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Over 800 jobs available to jobseekers at Employment and Advice Fair in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

Joan Burton TD, Minister for Social Protection visited the Employment and Advice Fair, in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre today, (Friday, 2nd March). Speaking at the Fair, Minister Burton said: **“Over 800 jobs are available at the Fair from local, national and international companies including HP Ireland, Symantec Ireland, Penneys, eBay and PayPal. There is also a CV clinic as well as agencies offering advice in a variety of areas such as business start-up, taxation as well as training and education.”**

There are approximately 55 stands at the Employment and Advice Fair; 20 of these have been taken by local companies seeking to fill over 660 vacant positions. For example, eBay has 25 available positions, Symantec Ireland has 47 vacancies, PayPal is seeking to fill 50 positions while HP Ireland has 20 vacancies.

Jobs are available in areas such as catering, software development, java development, warehouse operatives, net development, hospitality, video game testing, testing leads, functional design, SAP (BW) contractors, multi-lingual sales, software development, customer support/technical support, retail sales, sales representatives, automotive operators, photography support professionals and HGV drivers.

In addition, there are a number of companies and agencies from other countries to advise their own nationals and Irish people who are interested in employment and career development options abroad and these have over 220 positions available in various areas of the construction, IT, health care and other industries.

Minister Burton commented: **“I spoke last week at the publication of Pathways to Work about resetting the relationship with employers, with more and better contact to ensure they have access to and are offered the right candidates to fill full-time vacancies. This is a very positive step in that direction. I would encourage jobseekers to avail of the services which are available here today and to take advantage of the opportunity to personally meet with the local, national and international employers who are present and willing discuss employment and career development opportunities with jobseekers.**

Notes for Editors:

The International Employment Services Unit of the Department of Social Protection, together with Employment Services (North) Dublin in association with Blanchardstown Centre and Fingal Dublin Chamber is hosting this Regional/National/European and International Employment and Advice Fair.

International Employment Services is part of a European Commission network called EURES (EUROpean Employment Services). EURES Advisers are trained specialists who provide information and guidance to jobseekers and employers interested in the European labour market. The EURES service is free of charge. For further information contact your local EURES Adviser or log onto www.eures.europa.eu.

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