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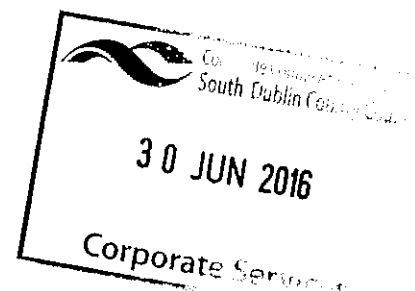


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17th June 2016

Dear Mr O'Neill,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th May 2016 regarding CE scheme eligibility.

Community Employment (CE) is an active labour market programme designed to provide eligible long-term unemployed people and other vulnerable persons (including lone parents, recovering drug mis-users and persons with a disability) with an opportunity to engage in part-time work and training within their communities on a temporary, fixed-term basis.

In general to be eligible for CE, a person must be in receipt of a social welfare payment, such as Jobseeker's Allowance or One Parent Family Payment, for 52 weeks. This is in keeping with commitments in Pathways to Work to target initiatives at those who are long-term unemployed.

There are a range of options available to unemployed people who do not qualify for CE, including upskilling and training provided by the Education and Training Boards (ETBs), Springboard and Skillnets courses funded through the Department of Education. The Department's Intreo offices are also in a position to advise clients on the interventions that best suit their individual needs, regardless of their social welfare status.

The Government is committed to supporting as many people as possible to participate more fully in employment and to become more self-sufficient by providing supports that address any barriers they may encounter in finding and sustaining employment.

If you have any further enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely

Fergal Ramsay

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Higher Executive Officer