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Exciting youth training programme for Co Cavan!

Up 4 Diversity! offers cultural diversity training for young people aimed at addressing issues around racism and sectarianism. During 2010, Up 4 Diversity! will train 35 young people as diversity trainers. They will then deliver cultural diversity workshops to over 200 of their peers across schools, colleges, sports organisations & youth clubs across the county.

This exciting youth training programme is being funded by the Cavan Peace 3 Partnership and delivered through Cavan Vocational Education Committee (VEC). The training is accredited through the Institute of Leadership and Management, and awards are recognised on both sides of the border. Fiona Maloney, Adult Education Officer for Cavan VEC, said "we are absolutely delighted to offer this innovative programme to young people in Co Cavan. There are a number of cultural diversity training programmes out there, but few if any being delivered by young people themselves. The initial response to Up 4 Diversity! has been fantastic and it looks as if take-up will be high". As far as Cavan VEC is aware, this is the first programme of its kind in the country.

The first trainer's programme will take place in Cavan on three consecutive Friday evenings 11, 18 & 25 June 2010, from 5.30 pm until 9.30 pm. A pizza supper will be provided for participants. This programme is aimed at youth clubs and community groups. A daytime trainer's programme, targeting schools, training organisations and colleges will take place in late September / early October 2010. Bookings are being taken for both programmes now.

The bespoke youth training programme has been designed and delivered by Green Hat, a Fermanagh-based community consultancy who work throughout Northern Ireland and the border counties. Bryony Flanagan, Green Hat's Director said "we are thrilled to have to been chosen to deliver Up 4 Diversity! on behalf of Cavan VEC. We are passionate about cultural diversity and this programme offers a wonderful opportunity for young people in Co Cavan to send out a really positive message as well as gaining an accreditation".

Places are strictly limited so book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Up 4 Diversity! is FREE of charge to all participants. Further information and Expression of Interest forms are available by contacting up4diversity@greenhat.org.uk or by calling 048 677 23766 or 087 151 7917.

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