

FAST News

South Dublin County Council Social Inclusion Awareness week launch

SOUTH Dublin County Council Social Inclusion Awareness week will be launched by Mayor Cathal King (SF) in the County Hall in Tallaght on Monday, November 5.

The week aims to help reduce social exclusion and poverty and promote inclusion and diversity through a range of events in community centres and libraries in South Dublin County.

The week will include events from exercise classes to computer literacy, as well art, coffee mornings and bingo all across the county.

For more information contact Maria Finn, social inclusion officer or Sandra Hickey, staff officer on 01 414 9270.

Gluais calling on applicants for new leaders for course

GLUAIS, the voluntary organisation working with Transition Year Students in schools in Lucan, Clondalkin and Celbridge, is calling on applicants for new leaders.

Gluais teaches the students leadership and organisational skills in a five-day intensive course, which they can then use in their schools. The deadline for applications is Friday, November 30.

PREMISES Howlin replies to council letter



Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Brendan Howlin

Location being sought for new welfare office

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A LETTER to South Dublin County Council has revealed that the

Office of Public Works is looking at a location for a social welfare office in Lucan.

The letter was sent from the office of Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform Brendan Howlin, in response to two letters sent on foot of motions at the May and June Lucan Area Committee Meetings by Labour councillor, Eamon Tuffy.

Tuffy again put the issue on the agenda this week at the Lucan meeting for October, where he asked "that this Committee requests the Manager to write to the Minister for Social Protection and the Minister of State with responsibility for the Office for Public Works, seeking updated information on measures being taken by

the Department and the Office to identify a suitable premises for a Social Welfare Office to serve the Lucan area".

In their response, the council revealed that a letter had been received on October 9: "Arising from Motion 25 tabled at the May Lucan ACM and Motion 17 at the June Lucan ACM, a letter was forwarded to the Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, requesting a progress report on the actions taken by the Office of Public Works to identify and lease/purchase a premises suitable to serve as Social Welfare Office for the Lucan area," said the council response.

In the letter, the Minister confirmed that his department and

the Department of Social Protection are in talks over a location in Lucan.

Confirm

"I can confirm that my officials are working closely with the Department of Social Protection to progress a number of priority new and expanded Social Welfare Offices at locations throughout the country, including one for the Lucan area.

"The process of identifying a suitable premises to meet the needs of the Department of Social Protection in the Lucan area is ongoing," said the minister.

Cllr Tuffy said that he was "pleased that the OPW is active on the matter. Nevertheless, I am disappointed that it is taking so long".

SHOPPING: RECYCLING AND SAVING

Baby Bay market offering bargains

■ HIROMI MOONEY

THE Baby Bay Market will host their next two markets at the Clarion Hotel in Liffey Valley on Sunday, November 4, and Sunday, December 9, from 11am to 2pm.

The market and BabyBay.ie is the brainchild of mumtrepreneur Mandy O'Rourke. They sell quality second-hand baby and children's clothes and equipment at bargain prices, and they also allow parents to sell their unwanted baby related items.

There will also be a variety of local businesses selling baby products and services at the market.

"We want Baby Bay to be the one-stop shop for parents to recycle and pass on their baby stuff, whether it's online at BabyBay.ie, or locally at one of our Baby Bay markets," said Mandy.

Admission to the market is free for children and costs €3 for adults, of which €1 will go directly to the Barnardos children's charity.

There will be colouring and face painting on the day to entertain the little ones.

Stalls cost €20 and they can be booked online. Clothes rails can also be hired for €5.

For more information visit www.babybaymarket.ie

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