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**Ó Cuív – Irish National Organisation of the  
Unemployed – “helping people move from welfare to  
work”**

**Minister for Social Protection, Éamon Ó Cuív TD**, (Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010) has approved funding of €171,000 for the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed (INOU) towards the cost of maintaining and developing a Welfare Rights and Information Unit and the publication of the information booklet, ‘Working for Work.’

Minister Ó Cuív said: “The INOU plays an important part, at local and national level, in representing the interests of unemployed people and providing supports to them such as information and training in the areas of welfare to work and welfare rights. My Department has funded the INOU since 1992 and I am pleased to continue this funding for 2010.”

‘Working for Work’ is an annual publication by the INOU which sets out in detail the entitlements and supports available for unemployed people. The publication draws together in one guidebook, information from a number of Government departments and agencies. It has become an established reference manual for people receiving social welfare payments, people seeking to move from welfare to work as well as for those working with unemployed people.

The Minister added: “Since becoming Minister for Social Protection, I have again and again stressed the importance of getting those who are out of work, back to work. Until the commercial economy picks up and creates large numbers of jobs, we should give our highly motivated unemployed people an



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opportunity to work within our communities. After the transfer of employment and training schemes to my Department in July, I intend to move quickly on this issue and create many new opportunities for this sector in our society.”

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For details about the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed see [www.inou.ie](http://www.inou.ie)