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- Emigration from Ireland
- Returning to Ireland
- Immigration

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1. Advice from Australian-based Welfare Organisations

Crosscare Migrant Project has been in contact with several welfare organisations in Australia recently, some of whom have reported an **increase in the number of Irish citizens in vulnerable situations** and/or seeking assistance. They are seeing many Irish people presenting to their services who have travelled to Australia without adequate preparation or financial supports.

The organisations highlighted some key issues for people to be aware of in order to avoid finding themselves in such situations. Their advice included:

- Be adequately prepared before departure by bringing copies of **qualifications & an up-to-date CV** etc.
- Be aware that while some occupations may be in demand in Australia, many new arrivals face a **period of unemployment** and can sometimes find it difficult to get a job depending on their skills and qualifications.
- Be prepared for a potential period of unemployment, and **bring adequate funds to support yourself** through this period.
- Get **travel/health insurance** prior to travelling as many people can find themselves with costly expenses for private medical treatment or even repatriation after a serious accident or injury.

Crosscare Migrant Project's '**Going to Australia**' publication provides a **practical guide to emigrating** to Australia, covering issues such as Healthcare, Education, Accommodation, Finding a Job etc. The booklet is free of charge and is available to download from our website or by clicking [here](#). The booklet is also available in hard copy by request.

2. Work in Canada 2010 Programmes Re-open for Applications

The USIT-operated Work in Canada programmes for **Students** and **Under-35s** have both re-opened for applications. These programmes allow eligible applicants to live, work and travel in Canada for up to one year with no requirement to have pre-arranged employment.

Anyone applying under the 2010 scheme must be prepared to enter Canada no later than 31st January 2011.

Click [here](#) or see <http://canada.usit.ie/> for more information; or to register your interest in the 2011 programmes email canada@usit.ie.

If you do not wish to receive this News Bulletin, please contact amytyndall@crosscare.ie

3. Practical Tips for J-1 Summer Exchange Students

As the summer season approaches once again, Irish students travelling to the US are reminded of the practicalities:

- Research **job and accommodation prospects** before travelling. What will you have to pay in rent? Is there work available?
- Bring **sufficient savings** to support yourself until you find a job.
- Bring **photocopies of important documentation** including your passport in case of loss/theft.
- **Obey the law and do not overstay your visa** as this can lead to severe penalties including arrest and deportation.
- Be aware of **supports available** via local Irish Centres and Consular Services throughout the United States if you find yourself in difficulty.

A list of Local Irish Centres in the US can be found on the website of the **Coalition of Irish Immigration Centres (CIIC)** at www.ciic-usa.org or by clicking [here](#).

Contact details for the **Irish Embassy** in Washington and the Irish consulates in New York, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco are available on the Department of Foreign Affairs website www.dfa.ie or by clicking [here](#).

4. New Bulletin for Returning Irish Due Next Month

Keep an eye out for a **new bulletin on Returning to Ireland** and the issues facing Irish people returning to live in Ireland. The first bulletin will be issued in **May 2010**, and will cover, amongst other things, the **Habitual Residence Condition** and how it can affect applications for social welfare for returnees.

In the meantime if you or your clients have any queries relating to returning to Ireland, including issues relating to the Habitual Residence Condition, please contact us.

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