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1. Canadian working holiday scheme

As highlighted in our last e-bulletin, a number of **changes have been made to the Canadian working holiday scheme** (also called the International Experience Canada (IEC) programme).

Some of the important changes include the following:

- **applications can now be made directly** to the Government of Canada;
- the student and non-student sub-categories have been merged into one overall Working Holiday category for Irish citizens between the ages of **18 to 35 inclusive**;
- you **may apply even if you have a spouse or partner and dependents**;
- you **may participate in the programme twice**

There are **5,000 places** available for Irish citizens in 2011. While USIT have sold out their allocation of visas for 2011, it is still possible to apply directly to the Government of Canada. Anyone interested should **register online to obtain a personalised application kit**.

More information and instructions on how to obtain an application kit can be found at the following link: <http://www.tinyurl.ie/WorkingHolidayCanada>

2. Updated guide to working holiday schemes for Irish citizens

Our summary 'Guide to Working Holiday Schemes' has been updated to incorporate the working holiday agreement with the **Republic of Korea (South Korea)**, which came into effect in March 2010. The updated guide also reflects **practical changes to other working holiday schemes such as costs, how to apply, processing times** etc.

Ireland presently has Working Holiday agreements in place with the governments of **Argentina, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea (South Korea)**. Generally the schemes are aimed at young adults who wish to travel to another country for up to one year and to find casual or temporary work in order to fund their stay. Employment does **not** have to be arranged prior to travelling.

The updated **Guide to Working Holiday Schemes** is available on our website or by clicking [here](#).

In addition to the countries covered by working holiday schemes, certain Irish citizens may be eligible to travel to the **United States** under the **12 month Intern Work and Travel Programme**. More information on this programme is also available on our website or by clicking [here](#).

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3. Information on opportunities in Europe

EURES (European Employment Services) – is a Europe-wide network of employment services designed to inform, guide and provide advice to workers on **job opportunities** as well as **living and working conditions** in other European countries.

There are **fourteen EURES Advisers in Ireland**, based in FÁS offices around the country, who can provide information and guidance to individuals who are interested in the European job market. You can **search for a EURES adviser in your area** by clicking [here](#), or through the EURES website www.eures.europa.eu.

The first **EURES Ireland Newsletter** was issued in December 2010. This can be viewed on the FÁS website at www.fas.ie, or by clicking [here](#).

4. Working Abroad Expos to take place in March in Dublin, Cork and Belfast

Anyone considering **travelling, working temporarily or emigrating to Australia, New Zealand or Canada** may be interested in attending one of the upcoming 'Working Abroad Expos' which comprise of several **information stalls and seminars** hosted by overseas employers, recruitment agencies, visa experts, and Government Immigration Officials providing information on skilled migration visas, working holidays, overseas employment opportunities etc.

	Dublin	Cork	Belfast
Date	Sat 12 th & Sun 13 th March	Tues 15 th March	Fri 18 th March
Time	10am – 5pm	12pm – 7pm	12pm – 7pm
Venue	RDS, Serpentine Hall, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown Road, Douglas, Cork	Europa Hotel, Great Victoria Street, Belfast BT2 7AP
Cost	€10 per person	€10 per person	£10 per person

More information is available on the following website: www.workingabroadexpo.com. Additionally, there is an **online 'Virtual Expo'** which can be accessed here: www.workingabroadvirtualexpo.com

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