Call for applications for a study visit entitled

EMPOWERING MARGINALIZED YOUTH
A MULTI AGENCY RESPONSE

December 7th – 17th, 2010
Boston, Massachusetts & Los Angeles, California

Up to fourteen individuals, including community leaders, educators, representatives from law enforcement, legal advocates, and youth rehabilitation experts (specifically those working with young criminal offenders in marginalized communities and/or within the youth criminal justice system) from Ireland and from Northern Ireland will be selected to engage in a discussion with their American counterparts. Seminars and visits will examine alternatives to incarceration, intervention strategies, rehabilitation and mentoring programs, life skills training etc.

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 5th October in Dublin or 6th October in Belfast. 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: Visit our website at http://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 Monday, 20th September. The mandatory 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 (353) 1 614 7450.