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COPE Galway Teach Corrib
Day Centre

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Template submission response form.

Name of the individual making the submission: David Byrne

Name of the organisation that you are affiliated to: COPE Galway

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What are the positive features of the Act?

The Act brings transparency to communications with Government officials that are aimed at influencing legislative or policy decisions. It means the public now know who is lobbying whom and for what purpose. Importantly it provides a framework for holding accountable those who engage in lobbying. COPE Galway feels these are all positive features of the lobbying act.

Does the Act fulfil the objectives it set out to achieve?

While it is very early to tell if it achieves its objectives, COPE Galway have been contacted by the media regarding the issue highlighted in one of our lobbying returns, this indicates that the lobbying return element is transparent and accessible to the public.

Have any unintended consequences occurred, in your view?

COPE Galway, like many charities work in close cooperation with many public officials with whom we have developed close working relationships. The Lobbying Act has had the unintended consequence of this cooperation having to be in a more formal basis and so reducing the identification and implementation of more creative approaches and solutions to barriers and blockages our clients experience in the areas of housing and access to supports.

Do you think the Act can be improved in any way and, if so, how?

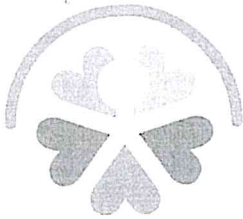
What suggestions for changes, if any, would you make?

Please include in your submission:

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* Specific examples from your own experience which back up your position, where you are making points regarding the Act, and

* Reasons for any suggestions for changes or improvements to the Act, and sufficient and appropriate current evidence / data / examples to support these suggestions.

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