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GRSG NEWS LETTER

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST RACISM

Galway Health Services Information Fair



The first ever Galway Health Services Information Fair was held on the 25th of March in the university. Organised by GRSG & NUI G, some 40 different health-related organisations were in attendance to provide information on services available to people living in Galway City & county.

Members of the Galway Anti-Racism Strategy including GRSG, GCP and Sean Agus Nua Ceol called on people to mark the day & sign the declaration for Galway to become a City of Equals. There was live music, story telling & the crowds were addressed by Michael D. Higgins.

Participants



on the GRSG Health



Information Course manned a stall at the fair.



GRSG News



New Staff

Claire Davey, pictured left at the Galway International Day Against Racism celebrations started with GRSG in February 2009.

Claire fills the new post of **Policy Worker** with a focus on Integration in GRSG. Claire works closely with the Director of GRSG to conduct research, monitor the policy environment and contribute to policy and strategy development in the areas of integration and immigration for the organisation.



Helen Bartlett

joined GRSG in November as the **community health worker** responsible for the Health Information and Promotion Project for asylum seekers, the forthcoming Intercultural Mediation Project for Refugees and the Health Services

Pictured at the Health Information Open Day, Patricia Luby, Helen Bartlett & **Triona Nic Giolla Choille** from GRSG with Robin Hannion from the Irish Refugee Council



Roseabella Don Pedro, joined GRSG in January. She currently works on delivering the Intercultural Health Forum project, which involves creating an awareness of the Intercultural Health Strategy amongst ethnic minority service users.

Her work also entails facilitating the creation of an Intercultural Health Forum in Galway whereby there will be a consistent flow of information between the HSE and ethnic minority service users. Roseabella is pictured above addressing a Combat Poverty Conference.

WHAT'S NEW

GRSG Asylum Seeker Support Group

The purpose of this support group will be to:

- Discuss Relevant Issues
- Develop a shared analysis
- Take action on issues
- Build Leadership
- Advocacy & Campaign work
- Socialising & Fun
- Activities and Project development

If you are an Asylum Seeker and would be interested in becoming a member of this group, please contact **Claire** on **091-779083** or at **claire@grsg.ie**

Voter Participation

Following on from our work on Voter Registration GRSG Have held a number of sessions in the centres on the work of the City Council and the role of the councillors. More to Come...

GRSG Intercultural Forum

The purpose of this forum is to:

- Receive & Share Information
- Inform GRSG Policy
- Take action on issues
- Act as a support structure

If you are an Asylum Seeker, Refugee, Migrant Worker, Immigrant, Traveller or member of any other minority ethnic group and are interested in becoming a member of this group, please contact Claire.

OTHER NEWS



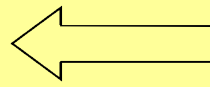
STREET LEAGUES

We would like to Congratulate the Great Western soccer team for winning the Galway Street Leagues tournament. And we would like to wish them all the best in the finals in Dublin.

COMING UP: in May

- May **12th** 7pm in the Menlo Park Hotel there will be a meeting with perspective candidates for the upcoming Local Elections in June.
- Saturday May **23rd** Lisbrook House Talent show.
- May **25th** Africa Day celebrations. Live music on the main stage in the Volvo Race Village.

GRSG VOLUNTEERS



GRSG would like to thank our Suas volunteers for all their hard work and dedication running the Homework club for Lisbrook House. And we look forward to more projects with Suas in the future.

COMING UP in April

- The next **Garda Ethnic Liaison** Forum is on Wednesday April **15th** at 7pm in the Menlo Park Hotel.
- Jewellery making workshop for women in Lisbrook House on Wednesday April **15th** from 11-2.25
- Silk scarf painting for women in the Eglinton on Tuesday April **21st**