



Bulletin

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Ballymun Whitehall Area



Ballymun Whitehall Area Partnership opportunity : renewal : progress

Ikea Update

IKEA will be opening its store at the end of July 2009. The Ballymun Job Centre (BJC) has been working with a range of agencies, including Ballymun Partnership, BRL, Dept. of Social and Family Affairs & FAS to maximise the employment and self-employment opportunities for local people in IKEA.

Anyone from Ballymun interested in a position in IKEA should drop into the BJC and discuss the options open to them. The BJC will be providing local people with supports in making their application.

One of the actions been worked on is the development of a Pre-Employment Training course. The course will be aimed at individuals in receipt of a lone parent payment and individual's unemployed for over one year. Details of the training course content will be announced as soon as a start date is agreed.

If you are interested in a position with IKEA please call into the BJC and the staff will be happy to assist or call 8667000.

Ballymun Promotes Reading

On Thursday, 5th February, 2009, as part of AONTAS Adult Learner's Festival, Ballymun Partnership started a Book Exchange in Ballymun Civic Centre. A huge number of people faced the snowy weather and came to check out the wide range of books on offer. Many



took advantage of the Book Exchange by taking one or two books home with them. The idea behind this Exchange is for people to bring a book and to exchange it for another, free of charge. Damien McCroary, Education Programme Worker with Ballymun Partnership explains that the main aim is to encourage as many as possible to read more or indeed to start reading in the first place!

The Book Exchange will be back again on Thursday, 5th March 2009

and on the first Thursday of every month thereafter, in Ballymun Civic Centre (9.30 am – 1.30pm). Everybody is welcome so come along, bring a Book and take another home with you to read.

For further information, contact the Education Section, Ballymun Partnership at (01) 8423612 or email us at damien@ballymun.org

Fairtrade Event 'Make Some Noise'

hosted by Dean Scurry. Music by Colm Quearney "Q" and guests.

Friday 6th March 7.30- 9.30 Axis Ballymun



Ballymun Welfare Rights

Changes to Social Welfare payments

Payment	2008 Rate	2009 Rate
Jobseekers Allowance	€197.80	€204.30
Qualified Adult	€131.30	€135.60
Qualified Child	€24.00	€26.00
Jobseekers Benefit	€197.80	€204.30
Qualified Adult	€131.30	€135.60
Qualified Child	€24.00	€26.00
One Parent Family Payment	€197.80	€204.30
Qualified Child	€24.00	€26.00
Disability Allowance	€197.80	€204.30
Qualified Adult	€131.30	€135.60
Qualified Child	€24.00	€26.00
Illness Benefit	€24.00	€26.00
Qualified Adult	€131.30	€135.60
Qualified Child	€24.00	€26.00
Carer's Benefit	€214.70	€220.50
Carers Allowance	€214.70	€220.50
Child Benefit		
1st child	€166.00	No Change
2nd child	€332.00	No Change
3rd child	€535.00	No Change
4th child	€738.00	No Change
5th child	€941.00	No Change
6th child	€1144.00	No Change
7th child	€1347.00	No Change
8th child	€1550.00	No Change

Note : As from Jan 2009 Child Benefit will be paid @ half rate For age group 18 – 19.

Note As From Jan 2009 Child Care Allowance Will be paid up until age 5½ instead of age 6.

Family Income Supplement (FIS)

1 Child	€490.00	€500.00
2 Children	€570.00	€580.00
3 Children	€655.00	€665.00
4 Children	€760.00	€770.00
5 Children	€870.00	€880.00
6 Children	€970.00	€980.00
7 Children	€1090.00	€1100.00
8 or more Children	€1170.00	€1180.00

Fuel Allowance

	€18	€20 (April 2009)
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Duration allowance is paid	30 Weeks	32 Weeks (April 2009)
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Important Note

There are a number of changes to the qualifying criteria and duration of Jobseekers Benefit. These include an increase in the number of PRSI contributions to 104 from 52 in 2009 in order to receive the Jobseekers Benefit. The maximum period of time Jobseekers Benefit will be paid for will be reduced from 15 months to 12 months

Medical Card

Over 70's medical card to be means tested.

Rent Supplement/Mortgage Interest Supplement

The minimum contribution that a person pays towards rent for the above supplements has increased by €5, from €13 to €18.

Axis, Ballymun

Axis is busier than ever and we are looking forward to a busy season. Seachtain na Gaeilge will be a big event for us this year and we welcome the return of Bealtaine the annual festival celebrating creativity and older age as well as the return of Dermot Bolger's 'The Consequences of Lightning' - last season's big hit. Of course, our Arts Development projects are as busy as ever as you'll see from flicking through the programme. The Comedy Club is packed with big names such as always with Jason Byrne, PJ Gallagher, Colin Murphy and Andrew Maxwell. Online booking is now available for all shows on our website www.axis-ballymun.ie and is a very easy way to buy tickets for collection at the box office.

Highlights of this season include:

11th & 12th March @ 8.00pm

- Namhaid don Phobal le Henrik Ibsen (*Theatre 'As Gaeilge'*)

13th March @ 8.30pm - House of Fun: PJ Gallagher (*Comedy*)

25th - 28th March @ 8.00pm - Chronicles of Broadway (*Musical*)

30th March @ 2.30pm - The Pictures: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (*Film*)

1st - 4th April @ 8.00pm - Celebrate Top of the Pops (*Variety Show*)

1st - 8th April - LiFT Youth Arts Festival (*Project for Young People*)

20th - 24th April @ 1.00pm - The Evolution of Lauren Begaun (*Lunchtime Theatre*)

24th April @ 8.30pm - House of Fun: Colin Murphy (*Comedy*)

27th April @ 2.30pm - The Pictures: La Vie en Rose (*Film*)

28th April - 2nd May @ 8.00pm - 5 Nights (*Theatre*)

May - Bealtaine (*Exhibition & Events*)

5th - 9th May @ 8.00pm - Salute the Servant (*Theatre*)

12th & 13th May @ 8.00pm - The Lost Field: Raccoon/The Exit Wound (*Theatre*)

14th May @ 8.00pm - Violetta (*Music*)

16th May @ 8.30pm - House of Fun: Andrew Maxwell (*Comedy*)

Warmer Homes Scheme

WHAT'S PROVIDED:

- » Attic Insulation
- » Draught Proofing
- » Lagging Jackets
- » 4 x Energy Efficient Light bulbs
- » Energy Advice

WHO'S ELIGIBLE:

In receipt of:

- » Old Age Pension
- » Invalidity Benefit
- » Disability Benefit

HOMEOWNERS & PRIVATE TENANTS can call ENERGY ACTION at 454 5464

DCC TENANTS can call DCC Housing Maintenance, Fishambles Street (2222608 or 2223660)

If you have any questions contact:

Andy Wilson (BRL Environment) andy.wilson@dublincity, tel: 222 5757

Jude McHugh (DCC Social Supports) jude.mchugh@dublincity.ie, tel: 222 5741

Simon Cocking (BNC) simoncockingbnc@gmail.com, tel: 842 3593

Manus Bree (Ballymun Whitehall Area Partnership) manus@ballymun.org, tel: 8423612

Recent Training in Dublin North Central

Pat Dunne and Sheila Sheridan, Childminding Advisors in Dublin North Central, have been busy with training for childminders in 2008, and they expect to run several other courses and workshops in the Spring.



CHILDMINDERS PARTICIPANTS AT THE ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP in October delivered by Caroline Kavanagh

City Service

As Part BRYR, CITY would like to invite you to avail of our state of the art CITY SERVICE facilities. All groups and all ages are welcome to avail of this service whether it's schools, colleges, community groups or clubs etc...

You could opt for supervised internet access for your group. Maybe book our CITY HQ complete with Apple Macs and make your own film, record your own music or if Photography is your thing try some photo editing or story telling.

You can contact ring Amy or Marlijn at the Reco @ 8667600. An extra cost applies if further support is needed i.e. Supervisors or facilitators, this rate is negotiable based on your needs.

Hourly rate € 10 City Centre (Pc) / € 12 City Hq (Apple Mac)

Opening Times - Internet access

Monday: 4.00 – 5.45pm
Tuesday: 4.00 – 7.45pm
Wednesday: 1.30 -2.30pm
 4.00 – 4.45pm
Thursday: 4.00 – 7.45pm
Saturday: 1.00 – 5.00pm

BRYR Spring Training Calendar

February to April 2009

To book a place, or for more information on any of the training detailed below, contact BRYR's Training & Development Officer as soon as possible.

Child Protection Awareness

Friday 27th Feb '09 9.30—2pm
Cost: Free

Practical First Aid

Thurs 5th & 12th March
 9.30am—5pm
 A 12 hour course - Certificates are valid for two years.
Places: 10 max.
Cost: €100. Subsidies may be available.

Understanding Youth Work

Wednesday 11th March, 6-9pm or
Saturday 14th March, 10-1pm
Cost: Free

Programme Planning

Subject to interest

Cost: Free

Basic Computer Training

Dates to be confirmed
 Duration: 10 sessions.

Cost: €50

Games workshop

Subject to interest.
 Refreshments provided.

Places: 15

As always we want to hear your suggestions for additional training or workshops that we could offer in the future. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

CAFTA - Parenting courses

Parenting Teens – 21st April 2009
 (8 weeks one morning a week)

Positive Parenting – 23rd April 2009
 (11 weeks one morning a week)

Contact number 8832168, Lynda, Marion or Helena (Limited crèche places) €10 towards childcare for all participants

Home and Self Management – May 2009 (six weeks two mornings a week) limited crèche places €10 towards childcare each morning

Contact number – 8832134 Mary or Maria.

DCU in the Community

Personal Financial Management - Seminar series

Would you like to understand your options for savings & mortgages, how to manage your credit card, how to balance your budget or plan for your pension?

Mar 11th: Mortgages & Loans

Mar 25th: Understanding Pensions

Apr 1st: Understanding PAYE

DCU in the Community will be offering other educational workshops this spring and early summer, including

- » French and Spanish morning classes starting the end of February
- » Bridge to Further Education

programme beginning in late March (3 mornings a week)

- » Coaching for community leadership: how to set goals and energise your work
- » Women's Health seminars

We are happy to offer local groups resources and facilitation. Call into the Centre and give your name and contact information for our mailing list and we will let you know when the classes are starting and send you a brochure.

Contact: Jean or Bridie, DCU in the Community, Unit 1 Shangan Court, on Shangan Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9. Telephone: 01-7008800

Solas Development Centre

Solas Development Centre is a small Community group, which is situated in 147-Sillogue road, Solas is known for running courses for the people in the Ballymun Area. The courses so far this year include Computers, Arts & Crafts, Aromatherapy & Social Analysis. The Arts Exhibition in Ballymun Library was a great success. The participants enjoy popping into Solas to take part in the groups, but most of all to enjoy a cup of tea and our famous brown bread. Up Coming Courses & Events include:

Fair Trade Coffee Morning:
26th Feb. Drop in Morning all are Welcome.

Interior Design:
26th March running for 8 Weeks

Environmental Action Team:
25th March running for 8 weeks

Social Analysis Workshops
April/May – 8 weeks

Art Class's:
There will be Art Class's running during the summer months

ALL welcome if anybody is interested in doing any of these courses contact Solas on 8428368

Football

Drop-in Futsal
Are you interested in playing futsal? (Indoor 5-a-side). Want to show off your skills? Admission is Free!

PE Hall, Trinity Comprehensive School, Ballymun

Wednesdays
4pm - 5pm (7-12 years)
5pm- 6pm (13-15 years)

Soccer Sisters -Girls football blitz Days
Tuesday 7th April 2009
8-10 years olds

Wednesday 8th April 2009
11& 12 year olds

Thursday 9th April 2009
13-15year olds

The venue is at Irishtown Stadium from 10am until 2pm each day, There will be a bus collecting girls to and from Ballymun each day. Maximum number from Ballymun per each group is 30 Girls and costs €30. Each girl will receive a soccer sisters FAI kit.

Late Night League
Trinity Comprehensive School, Ballymun

16-21 years old only -
9.30pm -11.30pm

Friday 6th March 2009

Friday 13th March 2009

Friday 20th March 2009

City Wide Finals to be held on **Friday 27th March 2009** venue TBC. A team of 7 to register and enter the competition. Cost is FREE. No limit of teams to enter. Winners of Ballymun Late Night League will progress to the finals.

Contact FAI Football Development Officer Jamie Wilson on jamie.wilson@fai.ie or text 086-0472135 for more information

Marewood Active Residents Committee

On the **27th of January 2009**, the residents of Marewood Court, Sillogue Crescent (opposite Sandyhill Gardens), elected the newly formed Marewood Active Residents Committee (M.A.R.C.). The Committies aim will put first a motion to encourage the residents activities both on site, in our state of the art amenities of Marewood Court and then to encourage outside groups and associations whom are very welcome to view our facilities and partake in our activities.

If you wish to visit us here in Marewood Court, Please do not hesitate to contact our chairperson John Staines at 018867045.

Urrús Training

Urrús (Irish for "strength" or "confidence") was founded in 1996, by the Ballymun Youth Action Project, to provide training in relation to drug misuse. Most of the work done by Urrús is with adults, parents and professionals working in the area or with those who through their work encounter addiction issues.

Drug Awareness Information Day
25th February 2009
7th April 2009 - 10:00am-4:30pm



Solas Development Centre Art Exhibition at Ballymun Library - Monica Ingram, Mary McDermot, Janice Broe, Colm Tumbleton, Ann Curran, Pauline Foy, Linda Farrell, Kathleen Cooney and Edith Poole art teacher.

Introduction to Addiction Studies

5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March 2009

(4 sessions) 10:00am-1:00pm

For further information and booking forms please contact Gabrielle: - Phone: 01 846 7980 or email urrus@iol.ie. Urrús, Horizons Centre, Balcurris Road, Ballymun

Catering courses

There are vacancies on the Catering course at the Ballymun Community Training Centre (CTC).

A Fas training allowance is given to the young person (ages between 16-21yrs)

Full time course, 9am to 4.30pm **Mon to Thurs, and Fri 9 - 1.30pm.**

If you need any other information you can contact Sheila K. Murphy on 086 8464273.

Need to brush up on your Reading Writing Spelling Maths? We can help!

Ballymun Adult Read & Write Scheme
01 8622402. It's free and private and never too late

The Ballymun Men's Centre has moved!!!

We have Moved from lift shaft 4 Shangan Road to 35-36 Shangan Road.

The Activities we offer are

- » Computer classes
- » Art Classes
- » Wide Range of Activities
- » Big Breakfast Monday 11am

Setanta G.A.A. Cub

Setanta G.A.A. Cub was founded in 1980 to develop the youth of Ballymun through the art of Hurling and Camogie. At present we cater for three adult teams consisting of Intermediate (hurling), Junior (hurling) and a Junior

Camogie team. We also have a juvenile Camogie section and Hurling consisting of Under 11's, 14's, 15's, 16's and Minor (under 18). We also run a nursery section on Saturday mornings for children under the age of 10. We run Summer Camps under the auspices of the G.A.A. usually in early July and also at Easter.

We are located beside the library on Ballymun Road. For further information please contact the club at 01-8579080 or by email cbsetanta@gmail.com

Enterprise Development

The Enterprise Development Section of the Ballymun Whitehall Area Partnership seeks to promote enterprise in Ballymun and Whitehall areas. We provide developmental services to pre start up and start up individuals and businesses. Services include one to one business mentoring services business, Fetac accredited training, accredited computer training, First Steps to success loan mentoring Program, accounts referral service, Business Coaching, Dublin North Skillnet, Ballymun Enterprise Centre, and much, much more.

We also provide business incubation space and virtual office solutions within our Enterprise Centre located in the Ballymun IDA Industrial Estate. This centre provides a range of services for business located within the building, consisting of; subsidised lease agreements for business incubation, telephone, fax, car parking, internet access, on site reception, administrative support and access to all services as listed above.

Within the Ballymun Whitehall Area Partnership we assist in the development of individual's business ideas, working to transform them into reality, thus working towards creating employment opportunities in the area. We believe that working together with our enterprise clients can help them create positive change within the community.

Enterprise client Tina Mullen from Pop-pintree engaged in the services of the Enterprise Development Section of the Ballymun Whitehall Area Partnership to establish a driving school business. "I found it very hard as I didn't know where to go to get the information,



thanks to Ballymun Partnership and the Enterprise Development Section they have helped me a great deal on what to do and where to go". Tina adds "the courses that are available I found helpful and have gotten me across the first stepping stones"

Tina started her own business in order to share her knowledge in her own unique way "it drives me to be a better instructor" Tina's Driving School as a pre start up business is due to launch mid summer 2009. The Enterprise Development staff wishes Tina every success in the future.

Ballymun Community Law Centre

Caring – Issues of Law and Policy

Venue: To be advised - contact BCLC

Course Dates: 5th March 2009 – 9th April 2009

Times: Thursday mornings from 11.30am to 1.00pm

Contact: Christina Beresford – 01-8625805

Fee: €60 - €10 deposit required on or before 25th February 2009.

Applicants are advised to book early as places are limited

Local Legal Advice Clinics

Our community solicitor holds regular advice clinics in the following areas.

Local Employment Office Drop-in Clinic
Ballymun Shopping Centre

First Tuesday of every month
10am-12noon

Ballymun Library Drop-in Clinic
Ballymun Road

Second Tuesday of every month
10am-12noon

Poppintree Drop-in Clinic
Poppintree Community Centre

Third Tuesday of every month
10am-12noon

Balcurris/Balbutcher Neighbourhood Forum

16 Balcurris Park East

4th Tuesday of every month
10am-12noon

Mediation Ballymun

The Mediation Service is an initiative of Ballymun Community Law Centre who continues to support the service in their aim to develop mediation and alternate methods of dispute and conflict resolution in the community. Mediation is based on the idea that the best people to resolve disputes are those actually involved in the dispute. The process empowers people to take control of their own lives by resolving disputes themselves and within their communities.

If in doubt as to whether your problem is a legal one or whether it comes within the work of the Law Centre please telephone us on 01 8625805 to discuss the issue.

The Incredible Years Service in Ballymun - YoungBallymun.

Incredible Years, developed by Dr. Carolyn Webster-Stratton over the past 30 years, is an evidence based model providing training programmes for teachers, parents and children. The goal is to locally develop a cost-effective, community based universal prevention programme that all families and teachers of young children can use to promote social competence.

Currently there are five child programmes running in the four Incredible Years Schools and there are 28 parents participating in programmes running January- Easter. The parent training programmes

are delivered by two trained Group Leaders from CAFTA.

The Parent Training Programme is a practical and versatile programme which teaches effective child management skills. The Programme runs for 12 weeks and there is an allowance to help with childcare costs. Each session lasts about two and a half hours with a break for tea/coffee and sandwiches. There's no charge and it's an opportunity to talk with other parents, share ideas and stories and get support. Participants receive a certificate on completion of the programme. The next programme begins in April.

Details of the next course are as follows:

Date: Thursday 23rd April 2009

Time: 10.00am -12.30pm

Venue: The Axis Centre

If you would like to book a place or find out more information please contact:

Breege Breheny Incredible Years Schools Co-ordinator – 087 0670662

Elaine Fahy Parent Group Leader – 087 6347001

Mary Mc Hale Parent Group Leader – 087 6347001

'Cracking the Myths of Cocaine' Week, 23rd to 27th March

Ballymun Local Drugs Task Force is holding a series of events around cocaine during the week of 23rd to 27th March. The events will take place in Ballymun and will give you information about cocaine, let you know how services can help with cocaine issues and give you the chance to ask any questions you might have.

There will be information sessions for:

- » Teens and parents
- » Those who are concerned about someone's cocaine use
- » Cocaine users
- » Local drug workers
- » Local people who'd like to learn more about cocaine.

Look out for posters and leaflets advertising the dates and times of the events, or call BLDTF on 883 2142 for more information.

Ballygall Women's Group

We are a Women's Group which meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 12.30, excluding school holidays, in Fr. Maloney Hall, Drapier Road. We have been going strong for nearly 18 years now coming up to our second Recession. We are a democratic group and whatever our members want to try to facilitate it, be it art, personal development, gardening, cookery etc. We are always looking for new members and hold an open morning each September (usually the week after the children go back to school).

For more info contact Patricia Smith @ pattysmith36@gmail.com

Ballymun Women's Resource Center's

Born Free Creche

Play & Learn Through our Curriculum. Children are Encouraged to Play, Learn and Share new Experiences together. Breakfast & Dinner provided: Healthy Nutritious Meals to provide Children with the Energy and Nutrients they need. Outdoor Play Area.

Contact Gladys or Margaret on: 01 8426377. Workspace 2000, Unit 1-3, St Margaret's Industrial Estate, Ballymun

Aunt Sally Nursery

At Aunt Sally Nursery we promise you the highest standard of care for your child.

We provide education with care for children 3mths to school going age.

By choosing Aunt Sally Nursery you have the peace of mind that comes from knowing that a highly competent, qualified and warm team are caring for your child. At Aunt Sally Nursery we believe that caring and learning go hand in hand.

In our baby room, stimulating visual, physical, audio and tactile educational resources are an important part of the day. When they move into our toddler room they will be ready for more advanced equipment, arts and crafts and a day filled with scheduled activities.

In the pre-school your child will first

experience a more structured school environment. We introduce areas of the Montessori Method of education to your child on a one to one basis, as well as within group activities.

All our rooms are fully equipped with the latest teaching materials for the appropriate age group. Hot Nutritious Meals are provided; we also have a large outdoor area

Opening hours:

9am – 5pm **Mon to Thur**

9am - 4pm **Fri**

We are situated in Shangan Green, second left after the Virgin Mary church facing D.C.U. Parents and children are always welcome to come and visit us and be shown around the Nursery.

For more information contact Nursery Manager Sarah Dowdall : Tel 01-8527633 or email sdowdall@bwrc.info

BWRC Youth Service

The Ballymun Women's Resource Centre is a community based organisation offering various services to local women and their families.

The BWRC youth project, works directly with young women, concentrating on early pregnancy prevention, teen mums and young women at risk.

The Youth Team consists of 3 qualified youth Workers with experience in working with young women. We have 3 activity based groups currently running for young women aged 12 to 16 yrs.

For further information contact Michelle or Natasha at 862 1361.

We also have a Teen Mums group who focus on positive parenting skills. For information on this group contact Rebecca at 8621361.

A peer education approach is an essential element to the delivery of all our programmes.

Ikea open day's

Leading home furnishings giant, IKEA, want to meet you! Over two days the co-workers at IKEA Dublin will be chatting about their work

and their company at the Ballymun Civic Centre. For anyone interested in IKEA or considering a career with IKEA Dublin this is a great chance to meet face to face informally and get a feel for the business. As this is a fun event no need to bring your CV but application forms will be welcome.

Late March 2009 - Ballymun Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun

To find out more about this event log onto www.ikea.ie/dublin or check local press for details.

Ballymun Women's Resource Centre - Citizens Information Centre

A Free and Confidential Service

- » Information & Advice on all your Rights & Entitlements.
- » Help with Filling in Forms
- » Wide range of Information Leaflets & Booklets.

If you would like to speak to one of our Information Officers call 8621361 or email sbrogan@bwrc.info, or just call in for a chat you can drop in:

Monday to Thursday 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Friday 9.30am to 1.00 pm

2 Silloge Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11

We welcome people from all cultures and backgrounds. We are a disability friendly and Wheelchair Accessible Service.

Ballymun Active Disability Interest Group

BADIG is a voluntary group based in Ballymun. It aims

- » to bring together people with disabilities living in Ballymun, to ensure their needs are adequately met within the community.
- » to empower people with disabilities to voice their opinions in a structured and democratic way.
- » to inform people with disabilities of their rights and entitlements.
- » to focus on issues such as – Access,

Housing, Transport, Training, Education, Employment and Information

For further information contact the BADIG office on 862 4593

Ballymun Intercultural Group

The group aims to encourage positive communication and understanding among the diverse communities living in Ballymun and works to support increased representation and participation of immigrant and Traveller communities locally.

Our group is always open to new members and individuals. For information or support contact BIG at 8423612 or email BIG@Ballymun.org

Friendly call service

This service offers a free telephone call five mornings per week to check that people are well and kept informed of other services that are available to them.

This service can also remind clients of Hospital and Doctor's appointments if they wish. This aspect of the service is very popular and has reduced the number of missed appointments by the service's clients.

If there is no response to the telephone call within a set period of time the Service can advise their contact person and if necessary call the emergency services.

The service is totally free of charge. It offers a friendly chat up to five days a week thus helping to reduce the sense of isolation and loneliness experienced by many older people. The service is not just limited to those living alone and will accept applications from elderly couples, those who have someone living with them who are out during the day or carers.

For further information or to get an application form please contact Manus at 01-842 3612 or drop in to the Ballymun Partnership or contact Fr. Gerry Corcoran, Holy Spirit Church.

Scheme of community support for older people

The Scheme of Community Support for Older People aims to improve the security and social support of vulnerable older people in their homes by providing grants for:-

Locks

Window locks, door locks and door chains designed to strengthen points of entry to the dwelling.

Security Lighting.

The once-off cost of installing socially monitored alarm systems.

Smoke Alarms.

This is funded under the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs. The Older Person's Network and Ballymun Partnership will apply on behalf of individuals in Ballymun and Whitehall area.

Please contact the Ballymun Partnership for an application form on 01-842 3612 or email info@ballymun.org or drop into the office.

J.U.S.T – Jesuit University Support & Training

J.U.S.T offers learning support and training for people from Ballymun planning to go on to 3rd level.

'Our vision is to bring 3rd level educational opportunities to the people of Ballymun, helping them realize their full potential in a real, tangible way. Education is a right & an opportunity'.

Participating students are organized into sub-groups and each group is assigned to a member of the JUST project team. Individual and group sessions are run day or evening time through the week, to suit student or tutor. Groups are run on Monday and Tuesday evening 7.30 – 9.00pm. All sessions are

held in the Ballymun Job Centre LEC premises, Ballymun Town Centre.

Groups being run this year, '08-'09 :

Pre University Groups: for those planning to return Post Leaving Cert or Diploma programmes or to University.

Certificate & Diploma Group
1st Year University Group
2nd, 3rd & 4th Yr University Group
Graduates Group

This is a free service for the people of Ballymun

J.U.S.T : c/o Ballymun Jobs Centre, Unit 36 Ballymun – Phone 8622695, Mobile 087-9254283 or email admin@justballymun.org

Study tour Durham UK

The Ballymun Partnership conducted a visit to Country Durham during late January to learn from the arrangements for children services in the area. The background to the study tour will inform the development and Inform our thinking of the benefits of a HSE led Children's Services Committee in our area in Dublin.

A report will be available shortly. For more information contact *Noirin Coghlan*, Childcare Coordinator. Ph: 01- 8423612 or email ncoghlan@ballymun.ie

New RAPID Coordinator for Ballymun



Brian Mongey has taken up the role of RAPID Coordinator for Ballymun on a temporary basis. Brian has worked here in Ballymun since 2000 as a Community Development Officer for Dublin City and is well known throughout the area. Brian can be contacted by phone at 01-2225717 or by e-mail on brian.mongey@dublincity.ie

Dormant Accounts

The RAPID Area Implementation Team are looking for expressions of interest from groups seeking to access financial assistance from the latest round of dormant account funding. There are two grant categories, €2,000 to €10,000 and €10,000+ with the local emphasis on smaller grants.

If you have a project that encourages community participation and social inclusion, please contact Brian to discuss.

New playgrounds for Ballymun:

The RAPID programme has brought two new playground projects to Ballymun at a cost of almost €90,000. The first project will see the installation of new facility for St Margaret's Halting Site. The second development will see an expansion of the Coultry Green Playground. Both sites are being developed in conjunction with local residents and community groups. Work on both sites is due for completion by the end of February this year.

Dublin City Council Community Development Team.



Gina O'Brien has taken up the role of Senior Community Officer for Ballymun, Whitehall and Santry. Niamh Reilly, Community Officer and Sinead Mac Gabhann Quinn, Asst Com-

munity Officer joins Gina on the team. The team will work in partnership with many RAPID programmes in our area.

The Community Development Team offers support, advice and financial assistance to community groups operating in the above areas.

