



Help For Immigrant Entrepreneurs

With the rise in immigration into Ireland in the last decade ethnic minorities are making up an increasingly large proportion of the workforce. In addition many of the newcomers have brought with them an entrepreneurial spirit that has led to the creation of countless new businesses, many of them based locally. The North County has seen a lot of immigration making the region one of the most ethnically

diverse in the country. Local migrants that hope to start their own businesses may be interested in the launch of a new report from Emerge, 'Harnessing the potential: Promoting Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship in Ireland' in the Mansion House this Thursday 8th November from 12.00pm to 1.30pm. Minister for Integration Conor Lehian will be speaking at the event. He said, "Non-Irish nationals now make up

over 10 per cent of our population and our workforce at 420,000 and 230,000 people respectively and clearly represent an untapped pool of entrepreneurial talent in Ireland." The initiative is being launched by Emerge, which has been a best practice model for the promotion and development of ethnic minority entrepreneurship in Ireland over the past three years. It has drawn from its experiences and learnings of

dealing with 207 ethnic minority entrepreneurs, to make a number of policy recommendations to government in its findings report. An "Emerge Trainer's Manual" will also be launched on Thursday. You can get more information by contacting Patricia Callan, Chairperson of Emerge and Director of the Small Firms Association at on 6051602.