

DÓCHAS WEDNESDAY NEWS >>>

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(1) **Update on Act Now on 2015 Campaign:**

- [Act Now on 2015](#) brings 65 organisations together in a campaign which has one simple goal: to ensure Ireland keeps its promise to the world's poorest people. Please click on www.actnow2015.ie to:
 - ✓ find out more about the campaign;
 - ✓ learn about the issues;
 - ✓ **write to your local TDs** reminding them that this year we have a unique opportunity to reaffirm Ireland's reputation as a country that keeps its promises to the world's poor and asking them to call on the government to set out a clear plan to deliver our aid promise by 2015.
- **VMM** will hold a **Solidarity Walk** in support of **Act Now on 2015 campaign on 28 August**. See section E(9) below for further details.

(2) **Meetings of Dóchas Board, Working & Learning Groups:**

- **HIV and Aids Working Group: 29 July**, 2.30 pm, World Vision Ireland
- **Food Security Working Group: 11 August**, 11am – 1 pm, Concern
- **Development Education: 22 September**, 11 am - 12.30 pm, Comhlámh
- **Board: 28 September**, 10 am, Dóchas office

Please note that participation at meetings listed under section A(2) above is open to Group or Board members only!

For further details on any of the above items, please contact the Dóchas office, T: 01 4053801, E: anna@dochas.ie.

B. Meetings, Seminars, Conferences & Workshops

- (1) **An Independent Irish Foreign Policy - A Future?: 3-4 September**, Teacher's Club, Parnell Square, Dublin 1. For further information please visit www.pana.ie or contact Roger Cole, PANA, T: 01 2351512, E: pana@eircom.net.
- (2) **Gender Equality, Citizenship and Multiculturalism: 10 September**, 10.15 am – 5.30 pm, Brookfield Health Sciences, Room G04, University College Cork. Further details available [here](#) or by contacting Anne Neylon, E: anne.neylon@student.ucc.ie.
- (3) **Youth for the Future Learning to Change our World - ECO-UNESCO Youth for Sustainable Development Conference 2010: 22 September**, 9.30 am – 5 pm, ECO-UNESCO, The Greenhouse, 17 St Andrew Street, Dublin 2. A day of learning, reflection and mutual support through workshops, keynote speeches, exhibition of projects and interactive activities. Participation free - Registration essential - please contact Jerrieann Sullivan, E: ysd@ecounesco.ie, T: 01 6625491, M: 085 7676 089. **Closing date: 14 September.**
- (4) **Seminar on the Code of Conduct on Images and Messages: 12 October**, 10 am – 1 pm (registration and coffee from 9.30 am), VSB, 34 Shaftsbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB (Light lunch included). The Code of Conduct provides a framework to which organisations can refer when designing and implementing their public communication strategy. It offers a set of guiding principles that can assist organisations in their decision-making about which images and messages to choose in their communication while maintaining full respect for human dignity. Organised by the **Centre for Global Education** in association with **Dóchas**, this seminar will: explore how images and messages are used in development; provide an overview of the Dóchas Code of Conduct on Images and Messages; discuss why the Code is important and should be widely adopted; and offer practical suggestions on how the Code can be adopted. Facilitator: **Eilish Dillon**, Kimmage Development Studies Centre. Fee: £10.00 waged and £5.00 unwaged (must be paid in advance). Participation limited to 30 - places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Registration forms and further information available from Stephen McCloskey, E: stephen@centreforglobaleducation.com, T: (028) 9024 8179.

C. Situations Vacant

To find out more about **Working in Development** please click [here](#)

Please note that the job descriptions below are summaries – Should you require additional details please contact the organisation advertising the position. Thank you!

- (1) **Concern Worldwide** is currently advertising the following vacancies in **Ireland** and **internationally**:
 - **Programme Support Officer – North Sudan**: 30 July
 - **Head Of Programmes – Sierra Leone**: 1 August

- [Senior Programme Advisor - Afghanistan](#): 1 August
- [Head Of Systems - Afghanistan](#): 1 August
- [Head Of Programmes - Liberia](#): 1 August
- [Director Of Development Programmes - Haiti](#): 1 August
- [Education Programme Coordinator - Haiti](#): 1 August
- [WASH Coordinator & Consortium Monitoring - Liberia](#): 1 August *
- [Conflict Management & Transformation - Haiti](#): 2 August *
- [Assistant Country Director - Programmes - South Sudan](#): 8 August
- [Country Accountant - DRC](#): 9 August
- [Health And Nutrition Programme Manager - South Sudan](#): 27 August
- [Assistant Country Director Programmes - DRC](#): 25 August *
- [Country Accountant - Sierra Leone](#): 31 August

For a full job description for each position please click on the links above or go to www.concern.net (jobs).

(2) [Trócaire](#) seeks:

- [Institutional Funding Officer – European Commission focus \(Maternity Leave Cover\)](#): Trócaire receives funding from institutional donors, such as Irish Aid, the European Commission and DfID. The focus of this post will be in maximising income and ensuring effective management of funds from the European Commission. **Closing 29 July.**
- [Communications Officer \(Humanitarian/International\)](#): The successful applicant will be responsible for meeting Trócaire's communications needs, with a particular focus on humanitarian crises, especially through emergency response, and the International Division. The role can be broken into three key areas: work pre- and post-emergencies; work when deployed overseas and general work with the communications team in Maynooth. **Closing 5 August.**

Full details available by clicking on the above links or by visiting www.trocaire.ie.

(3) **Self Help Africa** seeks [Director of Policy and Strategy](#): The successful candidate will be responsible for: driving the strategic direction of the organisation, and achieving a significant scaling up of our work; ensuring that programme development and implementation is of the highest quality, and have responsibility for major donor liaison and the development of strategic funding alliances. The Director of Policy and Strategy will sit on the executive team, and report to the CEO. This is a new position within the organisation. Full job description available by clicking on the above link or by visiting www.selfhelpafrica.org (see About Us/Recruitment). To apply please send letter of application, together with up to date CV to Wendy Hayden, E: wendy.hayden@selfhelpafrica.org with 'Director of Policy and Strategy' in the subject line. **Closing date: 30 July.**

(4) **ILCU Foundation: International Internship Programme – Mongolia**: The ILCU Foundation and the Canadian Cooperative Association (CCA) work in partnership on credit union projects in Africa and the Internship Programme is the most recent collaboration for both of these organisations. This programme is an excellent opportunity to work overseas whereby each intern receives a monthly allowance to cover travel and living expenses for the six-month overseas placement. Therefore this is not a paid role. The chosen candidate will also receive the opportunity to travel to Ottawa, Canada in advance of the programme to participate in training seminars in preparation for the placement. In Canada the Irish intern will meet the 11 other Canadian Interns. The interns will be working in various countries in Africa and Asia. The Irish intern will be placed in Mongolia. Full details, including application and reference forms, are available on the Activelink website at <http://www.activelink.ie/node/2745>. To apply, please send completed application form, cover letter, CV and two reference forms by post or email to: Margaret Byrne, ILCU Foundation, 33-41 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2, E: mbyrne@creditunion.ie. **Closing date: 30 July.**

(5) **Volunteering Ireland** seeks [Development Manager](#) – a highly skilled and motivated individual, with significant experience in the areas of corporate fundraising and event management, to develop and implement a fundraising strategy that supports current programmes, new initiatives and key events including the IAVE Conference 2012, the European Year of the Volunteer 2011, Safeguard Programme and Ireland Involved Online. Candidates will have a proven track record in fundraising and all aspects of event management, including managing logistics, relationships with suppliers, marketing and communications. Full details are available by clicking on the above link or by visiting www.volunteeringireland.ie. To apply, please email your CV and a brief cover letter to: Liz Challice, liz@volunteeringireland.ie. **Closing date: 30 July.**

- (6) [Amnesty International Ireland](#) invites applications for [Accountability for Human Rights Research](#): 6 month contract. The Researcher will be experienced in human rights and child protection and will initiate and conduct research analysing the root causes behind the human rights violations revealed in recent reports on the clerical abuse of children in Ireland which may provide important learning's for accountability for human rights protection in Ireland today. Full details are available by clicking on the above link or by visiting www.amnesty.ie (About Us). **Closing date: 30 July.**
- (7) **ECO-UNESCO** seeks **Communications Assistant/Young Environmentalist Awards Intern** to start as soon as possible. The position is full time, is based in Dublin and ideally will be for 6 months. Further details available at www.ecounesco.ie or by contacting Amanda Tiller, T: 01 6625491, E: admin@ecounesco.ie. **Closing date: 31 July.**
- (8) **Camara** seeks **Office Manager**: Temporary paid position, full time, 3 months, based in Dublin. For a detailed position description and how to apply please click on the above link or visit www.camara.ie. **Closing date: 2 August.**
- (9) **Integration Centre** seeks **CEO** to provide strategic leadership and direction to the Integration Centre in the context of the Strategy Statement and associated agreed business plans. The successful applicant will advise the Board on the strategic direction of the organisation and with the assistance of the senior management, team be responsible for the management of the day to day activities of the Centre. S/he will also represent the Integration Centre to government bodies, businesses, media, the general public and other key stakeholders. For further information please contact Sean McDonagh, Dalriada Executive Search & Selection, 37 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2, Email: smcdonagh@dalriada.ie, T: 01 6698210, 087 7961062. **Closing date: 6 August.**
- (10) **Carmichael Centre** seeks **Project Manager** (Dublin Based) to **plan, develop and oversee all aspects of the project to build a Carmichael Centre in Addis Ababa Ethiopia**. This is a Voluntary Position - vouched agreed out of pocket expenses will be covered. Full details available at <http://www.activelink.ie/node/281>. **Closing date: 6 August.**
- (11) **Irish Refugee Council** seeks **enthusiastic and committed interns** to join a specialist team dealing with asylum and refugee work. Interns should be able to commit to a minimum of 2 days a week for 6 months. No previous experience of refugee work required but you must have a commitment to promoting the rights of those in need of international protection. There are opportunities to engage in casework and policy work but there is also a need for administrative assistance including reception work. Interested parties should send a CV and cover letter (setting out why you are interested in working for the IRC and the particular type of work you would be involved in) by post or email to Sue Conlan, Irish Refugee Council, Ballast House, Aston Quay, Dublin 2, E: info@irishrefugeecouncil.ie. **Closing date: 6 August.**
- (12) **SPIRASI** seeks **Financial Officer**: the successful applicant will have overall responsibility for the production and maintenance of all financial records and accounts for SPIRASI. **Duties and Responsibilities will include:** Accounts and book-keeping; Reporting and Financial Controls; etc. **Essential requirements include:** a third level qualification (degree/diploma level) in Accounting; Efficiency t in Sage, Thesaurus Payroll and Microsoft Office; Excellent Inter-personal skills and ability to work in a team; Three years experience in a financial role. The post will be part-time (20 hours per week) and the initial contract will be for a fixed term of 12 months with a 6 month probationary period. Further details available from SPIRASI, T: 01 8389664. Please send applications to: The Director, SPIRASI, 213 North Circular Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7. **Closing date: 6 August.**
- (13) **Gorta** seeks:
- **Communications/Event Management Intern:** 4 days per week, for a 12 week period. The intern will work with the Marketing and Communications team on a major conference, to take place in October 2010. The role will be hands-on and the intern will be offered the opportunity to work on many elements of the conference ranging from production of print materials to targeting high profile speakers. **Closing date: 6 August.**
 - **Marketing Intern:** 4 days per week, for a 12 week period. The intern will assist with the roll out of a major Christmas TV, radio, online and print marketing campaign aimed at awareness raising and fundraising for **gorta** supporting our work in hunger and poverty alleviation in sub-Saharan Africa. The internship will be hands-on and the intern will have the opportunity to work on many elements of the campaign including production of marketing materials, assisting with customer orders and concise data

entry. The intern will also assist the Marketing and Communications Department in the completion of a comprehensive post campaign report and analysis. **Closing date: 6 August.**

Requirements for both internships:

- ✓ Candidates should have some experience of working in marketing capacity;
- ✓ Excellent communication & organisational skills;
- ✓ Computer literacy, particularly Excel, PowerPoint and Word;
- ✓ Ability to work independently and as part of a team;
- ✓ Excellent attention to detail.

For further information please click on the above links or contact Fidelma Alford, T: 01 6615522, E: Fidelma.alford@gorta.org. To apply please send a cover letter and CV to Fidelma Alford at the above email address.

- (14) **Suas** seeks **Project Manager for Overseas Volunteer Programme**: The successful applicant will be responsible for supporting the delivery and development of the volunteer programme. They will support individuals and teams to ensure a valuable learning experience and service to our volunteers and overseas partner schools. If you are passionate, enthusiastic and motivated by supporting young people through challenging leadership experiences overseas, this could be the job for you. For further information please click on the above link, visit www.suas.ie or contact Elena Mifsud, T: 01 6621412, E: hr@suas.ie. **Closing date: 12 August.**
- (15) **Aidlink** seeks **Programme Officer** to work as part of a small team focusing on providing quality support to Aidlink's partners in Africa. **Responsibilities will include:** Analysing and reviewing project proposals; Providing technical assistance to our partners; and Quality reporting to donors. Within this role there is responsibility for monitoring partner activities and ensuring that all projects and programmes comply with Aidlink's mission and strategic framework. The **ideal candidate** will have good knowledge and understanding of development and a familiarity with the NGO sector in Ireland. Attention to detail is important, together with the ability to prioritise deadlines and work flexibly and effectively in a small team. A degree in development studies (or equivalent) and at least 2 years overseas experience is essential. To apply please send your curriculum vitae and cover letter by post or email to: The Administrator, Aidlink, 34 Greenmount Office Park, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6, E: info@aidlink.ie. Please note that only short-listed applicants will be notified of interview dates. **Closing date: 13 August, 12 noon.**
- (16) **GOAL** seeks **Desk Officer**: based in the organisations Head Office in Dun Laoghaire. **The Role:** point of contact between Head Office and designated Country Directors; support/monitor the creation and implementation of country programmes; represent GOAL with donors, link Operations with all other departments. Reporting to the Operations Manager. **The Person:** proven experience in presenting and delivering complex detailed project proposals. Interest and commitment to overseas relief, rehabilitation and development activities. **Requirements:** 3 years experience overseas preferably in a management position; Third level qualification in Development Studies or similar preferable; Additional languages desirable. Further information available at www.goal.ie. To apply please send CV to applications@goal.ie or contact Olwyn Leo, 01-2809779. **Closing date: 13 August.**
- (17) **Call to tender for A Critical Review of Anti-Discrimination Law in Ireland:** The right to equality and to be free from discrimination is a central feature of all major international human rights treaties. In the case of Ireland, legal protections from discrimination are found in the Irish Constitution, under EU law and in domestic statutes. In particular, the Employment Equality Acts (EEA) 1998-2004 and the Equal Status Acts (ESA) 2000-2004 are the principal pieces of anti-discrimination law in Ireland. The Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL) is commissioning an external consultant(s) to examine these laws with a view to evaluating their effectiveness in combating discrimination and prejudice in Ireland. The full terms of reference for the tender can be downloaded [Here](#). Further information is available from Joanne Garvey, Irish Council for Civil Liberties, T: 01 7994504, E: joanne.garvey@iccl.ie. **Closing date: 27 August, 5 pm.**
- (18) **Camara** is currently advertising the following **volunteer** opportunities in its **Dublin office**:
- Graphic Designer
 - Media and Public Relations
 - Web Design
 - Sales Support
 - Education Project Intern

For more information about Camara and detailed role descriptions please click [here](#) or visit www.camara.ie. **Closing date: 27 August.**

- (19) [Christian Aid Ireland](#) seeks **event volunteers** to help organise, promote and advertise a number of upcoming events, including a Family Fun Day in Dundrum on the 11 September. Last year this event raised over €5,000 for the work of Christian Aid partners in the developing world and this year we hope to make it an even bigger and better success. Volunteers will have the opportunity to get involved with all aspects of event organising, from helping to promote the event to sourcing prizes and sponsorship. This is a fantastic role for those with experience or seeking to gain experience in event management. If you are interested in getting involved with this event or in becoming a Christian Aid volunteer please forward your CV to Beth Dinsmore, Fundraising Assistant, Christian Aid Ireland, 17 Clanwilliam Terrace, Dublin 2, E: edinsmore@christian-aid.org, T: 01 6110801.
- (20) [Link Community Development](#) seeks **intern to manage an event in October** to re-launch its Link Schools Programme. The anticipated start date is early August and the position will be for a period of approximately 10 weeks. Anticipated commitment 2-3 days per week. Interested candidates should contact cathal@lcd.ie for further information.
- (21) **Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF)** is urgently looking for skilled **French speakers**, experienced **Midwives** and **Orthopaedic Surgeons** to work in our projects overseas. For further information please visit www.msf.ie or contact the MSF Dublin office, E: recruitment.dublin@dublin.msf.org, T: 01 6603337.
- (22) **Oxfam Ireland** is currently looking for **volunteers** for its shops in Kilkenny, Sligo, Phibsboro, Bray, Belfast, Holywood, Rathmines, Kilkenny and Lisburn. For further information please log on to <http://www.oxfamireland.org/blog/category/volunteer/shop-volunteer-vacancies/>.

D. Courses and Training

- (1) **Dtalk** – Development Training & Learning @ Kimmage, will take place over the coming months:

July:

- [Exploring Africa](#): 29-31 – in Cork

August:

- [How to be a successful trainer](#): 25-27
- [Advocacy and Policy Influencing](#): 31 August – 2 September *

September:

- [Assessing and Building Partners Financial Capacity](#): 20-21
- [Evidence Based Planning...Baselines, Needs Assessment](#): 28-29 *

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- [Dtalk Tailor Made training courses are designed to suit the exact needs and context of your organisation](#)

All of the above courses (except where otherwise stated) will take place in the Development Studies Centre, Kimmage Manor, Whitehall Road, Dublin 12. For further information or to register for any course please contact: Selam Desta, E: selam.desta@kimmagedsc.ie, or Catherine Behan, E: catherine.behan@kimmagedsc.ie, T: 01 4064307. Full details of all courses are available by clicking the above links or by visiting <http://www.dtalk.ie/courses/scheduled/calendar/>.

- (2) **[BA in Development Studies](#)**: There are a limited number of places still available on this course, which will commence at Kimmage Development Studies Centre in September. Delivered by a combination of taught course work and open/distance learning, this HETAC accredited two year programme is targeted at mature learners who have some prior experience of working in international development and /or the community development and voluntary sectors in Ireland, and who wish to study for a Degree for the first time. Full time and part time (single subject) options available. Full details available by clicking on the above link, visiting www.kimmagedsc.ie or contacting the centre at: T: 01 4064386, E: info@kimmagedsc.ie. **Closing date for applications: 30 July.**
- (3) **Environmental Education - introduction to Education for Sustainable Development methodologies: 24 August**, 10 am – 4 pm, ECO-UNESCO, The Greenhouse, 17 St Andrew Street, Dublin 2. For further information please click [here](#) or contact ECO-UNESCO, T: 01 6625491, E: training@ecounesco.ie, W: www.ecounesco.ie.
- (4) **Summer School in Cinema, Human Rights and Advocacy: 28 August – 4 September**, The Huston School of Digital Media, NUI Galway. The School aims to widen the horizons of professionals in the film, documentary, NGO and media sector to reflect on the use of film and video advocacy as an instrument for enhancing human rights awareness on critical social, political and environmental issues, and to influence change. Further details available at www.chr.ie.
- (5) **Autumn Courses at the Carmichael Centre for voluntary groups:**
- **[Chairing the Organisation](#)**: 21 and 23 September
 - **[Board Roles & Responsibilities](#)**: 28 September
 - **[Key Financial Requirements of the Charities Act](#)**: 30 September
 - **[Effective Meetings and Minutes](#)**: 5 October
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 - **[Introduction to PQASSO: practical quality assurance](#)**: 12 October
 - **[Project Management](#)**: 14 October
 - **[Improving Performance and Outcomes](#)**: 20 October
 - **[Writing Successful Grant Applications](#)**: 28 October
 - **[Building Community Support for Your Organisation](#)**: 4 November
 - **[Implementing Guiding Principles for Fundraising](#)**: 9 November
 - **[Employment Law - Managing Redundancies and Change](#)**: 11 November
 - **[Effective use of Social Media](#)**: 16 November
 - **[Board Roles & Responsibilities \(Cork\)](#)**: 18 November

All courses will take place in Coleraine House, Coleraine Street, Dublin 7, except where stated otherwise. For further information please click on the above links, visit www.carmichaelcentre.ie or contact Caroline Gobe, T: 01 8735285, E: tssinfo@carmichaelcentre.ie.

- (6) **[Theories of Race and Ethnicity: An Introduction: 19 October](#)** (for ten weeks), 6-8 pm, Trinity College, Dublin. Issues specific to Irish society will include the position of the traveller community, the links between racialisation and the asylum/migration processes, and between racism and anti-racism. Participation open to all – fee €175. Contact: Martina Byrne, T: 086 8207486, E: byrnem19@tcd.ie, W: www.ethnicracialstudies.net.
- (7) **Dtalk** will run the following **trainings** on the **Dóchas Code of Conduct on Images and Messages on 27 and 28 October**:
- **[Introduction to the Dóchas Code of Conduct on the Use of Images and Messages](#)**: 27
 - **[Applying the Dóchas Code of Conduct on the use of Images and Messages](#)**: 28

For further information or to register for either/both trainings, please click on the above links, contact Catherine Behan, E: catherine.behan@kimmagedsc.ie, T: 01 4064307 or visit <http://www.dtalk.ie/courses/scheduled/calendar/>.

E. Forthcoming Events

(1) The [Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre](#), Findlater House, 27-31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, is a venue for many **cultural and public events** relating to overseas development. It offers an exhibition space, conference facilities and a workshop area. Many events are open to the public. The following are just some of the events scheduled to take place at the Centre over the coming weeks:

- **28 July: Launch of 'All About Africa, Through Our Eyes' Photography Exhibition:** 6-7 pm. More information available from Malachy Harty, T: 087 1213764, W: www.AllAboutAfrica.net. The exhibition will be on show until the end of August. See E(8) below for further information.
- **31 July: VSO Volunteer Information Day,** 2 pm. To register or for further information, please email info@vso.ie. See E(3) below for further information.

For further details on the Centre please click [here](#) or contact the Centre at: T: 1890 252676, E: irishaidcentre@dfa.ie. For further details on the above events and on other events scheduled to take place over the coming weeks please click [here](#).

(2) **Haiti Lives Photography Exhibition: Now-31 July**, Powerscourt Townhouse Centre, Dublin 2. This exhibition, inspired by the strength and resilience of the Haitian people, includes photographs which capture the daily lives of the Haitian people living in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on 12 January last. An estimated 230,000 people were killed and more than one million others have been left homeless with much of the capital, Port-au-Prince, in ruins. These remarkable images depict how **Oxfam's** work in Haiti is helping people to rebuild their lives.

(3) **VSO Volunteer Information Day: 31 July**, 2 pm, Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre, 27-31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 2. Come along and learn about VSO's work, the application process, and the professionals they are looking to recruit. A returned volunteer will give a brief presentation about their experience overseas. To register or for further information, please email info@vso.ie.

(4) **LASC Mini Fair: 31 July**, 11 am - 4 pm, 5 Merrion Row, Dublin 2. There will be music, a mini-cafe (with tea, coffee, home-baking, waffles, buns, flapjacks, and Italian focaccia), as well as some stalls with second hand delights such as music, books, clothes and crafts! **Donations of home-baked and second hand goods welcome!** Please come along on the day – proceeds will go to the family of murdered Mexican human rights activist, Bety Cariño. Further information available from Roberto, LASC, T: 01 6760435.

(5) **Beat the Drum to Ban Cluster Bombs: 2 August**, 12 noon – 1 pm, Croke Park, Jones Road. Organised by **Action from Ireland (Afri)** and the **Bloom Movement for Global Justice**, this drumming action will celebrate the **Entry into Force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions** - the most significant disarmament and humanitarian treaty in more than a decade. Join us in celebrating this historic treaty and the power of civil society to effect extraordinary change. Bring your drums if you have any! For further information please contact Susan, E: afri@iol.ie, T: 01 882 7581.

(6) **Indie'Go World Music Festival: 6-8 August**, Ballydarton House, Fennagh, Co Carlow. This family friendly festival promises to be one of the best new music festivals in Ireland this summer, boasting a versatile Irish and international line-up ranging from folk-country musician Ben Reel to indie band Dirty Epics to the Cumbia Cosmonauts from Australia, with their electronic adaptations of Latin American dance rhythms. Part of the proceeds from the event will be donated to **Self Help Africa** and to **Barnardos**. For further information or to purchase tickets please visit www.indiegoworldmusic.ie or email info@indiegoworldmusic.ie.

(7) **World Humanitarian Day 2010: Meet Concern's Aid Workers and Haiti Emergency Response Team: 19 August**, 12 noon to 7.30 pm, Cultivate, St Andrew's Street, Dublin 2. Hosted by Concern Worldwide, this open day will focus on the UN's theme for World Humanitarian Day 'I am an aid worker'. Come along and meet some of Concern's local Haitian aid workers who were there when the massive earthquake struck. Meet members of Concern's Emergency Response Team who dealt with the aftermath of the quake. Hear about the effectiveness of Concern's humanitarian work in the country since 1994 and since the January 2010 catastrophe itself, and see insightful audio visual and photographic evidence. Get advice first-hand from aid workers about their experiences across a range of countries. More at: <http://www.concern.net/get-involved/event/world-humanitarian-day-2010>.

(8) **Launch of 'All About Africa, Through Our Eyes' Photography Exhibition: 28 July**, 6-7 pm, Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre, 27-31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Photographers, Niamh O Riordan and Malachy Harty, travelled overland from Cairo to Cape Town in 2005, documenting their

journey in words and images. The images portray the strong, confident, dignified, capable, generous and hopeful people they met along the journey. The exhibition will be opened by **Tom Arnold**, Chief Executive, **Concern Worldwide** and will remain on show until the end of August. For more information, please contact Malachy Harty, T: 087 1213764 or visit www.AllAboutAfrica.net.

- (9) **[Volunteer Missionary Movement \(VMM\) Solidarity Walk: 28 August](#)**, 10 am from VMM Office, The Priory, John Street West, Dublin 8 to The Hellfire Club, Montpelier Hill, Co Dublin. Organised in support of the **[Act Now on 2015](#)** campaign, this event, which will include music and poetry reading, will highlight the importance of tackling global poverty and the need for Ireland to deliver on its overseas aid promise. To register please contact VMM, E: mission@vmm.ie, T: 01 6334421.
- (10) **[Contemporary Ethiopian Art Exhibition: 16-23 September](#)**, Leinster Gallery, 27 South Frederick Street, Dublin 2. Organised by Macafish Art and the Leinster Gallery, this unique event will show case seven talented young artists from Addis Ababa and will provide an opportunity for Irish audiences to enjoy the rich and vibrant modern art movement that exists in Ethiopia. Admission Free. For further information please click on the above link, visit www.macafish.com or contact Ken Gavin, Macafish Art, E: kengavin@lekayla.com, M: 087 9786703, T: 01 8372198.
- (11) **The Immigrant Council of Ireland (ICI) Mothers and Daughters Lunch: 17 September**, Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin. This event is an excellent opportunity to support the ICI to raise funds for its work with the victims of sex trafficking in Ireland. Tickets: €100, including lunch, entertainment, prizes and good bags!. For further information or to book tickets please contact: Ekaterina or Jake, T: 01-6458160, E: events@immigrantcouncil.ie.
- (12) **Trad for Trócaire: 23-29 September**. Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann and Trócaire have teamed up to run this new national fundraising initiative that will launch for the first time this September. Musicians and venues around the country will be encouraged to hold a traditional Irish music session between 23-29 September in aid of Trócaire. If you would like to organise a Trad event in your area please log on to www.trocaire.ie and order your Trad pack today.
- (13) **Rugby Rocks Fashion – [Bóthar](#) fundraising event: 14 October**, 7.30 pm, viva Stadium, Dublin. For further information or to book tickets, please contact Grace at Bóthar's Dublin office, T: 01 4981888, E: grace@bothar.ie.

F. Other Information

- (1) **Call for Posters, Projects and Personal Reflections for ECO-UNESCO Youth for Sustainable Development Conference [Learning to Change Our World \(22 September\)](#)**: submissions must show examples of current practice in Education for Sustainable Development or Development Education. Please express your interest in presenting/displaying your project by returning your submission form before **1 September**. Further information and submission forms available from Jerriann Sullivan, E: ysd@ecounesco.ie, T: 01 6625491, M: 085 7676 089.
- (2) **Irish NGOs launch poetry competition: Dóchas and the Irish Haiku Society have teamed up to launch the IHS International Haiku Competition 2010**. The winning haiku poems in the competition will be those that express best what it means to live in Ireland at the beginning of the 21st century, and how Ireland can play a role in shaping our global future, as part of a world-wide society of nations and peoples. Competition details are available at <http://irishhaiku.webs.com/haikucompetition.htm>. **Closing date: 31 October**.
- (3) **Vita seeks runners to participate in the Great Ethiopian Run: 22 November**, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Funds raised will go towards improving the lives of women in the Chencha region of Ethiopia and will also cover travel, accommodation and entry fees. To find out more please visit www.vita.ie or contact Rachel Gilliland, T: 01 8820108, E: rachel.gilliland@vita.ie.

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