI Information and Education Event
Date: Wednesday 22nd August 2007
Venue: Radisson SAS Hotel, Little Island, Cork
Time: 9 am – 4.30 pm
Cost: Healthcare workers / allied professions: €65, There is no charge for people who have experienced a brain injury or for their family members.

To book a place online, go to www.peterbradlyefoundation.ie or to make further enquiries, please contact Karen: E-mail: kcahill@peterbradleyfoundation.ie or Tel: 01-2804164 or Geraldine / Joe in the BRÍ office on 01-2355501

Regional Workshops on the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion

Sligo 23 July 10 am – 2 pm
Northside Resource Centre, Forthill, Sligo,

Dublin 25 July 10 am – 2 pm
Carmichael Centre, North Brunswick Street

Cork 26 July 10 am – 2 pm
Mallow Mercy Centre, Bathview, Mallow

For further information please contact:
The European Anti Poverty Network (Ireland)
5 Gardiner Row, Dublin 1,
Tel: 01 8745737 or Email:
eamas@eapn.ie / justin@eapn.ie or
web: www.eapn.ie

Elizabeth Finn Care

Elizabeth Finn Care is a charity that provides practical and financial support to people from a wide range of occupational backgrounds - people who have slipped into poverty due to, or made worse by, physical or mental illness, family breakdown, bereavement or redundancy and older people on inadequate pensions.

For further information contact:
Finbarr Fitzpatrick,
Elizabeth Finn Care, Ireland Coordinator,
Carmichael Centre For Voluntary Groups,
Carmichael House, North Brunswick Street,
Dublin 7,
Tel: 1890 88234, E-mail:
finbarr.fitzpatrick@elizabethfinn.org.uk.

To download an enquiry form, visit the website: www.elizabethfinncare.org.uk

Are You Looking for a 'Sporting Chance'?

National Learning Network, the training and education division of the Rehab Group, are looking for people to participate in Sporting Chance, a ground-breaking new training programme designed by to enable people with disabilities and others who are marginalised to build careers as future coaches, leaders and managers in the sports and leisure industry.

For further information on how you can participate in the Sporting Chance programme and kick-start your career in the sports and leisure industry, contact:
Pat O'Neill, Area Manager,
National Learning Network, Clash Industrial Estate, Tralee, Co. Kerry,
Tel: (066) 7122533 or
email: patoneill@nlm.ie

New Respite House

The Physical & Sensory Disabilities Service in the North West has a new respite house, Bayview, located in Tullaghan, outside Bundoran. The house includes 4 single bedrooms downstairs (with high / low profiling beds) and 2 accessible bathrooms. There is a staff bedroom and a bathroom upstairs. The house has an overbed tracking hoist.

The cost is €500 per week.
If your organisation is interested in using Bayview for holiday breaks or if you would like more information, please contact:

Susan Wallace,
Respite Co-Ordinator, Physical & Sensory Disability Service, Bayview Respite House, Duncarberry, Tullaghan, Co Leitrim,
Tel: 071 9831025,
Mobile: 085 7828647 or email:
Susan.Wallace@mailb.hse.ie



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www.disability-federation.ie

Please send Newsletter submissions by e-mail to:

newsletter@disability-federation.ie

or

Newsletter
Disability Federation of Ireland
Fumbally Court
Fumbally Lane, Dublin 8
Tel: 01 454 7978
Fax: 01 494 7981

Newsletters Available

For information please contact the relevant organisation directly.

Ability - Newsletter of the Irish Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, Tel: 01 4572329, Email: info@iasbah.ie

Arthritis Ireland - Newsletter—Tel: 01 661 8188
Email: info@arthritisireland.ie

Aspire - Asperger Syndrome Association of Ireland. 01-8780027/9,
Email: admin@aspire-irl.org

Asthma Society News - Tel: 01-8788511,
Email: office@asthmasociety.ie

Brainstorm - Migraine Association of Ireland, Tel: 01-8064121, Email:
info@migraine.ie

Brainwave - Quarterly Newsletter, Tel: 01 4557500,
Email: info@epilepsy.ie

Care Alliance Ireland - Email: ndo@carealliance.ie

Clar na nÓg - National Youth Council of Ireland Tel: 01-4784122
Email: info@nyci.ie

Cleft Lip and Palate Association of Ireland -
www.cleft.ie/newsletter/index.htm, Tel: (01) 2848227,
Email: georginawade@cleft.ie

Community Exchange Newsletter, Email: info@activelink.ie, Tel: +1 667
7326

Connect - Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association. Email: info@imnda.ie,
Freefone 1800 403 403

Community Workers' Co-operative – Community Work News.
Email: info@cwci.ie, Tel: +353 (0) 91 779 030

Cornerstone - Homeless Agency -
<http://www.homelessagency.ie/research/cornerstone.asp>, Tel: 01 7036100 ,
Email: homeless@dublincity.ie

Cumhacht - People with Disabilities in Ireland
http://www.pwdi.ie/news_events/newsletter/index.htm, Email: info@pwdi.ie,
Tel: 01-8721744

Debra Ireland Newsletter, Tel: 01 678 5044, Email: info@debraireland.org

Down Syndrome Ireland - Tel: 01-8730999, Email: info@downsyndrome.ie

Enable Ireland - Newsletter—Tel: 1850 204 304 Email:
communications@enableireland.ie

Equality News - Tel: 01-4173333, Email: info@equality.ie

E-Info Deaf Source— Email: info@irishdeafsociety.ie. Tel: +353 1860 1878

Féach - Support to parents of blind and visually impaired children. Tel: 01
493 1896, Email: info@feach.ie

Fighting Blindness - Tel: 01 7093050, Email: avril.daly@fightingblindness.ie

Frontline of Learning Disability -Tel: 01-2862649. Email: frontline@indigo.ie

GROWing - Information on Mental Health, Tel: 1890 474 474,
Email: info@grow.ie

Guidelines - Irish Guide Dogs Association. Tel: 021 4878200 Email:
info@guidedogs.ie

Headway Ireland - National Association for Acquired Brain Injury -'Making
Headway', Tel: 01-8102066, Email: info@headway.ie

Heart News: - Newsletter of Irish Heart Foundation. Tel: 01 668 5001
Email: info@irishheart.ie.

Heartstrings - Newsletter of Heart Children Ireland, published
quarterly,
Tel: 1850 217017 Email: heartchildren@eircom.net

Heatwave - Irish Raynauds Scleroderma Society,
Email: info@irishraynauds.com, Tel: 01 2020184

HOPE - Huntington's Disease Association of Ireland. Tel: 01-872
1303, Email: hdai@indigo.ie

Inclusion Ireland - Tel: 01 8559891, Email: info@inclusionireland.ie

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