

Ms Joan Burton T.D.,
Minister for Social Protection,
Aras Mhic Dhiarmada,
Store St.,
Dublin 1.

10th April, 2013
Our Ref.: M6/0413

Re: Motion Passed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council (M6/0413)

Dear Minister Burton,

The following Motion was Agreed at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 8th April 2013:-

“This Council believes that internships if operated properly can be of great benefit to young people and job seekers of all ages.

Council Notes that while they are advantages to the Jobs Bridge scheme, certain employers have abused the service to avail of free Labour.

This council calls for, measures to root out employers who abuse the jobs bridge scheme.

This council believes that Any internship offered on jobs bridge should meet the following criteria.

-That the internship not be used to displace or replace jobs that could otherwise be filled by paid staff.

-That any skills acquired by interns be given some formal recognition.

-That each position must provide some prospect of permanent employment with the firm upon completion of the internship.

This council will convey the above to the Minister for Social Protection.”

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Emer O'Gorman,
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services Department.