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Call for applications for a study visit entitled

EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP

January 12th – 22nd, 2010
Boston, Massachusetts & Austin, Texas

Up to fourteen individuals (from Ireland and from Northern Ireland) including education policymakers, leaders of youth-oriented organizations, school principals, and teachers will be selected to take part in a study visit focused on promoting youth investment in community. Participants will take academic seminars, meet with U.S. policymakers and visit in-school and after-school programmes designed to foster civic engagement, volunteerism, and leadership among young people. The programme is sponsored by the Irish Institute at the Centre for Irish Programmes, Boston College, and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Programme-related costs including travel, accommodation, tuition, and the majority of meals are provided. The programme is not open to U.S. citizens, Green Card holders, or past participants of U.S. Government-funded Irish Institute programmes. *Short-listed applicants must be available for interview either 27th October in Belfast or 29th October in Dublin.* Please note that the programme is by necessity highly selective, and that consequently, not all applicants will be interviewed and not all interviewees will be invited to participate.

To apply: Please visit our website at <http://www.bc.edu/irishinstitute> for an application form. The completed form, in addition to a letter of interest, must be returned by email to Ms. Thea Gilien at gilien@bc.edu before 5 p.m. GMT on **Monday, 19th October, 2009**. The letter of interest should include: reason for application, your ability to contribute to the programme, and potential for sharing your experience upon your return home. For further information, please visit our website or telephone Ms. Thea Gilien (Dublin) at (353) 1 614 7450.