

COUNTY ROSCOMMON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Advocate

Applications are invited for the above job-sharing position, funded by FAS, (17.5 hours per week) Fixed Term Contract terminating on 31st December, 2010, with possibility of contract renewal, subject to funding.

The person appointed will be responsible for the development of a tailor made approach to career path planning to meet specific guidance, training and work experience needs of our trainees in our Youthreach Centre and our Senior Traveller Training Centre in Roscommon Town.

The ideal candidate will have relevant 3rd level qualification and/or experience of working in similar youth advocacy position.

Salary: €15,140.50 - €26,494.00 per annum depending on qualifications & experience

Please forward letter of Application with C.V. (4 copies), by Closing Date 11th May, 2010 to:

Ms. Elma Nerney,
Acting Chief Executive Officer,
County Roscommon V.E.C.,
Lanesboro Street,
Roscommon



Tommy Brennan – an Appreciation

The communities of Ballyleague and Ballagh were saddened and shocked to learn of the sudden and untimely death of Tom (Tommy) Brennan, late of Cloonadra, Lanesboro, on February 24th, 2010.

Predeceased in recent years by his mother Mary Kate, Tommy was a steadfast and committed employee of Bord na Móna for over thirty

years and was due to retire in December of this year. Of a jovial disposition, Tommy always had a word and a smile for everyone and was a well-known character in and around the local area. Dependable and thoughtful, Tommy could continuously be relied upon to assist his neighbours and friends. An unassuming gentleman who attentively farmed his land, Tommy found contentment in the simpler things in life.

A keen observer of nature, Tommy took great pleasure in the passing of the seasons and he would earnestly share his wisdom of the natural world with young and old alike. Instinctively, an array of birds and animals would gather routinely to be fed and nurtured, as was the tradition in the Brennan residence. Raised in a home where the door was always open to visitors, Tommy was an avid conversationalist who enjoyed the company of others, taking immense pleasure in his weekly Bingo sessions in Ballyleague Hall. In recent times Tommy called the numbers for the as-



Tom (Tommy) Brennan, R.I.P.

sembled gathering and this was a duty he valued greatly. Bingo was cancelled in Ballyleague on Thursday, February 25th as a mark of respect to Tommy, indicating the high esteem in which he was held.

Of great community spirit, Tommy was actively involved in various local initiatives such as the annual Senior Citizens party and frequent events in the Ballyleague community, enjoying a long association with the local Badminton Club. A man of resolute and unwavering faith, Tommy was a life-long member of the Pioneer Association and for several years he made the pilgrimage to Knock where he volunteered as a steward during the busy summer period.

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*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.
'To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.'*



Shauna Dolan, daughter of Philip and Marina Dolan, Railway Station, Knockcroghery who graduated recently from the National Maritime college of Ireland, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork with a degree in Marine and Plant Engineering. Shauna is a past pupil of St. Joseph's College, Summerhill and Scoil Mhuire gan smal Roscommon

Passport backlog 'must be sorted'

Reports that the backlog in passport applications now stands at 70,000 is clear evidence that the ban on the employment of temporary workers in the Passport Office must be lifted and that the Minister for Foreign Affairs should engage with CPSU leaders to ensure this is achieved, according to Deputy Frank Feighan.

"It was inevitable that following recent industrial action and the continuing ban on the employment of temporary workers in the passport office, the existing backlog in passport applications would worsen.

"Spring is traditionally a busy time in the Passport Office as people prepare to travel abroad on holidays. The chaos that has come about this year however was deeply frustrating for applicants and could have been avoided. Any further increase in the current backlog should not be tolerated and the Minister needs to ensure temporary workers are employed in order to return the system to normal," concluded Deputy Feighan.

Great support for Daffodil Day in Elphin

Many thanks to all who helped and supported this event, your generous contributions to the outdoor stall came to €2,350. The final total including sales in business premises is €2,739.75. Included in this is a contribution from sales in the Shannon Lodge Nursing Home, Rooskey from staff and

patients, including Angela Shannon, Elphin and from visitors to the home. Many thanks also go to the management and Mary Walsh who facilitated this.

Daffodil Day in Elphin is always a colourful event. This year, March 26th was no exception. Prior to the day, over three thousand fresh daffodil

blooms were gathered over a wide area of Elphin including surrounding areas and were all donated. This was backed by silk buttonhole daffs and logo pins. The fresh daffodil blooms were donated by Christy and Marian Healy, Knockroe, Ballinameen, John and Mary Finnerty, Mrs Connor, Cloonroughan, Jacqueline Neary, Mrs. Dympna Gormely, Oliver Beirne, Pats Travers, Dr. Callery, Geraldine Cullen, Mary Treacy and Tony Murray, Ballygar. Sincere thanks also to all who were unable to come in, but who sent their donations of cash and daffodils.

The organisers would like to thank Pat Clarke who provided sheltered cover on the day. Valuable publicity prior to the event was given by the Roscommon People, Elphin Parish Newsletter and the Roscommon Herald.

The outdoor stall has been in place for all of the

23 years of Daffodil Day and has been a huge boost to the overall contribution from the Elphin community. Sincere thanks to everyone who took time to stop and contribute so generously to the Irish Cancer Foundation: Coach, car, lorry, tractor drivers, cyclists and walkers. Valuable help was given on the day by Patsy Travers who volunteered for eight hours on the stall, also Assumpta McCormac who gave her time for a number of hours and Seamus Nolan who also helped out during the day.

Down through the years, the Daffodil stall has been situated outside Bank of Ireland, a very striking background of cut stone; it is also a protected building. Also in this area, there is a monument, which highlights the historical figure connected to Elphin's past, the replica of the 'Cross of Cong' with details of its possible

connection to Elphin. This created interest during the day as the original 'Cross of Cong' was being removed to the museum of Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar where it is on public display.

The final total from Elphin and surrounding areas of €2,739.75 is the largest ever since Daffodil Day started.

The staff at the Bank of Ireland with the support of the business community of Elphin organised Daffodil 2010 and would like to thank everyone who helped and supported in any way to make the contribution from the Elphin and surrounding areas that gave so generously. All the above funds have been sent to the Irish Cancer Society through the Bank of Ireland, Elphin.

To contact the Irish Cancer Society, National Cancer Helpline Freefone 1800 200 700, 43/45 Northumberland Road, Dublin 4.

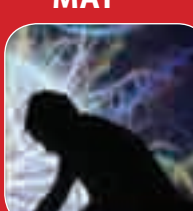
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Daffodil Day was a big success in Elphin.