

National Educational Achievement Award

The Exchange House National Educational Achievement Award is presented to Travellers who have recently completed the Junior Certificate, Leaving Certificate, GCSE or A-Level examinations, in recognition of the hard work and commitment shown by the recipients in reaching their goals.

It is a celebration of the success of the recipients providing a chance to congratulate people on a job well done. The Award highlights role models for other Travellers who may be considering formal education and is proactive in promoting the value of formal education.

The Award ceremony will be officiated by Mr. Barry Andrews TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs.

There will also be a raffle for all Award recipients attending on the night with the top prize of a laptop, kindly donated by the City of Dublin VEC, as well as MP3 players and a camera

The event is being graciously co-sponsored by Dublin City Council and these awards will also conclude Dublin City Council's contribution to the National Social Inclusion Week 2010 to take place from 18th to 22nd of October around the country.

The event is also generously supported by CDVEC and the HSE.

Spaces for this event are very limited. To register your attendance you must send a confirmation email to info@exchangehouse.ie to reserve your place.

Date: Friday 22nd October 2010

Time: 17:00 - 19:00

Location: Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Dublin 8



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Exchange House has 30 years experience providing front line services to some of the most marginalised members of the Traveller community, and this is our way of sharing our knowledge and expertise from a front line service provider perspective.

We will be launching our newly developed training courses and packs which have been designed for professionals who provide services to the Traveller community nationwide in the areas of Traveller culture, domestic violence, and addiction. The training courses have been designed by our experienced staff as a response to research that Exchange House and others have carried out and expertise gained from 30 years of providing front line services to our clients.

If you have any mobility requirements please let us know by sending an email to info@exchangehouse.ie



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Celebrating 30 Years

Dear Friend,

We'd like to invite you to come join us as we celebrate 30 years of front line services, support and advocacy for the Traveller community across Ireland from Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd October 2010.

Over the three days we will be hosting a number of events to showcase the work of Exchange House at our headquarters at 61 Great Strand Street in Dublin, graciously provided to us by the kind generosity of the Christian Brothers.

On Wednesday 20th October Ms. Mary Harney TD, Minister for Health and Children, will officiate at our main celebration

Looking Back: Moving Forward.

Also on Wednesday we will launch our first taster training seminar for service professionals entitled **An Introduction to the Traveller community.**

On Thursday 21st October we will launch two more training seminars; **Best Practice in working with Travellers experiencing Domestic Violence** and **Best Practice in working with Travellers with Addiction.**

Throughout Wednesday and Thursday we will also be holding an **Open House** which will exhibit all aspects of Exchange House's work.

On Friday 22nd October Mr Barry Andrews TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, will officiate at our third **National Educational Achievement Award** in Dublin City Council's Civic Offices. These awards will also conclude Dublin City Council's contribution to the National Social Inclusion Week 2010 to take place from 18th to 22nd of October around the country.

Heydi Foster, Director and the Board of Management



Looking Back: Moving Forward

This is Exchange House's main 30th anniversary celebration and is being officiated by Ms. Mary Harney TD, Minister for Health and Children.

Exchange House National Travellers Service is the leading provider of front line services to some of the most marginalised Travellers in Ireland. We are a multi-disciplinary service provider offering Family Support Services, Youth Services, Addiction Services and Education Services to members of the Traveller community. We deliver a national service through training, provision of expertise and partnerships with other organisations providing services to Travellers in Ireland.

We will be launching our Annual Report, Website www.exchangehouse.ie, FETAC Accreditation, Youth DVD as well as Youth CD and Drug leaflet produced by Traveller youngsters as part of this event.

This is an open event and anyone may attend. However we would appreciate if you would kindly let us know if you wish to attend - please send an email to info@exchangehouse.ie.

Date: Wednesday 20th October 2010
Time: 11:00 - 13:00
Location: 61 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1

Training Seminar: An Introduction to the Traveller community

This training explores Traveller culture and social issues affecting the community. This training is ideal for individuals, institutions and organisations that work with, or provide services to, members of the Traveller community. The aim of the training is to provide participants an insight into the Traveller community, which will lead to a greater understanding of the issues that affect the lives of Travellers, and to challenge misconceptions.

- Content:
- Aspects of Traveller culture
 - Accommodation
 - Health
 - Education
 - Prejudice & discrimination
 - Positive

Spaces for this seminar are limited, please send an email to info@exchangehouse.ie to reserve your place

Date: Wednesday 20th October 2010
Time: 14:00 - 16:00
Location: 61 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1

Training Seminar: Best Practice in working with Travellers experiencing Domestic Violence

The Exchange House Domestic Violence Programme has developed a video and a training pack for service providers who work with members of the Traveller community, so that they will have the knowledge and skills to provide culturally appropriate and effective services to Travellers who experience domestic violence and this will be launched before the seminar begins

The aim of this training is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to respond in a culturally appropriate way to members of the Traveller community who are experiencing domestic violence.

Spaces for this seminar are limited, please send an email to info@exchangehouse.ie to reserve your place.

Date: Thursday 21st October 2010
Time: 10:00 - 13:00
Location: 61 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1

Training Seminar: Best Practice in working with Travellers with Addiction

This training is ideal for individuals, institutions and organisations that work with, or provide addiction related services to members of the Traveller community. The aim of the seminar is to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to respond in a culturally appropriate way to members of the Traveller community who are involved in substance misuse.

Spaces for this seminar are limited, please send an email to info@exchangehouse.ie to reserve your place.

Date: Thursday 21st October 2010
Time: 14:00 - 16:00
Location: 61 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1

Open Day

Our Open House Days run throughout both days where all Exchange House departments will be displaying their work.

Come celebrate with us and learn about our services, meet our dedicated staff and celebrate with our clients.

Date: Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st October 2010
Time 11:00 - 16:00 both days
Location: 61 Great Strand Street, Dublin 1