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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2009. We are delighted to inform you of recent activities and upcoming events.

Cosnita Community Centre open for business!



“Scînteia” community centre in Cosnita village, a Moldova Vision funded project, is now finished construction. The Centre is providing activities for older people in the area. MV is funding two disabilities therapists who are currently being recruited and will begin work in Summer 2009. We plan to begin our Overseas Volunteer Programme later in 2009 - more details coming soon!

Fundraising Events

Join us for a **Sponsored Parachute Jump** to raise funds for Cosnita Centre on 20th June. Some place still available! Email info@moldovavision.org or ring 087-9022216 to sign up. Minimum sponsorship required is €520.



Moldova Vision has a team of 10 taking part in the **Women's Mini-Marathon** in Dublin on 1st June. Best of luck to all the participants!

Elections in Moldova

Many of you will have read of the protests around the recent general elections in Moldova. Moldova Vision has been working with the Moldova Association over the last month to draw attention to the human rights violations in the wake of the public protests over the election results. The recent political instability has further highlighted the need to keep supporting local



communities and the Moldovan diaspora to advocate for development at home.

Please visit Amnesty International's website for more information:

www.amnesty.org/en/region/moldova

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Moldovan Association Activities

Moldova Vision is proud to support the Association of the Moldovan Community in Ireland which was launched in August 2008. The Association has been very busy in 2009 and activities include:

- Christmas Children's Party in December
- English language classes for members
- Romanian language and culture classes for children



The Association organised a very successful **Mărțișor Festival** in Dublin's Temple Bar on 1st March. Over 30 volunteers helped distribute over 3,000 information leaflets and traditional red and white flowers to members of the public.

The Association is now also supported by:



For more information on the Association please visit www.moldova.ie or email info@moldova.ie

IT Intern

We would like to welcome Amy O'Rourke, our IT intern, who is currently re-designing our website.



In these times, we need all the help we can get to continue our work.

Please consider making a donation.

Thank You.

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