



DISABILITY ACTIVATION PROJECT

2012 - 2015

Call for Applications/ Regional Information Sessions

The Minister for Social Protection, Ms Joan Burton, TD, has announced a call for applications under the Disability Activation Project. The Disability Activation Project is co-funded by the European Union under the European Social Fund (Human Capital Investment Operational Programme 2007 – 2013) and the Irish Government. The funding, which will be available for projects in the Border, Midlands and Western (BMW) region will be administered by the Department of Social Protection with the support of Pobal.

Applications for strategic and innovative projects in the Border, Midlands and Western region are invited from organisations who have experience of working with people with a disability. Projects can be funded up until 30th April 2015. Closing date for applications is Friday 13th April 2012.

The strategic aim of the Disability Activation Project is to increase the capacity and potential of people on Department of Social Protection disability/illness welfare payments to participate in the labour market, based on a case management approach. There are four strands:

Strand 1 – Improving Access to Employment

Strand 2 – Progression Programmes for Young People

Strand 3 – Support for Progression and Retention of People with an Acquired Disability

Strand 4 – Innovative Employer Initiatives

1. Information and Guidance Notes, and Application Forms are available now on www.pobal.ie and www.welfare.ie
2. Information sessions, from 10am to 4.30pm (light lunch provided) will be as follows:
 - a. Friday 2nd March - Íontas Centre, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan
 - b. Monday 5th March - Radisson Hotel, Northgate Street, Athlone
 - c. Tuesday 6th March - Kings Valley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway
 - d. Friday 9th March - Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, Donegal

Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to attend these sessions and registration is essential. Fifteen minute, one to one clinics for prospective applicants will be provided at these sessions from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Information Session registration and bookings for clinic appointments can be made on-line at www.pobal.ie Final date for registration and bookings is Monday 27th February 2012.

3. Any queries to Ailish Quinn at disabilityactivation@pobal.ie or telephone 01-5117500



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