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A. Dóchas News

(1) Dóchas meetings and events in 2012:

- **NGO Response to Irish Aid Programme Funding: 23 February**, 10 am, Dublin. Registration essential, please email anna@dochas.ie. **Participation open to NGOs eligible for the Programme Funding round only.**
- **Dóchas presentation to the Oireachtas Foreign Affairs Committee: 1 March**, 2.45 pm, Leinster House, Dublin 2. Topic: Dóchas Submission to the White Paper Review Process. For further information please contact anna@dochas.ie.
- **The Impact of Irish Development NGOs: 6 March**, 8.30 – 7 pm, AV Room, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. **Places limited – participation by registration only – please indicate your interest by emailing Hannah Grene, Hannah@barncat.ie. Participation open to Development NGOs only.**
- **Dóchas AGM and Annual Conference: 3 May**, 9.30 am – 4 pm, Dublin (venue TBC). Further details to follow in due course.

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

- **Development Education Group:** 7 March, 11 am, Africa Centre
- **HIV and AIDS Working Group:** 21 March, 3-5 pm, Dóchas office
- **Dóchas Board:** 24 January, 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) Seminars at the IIEA:

- **23 February: Getting Young People Back to Work – European Solutions to National Problems.** Terry Stewart Memorial Lecture to be delivered by **Xavier Prats-Monné**
- **24 February: The Future of Energy Policy in Ireland and Europe.** Speaker: **Pat Rabbitt, TD**, Minister for Communications Energy and Natural Resources
- **27 February: The Political and Security Outlook for Afghanistan.** Speaker: Ambassador Vygaudas Ušackas
- **29 February: Reflecting on the Climate Policy Challenge.** Speaker: **Mr Phil Hogan TD**, Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government
- **6 March: The EU and Migration.** Speaker: Charles Clarke, former British Home Secretary

Seminars take place at 12.45 pm (unless otherwise stated) at the IIEA, 8 North Great Georges Street, Dublin 1 (unless otherwise stated). A participation fee **may** apply for non-IIEA members. Further information available by contacting the IIEA, T: 01 8746756, E: reception@iiea.com, W: www.iiea.com

- (2) **Rising to the Challenge: Development Education in a Changing Local and Global Landscape: 23 February**, 10 am – 4 pm, The Exchange, 50 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin 1. This Centre for Global Education Annual Conference 2012 will explore some of the key challenges confronting the development education sector in the current financial climate and shifting policy landscape, particularly in demonstrating the impact of our practice on target groups. It will signpost how the sector can move forward in this context and examine the new opportunities that have arisen for development educators to engage with local audiences on global issues. Keynote speaker: **Bobby McCormack, Development Perspectives**. Full programme and registration form available shortly. Further information available from: Stephen McCloskey, Centre for Global Education, T: +44 (0) 2890 241879, E: stephen@centreforglobaleducation.com.
- (3) **Human Trafficking: 23 February**, 12.30 – 1.30 pm, Catherine McAuley Centre, 23 Herbert Street, Dublin 2. The speaker at this, the first in a series of lunchtime information sessions organised by the Mercy International Association (MIA), will be **Sheila Crowley (Ruhama)**. **Further sessions will take place on 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 March** at the same time and venue and will focus on different situations of injustice, the socio-economic situation in which it is found, and various Mercy responses. Participation Free – Light refreshment provided – all welcome. Further information available at www.mercyworld.org or by contacting MIA, T: 661 8061, E: info@mercyinternational.ie.
- (4) **TCD/UCD (TIDI/HDI) Development Research Seminar Series:**
- **24 February: Should there be an Aid Programme in the Current Climate?** Speaker: **Brendan Rogers**, Director General of Irish Aid.
 - **9 March: Protecting Human Rights Defenders.** Speaker: **Mary Lawlor**, Executive Director, Frontline.
 - **23 March: The Political Economy of Green Growth.** Speaker: Finn Tarp, Prof. of Economics and Director, UNU-WIDER, Finland.
- All seminars run from 1-2 pm. Lunch provided. January and February seminars will take place in: G317, 1-2 School of Politics and International Relations, Belfield Campus, UCD. Seminars in March will take place in: The Long Room Hub, Fellows Square, Trinity College. For further information please email tidi@tcd.ie or visit www.tcd.ie/tidi or <http://www.ucd.ie/hdi>.
- (5) **Disability Aid Abroad Submission on the Review of the White Paper on Irish Aid: 27 February**, 10 am – 1 pm, Disability Action, Portside Business Park, 189 Airport Road West, Belfast BT3 9ED. The seminar is organised by Disability Aid Abroad to prepare a disability specific submission to the review process. All welcome – please RSVP to John Coghlan, Disability Action, T: 0044 77 642 35087, E: johncoghlan@disabilityaction.org.
- (6) **Development in a Changing World - Elements for a Post-2015 Global Agenda: 29 February**, 2.30 – 4.30 pm, OECD Conference Centre, 2 Rue A. Pascal, 75016, Paris. The 4th edition of European Report on Development (ERD), to be published in mid-2013, will address the emerging debate on the post-2015 global agenda on development and consider the main challenges for the next 15 years. Preparatory work for the ERD 2012-2013 has just started and the ERD Steering Committee and the research team from ECPDM, ODI and DIE-GDI, in cooperation with the OECD Development Centre, therefore invite you to a presentation of their plans for the Report and to participate in a panel discussion on its potential coverage. For further information or to register please contact Yvette Chanvoedou, E: Yvette.Chanvoedou@oecd.org.
- (7) **Connecting the Head, Heart and Hands: 3 March**, Athlone. This major conference for post primary teachers, organised by Debt and Development Coalition Ireland, Trocaire, Amnesty and Mayfield Arts Cork, aims to support teachers in developing approaches of 'linking knowing and doing in education' and in discussing the challenges of integrating action into global justice education. For further details please visit <http://www.debtireland.org/events/2012/03/03/teachers-conference-connecting-the-head-heart-and-hands/>. Please register early by emailing campaign@debtireland.org.
- (8) **Public Consultations on the Review of the White Paper on Irish Aid**
- 5 March, 7 - 9 pm, Clarion Hotel, **Cork**
 - 26 March, 3 - 5.30 pm, Radisson Blu Hotel, Golden Lane, **Dublin 8**
 - 16 April, 7 – 9 pm, Glasshouse Hotel, **Sligo**

Further information available at: <http://www.irishaid.gov.ie/whitepaper>. To register to attend a consultation meeting please email whitepaperreview@dfa.ie.

- (9) **European Movement Ireland Information Event on the European Citizen's Initiative: 5 March**, 10am (registration 9.30 am), Dublin Castle, Dame Street, Dublin 2. This event will show how you and your organisation can make your voices heard in Brussels and be brought closer to the EU decision making process. Senator Jillian Van Turnhout and Andris Gobins, European Economic and Social Committee, will brief participants on the European Citizens' Initiative (to be launched in April) and discuss what it will mean in Ireland. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis – for further information or to register please call 01 6625815 or email events@europeanmovement.ie.
- (10) **Roundtable discussion on immigration rules for migrant women experiencing domestic violence: 5 March**, EU Parliament Buildings, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2. Organised by the Domestic Violence Coalition and the Immigrant Council of Ireland. The event will be opened by Anne Ferris TD, Vice Chair of the Oireachtas Justice, Defence & Equality Committee. Pragna Patal, founding member of the Southall Black Sisters, will present on migrant women experiencing domestic violence, with a focus on the lessons learnt from the UK, and Catherine Cosgrave, ICI Senior Solicitor, will speak about the current administrative arrangements and opportunities for reform in Ireland. To RSVP please email admin@immigrantcouncil.ie.
- (11) **International Humanitarian Law Round-Table Discussion on IHL and Sexual Violence: 7 March**, 6 – 7.30 pm, Dublin. Organised by the Irish Red Cross IHL Dissemination Group, this is an exciting new initiative to provide a space for academics, practitioners, students or others with an interest in humanitarian law to engage with the issues of the day as they relate to international humanitarian law. The format for these discussions is informal and Chatham House rules apply. This month's discussion will be facilitated by **Dr Aisling Swaine**, specialist in gender based violence and gender equality issues, who will briefly present the topic before opening it up to the floor for what will hopefully be a lively and informative conversation. Attendance free – registration essential as space is limited. For further information or to register please contact: Louise Sarsfield Collins, E: lsollins@redcross.ie, T: 01 6424647.
- (12) **Consultation on the World Bank Group proposed Global Partnership for Social Accountability: 7 March**, 10.30 am – 1 pm, World Bank Office, 17 Avenue Marnix, 1000 Brussels. The Global Partnership is aimed at strengthening beneficiary feedback and participation by supporting civil society capacity to engage with governments to improve development effectiveness. The consultative meeting will bring together a range of stakeholders to gather input and suggestions. To provide a basis for the discussion, the presentation Briefing on Key Concepts and Principles, available online at www.worldbank.org/gpesa, outlines the principles and emerging ideas of a proposed approach. For further information please contact Guggi Laryea, E: glaryea@worldbank.org.
- (13) **Civil Society Organisations, Human Rights and Development: 14-15 March**, The 1001 Hall, Copenhagen, Denmark. This high-level International CSO conference, organised by CONCORD Denmark, during Denmark's EU Presidency, aims to influence the EU's involvement of civil society in its external relations with a focus on the EC Communication on Engaging Civil Society and Local Authorities, expected in the Autumn of 2012. For more information please contact Morten Emil Hansen, E: meh@concorddenmark.dk.
- (14) **The Role of Watershed Management in Protecting Village Environment Symposium: 22 March**, 9am – 12pm, Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Organised by Gorta to mark World Water Day. Minister of State for Trade and Development, **Joe Costello TD**, will open the event, which will include both Irish and international speakers. Event programme available soon. The event is by invitation only, interested parties may contact Kate.Mayne@gorta.org.
- (15) **The Roma - Between Myth and Reality: 23 March**, 10 am – 4 pm, The Carmelite Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2. This workshop, exploring the Roma community using active learning methodologies, will enable participants to 'unveil their lenses' and recognise and challenge general and individual assumptions about the Roma. It will raise awareness of Roma culture, history and traditions while providing the critical thinking skills needed to challenge the stereotypes often applied to the Roma both locally and internationally. It will seek to enhance links between the Roma and other sectors in civil society. Facilitators: Denis Iliescu and Sorina Toma, both experienced global educators and Romanian nationals. Fee: €20 (waged); €10 (unwaged/student). For more information or to book a place please contact: Stephen McCloskey, T: +44 (0) 2890 241879, E: stephen@centreforglobaleducation.com.
- (16) **Common Cents 2012 – Social Business – The Opportunities: 28 March**, 10 am – 4.30 pm, EU Parliament Offices, Dublin 2. Common Cents 2012 will bring together speakers with a wealth of knowledge and experience in addressing social issues through social enterprise and community business. Full details

available at www.clanncredo.ie.

- (17) **Advancing Beyond 2015 – EU-12 Contributions to a Global Development Framework after the MDGs: 24 April**, Prague, Czech Republic. Organised by TRIALOG (Development NGOs in the enlarged EU) and FoRS (Czech Forum for Development Cooperation), this conference will be looking at the current debates regarding post-MDGs in EU-12 countries and at the resulting contributions to the European and global processes for a new development framework. Full details available at www.trialog.or.at.
- (18) **CONCORD Annual General Assembly: 5-6 June**, Brussels. Guest speaker: Mrs Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission. Further details will be available in due course.
- (19) **2nd Annual DSAI Postgraduate Workshop: 7-8 June**, University College Cork. Organised in conjunction with the UCC Centre for Global Development, the workshop is aimed at postgraduate researchers working on development, conflict and humanitarian issues in third-level institutions on the island of Ireland, and aims to strengthen the sense of community and develop networks between postgraduate researchers, academics and practitioners working on a broad range of issues related to international development. If you are interested in attending please email cgducc@gmail.com with the following information: name, institution, type of degree (PhD/ Masters), year and stage of research, and research questions/ topics. It is expected that around 20 postgraduate students will take part in the workshop. Should a larger number of applications be received, priority will be provided to doctoral level researchers and members of the Development Studies Association Ireland. Please direct further enquiries to Dug Cubie, E: cgducc@gmail.com. **Closing date for the receipt of expressions of interest: 16 March.**

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**:
 - [Logistics Adviser](#) – **Ireland**: 24 February
 - [Health Programme Manager](#) – **Niger**: 26 February
 - [Health Advisor](#) - **Burundi**: 26 February
 - [Advocacy & Communication Advisor - PHF](#) – **Pakistan**: 29 February *
 - [Assistant Country Director Programmes](#) – **Afghanistan**: 1 March
 - [Logistics Coordinator \(START\)](#) – **Ireland**: 2 March
 - [Desk Officer](#) – **Ireland**: 4 March *
 - [Country Director](#) – **DRC**: 7 March
 - [Assistant Country Director](#) – **Sudan**: 9 March
 - [National Health Coordinator](#) – **Sierra Leone**: 14 March
 - [Food, Income & Markets Programme Manager](#) - **Democratic Republic of North Korea**: 15 March *
 - [WASH Advisor](#) – **Republic of Sudan**: 15 March *
 - [Health And Nutrition Programme Manager](#) – **Chad**: 18 March *

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

- (2) **Trócaire** seeks [Donor Services Assistant - Full-time](#): (Ref: 11/CD/028G): The successful candidate will operate as part of the Donor Services & Finance team and will work closely with other members of the Belfast office. For full details please click on the above link or visit <http://www.trocaire.ie/jobs>. **Closing date: 23 February.**
- (3) **Development Perspectives** invites applications for **2012 Development Education flagship programmes**: The programme will take place over an 8 month period with a three week overseas

placement in Tanzania, Uganda or Zambia. A range of pre-departure workshops to complement the overseas phase will be facilitated between April and June. These workshops focus on areas such as human rights, trade, sustainability, peace and conflict, gender issues, HIV/AIDS and poverty. In the final phase of the programme participants will be expected to host their own development education initiatives to engage their local community. For more information please visit www.developmentperspectives.ie or email deborah@developmentperspectives.ie. **Closing date: 24 February.**

- (4) **Joint Consortium on Gender Based Violence** seeks **expressions of interest from** appropriately experienced **Consultants to assist with the development of a new strategic plan for the Consortium for the period 2012 - 2015**. Full Terms of Reference available from Claire O'Meara, E: jcgbvmail@gmail.com. Interested parties should submit a short proposal (including proposed budget) outlining how they would go about the assignment in line with the ToR to Claire O'Meara at the above email address. **Closing date: 24 February.**
- (5) **Oxfam** seeks **Humanitarian Emergencies Policy Adviser**: Roving international post, Open-ended contract, Full-time – 36 hours per week. The successful applicant will be a talented, experienced and internationally mobile individual. Oxfam offers the unique and exciting opportunity to be deployed to a range of humanitarian emergencies, working at all levels from community consultations to the Security Council to bring together analysis and influence for change. It is a highly demanding but extremely rewarding role and Oxfam is keen to find someone with the rare mix of personal and professional qualities to take up the challenge. Full details available at http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/work_with_us/ under job reference C&P664. **Closing date: 26 February.**
- (6) **Christina Noble Children's Foundation Ireland (CNCF Ireland)** seeks **Office Manager/Fundraiser** (Ref: OM/DUBLIN). Initial one-year contract, with associated probation period. Reporting to the Board of Directors the successful applicant will have overall responsibility for the administrative and financial affairs of the Dublin office and the fundraising activities of the Foundation in Ireland in line with the Foundations' ethos, policies and procedures. Full job description available from CNCF Ireland, E: d.caslin@cncf.ie, T: 01 645 5555. **Closing date: 29 February.**
- (7) **Amnesty International Irish Section** seeks **Human Rights in Ireland Intern**: 20 hours a week, Five months starting March 2012, reporting to the Human Rights in Ireland Campaigns Officer, Local public transport reimbursement and daily lunch allowance. The Human Rights in Ireland (HRII) programme is Amnesty's campaign on economic and social rights. This includes the current campaign *Healthcare Guaranteed* on the right to health in Ireland. The Human Rights in Ireland intern works on a variety of projects and tasks, decided in conjunction with the HRII team, on the basis of the needs of the Section and the experience, competencies, and interests of the intern. Full details, including application form. available at <http://www.amnesty.ie/news/human-rights-ireland-intern>. **Closing date: 1 March.**
- (8) **Clann Credo – The Social Investment Fund** seeks **Social Finance Executive (part-time)**: Social Finance Executives are responsible for sourcing and assessing social investment opportunities and continually reviewing the progress of those projects from a social and financial perspective. Based in Cork the position will demand frequent travel. Candidates who will have a third level qualification should have experience in the following areas: New Business Development; Financial Analysis; and Development of Social Investment Approaches. Please send detailed CV to Paul O'Sullivan, E: pos@clanncredo.ie, market with REF: SFE. **Closing date: 2 March, 5 pm.**
- (9) **Plan Ireland** seeks **consultant for baseline study of EQuIP Programme**: Plan Ireland is looking to work with a research organisation, university, academic institute or think tank for the baseline study of its flagship Education programme 'EQuIP' (Education: Quality, Inclusive, Participative). The study should be carried out between April and August 2012. The programme is aimed at improving the quality of education in 4 target countries (Burkina Faso, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Sierra Leone) in West Africa, with a parallel focus on ensuring girls and disabled children can access that education. Plan Ireland has secured funding for the EQuIP programme through Irish Aid's Programme Funding for 4 years from January 1st, 2012. More information available at: <http://plan.ie/about-plan/jobs/tender-for-baseline-study-of-equip>. **Closing date: 5 March.**
- (10) **VSO** seeks **Major Donor Fundraiser**: To contribute to the attainment of VSO objectives, by providing research on major donors, prepare funding proposals, support in the management of donor relationships, and prepare reports and evaluations of funded programmes. **Primary focus:** Work with management to help deliver VSO's fundraising plans by identifying and researching individuals, trusts, and foundations, and institutional donors and high net worth individuals to enable VSO to make effective fundraising

approaches; Support VSO senior management in their relationship with Irish Aid through supplying required reports and evaluations; ad-hoc reports as necessary; and proposals for further funding; Maintain a close relationship with programme teams overseas to keep abreast of developments and be an active member of all programme monitoring and evaluation. **Essential experience and knowledge:** development of funding proposals including working with log frames and results frameworks; researching of major donors and profiling; relationship management skills and excellent writing skills; ability to think analytically and to communicate complex concepts and ideas; working with external monitoring and evaluation systems; working with Irish Aid; working in a systematic way to ensure compliance with quality assurance standards, and external evaluation of work. Full details available from Deirdre Finlay, E: deirdre.finlay@vso.ie. **Closing date: 5 March.**

- (11) **Value Added in Africa (VAA) seeks Development Programme Officer Intern:** Voluntary post, 3-Days a week (24 hours per week), up to one year. The role is designed to provide the Intern with an opportunity to work and gain knowledge in the field of ethical trade, and to become familiar with the development sector in Ireland. The core task of the successful applicant will be to manage VAA's relations with African producers in a manner which builds their capacity for international marketing. For further information please contact Conall O'Caomh, E: Conall@valueaddedinafrica.org. **Closing date: 10 March.**

- (12) **Global Border Studies seeks:**

- **Social Sciences Teacher and Mentor (Thailand)**
- **English for Academic Purposes/Information Technology Instructor (Thailand)**

Twelve month contracts (reviewed on a three month basis). Starting 21 May 2012. Full details available at www.globalborders.org. **Closing date: 12 March.**

- (13) **Irish League of Credit Unions Foundation seeks Researcher:** Short term contract. The Foundation currently supports the development of credit unions in Albania, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Russia and Sierra Leone through local credit unions and their national apex bodies, as a vehicle to alleviate poverty. As part of its new strategic plan the Foundation is aiming to research and investigate the possibilities of developing new credit union partnerships in Eastern Europe and/or Africa. The role will involve 3 months work and it is expected that a significant element of this time will be leading this research. Further information available from jbruen@creditunion.ie. Interested candidates should submit an up to-date CV, with a covering letter, outlining the reasons why they are qualified to fulfil the role, to: Joanne Bruen, ILCU, 33-41 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2, E: jbruen@creditunion.ie. Only short listed candidates will be responded to. **Closing date: 16 March.**

- (14) **Suas "Paint the town green this Paddy's Day": 17 March.** Join Suas and hundreds of volunteers to paint shamrocks on parade revellers and raise money for education projects in Ireland, India and Kenya. It's a fantastic way to spend a few hours on Paddy's Day, meeting locals and tourists, and having the craic on our national holiday. Check out this fantastic video for more information on the work of Suas and our St Patrick's Day Activities: <http://vimeo.com/10032399>. To Sign up: <http://www.suas.ie/sign-up.html> or for more information contact beth@suas.ie.

- (15) **Friends in Ireland seeks Programme Manager (PM):** Full time contract, based in Kokstad, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. The PM will be responsible for all aspects of programme management and implementation. The successful candidate must have a bachelor degree, 5 years working in a senior position and at least 10 years work experience in any sector. For further information, email vivienne@friendsinireland.ie or visit http://www.friendsinireland.ie/friendsinireland/Main/News-Job_Vacancy-Feb-2012.htm. **Closing date: 23 March.**

- (16) **Gorta seeks Head of Finance and Administration:** Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, the successful applicant will be responsible for the effective running of all support areas (i.e. Finance, HR, Health and Safety, Data and IT and Administration) ensuring that Gorta meets its financial and compliance obligations for all its stakeholders. As a member of the Senior Management team the Head of Finance and Administration contributes to strategic and operational planning and oversight and where required, leads project initiatives and teams. This is a full time role and salary is negotiable. Further details available at <http://www.gorta.org/44>.

- (17) **International Volunteer positions with VSO:** VSO have a number of urgently needed placements in a variety of countries and fields which they need to be fill over the next 3 months. Click <http://www.vso.ie/volunteer/current-roles.asp> for a list of current placements and for details of

the application process <http://www.vso.ie/volunteer/apply-now/>.

- (18) **Haven** seeks **Accounts Assistant**: Based in Haiti, 3 month fixed term contract, starting as soon as possible. The successful applicant will: have primary responsibility for running the financial operations of the charity in Haiti; be highly motivated, be able to multi-task, work alone and have excellent reporting and communication skills; liaise with the Irish office on a daily basis to ensure all systems and procedures are implemented in country. For more information please visit www.havenpartnership.com.
- (19) **The SCOOP Foundation seeks interns and volunteers for 2012**: 3 months, with possibility of extension. Volunteers will be required to help out at SCOOP's major events over the course of the year. We're looking for energetic, fun loving, friendly bodies to have on hand for a number of tasks. If you are passionate about event management, an aspiring photographer, arts lover, activist, or even if you are bored silly and looking for something to get involved in, then this is for you. Please send your CV and a brief cover letter, explaining how you would like to get involved and what you can bring to the organisation to make 2012 SCOOP's best year yet, to volunteerscoop@gmail.com. Further information on SCOOP is available at www.thescoopfoundation.com.
- (20) **Vacancies at GOAL**: GOAL is currently looking for finance, engineering, nutritional and other professionals to help in the fight against poverty in the developing world. Details of current vacancies in Ireland and in a variety of countries (including Haiti, Sudan and Kenya) can be found at www.goal.ie.

D. Courses and Training

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

February:

- [Sustainable Livelihoods and Poverty Reduction Strategies](#): 27 February – 2 March
- [Advocacy and Policy Influencing](#): 28 February – 1 March

March:

- [Initial Preparation for Working in the South](#): 5-8
- [Proposal Development](#): 13-15
- [Child Protection for Missionaries](#): 20-22
- [Outcome Mapping](#): 27 - 29

Dtalk runs **Tailor Made training courses all year round** – these courses are designed to suit the exact needs and context of your organisation. Click <http://www.dtalk.ie/courses-tailor-made.aspx> or contact Dtalk (details below) for further information.

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: 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 www.dtalk.ie.

- (2) **Social Media for business workshops with Athena Media:**

- **29 February: Twitter for improver's**, 9.30 am – 1 pm
- **2 March: Making Business work using Social Media and Online Content**, 10 am – 4.30 pm
- **9 March: Twitter Business**, 9.30 am – 1 pm
- **2 April: Twitter Business**, 9.30 am – 1 pm

Courses will be held at Adelaide Chambers, Peter Street, Dublin 8. Fee: €165 for our full day workshops and €100 for our half day workshops. Further details available at <http://pciserver.com/athenamediatrainingsspring2012.pdf> or by contacting Lisa, T: 01 4883350, E: lisa@athenamedia.ie. **Quote 'Dochas' and Athena Media will offer you a 20% discount!**

- (3) **Lessons in Global Health – Intensive Short-Courses in Global Health:**

- Human Resources for Health: 5-7 March

- Reproductive, Maternal and Child health: 12-14 March
- Systematic Reviews: 14-15 March
- Media and Advocacy in Global Health: 20-23 March

Courses will take place at the Centre for Global Health, Trinity College Dublin, 7-9 South Leinster Street, Dublin 2. See <http://www.global-health.tcd.ie/postgraduate/msc/prog-struct/hilary.php> for further information. **Five free places will be allocated in each class for NGOs (on a first-come, first-served basis).** To register please email Dee McKiernan at cghealth@tcd.ie.

(4) **Eurocheck Security Awareness Training Courses:**

- **Basic Hostile Environment:** 5-7 March; 2-4 April; 16-18 March; 27-29 June
- **Advanced Security Awareness:** 13-14 March; 17-18 April; 22-23 May; 12-13 June
- **Basic Security Awareness:** 12 March; 16 April; 21 May; 11 June

For further information on any of the above please visit www.eurocheck.ie or contact Eurocheck Security Consultants Ltd, E: eurocheck@eircom.net, M: 086 8142446 or 086 9190422.

(5) **Conversational Approaches to Development Education Training Day: 6 March**, 10am – 4 pm, Solas Building – L105, Institute of Technology Tralee. This training, organised by IDEA (www.ideaonline) and facilitated by Alan Hayes, National Youth Council of Ireland, is an introduction to some of the core practices and methods used in **Art of Hosting**, a presentation of the concepts that underpin it and an exploration of their use in our practice as development educators. Cost: 25 per person. For further information or to register please contact Mary Stritch, E: Mary.stritch@staff.ittralee.ie. **Closing date: 24 February.**

(6) **Trainings at the Wheel:**

- [How to Recruit & Retain Regular Donors](#): 7 March
- [Steps to Maximise Your Impact](#): 15 March, 7.30 – 9 am
- [Workplaces that Work \(HR Workshop\)](#): 20 March
- [Safety First – Health & Safety for Charities](#): 27 March
- [Time Management](#): 29 March, 9 am – 5 pm
- [Governance and Trusteeship](#): 3 April
- [Making Headlines – Media Relations for Charities](#): 16 May
- [Fundraising in Challenging Times](#): 22 May
- [Risk Management for Charities](#): 12 June

All courses will take place in Dublin (unless otherwise stated) and will run from 9.30 am – 1 pm (unless otherwise stated). Full details available by clicking on the above links, by visiting www.wheel.ie or by contacting the Wheel, T: 01 4548727, E: info@wheel.ie.

(7) **Theory of Change Course: 12-14 March**, Oxford, UK. At the end of the course, participants will: Be able to describe what Theories of Change involve and include and the rationale for using them; Be able to identify how and when they should be developed and how they inform and complement other planning and M&E tools; Have increased confidence in working through the steps and processes involved in developing Theories of Change; Have experimented with developing elements of a Theory of Change; and Have explored ways to promote and develop robust Theories of Change within their own organisation and have developed an action plan for applying the learning. Full details available at <http://www.intrac.org/pages/training.html> or by contacting INTRAC, T: +44 (0)1865 263040/201851, E: training@intrac.org.

(8) **Trainings at the Carmichael Centre for Voluntary Groups:**

- 13 March: Social Media, Blogs & Newsletters (Half Day)
- 27 March: Understanding Outputs and Outcomes (One day)
- 3 April: Financial Reporting for Charities (One day)
- 15 May: Public Speaking & Presentation Skills (Half day)
- 12 June: Fundraising for Small Community Groups (Half day)
- 4 September: Effective Meetings and Minutes (Half day)
- 18 September: Developing a Strategic Plan (One day)
- 23 October: PQASSO – Practical Quality Assurance (One day)
- 6 November: Workplace Safety (One day)

The centre is also offering the following **FREE** seminars in Spring 2012:

- 8 March: Data Protection & Freedom of Information (Speaker from the Law Library)
- 26 April: The Role of the Company Secretary (Speaker from Arthur Cox solicitors)
- 24 May: Managing Stress in the Workplace (Speaker from VHI)

For further details on any of these courses, please see <http://www.carmichaelcentre.ie/training-program> or contact the Training and Support Team for more information, E: tssinfo@carmichaelcentre.ie, T: 01 8735285.

- (9) **Positive Images training for trainers course: 1 April**, Dublin. Organised by the Irish Red Cross Youth Department, this training is aimed at raising awareness of the linkages between humanitarian issues and migration as well as promoting positive attitudes towards refugees and migrants amongst young people. The training will include: Introduction to Positive Images; Working with the Positive Images Toolkit; Ideas for Activities and Games; and Developing and Planning Action Projects. Participation open to anyone working with youth and interested in delivering the project and in raising awareness within their youth groups and amongst their peers. Participation fee: €55 (including administration costs and handouts/toolkit materials and light lunch). For more information and to download a booking form please visit <http://tinyurl.com/3o227qt> or contact Louise, T: 01 642 4600, E: iscollins@redcross.ie.

(10) **Kimmage courses in International Development:**

- **MA/Post Graduate Diploma in Development Studies:** This 14 month full time post graduate programme is aimed at leaders, facilitators and managers of local development projects in developing countries and actual or potential staff of development agencies in Ireland and elsewhere. Some vacancies may exist for recent graduates who wish to study further before embarking on a career in some aspect of development work either in Ireland or internationally. **Closing date: 1 June.**
- **MA in Drylands Policy and Climate Change Adaptation:** This unique new programme is targeted at present and future policy makers, development practitioners and staff within international agencies, especially those whose work is concerned with supporting dryland communities. Participants attend the first semester in Kimmage DSC and the second in Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania. They have an additional 7 months to undertake research in a drylands area. **Closing date: 1 June.**
- **BA Degree in Development Studies:** This two year programme, delivered by a combination of taught course work and open/distance learning, is targeted at mature learners who have some prior experience of working in international development and /or the community development and voluntary sector in Ireland, and who wish to study for a Degree for the first time **Closing date: 23 July.**

All courses are HETAC accredited and begin in September 2012. For further information please contact Kimmage Development Studies Centre (KDSC), T: 01 4064386/4064380, E: info@kimmagedsc.ie, W: www.kimmagedsc.ie.

(11) **International Human Rights Network Training Programme:**

- 25-29 June: **Justice Sector Reform - Applying Human Rights Based Approaches - full details available at http://www.ihrnetwork.org/justice-sector-reform_202.htm**
- 16-20 July: **Health Sector Reform - Applying Human Rights Based Approaches - http://www.ihrnetwork.org/health-sector-reform_238.htm**

Trainings take place at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Full details available by clicking on the above links, visiting www.ihrnetwork.org or by contacting Pamela Harney, IHRN, T: 049 8542934, E: pharney@ihrnetwork.org.

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:

- **29 February: VSI Volunteering Information Event: 29 February**, 6.30 pm. For further information or to register please email info@vsi.ie. See [E\(3\) below](#) for further information.
- **22 March: The Role of Watershed Management in Protecting Village Environment Symposium**, 9am – 12pm. Organised by Gorta to mark World Water Day. See [B\(14\) above](#) for further information.
- **24 March: VSO Volunteer Information Event**, 2 pm. See [E\(8\) below](#) for further information.

For further details on the Centre please click [here](#) or contact the Centre at: T: Lo-call 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) **Fairtrade Fortnight 2012: 27 February - 11 March.** Full details available at <http://www.fairtrade.ie/home/fairtrade-fortnight.html> or by contacting Fairtrade Ireland, T: 01 475 3515, E: info@fairtrade.ie.
- (3) **Volunteer 2012 - VSI Information Event: 29 February**, 6.30 pm, Irish Aid Volunteering and Information Centre, 27-31 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. Come along and find out about a wide range of International Volunteer Projects (from 2 weeks to 1 year) which you can be involved with this year through VSI in over 70 countries worldwide. VSI will introduce its projects in: Ireland; Europe (east and west); North America; Japan and Australia; Africa, Asia and Latin America; Middle East and North Africa. For further information or to register please email info@vsi.ie.
- (4) **Dublin launch of 'Women Human Rights Defenders and the Struggle for Justice in Colombia': 29 February**, 6 - 7.30 pm, Wynn's Hotel, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1. This report documents the threats, persecution and harassment faced by women human rights defenders in Colombia and makes recommendations to the Colombian Government and the international community to address the particular risks and dangers faced by women human rights defenders. Chair: **Michael Farrell**, senior solicitor FLAC. Speakers: **Mary Lawlor**, Director, Frontline Defenders; **Claudia Mejía Duque**, Executive Director of Sisma-Mujer, a Trócaire partner in Colombia, and an adviser on displacement for the Colectivo María; and **Louise Winstanley**, programme and advocacy manager of ABColombia (an advocacy platform that represents Trócaire, Christian Aid, CAFOD, Oxfam and SCIAF with Amnesty and PBI as observer members). Please RSVP by emailing chughes@trocaire.ie or by calling 01 5053287.
- (5) **Irish Rule of Law International Fundraising Concert: 1 March**, 7pm, the President's Hall of The Law Society, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7. Irish Rule of Law International will be holding a concert to raise funds for its on-going work in the developing world. The concert will draw on the abundance of hidden talent amongst colleagues and friends within the legal profession. Full details available at <http://irishruleoflaw.ie/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Poster-a31.pdf>. Tickets €20, available from Rachel Power, E: rpower@irishruleoflaw.ie, T: 01-8175331.
- (6) **Events to Mark International Women's Day 2012:**
 - **Immigrant Council of Ireland Informal Breakfast meeting with Pragna Patel**, founding member of Southall Black Sisters, a landmark organisation in the history of black and Asian feminism: **6 March**, 8.30 – 10 am, Westbury Hotel, Grafton Street, Dublin 2 (**Please note change of venue**). For further information or to register please contact the Immigrant Council of Ireland, E: admin@immigrantcouncil.ie, T: 01 6740202. **Closing date for registration: 2 March.**
 - **The Health & Social Impact of Violence on Girls: 8 March**, 2 pm, Lecture Theatre, Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2. Organised by the Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence and the Irish Forum for Global Health to Mark International Women's Day 2012, the theme of which is *Connecting Girls – Inspiring Futures*. For more information and/or to register please contact: Claire O'Meara, E: jcqbvmail@gmail.com.
 - **Inspiring Futures – Empowerment through Education: 8 March**, 6-7 pm, IIIS Seminar Room, 6th Floor, Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin. Hosted by Concern Worldwide and Trinity International Development Initiative (TIDI). Chair: **Maryann Valiulis**, Director of TCD's Centre for Gender and Women's Studies. The speaker, **Jenny Hobbs**, Education Adviser, Concern Worldwide, will present evidence of the relationship between education and improvements in equality, health, livelihoods and

security. Barriers to education such as School Related Gender Based Violence, extreme poverty, conflict and low quality of education provision serve to marginalise girls and vulnerable children. Using examples from Concern's experience, the complexities of education programmes to empower girls and inspire futures are described, along with the successes that emerge from gender responsive, holistic education interventions. No registration required - All welcome. Contact: Susie.elliott@concern.net.

- (7) **Plum Blossom - Japan Tsunami Anniversary Concert: 11 March**, 3.30 pm, Pepper Canister (St. Stephen's) Church, Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2. Featuring **Mari Moriya**, Winner of the 2007 Veronica Dunne International Singing Competition; **Takeshi Moriuchi**, Conductor of the Bruckner Orchestra, Austria; and **Daichi Fujiki**, Finalist in the 2011 Rome International Sacred Music Competition. Tickets are €25 (20 per ticket for groups of 20 or more) and are available from ticketmaster.ie or by calling 087 1912571. **Proceeds from event will go to Aid Japan for Children.**
- (8) **VSO Volunteer Information Event: 24 March**, 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 click on the above link, email info@vso.ie or visit <http://www.vso.ie/events/register.asp>.

F. Other Information

- (1) **Irish Aid's Development Education Annual Grant 2012:** Organisations intending to make an application under this budget line must send an expression of interest together with supporting documentation (full details available at <http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=368>) via email to developmenteducation@dfa.ie by **27 February**.
- (2) **Camara Reuse Computer Appeal:** Camara is offering to recycle PCs, Laptops, Monitors, Servers, Keyboards, Mice/Power Leads free of charge. Please contact Mark Fox, T: 01 6522673, E: mark@camara.ie for further details. **Offer ends: 29 February**.
- (3) **The Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI)** has launched a **public consultation on a Draft Code of Fairness, Objectivity and Impartiality in News and Current Affairs in the broadcast media**. The Code has been drafted, under the provisions of the Broadcasting Act 2009, to ensure that all news broadcast is reported and presented in an objective and impartial manner without any expression of the broadcaster's own views. The BAI is now seeking views about this Code from broadcasters, journalists, political parties, voluntary groups, professional organisations and members of the public. Full details available at www.bai.ie or by contacting the BAI, E: fairness@bai.ie, T: 01 6441200. **Closing date for responses: 14 March, 5 pm.**
- (4) **Submissions Invited for Visions of Africa Photographic Exhibition:** KADE is looking for striking photographs that portray a positive image of Africa for their fourth, annual Visions of Africa photographic exhibition. Thirty images will be selected for the annual Vision of Africa exhibition in Kerry as part of national Africa Day celebrations. Full details available at <http://www.kade.ie/Visions-of-Africa-2012-Call-for-Submissions>. **Closing date: 31 March.**
- (5) **Entries invited for Integration Centre Film Competition:** Films must focus on the themes of: Identity, Diversity, Integration and Racism. The winning film will receive €500 and be shown on YouTube, the TIC website. Full details available at <http://www.integrationcentre.ie/Film-Competition.aspx> or by contacting Helena Clarke, E: helena.clarke@integrationcentre.ie, T: 01 6453070. **Closing date: 1 May.**
- (6) **Invitation to make submissions on proposed amendments to the charitable donations scheme:** The Minister for Finance, Mr Michael Noonan TD, recently announced that he intends to amend the existing tax relief for charitable donations in Budget 2013. Full details of the proposed changes and on the submission process can be found at <http://taxpolicy.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2012/02/Charitable-Donations-Public-Consultation-Information.pdf>. Submissions can be sent by email or post to: charities@finance.gov.ie, Donations Scheme Consultation, Income Tax Incentives, Financial Services and Taxation Division, Department of

Finance, Government Buildings, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2. **Closing date for submissions: 11 May.**

- (7) **Funds needed for Galway African Film Festival: 25-27 May.** The Galway African Film Festival (www.galwayafricanfilmfestival.org) needs a minimum of €3,000 to run this year's festival. Donations from €10 upwards are accepted and will bring some special rewards - for details please check out <http://www.fundit.ie/project/galway-african-film-festival-2012>.
- (8) **Invitation to select movies for The Galway African Film Festival 2012: 25-27 May.** Please go to <http://galwayafricanfilmfestival.org/gaff-2012/> where you will find a list of possible movies and tell the organisers which ones you would like to see.

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