



a tide for change
an taoide ag casadh

Galway City Partnership
Comhpháirtíocht Chathair na Gaillimhe

GALWAY CITY PARTNERSHIP

Galway City Partnership is a local development organisation working to combat unemployment and social exclusion in Galway City. We are funded under the National Development Plan and we implement a range of programmes including the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme. We focus on particular areas of disadvantage and we address issues affecting individuals and community groups who have not benefitted from the Celtic Tiger and who are most at risk in the current downturn. Examples of current projects initiated and developed by our Partnership include: Galway City Youth Advocacy Service, Galway Migrant Service, Edstart -Incredible Years and Back to Work Enterprise Allowance.

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GCP has three main areas of work

- Unemployment Support services,
- Community Development,
- Education and Training.

This newsletter aims to provide information on what we do.

We are located in the Plaza Building above Argos & Lidl on the Headford Road. Our opening hours are 8.30am to 5pm Mon- Thurs and 9.00 to 2.00 on Fridays.



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EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES



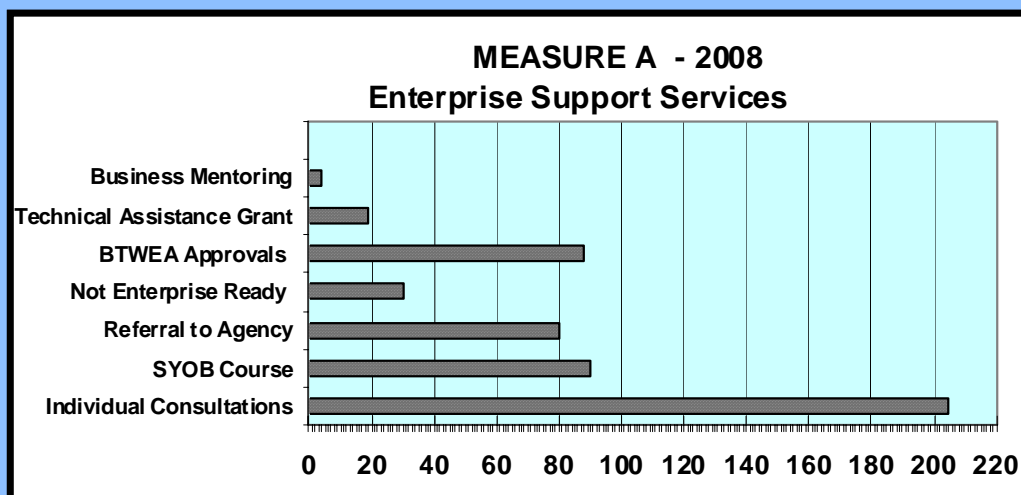
Mary Coyle, Maeve Murray and Samantha O'Toole at the launch of the one-parent family research 'Towards A Better Future' in the Galway Bay Hotel on 12th November 2007

Services to the Unemployed works with the longer term unemployed in Galway City. One flagship strategy involves supporting and developing an enterprise culture with people who are long-term unemployed and eligible for the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance. In 2008, over 200 introductory consultations took place between our Enterprise Worker and unemployed people.

We regularly run **Start Your Own Business** courses in the boardroom of Galway City Partnership. In 2008, following the course, 88 clients were approved for the **Back to Work Enterprise Allowance**. Those that decided not to become self-employed were referred for other supports including the Local Employment Services Network (LESN), Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS), FÁS or Adult Guidance. Those not yet eligible for the BTWEA, but still keen to set up their own business, can be referred to FAS or the Enterprise Board.

Contact our Enterprise Worker, Oonagh Monaghan, on (091) 773466 or email: oonagh@gcp.ie. We offer a friendly, confidential and professional service.

ENTERPRISE SUPPORT TABLE 2008



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The **Community Development** section of Galway City Partnership supports individuals and groups to effect change in their local areas. Community Development workers are available to work with groups at all levels of their development, including pre-development support, start-up support and training. We offer limited grants to help groups in the initial stages of their development and for specific projects to promote social inclusion.

In 2008, Galway City Partnership provided support to over **30 issue and area based groups and initiatives** – Interest groups supported in 2008 includes :

Unemployed particularly Lone Parents
Long Term Unemployed
Travellers
Disadvantaged Women
People With Disabilities
Young People at Risk

Ethnic Minorities
Migrant Workers
Older People
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities

Working with Migrants -

The Galway Migrant Service was set up in May 2007 and is managed by Galway City Partnership. It provides a dedicated support service for migrants and their families and has established itself as the central support service in the city and county. Since 2007 the service has directly supported almost 2,000 migrants through the Drop-In Centre. Practical information, advice and advocacy are provided on site. It is also currently running English Language Conversation Circles which are free and inclusive.



Galway Migrant Service – Katya, Foley and Vernice.

OLDER PEOPLES' NEEDS

In 2008 a profile was undertaken of the current services, groups and facilities supporting Older People. As a result gaps in services for Older People, in particular those who are not actively engaging in community activity due to poverty and social exclusion, were identified.

In 2009, in conjunction with others, Galway City Partnership hopes to co-fund the delivery of the Ageing with Confidence Programme.

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YOUTH, EDUCATION & TRAINING



EdStart is part of the Education and Training Section of Galway City Partnership. It delivers the Incredible Years Series in Galway City. The goal is to reduce the incidence of early school leaving by working with the child, the parent, the school and the community. There are three separate training programmes designed for teachers, children and parents. **Pre-School** (For pre-school teachers- established in March 2008). **Dina School** (For children, this programme is running in three primary schools in Galway since 2007). **Parent School** (For parents this training programme focuses on strengthening parenting skills – monitoring, positive discipline, confidence. In 2007-2008 6 parent programmes have been run in Galway city. If you are a parent and you are interested in learning more about the programme don't hesitate to contact us.

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For more information on the Incredible Years Programmes please visit

www.incredibleyears.com

The Youth Advocacy Service

Our service delivers one-to-one non-formal career guidance to early school leavers and young people with few or no qualifications and who are between the ages of 16 and 20.

For more information on the Youth Advocacy Service Phone us at: 091 773466 to speak to Ger, John or Michael.

The Service works with an average of 150 clients per year.

