Call for applications for a study visit entitled

Disabilities & Access

April 2nd – 12th 2013

Boston, Massachusetts & Denver, Colorado

Up to ten elected officials, civil servants, educators, service providers, and advocates for the disabled from Ireland and Northern Ireland will be selected to examine issues of access for people with disabilities. Promoting and facilitating access for the physically and mentally disabled to education, places of work, the community, and other public and private spaces will be the focus of this exchange. Policies, access programs, funding streams, advocacy groups, training programs, and the built environment will be examined.

The program is sponsored by the Irish Institute at the Center for Irish Programs, Boston College, and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Program-related costs for each selected participant including travel, accommodation, tuition, and the majority of meals are provided.

The program is not open to U.S. citizens, Green Card holders, or past participants of U.S. Government-funded Irish Institute programs. Short-listed applicants must be available for interview either 6th February in Dublin or 7th February in Belfast. Please note that the program 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: Visit our website at www.bc.edu/irishinstitute for an application. 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 Thursday, 24th January. The mandatory letter of interest should include: reason for application, your ability to contribute to the program, and potential for sharing your experience upon your return home. For further information, please visit our website or telephone (353) 1 614 7450.