

# Report to Cork City Development Board

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I wish to bring the following items to the notice of the Board:

- a) **“The Irish Labour Market Review 2004”** this report was circulated at the meeting. A presentation will be made by Jerry Linehan at the June Meeting.
- b) **Discovery Exhibition** the Discovery Exhibition was held between on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> last in the City Hall. It attracted over 4,500 pupils from Cork City and County, along with their teachers. It was also open to the general public for some sessions.
- c) **Cork Lifelong Learning Festival** The Lifelong Learning Festival was held over the period April 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> last. It had in excess of 140 events this year which was over double the number in 2004. There was a strong emphasis in 2005 on getting information out with 20,000 information leaflets and increased media exposure through the Evening Echo as media sponsors. The Cork Examiner also provided a window on the event at its premises in Academy Street.
- d) **Equality for Women Measure** The following awards, totalling €34,000, were made under the Equality for Women Measure to organisations carrying out projects in the four Cork RAPID Areas:

**WE THE PEOPLE CDP** - The Project will improve access to drop-in and information services, social interaction, creative development, education, training and employment. **€15,000**

**L.inc:** This Project aims to address the particular social exclusion suffered by lesbian and bisexual women and their families who live in Cork City RAPID areas. It will 1) provide access routes to Linc services for women from the communities 2) work directly with service providers and organisations to increase their knowledge and awareness of lesbian and bisexual issues. **€180,000**

**TRAVELLER VISIBILITY GROUP:** - An initiative that will involve the design and delivery of four three month training courses to enhance the

skills of young traveller women from the four RAPID areas for further training, education, employment and leadership roles **€160,000**

**C.A.P.R.N (Cork Anti Poverty Resource Network) Ltd.:** - will develop a programme of “Life Mentoring” focussing on the strengths, wisdoms, knowledge, skills and openness to new learning of older women in the community **€190,000**

**MAYFIELD COMMUNITY ARTS:** - This project involves using artistic activity as a tool to overcome exclusion, as a path to the labour market and as a potential income generating activity. It will provide training to women with disabilities from the four RAPID areas over a two-year period **€70,000**

**NICHE (Northside Community Health Initiative):** - an accredited training Programme (FETAC level 2) for 22 women in Community Development Approaches to Health. Women to be selected from Knocknaheeny/Churchfield, Mayfield, The Glen and Togher areas **€71,000**

**CORK CITY PARTNERSHIP:** - A developmental Project about the participation of women in decision making structures focusing on the participation of women from the community sector within the broad RAPID structures in Wexford town and the four RAPID Cork City areas **€40,000**

- e) **Shanghai:** Cork City Council will formally twin with Shanghai on May 19<sup>th</sup> next. Events associated with the twinning will include a Business Forum on May 19<sup>th</sup> and a Tourism Forum on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

A strong delegation of 30 companies will travel to Cork for the Business Forum. An Exhibition of Shanghai books will be held in the City Library and the Shanghai Archives, as a contribution to Cork2005 European Capital of Culture, will bring a photographic Exhibition to Cork.

There will also be a musical performance and Fashion Show in the City Hall’s Concert Hall on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

- f) **Comhairle na nÓg** – this event was held in City Hall in March. A report on the proceedings will be circulated at the next Board Meeting.
- g) **Lord Mayor’s Community and Voluntary Awards** – these awards were presented in the City Hall on March 31<sup>st</sup> last. Almost 100 groups were

nominated for the awards and the winners and runners up were presented with a trophy and a cash prize. The award sponsors, The Evening Echo and Express Kitchens and Floors, have committed to supporting the event again next year. Awards were presented to:

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Runner-up</u></b>
<b>Sport</b>	Cork Parks Tennis	Cork Special Olympics Bowling Club
<b>Community and Neighbourhood Services</b>	The Friends of St Patrick's Marymount Hospice	South Parish Community Association / Faranree Community Association <i>Joint Runners-up</i>
<b>Children and Youth</b>	Tir na nÓg Youth Club	St Vincent's Guides Unit
<b>Equality and Social Inclusion</b>	Welcome English Language Centre	Faith and Light Community / Soroptimist Club – <i>Joint Runners-up</i>
<b>Art and Culture</b>	Barrack Street Band	Togher International Festival of Amateur Photography