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### **Minister Kevin Humphreys urges Jobseekers and Employers to avail of over 160 events nationwide for National Jobs Week**

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The Minister of State at the Department of Social Protection, Kevin Humphreys, T.D. today (Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014) urged all jobseekers throughout the country to check out the calendar of events in their county and where possible to attend. During next week which is designated National Jobs Week, every region in the country will be holding a series of events that will focus on helping jobseekers become job ready.

There are some 160 events taking place nationwide during the week to coincide with Jobs Week. Events being hosted include Jobs Fairs, Career Advice Workshops, networking events with employers and briefings for employers on the services offered by the Department.

Speaking ahead of Jobs Week Minister Humphreys said: **“Many Employers and organisations will be in attendance at various events where they will advise on new positions and roles vacant in their companies. I urge all job seekers to attend an event that best suits their needs. For example employers from a broad range of industries including retail, food, healthcare, cosmetics, IT and property will be attending events. Jobseekers will have an opportunity to meet with these employers who will give practical career advice on CV preparation, interview skills training and career guidance.”**

Minister Humphreys thanked the employers and organisations who are participating in the Jobs Week events. **“As the Department of Social Protection has moved from being just a financial support for people when they become unemployed, it is now working closely with jobseekers in helping them gain the necessary skills and training they need to get back into work again. Employers are also actively engaged with the Department and other stakeholders involved in creating new opportunities for jobseekers. Together, we are making a difference.**

**“It is encouraging that so many employers are participating in the events throughout the country. I strongly urge all jobseekers to use this opportunity to their advantage and avail of the walk-in facility that will be there for everyone wishing to find work.”**

Minister Humphreys also urged employers to check out the calendar of events in their area. The Department of Social Protection provides a range of supports to employers who give employment to a jobseeker who's been on the Live Register.

In addition, it will help employers find the employees most suited to the jobs on offer. **“JobsPlus is a support from the Department that is proving to be extremely successful and it is available to all employers, regardless of the size of the company, who employ people who have been unemployed for 12 months or more. An increasing number of employers are availing of this and it continues to be available. Do check it out. It may be beneficial to you with your business”**, the Minister added.

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