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# GRSG NEWSLETTER

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## Events since our last Newsletter:

### MAY: Reap the Runway Fashion Show:



Residents from the Eglinton and Lisbrook House and even one or two from the Great Western along with many others participated in the Fashion Show.

It was a great success and a very enjoyable evening.

### JUNE: World Refugee Day



Photos Sourced at [www.galwayasylumseekers.blogspot.com/](http://www.galwayasylumseekers.blogspot.com/)



We celebrated World Refugee Day in June with festivities at the Galway City Museum. Festivities included food, dancing and a poetry reading.



### Intercultural BBQ Competition.

The Intercultural Forum hosted its first annual BBQ cook of this June with 25 teams from 25 different countries.

## Activities

## Great Western Home Management



Residents from the Great Western showed the HSE Home Management Staff a trick or two by cooking up a storm. A special thanks to the Community Foundation who sponsored this course.



## Lisbrooks Women's Group

In June female residents in Lisbrook House came together for a series of

information sessions all around health related topics. And we hope to continue this work.

## Eglinton Residents

Have continued their sewing classes and have completed a magnificent quilt which is now on display at reception.

Following a training course with Brendan Smith residents from Clifden designed and uploaded a

new website! <http://www.clifdenasc.blogspot.com/>

Residents from the Great Western, Lisbrook and the Eglinton have trained with **FAI** to become soccer coaches for children & are looking forward to their roles as Volunteers.

# Other News

GRSG would like to say goodbye and good luck to Michelle Rooney who is leaving RIS. We hope she keeps in touch!

(Michelle is pictured on the left with her colleague Judy Irwin)

The **Minister** for Integration, Conor Lenihan T.D. & his senior policy officer Clement Esebamen paid a brief visit to Galway in July to attend the launch in Tuam of the report "*Tuam - a Town of Many Nations*".



New Research, Examines the Experiences of Immigrants in the Irish Labour Market, *Immigrants at Work: Ethnicity and Nationality in the Irish Labour Market*, can be downloaded at the ESRI website [www.esri.ie](http://www.esri.ie).

Its shows immigrants to be at: -higher risks of unemployment  
-less likely to secure the higher level jobs  
-more likely to report having experienced discrimination both in access to employment and in the workplace.

Members from the Community Garda attending meetings in the Great Western House and in Lisbrook

The **Immigration Residence and Protection Bill** is currently at the committee stage. They are about to start debating Part 7, the **Protection Part**. Some minor concessions have been made to date. The Bill will likely be enacted by the end of 2008 -- so implementation will be in early 2009.

*We will circulate further information as it becomes available.*

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# COMING UP September 2008

**NUIG Volunteer Fair**  
Monday Sep. 22nd from 1 to 5  
in Aras na Mac Léinn.

The next **Garda Ethnic Liaison Forum**, date to be confirmed.

**Minister Éamon Ó Cuív**  
will launch the new  
website for **Aids West:**  
<http://aidswest.ie/>  
on Monday the 22nd of  
Sep. in the City Museum

The next  
**Intercultural Forum**  
meeting will take place  
on Wednesday Sep.17<sup>th</sup>  
from 7-9 in the train-  
ing room of the  
City Council.

**FAI Open Clubs Day**  
Saturday Sep. 27<sup>th</sup> 12-2  
Mervue United Football Club,  
the day includes lots of fun for  
girls and boys from 6-15. Also  
teams are welcome to  
participate in the 7 aside foot-  
ball blitz (Participants in the  
blitz have to be between 16 &  
25)

The next **Western Alliance Regional Meeting** is  
scheduled to take place in **Longford** on **Tuesday**  
**Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>** and will be run alongside the "**Active Citi-  
zenship/ Voter Education Train of Trainers Pro-  
gramme**" by Vincentians.



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