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## 1. Crosscare Migrant Project researching new Irish emigration to the UK

Over the last three years in particular, emigration from Ireland has increased significantly. The annual [Population and Migration Estimates](#) recently published by the [Central Statistics Office](#) estimates that **40,200 Irish nationals emigrated from Ireland in the twelve months up to April 2011**, which is three times the equivalent figure for 2008. It is estimated that approximately **one third of these Irish emigrants have moved to the UK.**

With this in mind, we are currently undertaking a piece of research to look at the **profiles and experiences of recent Irish emigrants to the UK.** Our research is focusing in particular on those who may be in vulnerable situations prior to leaving Ireland, or those who find themselves in **vulnerable situations** after arrival in the UK such as homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, unemployment or reliant on welfare services.

In order to get a picture of the experiences of recent Irish emigrants, we are trying to engage with **agencies both in Ireland and in the UK** that may work with Irish emigrants either before their departure from Ireland or upon their arrival in the UK.

**If you feel that you or your organisation could contribute to this research please contact David Ralph by phone at +353 (0)1 873 2844 or by email at [davidralph@crosscare.ie](mailto:davidralph@crosscare.ie).**

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## 2. Application period now open for the United States 'Green Card' Lottery

The registration period for the annual Diversity Visa Lottery (DV Lottery) opened on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Irish citizens who are interested in living or working in the United States may wish to apply for the lottery, as it is a **free-to-enter programme** that offers winning entrants the chance to apply for **permanent residency in the United States** - a 'Green Card'.

Anyone interested in applying should note that the registration period will **close on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011**, so there are only two weeks remaining in which to apply for this year's scheme.

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**Applications should be only be submitted through the official U.S. Department of State website [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov).** Official U.S. Department of State instructions and requirements for entry are also available on that website or by clicking [here](#).

Crosscare Migrant Project has also prepared an information leaflet on the programme which can be viewed on our website or by clicking [here](#).

### 3. Register your interest for the 2012 Canadian Working Holiday Scheme

The 'International Experience Canada' (or working holiday) scheme has now **closed for 2011**. The quota of 5,000 visas for Irish citizens aged 18 – 35 was reached on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011, so no applications have been accepted since that date.

Information regarding the **reopening of the working holiday scheme for 2012** will be made available over the coming months through the **'International Experience Canada' section of the website of the Embassy of Canada in Ireland [www.canada.ie](http://www.canada.ie)**, or by clicking [here](#).

For now, anyone who thinks they might be interested in applying for a working holiday visa for Canada in 2012 can **register their interest** with the International Experience Canada Team. You will then receive emails with any announcements about the 2012 scheme including the opening dates and when new applications will be accepted.

To register your interest in the 2012 scheme [click here](#), or see [www.canada.ie](http://www.canada.ie).

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