

# Ballymun bulletin

Would you like to know what's going on in Ballymun ?

TEXT 085 7547358 to get info on what's going on. Texts are charged at normal rate.

## Events

### Axis Arts Centre

Axis continues to grow and there couldn't be any better evidence of that than our packed season's highlights, a world premiere of axis' production of Gerard Humphreys' 'Our National Games' and Eric Lalor's brand new one-man comedy show 'Lalorpalooza'. The latest explosion of activity is classes! Classes for all ages across all art forms. So whether it's participating, watching or learning, we look forward to seeing you soon in axis.

Highlights of this season include:

<b>26th &amp; 27th June</b>	Near Fm Sessions ( <i>Music</i> )
<b>30th June @ 2.30pm</b>	The Pictures - 'Casablanca' ( <i>Film</i> )
<b>3rd - 5th July @ 8.00pm</b>	Rita Dunne ( <i>Theatre - Drama</i> )
<b>14th July</b>	The Dream Factory ( <i>Arts Development - Children's Arts Activities</i> )
<b>14th July @ 2.30pm</b>	The Dream Factory ( <i>Exhibition</i> )
<b>28th July @ 2.30pm</b>	The Pictures - 'The Lives of Others' ( <i>Film</i> )
<b>7th Aug</b>	Irish Wheelchair Association ( <i>Exhibition</i> )
<b>25th Aug @ 2.30pm</b>	The Pictures - 'Suprise Film' ( <i>Film</i> )

### Summer Projects:

The following are Summer Projects that are in your area are:

Holy Spirit Summer Project, Virgin Mary Summer Project, Poppintree Summer Projects, Whiteacre Summer Project. Larkhill Summer Project, Santry

Community Association Summer Project.

These Projects will run from July-August. Some of the trips include Causey Experience, Fantasia, Bray, Clara Lara, Zoo and many more.

For further information contact the Ballymun Community Development Section of Dublin City Council at 222 5722

### St Margaret's Traveller Women's Group



**2007 - 2008 End of Year Celebration**

26th June 2008 At 10.30am - 12

St Margaret's Traveller Community Centre Ballymun

### BRYR Summer Programme

- » Health & Beauty
- » Outdoor pursuits
- » Horse riding
- » Summer Football League
- » Summer on the Sea: outdoor water activities
- » Drama Summer Camp
- » Art, Craft & Design Activities
- » IT projects & internet access
- » Football, Hurling
- » Music workshops / GIGS
- » Chill Monday and Open Friday: Drop In's for multi activities for over 15's, 6-9pm

For more infor call the The Reco 8667600

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## Children's Activities in Ballymun Library

### Tuesdays

**Toddlers' Playtime** 11.00am-12.00pm

Collection of toys and picture books provided for children. Books on parenting skills or other subject of interest provided for adults.

**Junior Book Club** Last Tuesday of the month, 4.00pm-5.00pm

### Thursdays

**Toddler Storytime**

11.00am-11.30am

### Saturdays

**Art Class**

2.00pm-3.30pm

## Poppintree Youth Project

Working with young people aged 10-21yrs, the Poppintree youth project provides a safe environment for the young people, our aim in providing these young people with educational and recreational programmes, we are currently based in 3c Balbutcher lane and will be moving up to our new purpose built building hopefully in September 2008.

For further information contact Edel Swan at 8165911

## GAP Youth Week

GAP Ballymun are organising a week of youth events, aimed at 6-12 year olds, which will run from the 22nd-25th July. There will be an environmental theme to the week including activities such as environmental games, a Fairtrade picnic, face painting, nature trails and competitions with plenty of prizes to be won.

Activities will be held in Poppintree, Balcurris and Coultry parks and will run from 11am-2pm daily.

Look out for the posters in your area for more details or contact Global Action Plan on 01-862 5846

## BRYR Membership Evening

Ballymun Regional Youth Resource is holding a membership evening for the community on Thursday 26th. June at 7.30 pm in the Reco.

Are you interested in contributing to the well being of our young people? Volunteering, expert input, good ideas or a good listener? - there are lots of ways to participate. Come along on the evening and find out what we have to suggest.

For further information please contact Michelle Carroll at 8667600 or [bryrvolunteering@eircom.net](mailto:bryrvolunteering@eircom.net)

## F.A.I. Intercultural Discussion Forum

The Football Association of Ireland in partnership with Ballymun Partnership & Dublin City Council are holding an Intercultural Open Discussion Forum on Wednesday 25th June 2008 at 7pm in Ballymun Partnership (Ballymun Shopping Centre). To discuss pathways and future intercultural participation in soccer within the Ballymun/North Dublin area. Anyone interested is welcome.

Any information please contact: Jamie Wilson (FAI Football Development Officer) [Jamie.wilson@fai.ie](mailto:Jamie.wilson@fai.ie), Des Tomlinson (FAI National Coordinator for Intercultural Football); [des.tomlinson@fai.ie](mailto:des.tomlinson@fai.ie) or Manus Bree at 8423612 (Ballymun Partnership)

## Ballymun Intercultural Group

'Grupa Miedzykulturowa Ballymun pracuje nad zwiekszaniem swiadomosci na temat wielokulturowosci i promocja integracji w Ballymun'

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 / Nasza grupa jest zawsze otwarta na nowych członków Aby uzyskac wiecej informacji, skontaktuj sie z: 8423612 or email [BIG@Ballymun.org](mailto:BIG@Ballymun.org)

## Community Planning Meeting

Ballymun residents are invited to a meeting on Tuesday the 8th July at 7.30pm in the Axis Arts Centre, for those concerned about planning issues in the area and to discuss the need for a community planning service in Ballymun.

If you are interested in attending or are looking for further information please call CAP at 8832162 or BNC 8832154

## Adult activities in Ballymun Library

### **Mondays**

10.30am –12.30pm  
Ballymun Library Painting Group

2.00pm-4.00pm  
Ballymun University of the Third Age (U3A) Group  
An informal learning circle for older people.  
Every second Monday

Monthly Table Quiz  
One Monday a month  
2.00pm- 4.00pm

Evening Reading Group 6.30pm-8.00pm  
Last Monday of the month

### **Tuesdays**

Afternoon Reading Group 3.00pm-5.00pm  
First Tuesday of the month

### **Wednesdays**

Writing Group 3.00pm to 5.00pm

English Language Reading Group  
For people learning English  
6.30pm to 8.00pm  
First Wednesday of the month

## Summer Activities

### **Monday, 7th July**

2.00pm-4.00pm Pops Mohammed (*African Musician*)  
Ages 9+

### **Thursday, 10th July**

11.00am-11.45am Kazia Lech (*Traditional Polish Storytelling*)  
Ages 5+

### **Tuesday, 15th July – Saturday, 19th July**

2.00pm-4.00pm Art Camp  
Ages 10+

### **Tuesday, 29th July**

11.00am-11.45am  
Fairytale Puppetry Workshop  
Ages 5+  
Booking essential, maximum number

# Services

## Information services provided in library's lecture room

### **Citizens' Information Centre**

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7.00pm-8.00pm.  
Thursdays and Fridays: 10.30am-12.30pm

### **Free Legal Aid Centre**

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7.00pm-8.00pm

### **Financial Informtion Sevices Centre**

First and Third Tuesday of the month.

### **Ballymun Community Law Centre Outreach clinic.**

10.30am 12.30pm  
Second Tuesday of the month.

In the adult library there are **four PCs** providing **free Internet Access**. A fifth PC has software for people with visual impairment and blind people.

The library provides **tuition in basic Internet searching**, Websmart. It's also a **Wi-Fi area**.

There is a **card-operated photocopier**, a PC with Dublin City Libraries' catalogue on the web and an historic mapping service. There is also a **magnifier for people with a visual impairment** and an **Induction Loop** system for people with hearing aids.

There is an **exhibition space** with a different exhibition each month.

**The Junior library** has a **Learning Zone** with two PCs with educational websites and software and a Reference Library for homework support. It also has a PC with the Libraries' catalogue on it. From the Autumn it will have a **Youth Zone**, an area of the library with PCs, stock, furniture suitable for adolescents.

There is also a **lecture room** where in addition to the regular activities and information services there are ongoing programmes of talks and workshops. At the end of August there will be talks for Heritage Week, in October events for Children's Book Festival and a talk for Anti-Racist Workplace Week in November.

## Local Legal Advice Clinics

### **Ballymun Library**

Second Tuesday of Every Month, 10am – 12 noon

### **Poppintree Community Forum**

16 Carton Close

Third Tuesday of Every Month, 10am – 12 noon

### **Balcurris/Balbutcher**

10am-12noon

Neighbourhood Forum

168 Balcurris Road

Fourth Tuesday of Every Month, 10am-12noon

### **Local Employment Centre**

First Tuesday of Every Month

10am – 12noon

Legal Advice is available on:

- » Debt
- » Employment
- » Equality
- » Social Welfare and Health
- » Housing
- » Other Civil Matters

### **Ballymun Community Law Centre**

34 Shangan Road

Ballymun

Dublin 9

Tel: 01 862 5805 Web: [www.bclc.ie](http://www.bclc.ie)

## Primary Health Care for Travellers



The first big study on Traveller health will take place all over Ireland in October 2008. The study will include a census and a survey which will be carried out by the Community Health Workers from the Primary Health Care for Travellers Project in Ballymun. The information will be collected on a small portable computer. Names will not be used in the study and information collected will not be passed on to the Social Welfare or any other agency. This is the first time in over 20 years

that Travellers have been asked what they think about their health and the health services that are available to them. It is really important that all Travellers in Ballymun take part in the study so we can identify any barriers Travellers may have in getting access to healthcare. If you would like to know more about the Study please contact the Primary Health Care for Travellers Project on 01 8622 144.

The Primary Health Care Project is Travellers working for Travellers. We can help with appointments and we also give out health information. You can call us from 9a.m. to 5 p.m. if you have any questions.



Members of BIG and local residents celebrating 'UN Refugee Day 2008' at Ballymun Partnership offices

## Drop-in centre for migrants workers

### **Eprawo pracy Dotyczace pracownikow migracy jnych**



- » Are you being paid the legal minimum rate for your job?
- » Do you know that you are covered by national agreements at work?
- » Do you know how to protect and assert your rights as a citizen under Social Partnership?

Immigrant workers in their first year of employment are sometimes unfamiliar with workplace arrangements in Ireland.

*If you need information on your rights at work drop in to Ballymun Job Centre, every Monday from 11.00–13.00 and talk with Brendan MacPartlin, Senior Employment Officer with the Jesuit Refugee Service of Ireland (JRSI) in full confidentiality.*

## Ballymun Farmers Market

Ballymun Farmers Market is now running **every Thursday** on the Civic Plaza in Ballymun from May 2008.

Following a great couple of months in it's new location on the Ballymun Plaza the Ballymun Farmers Market now runs every Thursday from 11am to 4pm. The market offers a wide variety of quality food & locally produced crafts including fresh and organic fruit and vegetables from local producers, free-range meat, fresh fish, preserves, hand crafted breads and cakes, a wide selection of handmade cow, sheep and goat's cheeses, gourmet sauces, home baked cakes, fresh flowers, plants, some great quality recycled furniture and also a range of hot foods and snacks.

*The Market is keen to welcome new traders and is supportive of small business start ups and community enterprise. For further information please contact Des Vallely of Irish Village Markets on 086 809 7309*

## 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*

## Grant-Aid for Community Groups

The Community Development Section offers grant aid to various Community Groups in Ballymun /Santry & Whitehall. The grant scheme covers a wide range of activities / events including environmental, summer activities, recreation /community, older adult initiatives.

*If your group want to run an activity /event and if you require funding towards it. Contact the Community Development Section Ballymun on 222 5722 / 5717 for further assistance and advice.*

# Training courses & learning opportunities

## Ballymun Adult Read and Write Scheme

Return to education or brush up on your skills in one to one help, or small groups.

FREE: Open to all over 16 years of age.

Enrolment for Basic English is open all year.

New Courses starting in September.

- » **Basic Maths** Monday mornings and evenings.
- » **Basic English.** Evenings or mornings
- » **Food and Nutrition** FETAC 3 accreditation optional. Wednesday morning.
- » **Child Development and Play** FETAC 3 accreditation optional. Wednesday morning.
- » **Spellwell:** Learn to spell with confidence Tuesday evening.
- » **Silver Surfer Basic Computer course** for over 55 age group. Monday or Tuesday Evenings or Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. Get your name on the waiting list now.
- » **Introduction to Poetry.** Tuesday evening.
- » **Junior Cert. English** Tuesday evenings.
- » **Junior Cert History** Wednesday evenings.
- » **English for Speakers of Other Languages** at basic level only Wednesday evenings.
- » **Family Literacy** – Story sacks brings reading to young children alive. Tuesday mornings with crèche on site.
- » We will also be training volunteers to work one to one with basic literacy students.

*Call Mary Love 8622402. She can give you more details in private.*

Come and celebrate with us 12.30PM Thursday 19th June in the Public Library when we launch the scheme's book of students stories "Festivals and Traditions from Near and Far".

## 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 Autumn. For further information, contact us in the Ballymun Partnership on 01.8423612.

The training and workshops organized so far this year include; the Quality Awareness Programme, Health and Nutrition at FETAC 3, Pediatric First Aid course, Art and Craft Workshop, Storytelling Evening, Special Needs training and Music and Nursery Rhymes workshop.



Quality Awareness Programme participants with IPPA trainer Anne Lennox (extreme left)

## Ballymun Tidy Towns Competitions 2008

The Ballymun Tidy Towns committee is pleased to announce that the Tidy Towns Competitions are once again taking place this summer

### Best Garden Competition

The best front and back garden will be selected from all gardens in each of the five neighbourhoods (Balcurris, Coultry, Poppintree, Shangan & Sillogue). The overall winner will receive a €300 prize and the other four neighbourhood winners will receive a €100 prize.

### Biodiversity/Nature

This year we are also introducing a new award for the garden that makes a special contribution to biodiversity and nature. Winners will receive free family membership of BirdWatch Ireland for one year, worth €50 and a surprise!

### Best Kept Area Competition

Can you get together with your friends and neighbours to improve your area?

If so why not enter in this years Best Kept area competition. An area must consist of no less than 10 houses. Judges will be looking for:

- » Neatness and cleanliness of the area
- » Maintenance of communal areas
- » Lack of litter and graffiti
- » Appearance of houses and gardens
- » Evidence of community co-operation

The overall winning area will receive a €300 prize and the other four neighbourhood winners will receive a €100 prize (Balcurris, Coultry, Poppintree, Shangan & Sillogue).

### Best Contribution to Ballymun as a Tidy Town

This year we are also running an award for groups or individuals that make a significant contribution to Ballymun's annual Tidy Towns competition, but are not eligible for any of the other Ballymun Tidy Towns competitions. Great prize!

*To make a nomination (yourself or another person) for any of the above competitions, please contact: Roger Warburton (Ballymun Tidy Towns co-ordinator) (01) 222 8526, roger.warburton@dublincity.ie . Deadline 16th July*

*Ballymun Tidy Towns committee would like to acknowledge Ballymun Regeneration and Nan's SuperValu Ballymun for sponsoring these great prizes.*

## Computer Course for Senior Citizens

An eight week computer course is being held at Burren Court for Senior Citizens from Burren Court and the wider community. One to one tuition, every Wednesday 2-4pm anyone interested please contact Margaret Nilan (Liaison Officer) At 8040263 and leave a message. All are welcome!

## Teacher Training Summer Course

Global Action Plan's Teacher Training Course aims to support primary school teachers in teaching environmental science and anyone interested in setting up a school garden. The course places a strong emphasis on delivering a practical 'hands-on' approach

to teaching topics such as energy conservation, recycling, sustainability, waste reduction, and wildlife gardening in schools. The course is recognised by the Department of Education through the Drumcondra Education Centre.

The course will take place in Scoil an sTeachtar Laoch, Ballymun from Monday 7th-Friday 11th July. For booking details contact GAP on 01-862 5846.

## Ballymun Education Information Fair

'promoting education from the cradle to the grave'

What course have you done lately?

Want to get into learning again?

Get info on education options for YOU or your child.

**Thursday 11th September 2008, 9am to 7pm Ballymun Civic Centre**

- » Information and displays on 30 education, training and learning programme providers
- » Demonstrations, entertainment and taster workshops throughout the day
- » Official opening by Minister for Lifelong Learning Seán Haughey at 11am

*ALL WELCOME! For further information contact Ballymun Partnership Education Section on 01 8423612 or email [colma@ballmyun.org](mailto:colma@ballmyun.org)*

## Proposals sought for Touring Project - Cecilia Moore: My space

My space is a project by artist Cecilia Moore, which will run for a year, changing every few weeks. Six plexi glass units each on a wooden plinth will travel to three venues across Ireland. Proposals are sought for artworks / materials to be displayed in the units during the year. The theme of the project is inspired by the virtual world of personal disclosure, exploring ideas of identity through 2 and 3-dimensional material.

Work will be selected by the artist.

*Proposals accepted until 31 october*

*For more information and an application form, Tel: 883 2112 [info@breakingground.ie](mailto:info@breakingground.ie)*

## Certificate in Youth Work

BRYR is planning to run the Fetac level 5 in the Autumn '08. This course is intended for those working as youth leaders at present in a voluntary or paid capacity or those interested in a career in Youth Work.

To be awarded this Certificate, participants will have to successfully complete 8 modules. It is envisaged that these modules will be delivered over a 15 months period in partnership with local agencies in Ballymun including Dublin City Council and Ballymun Regeneration Limited.

*For more information, please contact Laurence Van der Haegen, Training & Development Officer, BRYR on 01 8667600 or [bryrldh@eircom.net](mailto:bryrldh@eircom.net).*

## Urrús Training

Urrús (Irish for "strength" or "confidence") provides 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.

### Introduction to Addiction Studies

29th Aug. & 5th Sept. 2008 - 2 days - (10:00-5:00)  
25th Sept., 2nd, 9th & 16th Oct. 2008 (4 sessions)  
(10:00-1:00)

### Community Addiction Studies Course@

Start date: - Wed. 24th September (7:00pm-10:00pm)

### Crack Cocaine

12/09/2008 - 10:00am-1:00pm  
06/11/2008 - 10:00am-1:00pm

### Drug Awareness Information Day

01/10/2008 - 10:00am-4:30pm  
04/12/2008 - 10:00am-4:30pm

### Homelessness and Drugs

29/10/2008 - 10:00am-1:00pm  
20/11/2008 - 10:00am-1:00pm

*For more information contact Gabrielle at 846 7980 or email [urrus@iol.ie](mailto:urrus@iol.ie)*

## Creative youth media facilitators and artists wanted

Ballymun Regional Youth Resource runs a multi media project for young people from Ballymun aged 10-21, called CITY (Communications through IT for Young people).

# Helplines

They are looking for facilitators and artists who can become part of our facilitators' panel and are available for various different groups and projects running throughout the year. We are looking for professionals in their field with excellent skills in group facilitation and experience in working with young people and with skills in digital film making, photography, web designing, animation, game building, music recording and producing. Experience with Apple Mac is essential.

Please send your CV and cover letter to Marlijn Gelsing. A Garda vetting applies, child protection training preferable (This is also available within BRYR)

Email: [bryrmg@eircom.net](mailto:bryrmg@eircom.net) or post: BRYR, Ballymun Regional Youth Resource

Central Youth Facility, The Reco, Sillogue Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11. Enquiries: 01-8667600

## Work experience in Canada/ London/Germany/South Africa

The Ballymun Job centre in association with Springboard in Belfast is currently recruiting for the following training programmes:

- » Creative/ Performing Arts-Belfast and London
- » Directions - Belfast and Germany
- » Trades-Belfast and South Africa
- » Leisure Services- Belfast and Montreal
- » Options in Care- Belfast and Kitchener

If you are aged 18-28, unemployed and are interested in any of these courses contact Ruth at Ballymun Job Centre – call in or phone us on 866 7000.

# Helplines

## 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:-

- » 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.
- » Emergency lighting for qualifying older people living on offshore islands.

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

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

## Marriage & Relationship Counseling

Accord is a Marriage and Relationship counseling organization located in Unit 23 Ballymun Shopping Centre. Our counselors are fully trained and will listen in complete confidence to help people find solutions to their Problems.

Our opening hours are 9.30 am to 5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thursday 9.30am to 1.00 pm.