

Recruitment incentives that help businesses in a difficult economic climate

Roscommon Leader Partnership recognizes the difficulties employers have been going through since the downturn in the economy. There is a lot of pressure on businesses due to lack of access to funding, rising costs and for small local business the domestic market remains weak so now is a very important time for employers to be aware of and have up to date information on recruitment incentives available to them. According to Noel Connolly Enterprise Co-ordinator ‘‘We are anxious to provide every support possible to businesses in difficult economic times in the area of recruitment incentive schemes and also in turn assist the unemployed get back to work. Existing government recruitment incentives can bring on board the new talents and skills that employers require to continue to develop and innovate their businesses’’.

To support businesses being aware of incentives such as Employers Job (PRSI) Incentive Scheme, Revenue Job Assist Incentive and JobBridge National Internship Scheme we are continuing to hold in conjunction with Roscommon Employment Inter Agency Group a number of ‘**Employer Recruitment Incentive Seminars**’ throughout the county. Our next seminar will be held in Roscommon at Roscommon Leader Partnership on Thursday 7th June 10am-12.30pm with Registration/Tea Coffee from 9.30am. All businesses in the area are invited to attend this free event. We have already held seminars in Ballaghaderreen and Castlerea which were very successful and attended by over 30 businesses.

Businesses are very supportive of what we like to describe as the ‘one stop shop’ approach to providing information on all the recruitment incentives available at the one event. This approach is also supported by Cathal Lavelle business development manager in Ballaghaderreen and Castlerea who said ‘‘The events are very beneficial in terms of providing local employers with all the relevant information and the confidence to enable them take on people under the various schemes for jobs and work experience .I would recommend future events of this nature to employers as they will help them maximise all the state benefits available when taking on people’’.

An Employers Recruitment Incentive Information Pack detailing all the incentive schemes will also be launched at the Roscommon town event. The Pack will be available after the launch for free to any employer by contacting Bridie Duffy (090) 6630252. Employers availing of this pack will be requested to provide us with feedback on any uptake of incentives which will help us to track its success and to further develop our services.

At the upcoming Roscommon seminar details will be available on the more recent changes to the Employers Job (PRSI) Incentive Scheme. Make sure and come along to the seminar, hear from the scheme promoters at first hand how the incentives can work for you and grow your business. To book your place for the above event please contact Noel Connolly or John Tonra at Roscommon Leader Partnership (090) 6630252 or E: noel@ridc.ie or John jtonra@ridc.ie