

Job optimism on increase as recruitment expo in town

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SOME 60 per cent of jobseekers would start their own business if there was funding available, a survey has found.

The research was commissioned by Job Expo 2014, which takes place in Croke Park today and tomorrow.

The research also found that the majority of those surveyed, 55 per cent, are more optimistic about their job prospects this year than last year.

However, only 50 per cent said they'd been to more job interviews.

Some 50 per cent of those surveyed said they'd be willing to migrate to find work and 20 per cent are currently looking for work abroad.

Sixty-five per cent said they use LinkedIn and Twitter in their job search.

Some 88 per cent said they would consider undergoing further training/study to boost career prospects.

■ DUBLIN BUSINESS SCHOOL is to provide IT graduates with the opportunity to re-skill or cross-skill for free from April.

There are thousands of certified positions in the Information and Communications Technology sector, and the commission award for a Higher Diploma in Science in Computing will include six months' placement. The scheme is supported by the Higher Education Authority and Department of Education, meaning tuition fees are waived.

More than 10,000 job seekers are expected at this weekend's free event, with attendance given the opportunity to meet face-to-face with recruiters.

Register at www.jobexpo2014.com today.