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**ALTERNATIVE TO
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Date: Friday 14th May 2010-05-06
Venue: Castlerea Enterprise Hub
Time: 10am – 4pm

AN INFORMATION DAY FOR THOSE LOOKING
FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TO UNEMPLOYMENT

Highlights include: Information/Training
Stands; Enterprise Workshops; Showcasing
innovative enterprises; Day Long Mentoring

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

For Further Details:
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Cash 4 Clobber

Due to last year's success another 'Cash 4 Clobber' collection is being organised by GCDC. Cash 4 Clobber is a nationwide scheme that raises funds for groups by encouraging recycling.

They collect all types of clothing, bags, shoes, hats, belts, towels, curtains and bed linen. Now is your chance to get rid of all those unwanted items! Bags are provided or ordinary refuse sacks can also be used. Collections are taking place at each of Glenamaddy national schools on Thursday 13th May or filled bags can also be left at Glenamaddy Community Development, Ballyhard any weekday from now and Friday 14th May, from 9 am to 5 pm, or up until 1 pm on Monday 17th May. All proceeds will be going towards the running of Glan's Youth Café 'The Bean Bag'.

Celebrate the dawn chorus

Birdwatch Ireland is having a dawn chorus outing on Dawn Chorus Day on the farm of Padraig Corcoran in Lecarrow on May 16th. Those interested will meet in Lecarrow village at 5 am on Sunday morning, 16th May. For further information, call Padraig Roche, Birdwatch Ireland on (087) 9078849.



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Appeal to dog owners

Animal welfare organisations in Roscommon have appealed to dog owners in the region to keep their dogs under control after a number of sheep kills in recent week. A ram belonging to a local farmer was killed while trying to defend sheep and another farmer's dogs were killed by roaming dogs.

Ballinameen appeal

Ballinameen NS is asking for clean old and unwanted clothes, bedding, towels, curtains, blankets, duvet covers and footwear, etc. in order to raise funds for the school. Donations can be left at the school on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th ready for collecting on Wednesday 19th by Lenrec recycling company. Thank you for taking part in this eco-friendly fund-raising event. Contact Lorraine (085) 1350409, Parents' Association for further information.



Ruairi, Sheila and Tomás Tiernan were in the Gael Scoil de hÍde, Roscommon on Wednesday morning last. Grandparents of the students were invited in to sit with the children for an hour. Picture: Andrew Fox.

Fund-raiser in aid of Leukaemia Trust

Padraic Finneran and family are organising a Fundraiser in aid of Leukaemia Trust on Saturday night, May 15th in the Coachman's Inn, Castle Street, Roscommon.

The draw will take place for: 1st prize, weekend away for 2 in Galway Bay Hotel; 2nd prize, meal for 2 in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon; 3rd prize, €100 voucher for Gilligan Meats, Derrane Road, Roscommon; 4th prize, €100 voucher for Geraghty's Oil; 5th prize, €50 voucher for East West Travel, Roscommon.

All the above prizes were sponsored and thanks to the relevant companies.

A Fancy Dress Competition will take place with prizes for the best female and male costume. A raffle with lots of spot prizes will be held at the event. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Castlerea event: check out the alternative to unemployment

An exciting, challenging and innovative response to the current downturn is currently being planned for in an event entitled 'Alternative to Unemployment? Start Your Own Business'.

What's in store at Castlerea Enterprise Hub, The Demense, Castlerea on Friday, 14th May (10 am to 4 pm) is a one-stop-shop approach to all you ever wanted to know about business start-up. This event is open to everybody throughout the county. More people are considering an alternative to unemployment and are looking at the possibilities of self-employment.

This enterprise event is free and will inform, motivate and inspire anyone who is seeking new challenges and developing their potential talents exploring market driven opportunities. A broad range of activities will be available on the day, which include enterprise workshops with local entrepreneurs like Mike Guthrie Finola Foods, Mick McEnroe MD Harmac and Benny O'Connell Benny's Deli, as well as Martina Earley, CEO Roscommon Integrated Development Company.

There will be free one-to-one mentoring all day long for anyone who wishes to explore and

develop their enterprise ideas and existing market opportunities. Pre-booking of this is needed through louise@roscommon.ie. Information and training stands will cover every aspect of business start up supports, grants, micro finance loans and enterprise start up schemes.

Advisory and support staff from the wide range of enterprise support and training services will be available at their stands to provide detailed information in regard to any inquiry. Furthermore there will be an opportunity for anyone attending this event to see the showcasing and exhibition of

innovative enterprises and meet and be inspired at first hand by the promoters and entrepreneurs behind these enterprises.

The event is promoted and sponsored by Roscommon Integrated Development Company, Roscommon County Council and Roscommon County Enterprise Board in conjunction with the VEC, Fás, Teagasc, the Department of Social & Family Affairs and a broad range of other service providers.

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