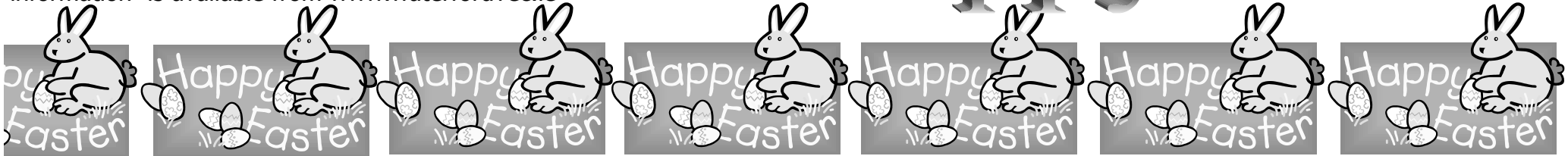


COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Without detracting from the spiritual importance of these sacraments, having a child make their Communion/Confirmation can prove to be a large financial burden on families. The H.S.E. through the Community Welfare Office offer '*Supplementary Welfare Allowance*' for those who require financial assistance to manage these events. The relevant forms are now available at The Key Project for collection.

COLLEGE GRANTS

The closing date for college grant applications is the 31st August. You will need to supply various documents and information so it is a good idea to familiarise yourself with the process before you apply. More information is available from www.waterfordvec.ie



TRAINING AND COURSES

FÁS offer a wide range of traineeship and apprenticeship courses; from plumbing and healthcare to floor & wall tiling and I. T.

These courses are generally free of charge if you are in receipt of a Social Welfare payment and in some instances you may receive a further weekly payment, depending on the course and your circumstances.

For a comprehensive overview of these courses why not call into the Key Project where we will be happy to assist you.

MABS

MABS is a free service designed to help individuals who are experiencing difficulty with living expenses such as rent, mortgage, gas etc.

Although they do not offer financial assistance they will facilitate you by putting provisions in place in order to make it easier for you to meet your debts.

Contact MABS at 6B Wallace House, Maritana Gate, Canada Street or telephone 051—857929 for more information on their outreach services in Clonard Park on Thursdays.



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'Opening the door to work'

Easter Newsletter 2011



Happy Easter

The Key Project is a community initiative supported by FÁS and is responsible for providing Community Employment positions in the locality.

The Project has been an integral part of the Ballybeg Community since its inception back in 1998. Our main focus is to assist the members of the community in their pursuit of training and ultimately employment.

Unfortunately the labour market at present is not very attractive and unemployment has become widespread in recent years. However, we believe that with relevant and quality training your chances of securing employment is dramatically increased.

The Project operates for the benefit of the local residents, we are here to help you and work for you.

OPENING HOURS:

MON.—THURS. 9:00—1:00 AND 2:00—5:00 FRI. 9:00—1:00
THE KEY PROJECT WILL CLOSE FROM 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY APRIL 21ST 2011 AND RE-OPEN AT 9 A.M. ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2011



ONE PARENT FAMILY PAYMENT

Budget 2011 proposed changes to the OPF payment. These changes are as follows:

From 2013 your payment will stop when your youngest child reaches 17, if they are in full time education and aged between 17 and 22 it will stop at the end of the school year.

From 2014 your payment will stop when your youngest child reaches 16 years of age.

From 2015 your payment will stop when your youngest child reaches 15 years of age.

From 2016 and beyond, your payment will stop when your youngest child reaches 14 years of age.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

The scheduled Start Your Own Business course unfortunately never occurred last year. One of the reasons for a low turn out was the time/day on which it was being held. We have re-scheduled this course and hope to run it on Wednesday evenings from 7—9 p.m. Please register your interest with the Key Project. This course is dependent on sufficient numbers attending and will be free of charge.

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COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

All potential full time students who wish to attend third level for the academic year 2011/12 must apply to the Central Applications Office (CAO) in order to be considered for a place.

While the closing date for applications was 1st February, the CAO do offer a 'Late Application' service. The closing date for late applications is 1st May.

However, the CAO do advise that all applications should be sent one week before the closing date. If you have any queries with regard to CAO applications please do not hesitate to contact the Key Project.

WEDNESDAYS!

Every Wednesday the Key Project photocopy the latest jobs advertised in local newspapers and the FÁS website, these copies are available for the public to take away with them. If you are interested in a particular job the Key Project will assist you in preparing your C.V. and cover letter. We can also help you prepare for interviews by having 'mock' interviews where necessary.

SECRETARIAL/INFORMATION SERVICES

At The Key Project, we provide a full range of services, including:

- Typing, including Reports, Coursework, letters, C.V.'s
 - Printing of flyers, business cards, brochures, letterheads etc.
- All the above are at competitive prices (C.V.'s are free of charge)*
- Assistance with filling out forms where required
 - Faxing
 - Information in relation to Social Welfare issues
 - Various forms eg. Medical card/drivers licence etc.

www.ballybegcdp.ie

In July 2010 the Ballybeg CDP launched their new website. The website gives an overview of all the services available from the Parish Centre and posts regular local events on an ongoing basis.

The Key Project's section on the website contains links to other important sites such as Citizens Advice Information, Social Welfare and FÁS. We also advertise all vacant Community Employment positions within the Centre.

If you have an upcoming event which you consider to be of local importance please call in and we will include it on our site.

DATABASE

Since the introduction of our database in 2009 the number of registered clients on our system has increased dramatically. Inclusion on the database is voluntary and confidential.

We strive to inform clients of advertised vacancies which would suit their skills and experiences in the hope of them securing employment.

If you no longer wish to be included on our database or likewise if you would like to register, please contact the Key Project at your earliest convenience.

