

## Cosc General Information

Cosc would like to advise that the closing date for receipt of completed applications under the Cosc Awareness Raising Grant Scheme 2013 relating to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence is 5pm Friday 26th April. In addition to the funding that has traditionally been awarded under the grant scheme, Cosc, in conjunction with the Disability Policy Division in the Department of Justice and Equality, are providing in 2013 a separate stream of funding for projects that will develop and deliver appropriate and targeted communication to raise awareness and increase recognition of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence among people with disabilities. [read more>>](#)

## EU Justice Ministers, led by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence Mr Alan Shatter T.D., have reached agreement with the European Parliament on proposals aimed at protecting vulnerable citizens as they move between Member States

Victims of domestic violence and other vulnerable people at risk of violence will gain an additional layer of protection following an agreement approved in Brussels last month. [read more>>](#)

## Courts Bill 2013

The Courts Bill 2013, which was published on 19th March 2013, is currently before the Seanad. The Bill has two purposes, the first of which is to modify the in camera rule which prevents members of the public, including the news media, from being present in court when family law and child care proceedings are being heard. This proposal is in furtherance of the Programme for Government commitment to reform and modernise aspects of family law. The second purpose of the Bill is to increase the monetary jurisdiction limits of the Circuit and District Courts in civil proceedings. [read more>>](#)

## The Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality invites submissions on the issue of domestic violence

The Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality is seeking written submissions from interested groups or individuals in relation to the issue of domestic violence with a view to compiling a report with recommendations on what measures can be put in place to reduce domestic violence. [read more>>](#)

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