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**DOLE CUTS**

**ON THE WAY!**

Dole payments are to be slashed again in November. Last year the dole was chopped for married men as a result of the so-called "equality" directive. Special temporary payments of up to £20 a week were given by the Government to off-set some of the loss. In November these special payments are due to be scrapped.

For example last November a husband with two children, whose wife was earning £50 (and that before tax) lost £35.75. However, he was given £10 a week temporary payment to offset some of the loss. This November that £10 will be taken away. ALL married men who received these temporary payments are going to lose them in **TWO MONTHS' TIME**. Some men are going to lose £20.

And what kind of equality did we get as a result of this "equality" directive. A wife who claims dole in her own right cannot get the full amount – she only

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## £20 DOLE CUTS

receives the adult dependent rate; £10 less than the present rate. Some equality!

**BUT WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THESE CUTS?** Just moaning will achieve nothing. After all the special payments were made in the first place *because* people kicked up a fuss. This proves that protest *CAN* be effective. The only way to stop the planned cuts in November is to do exactly the same now.

### Protest Meeting

As individuals the unemployed have no power. We must work together and have one strong voice. It is for this reason that the **Limerick Unemployed Association** are holding a protest meeting on **Thursday 24th September at 11.30 a.m.** The meeting will be held in **Connolly Hall, 91 O'Connell Street**. A plan of campaign will be decided with a view to immediate action.

All unemployed people including family and friends are welcome. **Don't sit at home and moan. Defend your rights!**

Helena Close  
Dave Lee

### DID YOU KNOW?

- \* That the **Family Income Supplement (F.I.S.)** is now available to one parent families?
- \* That according to a press release made in July by the Minister for Social Welfare, the **Free Fuel Scheme** has been extended to include families on the dole in rural areas. While this is a welcome event, it is most unfortunate that in order to subsidise this, the Government will not begin the Fuel Scheme until mid-October. The unemployed must suffer once again.

For further information on any of the above, contact our advisors at the **Unemployed Centre, phone: 46056.**

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## Could you write for 'Hatch 33'?

Have you ever wanted to write for a newspaper and learn about journalism? If so, now's your chance. **'Hatch 33'** is putting on a free **'WRITING FOR THE MEDIA WORKSHOP'** which teaches people all about the process of publishing a newspaper and how to write articles.

You will learn skills such as interview techniques, gathering information, writing articles, editing, layout and the use of photographs. The course, which is run by a trained journalist, will also cover topics such as the media and the law; public relations; advertising etc.

**'Writing For The Media'** won't be all classroom theory. You will be doing practical writing and editing exercises, interview role plays etc.

An exciting part of the course is that you will be given the opportunity to work on the November and Christmas editions of **'Hatch 33'**.

The course starts on Wednesday September 30th. at 10.00 a.m. and lasts for 10 weeks (2 hours per week). For further information contact **Helena Close** or **Dave Lee** at **Limerick Unemployed Centre, 33 Thomas Street, Limerick.**

## Footwear Scheme '87

School-going children of parents living on Social Welfare are entitled to a **Footwear Allowance**. Application forms will be available from community welfare offices locally, and from the Health Board, Catherine Street, from mid-September. The **Footwear Scheme** will operate until January. If you are on the dole, an unmarried mother, deserted wife, pensioner recipient etc. you are strongly advised to apply now for a footwear allowance for your children. For further information contact your local Health Centre or The Unemployed Centre, 33, Thomas Street.



Ita Tobin of 95, Shanabooley Rd., Ballynanty said after reading the July issue of Hatch 33 "I now know what Jobsearch is really about. The paper is brilliant; it's a pity it isn't bigger". Pic. Mary Spellman.

### TAKE NOTE

Signed articles in **'Hatch 33'** represent the views of the writers and may not represent the official view of the **Limerick Unemployed Centre.**



# MARATHON MAN

John Collins of 37, Ballynanty Road, Limerick has a great idea for raising money for the Limerick Unemployed Centre. He is running in the 26 mile Dublin Marathon on Monday October 26th, and he is looking for sponsorship. All money raised will be given to the Unemployed Centre.

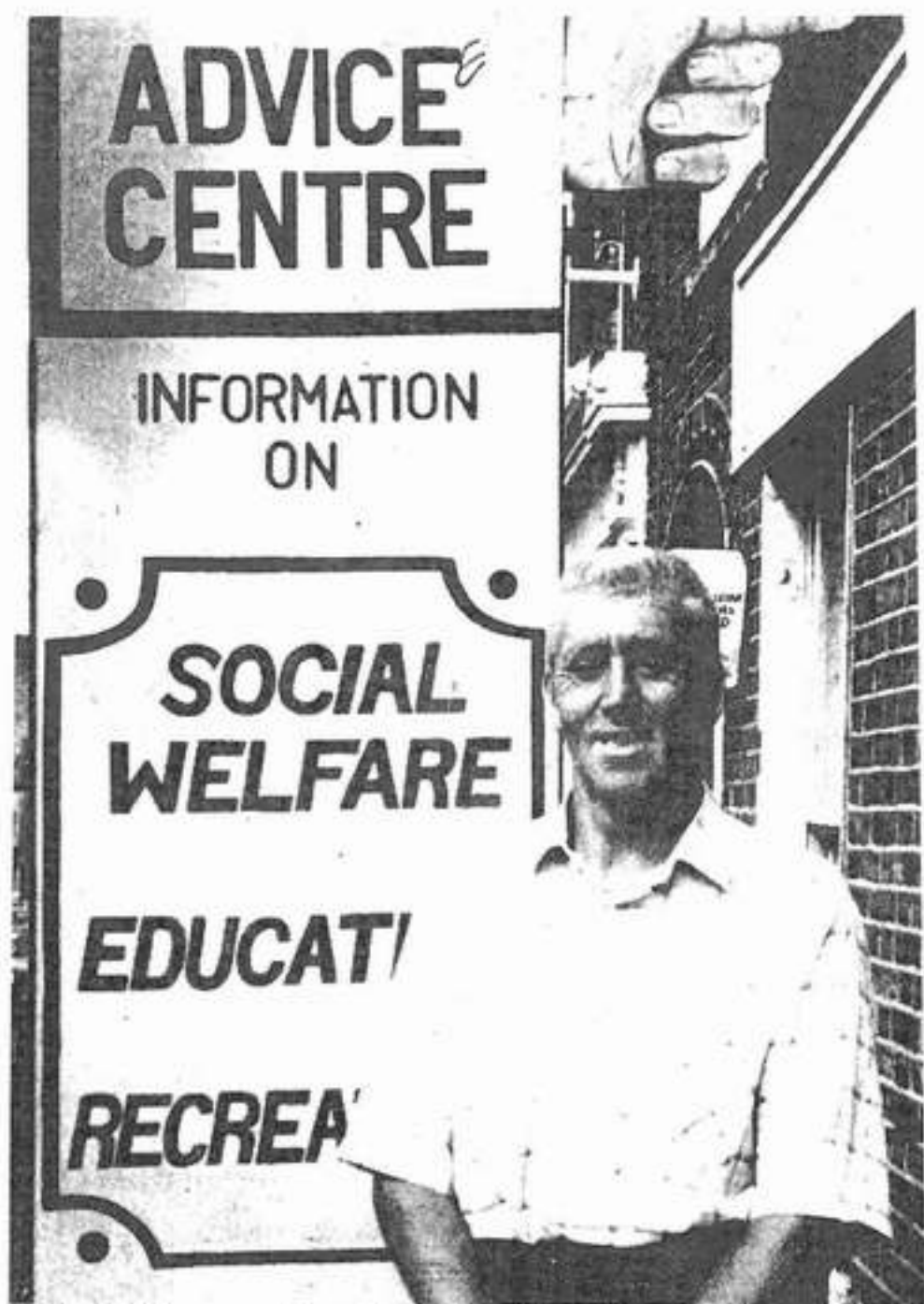
John, who is 55 years old, was made redundant last March when, with 100 other workers, he was let go from Lana-Knit, Shannon after 20 years working there. A member of the I.T.G.W.U. he served as shop steward in Lana-Knit several times and was Chairman of the firm's Sports and Social Club.

Married, with 5 children, John has always led an active outdoor life. Four times a week he runs 8 miles and in 1984 and 1985 he successfully completed the Dublin City Marathon. Swimming and gardening are also hobbies of his.

Why is John doing a sponsorship Marathon for the Unemployed Centre? He told us "Because I am unemployed myself. I use the Centre 3 or 4 times a week, and chat with my friends. I know the Centre needs funds. That's why I'm running. I hope to raise at least £500".

Sponsorship cards for John can be obtained from the Limerick Unemployed Centre, 33, Thomas Street, Tel.: 061-46056.

So watch your T.V.'s for Limerick's Marathon Man on October 26th.



John Collins, our Marathon Man. Pic. Mary Spellman.

## KEEP LIMERICK WORKING!

Did you lose your job last October? A lot of people did. In fact it was the worst month in years for job losses in Limerick, with nearly 1,400 people joining the dole queues. This year the Limerick Unemployed Centre has decided to do something about job losses. For the month of October the Centre will run a campaign called 'Keep Limerick Working'. The Centre has called together all the groups and agencies in the city, seeking their co-operation and the response has been very good so far. The idea behind the campaign is that for the month of October state agencies, employers etc. get together and devise plans to stop all redundancies in October.

It is hoped that the 'Keep Limerick Working' campaign will highlight the huge number of job losses each month. A 'Hotline' will be organised for the month which anyone can ring if their job is at risk or if they must let employees go. For further information contact the Unemployed Centre at 46056.

### Identity Card

Do you want to get into soccer and rugby matches at reduced prices? You can if you get an Identity Card, free of charge from Limerick Unemployed Centre.

The I.D. card also entitles unemployed people discount in many local shops and cheap rates for swimming pools, gyms, etc.

So if you're unemployed, and want to save money, drop into 33, Thomas Street, and ask for our Identity Card.





**Making no bones about his talent! Alan Hockedy of Southill working on a skeleton sculpture, at the Art Summer School for the unemployed.**  
**Pic. J.J. Hegarty.**

Photo: Courtesy The Limerick Leader.

## **ANCO TRAINEE ALLOWANCE CUTS – “a Disgrace!”**

The AnCO Trainee Allowance has suffered severe cuts and trainees are now expected to exist in some cases on as little as £20 per week. The Trainee Allowance has now fallen well below what they would receive on the dole – yet AnCO trainees must work for a full week for this pittance. The Trainee Allowance is less than five per cent of a Government Minister's weekly wage!

And whose bright idea was this? Well it wasn't AnCO's. Remember that Government last February who cared about our young people? Cuts, cuts and more cuts – the only area that seems to be thriving is our emigration figures.

## **On the moon with Jobsearch**

*How would you survive on the moon with just a box of matches, an electric heater and an oxygen tank to help you? Well, this is just one of the exciting “exercises” that awaits you on the Jobsearch Programme.*

*But we would like to assure all future Jobsearch students that there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that the Government plans to start a massive Social Employment Scheme on the moon. A top Government spokesperson has informed us that the Moon Scheme has been abandoned, and consequently, the AnCo course “Craterfilling as a Career” has also been dropped.*

*But all this moon talk begs a question; wouldn't it be easier to survive on the moon than to survive on the dole in Limerick?*

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## KILEELY IN ACTION

**"If the Kileely Community Project closed down, I am convinced I would leave the country!"** Rita Keogh of Kileely told us recently. We met Rita and other women involved in the Project at St. Lelia's Primary School. They were so enthusiastic and involved in the Project that they talked to us for over two hours.

The Kileely Community Project which has been in existence for almost two years is going from strength to strength, October sees the launch of a video called **K.A.N.** (Kileely Action Now), which was made entirely by a group of eight women in the area. The 30 minute video covers aspects of life in Kileely seen through the eyes of local women. Featured in the video are issues such as housing, unemployment, community spirit and the Kileely Project.

Co-ordinating the project is the dynamic **Ann Higgins**. But Ann stressed to us that she is not the boss; for she encourages participation by all involved in decision-making. Democracy as it should be, according to Ann!

### Adult Classes

Right from the start of the Project the women themselves identified what facilities were needed in the Community. First on the list were classes for adults. These classes were a runaway success and the women got involved in everything from sewing and hairdressing to knitting and yoga. The Literacy class was excellent and one woman told us that "because I did a literacy class, I can now read and write, and am able at long last to help my kids with school-work". The other women were equally enthusiastic about the classes - **Annette McNamara** told us that "It's great; you get more interested in things, and we have something to do every night". The classes are as much a social occasion as an educational

Just some of the women involved in the Kileely Community Project. Pic. Mary Spellman.  
experience. **Ita Tobin** from Ballynanty thought the yoga class was a howl especially when the tutor informed the women (all shapes and sizes) that they must wear leotards!

### Adventure Playground

Children in the area have not been forgotten. There is the **3 o'Clock School**, which is an imaginative and exciting approach to education. The emphasis is on parents working side by side with their children and developing creative abilities. The children and parents recently went to the Aran Islands. This is just one of the many trips that have been organised in the past two years. There is a great treat in store for Kileely children in October. An indoor adventure playground will be installed in **St. Lelia's School**. The equipment, which was built by the woodwork department of **Thomond College** is designed to combine play and education and is extremely impressive. But the women informed us that they badly need funds in the region of £1,500 for installation and paintwork of the playground. Any donations would be more than welcomed.

Indeed funding has caused a continuous problem for the Kileely Community Project. Because it started from the roots up, it doesn't fit in to any particular department category in Dublin. But Ann is indebted to **Deirdre Frawley** of the V.E.C. She says that, "Deirdre was and still is fantastic, she gave me great support and funded classes and tutors".

The official opening of the **Kileely Community Project** will take place in October. The video and a photographic exhibition will also be launched on the night. Definitely not to be missed.

The women of Kileely have shown us all what can be achieved. The final word on this must go to **Ann Higgins** who says that "Women in this country have a very low profile and are rarely recognised for their skills. Through working with those women, I have learned that the potential of women is totally limitless". Congratulations Kileely.



# Extra ORDINARY MAN

The Lakelands Hotel in Scariff on a warm summer evening. Christy Moore takes us through the kitchens, offers some quick advice to the cook – “Don’t be spittin’ in the soup there”, and on we go to start the interview. Christy Moore meets ‘Hatch 33’ with honesty, interest and good humour. He patiently suffers forty-five minutes of interrogation and it went like this.

## Christy on Limerick – Gigs, venues, new bands and the like:-

“Most of my experiences in Limerick have been very, very good as regards gigs. There have been some horrible gigs in Limerick as well – The Savoy comes to mind. But I must say I played a gig in The Two Mile Inn last Monday which was one of the best gigs I had this year – a really good audience. It’s a very musical town.

What d’you call that band from Limerick? Tuesday Blue? Yeah, I think they’re great. I’ve only seen them on T.V. with their video. I fancy hearin’ them. Toucandance – I heard their sound-check one night, I thought they were very good”.

## Christy on The Dole – ‘Apathy, anger and gettin’ out:-

“I’m very aware of the effect the dole has on people. I think it’s very hard not to be apathetic if you’re in that situation. You either get apathetic or you get very, very angry. Or else you just split, y’know.

I don’t think there is any Government policy on employment. As far as I’m concerned the Government schemes are cosmetic. I think the only way there’s going to be a future really is if the unemployed people get themselves into a cohesive unit and get a political voice.

What ‘Hatch 33’ is doing now is the start of the mobilization of the unemployed in this country. And people will respond if they see it happening. They’ll become part of it y’know. If it was properly mobilized it would be stronger than any Trade Union in the country”.

## Christy on Music – Pop, Pap and Political change:-

“I don’t know whether music directly can 1-2-Zap change

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things but songs can be a very powerful means of perhaps effecting a change of attitude. Like, I’ve heard people saying “Jaysus, I never thought of it that way before!” Music can create an awareness that can lead to change.

From the point of view of my own gigs, if got up for two hours and sang heavily loaded songs people would just turn off. And I would be fed up myself. I think it’s better to have the choice of music available, – that you can mindless pap and you can have funny songs or sad songs. Mind you, there are those who would say my music is mindless pap! (Laughs).

Red Wedge? Well Ireland could certainly do with something like it but as to which political party it would affiliate itself to, I don’t know. I recently met Billy Bragg, and I really like him – he’s very genuine and really believes in what he’s doing but I personally am very suspicious of Red Wedge – maybe suspicious is the wrong word, am, I think they are well meaning people who are perhaps being misled”.

## Christy on ordinary men:-

“I suppose I would like to present an image of myself as an ordinary man, cos in my own way I feel quite ordinary but it would be ludicrous for me to try an’ let on I was an ordinary man, because I have a very extraordinary lifestyle and I make an extraordinary amount of money.

Like when I was driving into the Self-Aid gig last year a guy on the gate says “Ordinary man me eye, that’s no effin ordinary car!”

People may argue that the guy at the Self-Aid gig was spot on. They may argue that Christy Moore could do with a spell of dole queue blues, or a few years with a shovel and a very long road to dig. But we say give this man a pushbike or a porsche, a shovel or a guitar, he’s an extraordinary man.

A knock at the door. The inquisition is over. We unstrap Christy from the rack, and back through the hotel kitchens with us. More words of wisdom for the cook – “don’t blow yer nose into the custard!” There follows a quick discussion between Christy and kitchen staff on George Orwell’s “Down and Out in Paris and London”, and he departs to do his sound check.

Ride on, Christy, ride on.

Mike Maguire  
Helena Close



# SPORT Profiles



## PROFILE ON PROSPECT UNITED By Tony Colbert

**Prospect United** one of Limerick's oldest clubs was founded in 1904. The 'Blues' have produced many a fine player down through the years of the calibre of **Rodney Hardaker, Frank Johnstone**, and of course **Joe O'Mahony**, who went on to serve Limerick for many years.

### SCHOOLBOYS

On the Schoolboy front they have one of the proudest records in the city, lifting titles at nearly all ages under the guidance of that famous clubman **Mr. Pa Wilmot**.

### HONOURS

**Prospect** can proudly boast of being the first Limerick Junior Team to win the coveted **Munster Junior Cup**, way back in 1924. They have also had success in winning the **Lawson Cup 1963/64, Minor League and Cup 1962/63, Third Division 1977/78, Second Division 1981/82**, and of course their proudest moment was winning the **First Division Dou-**

**ble in 1982/83** and going on to **Premier Football**.

### MOST LOYAL PLAYER

**Prospects** most loyal player must surely be **Jimmy Colbert** who first put pen to paper way back in 1960, and was one of that great double winning side of 1982/83. He has played in all grades with the 'Blues' from Schoolboy to Minor and on to Junior. In fact, I am told he has also put pen to paper again this season.

### A.G.M.

**Prospect** held their **A.G.M.** recently and the following were elected. President: **Mr. J. Colbert (sen)**. Hon. President: **Sen. Pat Kennedy**, Chairman: **Mr. J. O'Shaughnessy**, Hon. Secretary: **Mr. E. McCormack**, Treasurer: **Mr. J. Colbert (Jun.)**, House Committee: **Pat McCallig, Marion McDarby, Tony Falahee, Kieran Honan, Sean Colbert, Ger Dwane**, and P.R.O.: **Tony Colbert**.

Manager of the A Team: **Sean Colbert**. Manager of B Team is **Eddie McCormack**.

So its all systems go for the coming season. I would like to wish **Prospect** all the best of luck, and I am sure we might see a couple of trophies going up that way at the end of the season.

### UNEMPLOYED FIVE-A-SIDE

**Limerick Unemployed Centre** will be running a five-a-side soccer Tournament in September. If you would like to participate, call and see the Sports and Recreation Officer at **33 Thomas Street**. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 to 4.30.

**Prospect United 2nd. Division League Champions 1981/82**, and also **Division 1 Double Winners 1982/1983**.

**Back Row Left to Right:** B. Gough, D. Lyons, J. Roache, P. O'Doherty, P. Kelly, G. Griffin, T. Colbert, E. Chamley, M. Noonan, J. Aherne.  
**Front Row Left to Right:** S. Colbert, T. Carroll, G. Ryan, J. Colbert, M. Kennedy, S. Kelly, C. McCormack, M. Corbett, J. O'Shaughnessy.

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# CHALK IT DOWN!

## RETURN TO STUDY



*As an adult, do you feel that you have missed out on education, but so far have never been given a suitable opportunity to have a second chance? Now is your chance. The Limerick Unemployed Centre is running a course designed to help people like you.*

The course is called **Return to Study** and is a very good introduction to adult education.

**Return to Study** helps develop the important skills of communication, self confidence, assertiveness, and basic study skills. The emphasis is on democratic education, where people actively take part in the learning process. Group discussion on things like past experience of education is encouraged. Our course is not like school as you knew it. Return to Study avoids that familiar situation where the teacher just pumps useless knowledge into pupils, because we believe that adults should have control over what they learn and how they learn it.

### ANN CLANCY

But what do people who have done the course think about it? **'Hatch 33'** talked to **Ann Clancy**, who lives with her husband and children in Glasgow Park.

After the birth of her second daughter, Ann had no inclination to develop interests outside the home. Although busy with the the children, she was bored and felt frustrated but didn't have the confidence or opportunity to do anything about it. Her husband and a family friend finally persuaded Ann to try the **Return to Study** course, and she hasn't looked back since.

According to Ann, the first day was the hardest, because she felt nervous and didn't know what to expect. But she soon realised that everybody on the course felt the same way, and once the first day was over she was flying it!

Ann told us that *"I had always thought that education wasn't for the ordinary person, but I discovered that I am just as capable as everybody else. I've come to realise that there's more to life than just the house and the kids - there's a whole world out there!"*

### SELF CONFIDENCE

**The Return to Study** course shows how communication skills can be improved by the use of practical exercises in which everybody takes part. Ann told us that *"this part of the course built up my self-confidence greatly, and developed an ability to speak with confidence in public. I actually did an R.T.E. radio interview about the course - I never thought I could*



Ann Clancy from Glasgow Park. Pic. Mary Spellman.

*do such a thing!"*

And how did Ann's family react to her return to education? Her husband a lorry driver, and two children were extremely proud of her. Her nephews thought it was very amusing that they were trying to get out of school and Ann loved going back!

From then on Ann never looked back. She has done many other adult education courses and has found a new interest in current affairs. Ann says that "if everybody availed of these courses, the world would be a better place. The unemployed should jump at the chance of free classes offered at the Unemployed Centre, especially the Return to Study course!"

### LIMERICK ADULT LITERACY SCHEME Second Chance English

Do you have a problem with Reading, Writing or Spelling, at home, at work or in public?

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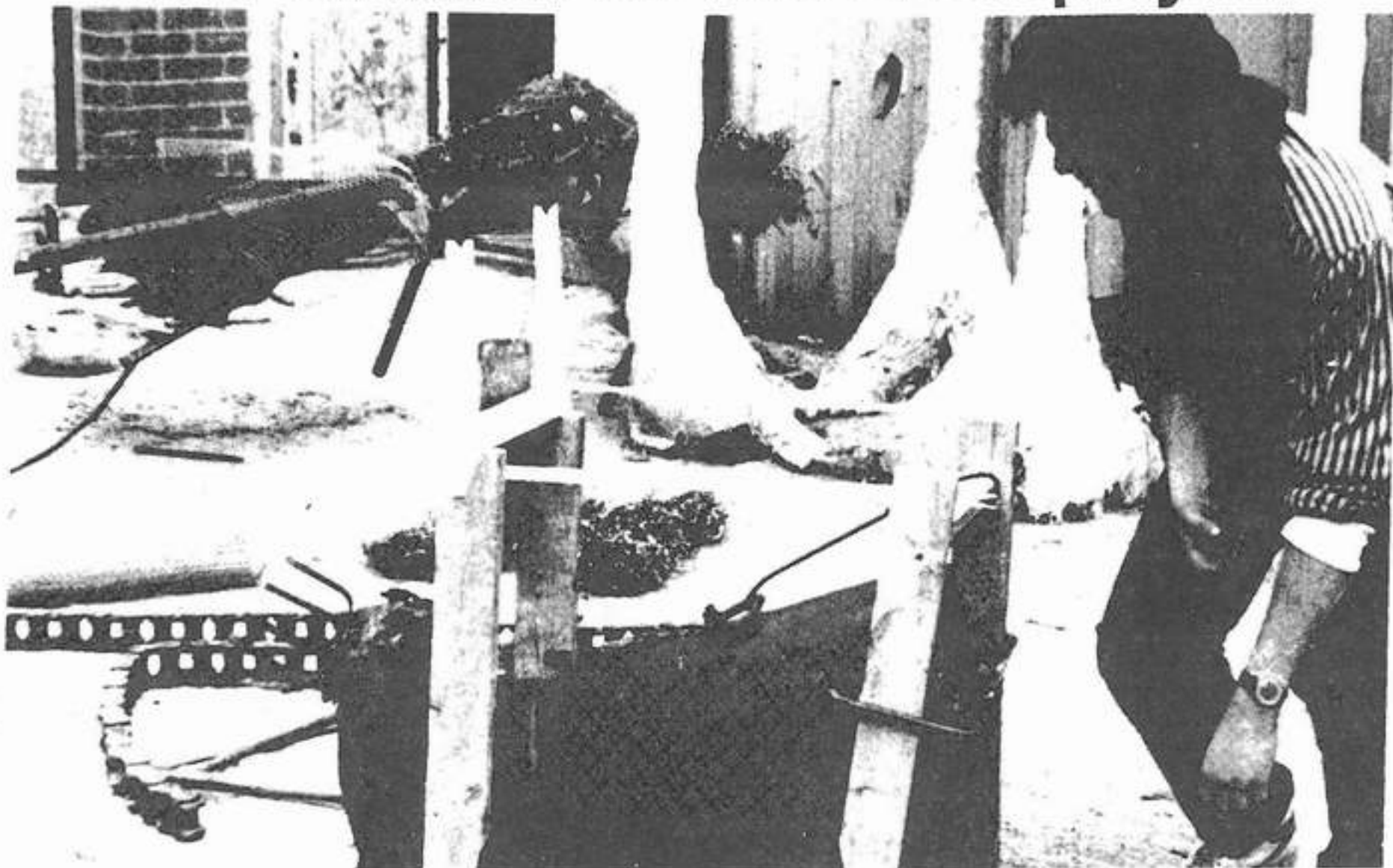
The scheme is run on a voluntary basis and is assisted financially by the City of Limerick V.E.C.

People interested in becoming voluntary tutors may also contact the above numbers.

A short training course will be given.  
Information Brochure available.

# CHALK IT DOWN!

## Free Classes for the Unemployed



Liam Higgins building a Guillotine Sculpture at our recent Art Summer School. Dole cutters beware! Pic. J.J. Heggarty.

### ART CLASSES Drawing on the Dole



Limerick is well-known for its Art. This is probably due to the fact it has its own College of Art which attracts students from all parts of Ireland and Europe. In recent months, however, many more people have become interested in Art in the city. Those are the unemployed -- people who never had the opportunity to develop their skill in Art. Now, at last, the door is open!

You don't have to be a regular student at the Art College to practise Art. The unemployed can avail of Art classes which are organised and arranged in the Limerick Unemployed Centre. Neither does one need to have any qualifications. The only condition laid down is that the student is unemployed.

Most of the people involved have tried their hand at some kind of Art in their own homes. The classes in the Unemployed Centre, however, provide the opportunity for students to meet, exchange ideas and learn from one another. A tutor is always available to advise and help them with their work. The unemployed students may not have a very wide knowledge of the subject, but they certainly come with fresh ideas and a new approach. Classes recommence in September.

Negotiations are taking place at present for the provision of a permanent studio space for Limerick's unemployed -- another step in the right direction!

J.J. Heggarty

### BASIC ENGLISH -- BASIC MATHS



Basic English and basic Maths classes have been running at the Centre since it opened. These classes are designed to help people who may have difficulty with reading, writing, spelling, and basic arithmetic, e.g. addition and subtraction. However, students work at their own pace and can progress from this level if desired. If you feel you need help in any of the above areas, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Centre.

Remember you are not alone!

### DRAMA WORKSHOP



This course in drama is intended to be a practical introduction to all the skills involved in the theatre. By means of a weekly workshop participants will gain experience of Acting, Set Design, Lighting Design, Stage Management and everything else involved in mounting a production.

The style of the course will be practical -- based on **doing** not listening. Visits to local theatres will be included -- and perhaps a full-length production in the New Year.



## INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

Imagine being dropped onto a stage in the middle of a play. You have no means of escape and so must take part. What should you do? What kind of a play is it? Comedy or Tragedy? How can you tell?

To be born is similar to all of this. Philosophy is the study of where am I? and what am I doing here? It's main areas attempt to answer these questions. This course is a basic introduction to the subject and how it works - it's scope and range.

A philosophy is something we all have - whether we realise it or not. Most of our daily decisions are based on a belief on how the world works - whether it is comedy or tragedy - and our place within it. The primary aim of the course is to discover the philosophies we all use every day.

The tone of the course will be to remove the confusion that often surrounds this fascinating subject, with the emphasis on discussion and discovery.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

Unemployment is still rising, one-third of the population is below the poverty line, and Government cut-backs are affecting everyone.

As human beings we all have a fundamental need to understand and make sense of what is happening to us. This is precisely what a Social Studies course does by giving us a greater insight into our society, and a deeper understanding of ourselves.

The course is designed to constantly question *how* things are organised the way that they are and why? Also in whose interest do they serve? One of the central questions running throughout the course is what is really going on here? e.g. at Christmas; in the family; education; work/unemployment; class and gender; the economy; religion; the media etc. The varied experiences of the above shows that there is not just one reality, one truth, but different and conflicting definitions of how society works.

So where do the dominant ideas about reality come from, and do they serve the interests of the powerful? If so is this process aided by carving up 'reality' into self-contained compartments labelled 'economics', 'politics', 'history' etc.

Our own experience reminds us every single day how all these different areas are interconnected and interact with one another.

The aim of this course is to show how the complicated process we call 'Irish Society' works and how it is responding to rapid change. The starting point will always be every day life in the different aspects and how all these interact with one another. The course will run on non-competitive supportive basis giving full weight to the different experiences of everyone involved. The methods will involve small group work, and large group discussion.



## KARENS CRECHE

Would you like to take part in our classes but don't have anyone to mind the kids? Well, don't worry, because creche facilities are available at the Unemployed Centre. The creche operates for three days per week. For further information contact Karen Quinlan at the Centre.

## EUROPEAN HISTORY

### Learning from the Past

Ireland's political and economic links with the E.E.C. and the division of Europe into two military alliances makes it important that Irish people have some background knowledge of European History.

Our Course on modern European History looks at those events which have helped to shape the Europe of today. The rise of Hitler and the 2nd World War had such a major impact on Europe that the Course will be centred around that dramatic period.

Another significant event that will be covered is the Russian Revolution of 1917. It was a watershed in European History and the consequences of that Revolution are still with us today.

Other issues that will be looked at are the Spanish Civil War, Mussolini's Italy, the Cold War and the question of Irish neutrality.

History is not only the story of epic events, it can provide valuable lessons. In the early 1930's Hitler came to power in a time of mass unemployment and dissatisfaction with parliamentary democracy. In Ireland today we are faced with a severe economic crisis and unemployment. Although History does not repeat itself the danger is that due to extreme frustration we could make the same type of political mistakes as were made by people in Germany. Only by learning from the past can we avoid the mistakes of the past.

## PHOTOGRAPHY



*This Photograph was taken by Joe Flood when he attended one of our Photography classes. A new Basic Photography class is starting at the end of September. Dark Room facilities available. Get snappy - enrol now!*

## COMPUTERS

We are in the process of arranging a Basic Computer Course. For the latest information about this new Course contact the Education Officers at the Unemployed Centre.

## ENROL NOW FOR FREE CLASSES!

Classes commence the week beginning Monday 28th September. For Enrolment or for further information, contact Mary Cronin or Dave Lee at the Unemployed Centre, 33, Thomas Street, Limerick. Tel. 46056.

**Classes are FREE! No qualifications are required.**

# SECOND CHANCE EDUCATION

By Deirdre Frawley

## THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES SCHEME

October 1986 saw the launch of an educational scheme which has proved to be one of the most interesting and challenging developments in Adult Education in recent years. The Educational Opportunities Scheme (E.O.S.), which was piloted by the City of Limerick V.E.C. with the co-operation of the local Employment Exchange, is the first real attempt to offer hope to unemployed people who lack formal educational qualifications.

The first group of students to begin the Scheme had all left school at an early age, and some never even began Secondary school. Their ages ranged from 25 to mid-50's, and in many cases they had not enjoyed their school years. So, for the first day or two, everybody was a little apprehensive, but this soon vanished when the students realised that this was not 'school' as they had known it. The informal atmosphere dispelled their fears and throughout the course students and tutors worked together as a team.

But a daunting task lay ahead for the students. They had a mere eight months to complete a two year Leaving Certificate course! They had the choice of sitting for up to four subjects, including English and Mathematics, and considering that most of the students had been out of school for 10 to 15 years, it was no mean achievement to sit even one subject at Leaving Certificate level. And the results? Fifteen people took

English in the June examinations and fourteen passed. Excellent stuff, considering they had only eight months to complete a two year course. A new crop of students began the E.O.S. in January and didn't have time to prepare for Leaving Certificate so they were encouraged to sit the V.E.C. equivalent.

But the E.O.S. is not all classrooms and swotting! Frequent visits were made to the Belltable, guest speakers came to the classes and great discussions were held during break times - card games permitting! But passing examinations is just a small part of the E.O.S. Unemployment often leads to apathy and isolation but the students found that being part of a group with a united purpose helped to alleviate the 'life on the dole blues'. The course helped to raise their self-confidence and belief in themselves. One student's comment sums this up perfectly. *'It has helped us to discover a new found dignity, a means of self-fulfilment and a way of broadening our outlook on life. It broke the cycle of unemployment for me and gave me an education for life.'* It is also interesting to note that of the 37 people on the E.O.S., 9 found jobs and 2 are part-time self-employed.

### FUTURE OF SCHEME?

The E.O.S. pilot scheme came to an end in June '87 and at the time of going to press we are still waiting for a Government decision

regarding it's future. Hopefully the Government will see the immense opportunity the scheme gives to the long-term unemployed, and also the phenomenal success of the pilot scheme. If all goes well, we will start another scheme this month. We have broadened the syllabus to include seven subjects to choose from. We also hope that the minimum age limit will change from 25 years to 22 years.

So if you are over 22, more than 6 months unemployed and want a second chance at education, contact: Deirdre Frawley, Adult Education Officer, City of Limerick V.E.C. Her office is in Athenaeum Buildings, Upper Cecil Street, right next to the Employment Exchange. It may be worth your while to drop in.

Chris Bean Ui Chasaide  
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### NOW AVAILABLE

#### Booklet on

*City of Limerick Education &  
Training Programmes for Adults  
'87/88*

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of Limerick V.E.C.  
Athenaeum Buildings,  
Upper Cecil Street, Limerick.  
Phone: (061) 47688.

## SECOND CHANCE EDUCATION COURSES

### 1. Return to Study

This course is designed for people who have been out of education for some time or left school early. The course develops communication and study skills, and helps to build up a person's self-confidence. It is an ideal introduction to Adult Education.

VENUES: St. Nessan's; School of Commerce; The Adult Education Centre, 33 Thomas St.; Crescent College, Dooradoyle.

### 2. Social Studies

A course designed to give the student an understanding of how society is organised, and how this becomes part of our everyday experience.

VENUES: School of Commerce; The Adult Education Centre; 33 Thomas St.; Crescent College Comprehensive, Dooradoyle.

### 3. European History (*Learning from the past*)

The object of this course is to help people understand the historical development of modern Europe.

Venue: Adult Education Centre, 33 Thomas Street.

### 4. Irish History

*The foundation of the State and developments since 1922*

VENUES: School of Commerce; The Adult Education Centre, 33 Thomas St.

### 5. Personal Development

This course is designed to improve communication skills and self-confidence, resulting in greater control over our lives and, in particular, within our relationships.

VENUES: School of Commerce; The Adult Education Centre, 33 Thomas St.

### 6. Foundation course

For Adults who did not complete their secondary education, or did so many years ago, and wish to prepare for entry into Diploma and Degree level courses in general or technical education and training. This course is also suitable for those interested in attaining a level of education equivalent to the Leaving Certificate on a course designed for adult learners.

VENUE: Old Crescent College, enquiries to City of Limerick V.E.C.

### 7. Leaving Certificate (pass)

Single Leaving Certificate subjects can be taken.

VENUE: Municipal Technical Institute.

### 8. The Changing Experience of Irish Women

The aim of this course is to become more aware of ourselves as women through gaining an understanding of crucial areas of our lives. Topics will include: 'Growing Up Female', 'Work-Paid and Unpaid', 'Health Care for Women', 'Power in Society', 'Sexuality', 'Women in the Media'.

VENUES: School of Commerce (morning), Crescent College, (evening).

### Additional Information:

A special information centre on Second Chance education will be set up at the City of Limerick V.E.C. offices, Athenaeum Building, Upper Cecil Street, on Monday 31st August to Thursday 18th September. Time 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Phone: (061) 47688.

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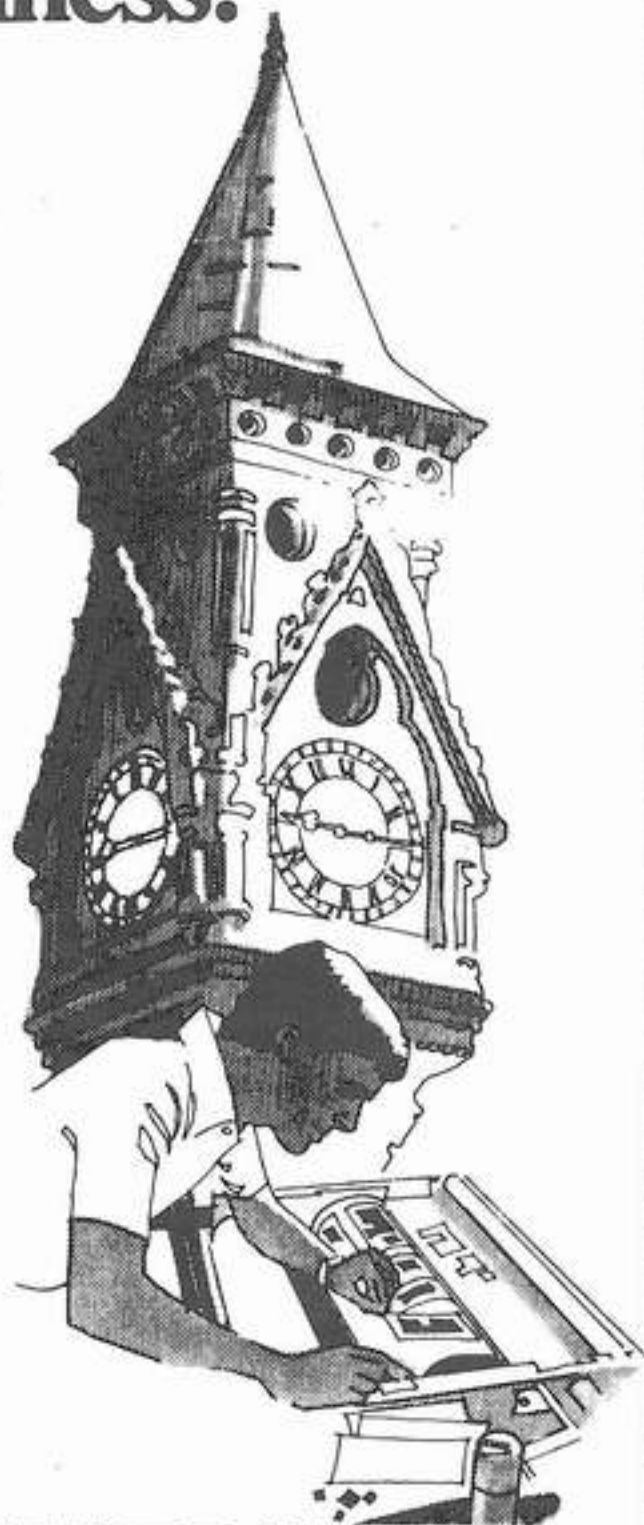
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*Phone: (061) 28333.*

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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COURSES**

Computer Applications

Duration: Four to twenty weeks.

Computer Appreciation

Duration: One week.

Computerised Office Systems

Duration: Four to twenty weeks.

Micro Electronics

Duration: 30 weeks.

**ENGINEERING COURSES**

Machine Tool Operating

Duration: 24 weeks.

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Duration: 16 weeks.

Light Skills

A development programme in basic industrial skills.

Duration: 14 weeks.

**MANAGEMENT/BUSINESS COURSES**

Junior Management Development

Duration: 26 weeks.

Business Administration

Duration: 20 weeks.

Retail Sales

Duration: 14 weeks.

Hairdressing Course

Duration: 26 weeks.

**ELECTRONICS COURSES**

Radio/TV/Audio Visual Servicing

Duration: 36 weeks.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES**

Return to Work for Women

Duration: 12 weeks.

Skills Foundation Programme

For young people of 16 years and over who have left education for at least 6 months.

Building on Experience Programme

For unemployed persons over 25 who have been out of work for one year or more.

**COMMUNITY TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

Community Youth Training Programme

A basic training and work experience programme available to young people within the community.

Community Training Workshops