

The **Department of Social Protection** operates from a number of Social Welfare Branch Offices around the country. The offices covering town and areas of the East Coast Region are:

<i>Town/Area Covered</i>	<i>Intreo Centre</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Ashford, Glendalough, Glenealy, Rathdrum, Rathnew, Wicklow,	Unit E6, The Enterprise Centre, The Murrough, Wicklow Town A67 HD86	☎ (0404) 20440 Fax: (0404) 20479 🕒 9.30-12, 2-4
Knockananna	Lathaleere, Baltinglass , Co. Wicklow W91 YR44	☎ (059) 6482240 Fax (059) 81690 🕒 9.30-12, 2-4
Arklow, Aughrim, Avoca, Brittas Bay, Redcross	Castle Park, Arklow , Co. Wicklow Y14 CK25	☎ (0404) 20420 Fax (0402) 39155 🕒 9.15-12, 2-4 [Thu 2-3]
Bray, Delgany, Enniskerry, Glendalough, Greystones, Kilcoole, Kilmacanogue, Laragh, Newcastle, NewtownMtK, Roundwood, Shankill*	Civic Offices, Main Street, Bray , Co. Wicklow A98 X6N3	☎ (01) 211 7900 Fax (01) 286 5142 🕒 9.15-12.30, 2-5 [Thu 2-3]
Carnew	Thomas Street, Gorey , Co. Wexford Y25 PP26	☎ (053) 943 0040 Fax (053) 942 2008 🕒 9.30-12, 2-4
Shillelagh	Abbey Street, Tullow , Co. Carlow R93 W449	☎ (059) 915 2500 Fax (059) 915 1188 🕒 9.30-12, 2-4
Dublin 2, 4 and 8	Guild Building, Cork Street , Dublin 8 D08 XH90	☎ (01) 852 6700 🕒 9.15-5 [ex Thu/Fri]
Dublin 6, 6W and 12	Bishops Square , Redmond's Hill, Dublin 2 D02 TD99	☎ (01) 476 3500 Fax (01) 476 0380/1 🕒 9.15-5 [ex Thu/Fri]
Dublin 14 and 16	Nutgrove Shopping Centre, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 D14 E192	☎ (01) 673 2000 Fax (01) 493 8094 🕒 9.15-5 [Fri 10.15-4.30]
Ballybrack, Ballyogan, Blackrock, Booterstown, Cabinteely, Dalkey, Deansgrange, Dún Laoghaire, Foxrock, Glasthule, Glenageary, Glencullen, Killiney, Kiltiernan, Leopardstown, Loughlinstown, Monkstown, Mount Merrion, Rathmichael, Sallynoggin, Sandyford, Shankill*, Stepside, Stillorgan	18-21 Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire , Co. Dublin A96 T209	☎ (01) 214 5540 Fax (01) 280 3563

*Part area only

Department of Social Protection Schemes (relevant to the Task Force)

Stepping Stones to work are provided through internships and employment initiatives. Explore the different types of initiatives that are in place to help you prepare to take the next step into employment, and help you update your skills, learn new skills and network in a workplace environment.

Community Employment is an employment programme which helps long-term unemployed people to re-enter the active workforce by breaking their experience of unemployment through a return to work routine. The programme assists them to enhance and develop both their technical and personal skills which can then be used in the workplace.

The **Community Services Programme** supports community businesses to provide local services and create employment opportunities for disadvantaged people. It provides funding support to community companies and co-operatives. It focuses on communities where public and private sector services are lacking, either through geographical or social isolation or because demand levels are not sufficient. The Programme also enables the benefit of other public investment to be realised (as in the case of investment in community centres and resources).

Gateway (announced in Budget 2013) is a County and City Council work placement scheme designed to provide short-term working opportunities for unemployed people. The scheme is intended to assist the personal and social development of participants by providing short-term work opportunities with the objective of bridging the gap between unemployment and re-entering the workforce.

The **Rural Social Scheme** (RSS) is aimed at low-income farmers and fishermen/women. To qualify for the RSS you must be getting a social welfare payment. In return, people participating in the RSS provide services that benefit rural communities.

The **Tús** initiative is a community work placement scheme providing short-term working opportunities for unemployed people. The work opportunities are to benefit the community and are provided by community and voluntary organisations in both urban and rural areas.

Voluntary Work Option: A jobseeker who engages in voluntary work within the State may continue to be entitled to a jobseekers payment provided that, in engaging in the voluntary work, they continue to satisfy the statutory conditions of being available for and genuinely seeking work.

For full details contact your local Intreo Centre and see www.welfare.ie