## **JOBS BULLETIN SPECIAL: 20 May**

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We're having a Special Jobs Bulletin today to let you know about two jobs-related campaigns that we launched yesterday, which were welcomed by both the Taoiseach & Tánaiste:

## Skills To Work



Skills to Work is a new Irish Government jobs campaign, aimed at making it easier for jobseekers and employers to know what Government skills initiatives are available to them and to encourage businesses to employ people currently on the Live Register. Using a quick and easy online guide, <a href="www.skillstowork.ie">www.skillstowork.ie</a>, you can find out in less than one minute which of the five Government skills initiatives – Springboard, Momentum, JobBridge, JobsPlus and Skillnets – could best suit you.

You can check out Skills to Work at www.skillstowork.ie. For the full press release & further information click here.

Also, check out these video testimonials about some of the initiatives in Skills To Work:

- Una Clifford from Science Foundation Ireland, talks about her organisation's experience of JobBridge.
- Michael Crawley from LMFM, discusses the radio industry's use of the Skillnets network.
- Denis O'Mahony from engineering company Kendra talks about his company hiring people using JobsPlus.



## **Supporting SMEs Campaign: New Online Tool**

The Supporting SMEs Online Tool is a new cross-governmental guide to help small businesses know which of over 80 Government supports could possibly fit their business.

By answering the 8 questions in the Supporting SMEs Online Tool, a small business will, in one location:

- Find out which of the over 80 Government business supports from 27 different Government Departments, Agencies and Initiatives are available to them
- Get information on the range of Government supports for accessing credit
- Get contact information for their nearest Local Enterprise Office who can discuss the outcomes of the guide further
- Be able to download all these filtered results into a document for further use

You can check out the Supporting SMEs Online Tool here: www.localenterprise.ie/smeonlinetool

For the full press release & further information including our survey or nearly 2,000 SMEs, click here.

## What you can do

If you find these campaigns useful, there are a few things you can do to help promote them:

- 1. Send any small businesses & jobseekers you know the information about these campaigns and ask them to try them out
- 2. Link to both campaigns from your website, if possible
- 3. Tweet about the campaigns using the hashtag #allaboutjobs
- 4. Give us some feedback on the two campaigns

Your support is appreciated.