

# Ballymun bulletin

Winter 2008

Your guide to events and services in Ballymun.



## Highlights of this season include:

- 20th October @ 2.30pm** - Kings (*Film*)
- 23rd October @ 8.00pm** - Des Bishop (As Gaeilge) (*Comedy*)
- 30th October - 1st November @ 8.00pm** - Breaking Out (*Theatre*)
- 31st October** - Otherworld Festival (*Arts Development*)
- 4th - 15th November @ 8.00pm** - One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest (*Theatre*)
- 24th November** - Garage (*Film*)
- 25th November - 6th December @ 8.00pm** - The Consequences of Lightning (*Theatre*)
- 12th December @ 8.00pm** - The Legend of Luke Kelly (*Music*)
- 15th December @ 2.30pm** - Miracle on 34th Street (*Film*)
- 8th - 25th January @ 2.00pm & 7.30pm** - Little Red Riding Hood (*Panto*)
- 23rd October @ 8.00pm** - Des Bishop (pictured left)

## Axis, Ballymun:

This Autumn/Winter '08/'09 programme shows that there is no slowdown in axis' activity with local people and those from far and wide taking classes, putting on plays, exhibiting in the gallery, rehearsing in the basement, running conferences and much more besides. With recent performances in Donegal ('Our National Games'), New York ('Hip-Nós') and at Farmleigh ('Walking The Road' and 'Invent'), axis has an increasing national and international profile and this after only seven short years in existence. This season also marks the final play in Dermot Bolger's Ballymun trilogy 'The Consequences of Lightning', and this is a great opportunity to take time to talk about the future. So watch out for the 'axis' Café Conversation' on November 13th, where we hope that up to a hundred local people and other stakeholders will come to axis to share their ideas and help to direct this institution into the future.

## Ballymun "Otherworld Festival"

Halloween is nearly on us again and plans are now in place for the Ballymun "Otherworld Festival", Dublin's biggest Halloween event. This year the festival moves to the new plaza in front of the Civic Centre and will feature a me devil village with plenty of home grown talent performing in the festival marquees and tents. The festival is proud to announce the arrival of Circus Gerbola who will be in Ballymun for 5 day from the 1st of November and will preview their show for us on Halloween night. The festival will also feature the amazing work of "Melimage" who will transform the

Axis Centre into a castle with spooky monsters and incredible visual images. The festival will close with a spectacular fireworks display.

For more details on the festival and workshops in your area, please contact Dan on 01-2225745.

## Ballymun Community Law Centre

### Services

**Family Mediation Service** - Contact the Law Centre for appointment

**Community Mediation Service** - Contact the Law Centre for appointment

**Legal Aid Board Services** - Contact the Law Centre for appointment

General information and advocacy - call in to the law centre any time between 9-5 or call 01 8625805

### Courses

**Family Law Matters** FETAC Level 4  
September to December 08 for 12 weeks.

**Community Mediation** FETAC Level 6  
September 08 to November for 8 weeks.

**Employment Law** FETAC Level 6  
October 08 to February 09 for 20 weeks

**Housing Law and Advocacy** FETAC Level 6

*(To be Confirmed)*

**Corporate Governance** FETAC Level 6  
October 2nd to March 09 for 20 weeks. Thurs 2pm – 5pm.

### Advice Clinics

We run four outreach clinics in the local area where people can obtain legal advice from our solicitor in areas such as debt, consumer, employment, equality, Social Welfare and Health, Housing, and other Civil Legal Matters.

**Local Employment Office** - First Tuesday of every month

**Ballymun Libraray** - Second Tuesday of Every Month

**Poppintree Forum Office**, 16 Carton Close - Third Tuesday of Every Month

**Balcurris/ Balbutcher Forum Office**, 16 Balcurris Park East - Fourth Tuesday of Every Month.

No appointment required for the clinic - just walk in. The clinics run from 10.00 - 12.00noon. For further info contact - Ballymun Community Law Centre, 34 Shangan Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9, Phone (01) 8625805, Web: [www.bclc.ie](http://www.bclc.ie)

## Ballymun Intercultural Group

**'Grupa Miedzykulturowa Ballymun pracuje nad zwiększaniem 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 uzyskać więcej informacji, skontaktuj się z: 8423612 or email [BIG@Ballymun.org](mailto:BIG@Ballymun.org)*

## 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*

## Youth Drama Project

Are you interested in acting, stage design, costume making, singing, theatre lighting or promotion???? Poppintree Youth Project invites you to join our Integration Drama Project

Beginning **October 3rd** from 4-6 at 3C Balbutcher Lane and will be performed at the Axis Theatre on December 6th 2008

*All those interested contact Sylvia / Siobhan on 01- 8165973*

## New Premises for Youthreach

Ballymun Youthreach Centre of Education has vacated its premises (the anex to the Virgin Mary School) after seventeen years. We have very happy memories of our time there but due to the increase in numbers of students it was no longer suitable for our needs. . We

Members of BADIG outside City Council office with petition calling for the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities on Balbutcher Lane



would like to say a special thanks to Management Committee and Staff of the school.

Our new premises are situated on the Ballymun Road beside the Library and Setanta football club.

**The Accreditation offered:**

FETAC: Level 3, 4, 5.

Junior Cert in six subjects

**Subjects:**

English, Maths, Communications, Computers / ECDL, Art, Personal Interpersonal Skills, Outdoor Pursuits, Lifeskills, Horticulture, Cosmetic Studies, Woodwork, Food & Nutrition, Jewellery Making, Printing, Music & Football.

**9.15 am - 4.00pm Mon - Thursday**

**9.15am - 1.00pm Friday**

**Holidays**

Mid-term (October)

Christmas Holidays

Mid-term (Feb)

Easter Holidays

Summer Month August

**Age:** 16yrs - 20 yrs

have developed, designed, and produced a new recipe book called “Cooking for the Community”. It is hoped that this resource will be used by youth groups, community groups, adult learners and any Traveller groups. If you would like a free copy, please contact Aoife Cooke or Betty Pender at 01-8622144 or email [trainingstmargarets@gmail.com](mailto:trainingstmargarets@gmail.com)



The trainees and co-ordinators of St Margaret's Traveller Women's LTI

## Lifestart

Are you the parent of a child under 1 year old?  
Would you like FREE information on your child's development?

If yes, phone us FREE on: 1800 818 688 to find out how you can take part in a Lifestart study. Lifestart



## “Cooking for the Community” Recipe Book Launch

St Margaret's Traveller Women's Group

is a parenting programme for families with children between birth and 5 years of age. This is an exciting new project looking at what works best for parents in bringing up their children. The study is being carried out on behalf of Lifestart by the Institute of Child Care Research and the School of Education, Queen's University Belfast.

If you would like further information about the study before you ring the free phone number contact your local Lifestart Project at 8527627

## 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

**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

**06/11/2008** - 10:00am-1:00pm

### Drug Awareness Information Day

**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). Urrús, Horizons Centre, Balcurris Road, Ballymun

## CITY Team

Want to be a CITY VOLUNTEER? - Then, join the CITY Team!



Communications through IT for Young people is a BRYR project for 10-21 year-olds in Ballymun. We see multi media as a medium for self expression and development in young people. We are now looking for adults to volunteer with us.

### What's in it for you?

- » A great opportunity to share your IT and creative media skills with young people.
- » You'll complement the professional CITY team, giving as many or as few hours as you wish.
- » Scope for your own learning and development in both youth work and IT.
- » Individual support and supervision from our Volunteer Support Worker, including induction and child protection training.
- » Free membership of BRYR.
- » Access to CITY resources and equipment: PC, Mac, Internet and creative software.
- » Being a volunteer means you can play your part in building a stronger Ballymun.

### We are looking for:

- » Positive and enthusiastic adults who are interested in the welfare and well-being of young people.
- » Availability within the following regular opening hours: weekdays 4 – 8pm; Saturdays 10.30am – 5.30pm.
- » Competency to at least ECDL level. Skills in animation, film-making, photography, website development and educational games highly desirable.

Interested? Please contact Michelle Carroll, the Volunteer Support Worker at BRYR. 01 8667600 / [bryrvolunteering@eircom.net](mailto:bryrvolunteering@eircom.net)

## CAFTA Parenting Courses

**Parenting Teens** – Starting January 2009 (8 week course)

**Positive Parenting** - Starting January 2009 (11 week course)

**1, 2, 3, Magic** – Starting 11th November 2009 (4 week course)

Our parenting courses give space for sharing experiences and support of parents.

Contact Lynda, Helena, Marion 8832130, 8832168 we are now taking names.

**Home and Self Management Course** (6 week course, 2 mornings a week)

This course is first step training including, Trust building, Self care, First Aid/Home Safety, Stress Management, Money Advice/Budgeting, Arts and Crafts.

Contact Mary or Maria 8832134 we are now taking names. There is a fee of €10 for all our participants towards childcare, there is also limited crèche places. CAFTA (Community & Family Training Agency) Axis building Main Street Ballymun

## Dublin City Council's Social Support Unit Ballymun

The key purpose of the programme is to work with other agencies to deliver a support service locally to vulnerable families in Ballymun who are in need of a supportive and practical intervention.

The 3 key features of our work are:

- » Family Support Programme where we support families having long or short term difficulties by encouraging and enhancing self developing, linking with other services and giving information about facilities and services in the area.
- » Tenant Support Programme where we offer practical support to tenants experiencing difficulties in the home through the co-ordination of the services of Dublin City Council and the various social services provided by the statutory and voluntary sectors.
- » Second Chance Programme where we offer people who have previously been evicted or excluded from housing due to a history of drug-abuse and related anti-social behaviour, the opportunity to be housed with a relevant support package in place.

The service is completely confidential and support can be provided at home or on an outreach basis through the local neighbourhood centres in Ballymun.

*If you feel that we can help you in any way or if you would like further information on any aspect of our services please feel free to give us a call. Social Support Unit, Dublin City Council, Ballymun Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 9. Tel. 222 5712/ 222 5725/ 222 5741*

## Great year for Ballymun in the Tidy Towns competition

Congratulations to all of Ballymun's residents, businesses, organisations and schools for their success in this years National Tidy Towns Awards ceremony in the Burlington Hotel on the 8th September.

This was Ballymun's third year entering this prestigious National competition and it was another great year, with Ballymun scooping 3 awards and significantly improving their points total!

- » Ballymun scored 244 marks, which is an 8.44 % improvement on 2007.
- » Coultry Green won the Landscape Award for the Dublin Region.
- » The Rediscovery Centre Furniture Recycling Project

won the Dublin Region and the National Award for Best Recycling Initiative.

- » This award recognises Ballymun and the Rediscovery Centre ([www.rediscoverycentre.ie](http://www.rediscoverycentre.ie)) as a fore-runner in tackling and implementing practical solutions to Ireland's waste crisis.
- » Ballymun also received an Endeavour Award.

It's also great to see our neighbours in Finglas win the Best New Entry award. It will be great for both Tidy Towns committees to work together over the coming years to help make the area a Safer, Cleaner and Greener place to live.

The Ballymun Tidy Town's committee would like to congratulate all involved. Local competitions, such as the Beautiful Schools, Best Garden, Best Kept Area and Biodiversity/Nature are held every year to encourage greater participation, whilst the National awards recognise the progress that is being made throughout Ballymun.

*If you would like to carry out an environmental project in your area or find out more about the Tidy Towns please contact Roger on (01) 222 8526.*

## Small Grants Fund 2008

BRYR is organising another round of the Small Grants Fund for Ballymun.

The Small Grants Fund was set up in 1999 by the Government as part of the Young People's Facilities and Services Fund (YPFSF).

- » The aim of the Small Grants Fund is to make resources available to community or voluntary organisations (including sports groups) that enable them to divert 10-21 year olds from the dangers of substance misuse.
- » Grants can be used for basic programme/activity costs, tuition fees, transport costs, equipment, overhead costs and minor refurbishment. Please note that school curricular activities will not be taken into consideration.
- » The maximum grant available for any one group is €2,500.

To date this fund has granted more than €400,000 to over 100 local groups, clubs and organisations in Ballymun.

The deadline for this year's applications is Friday 10th October 2008 at 5pm. Application forms are now available at The Reco - ask for your copy at Reception.

*For more information, please contact: Michelle Carroll, Volunteer Support Worker at BRYR on 8667600, by email at [bryrvolunteering@eircom.net](mailto:bryrvolunteering@eircom.net) or drop into The Reco.*



*Childminders who successfully completed the Paediatric First Aid course*

## GAP Eco Action Teams & Garden Action Teams

Global Action Plan (GAP) Ballymun is now actively recruiting for its upcoming Eco Action Teams and Garden Action Teams programme for 2009.

The Eco Action Team programme helps households to reduce their impact on the environment and to save money. Teams of 10-12 participants, who are supported by a GAP staff member, will consider their impact on the environment and implement positive actions in relation to waste, water, energy, transport, shopping and nature.

At each meeting participants decide together on the environmental actions that they are able and willing to do at home, and share experiences of the actions they have already taken. During the course participants can monitor how much rubbish their household generates and their domestic use of energy. This shows how small changes can make a big difference to living more sustainably as well as reducing their domestic bills.

The Garden Action Team programme is a basic gardening course that runs for 2 hours each week for 7 weeks. Each team comprises of four neighbours or residents living in the same locality. Every week some

practical work is completed in each of the team-members garden and a different gardening topic is discussed such as: garden planning, soil and plant maintenance, plant categories, companion planting, composting, water conservation and planting for wildlife in your garden.

*If you would more information on any of GAP's programmes please contact our office at 27 Shangan Road, Ballymun or call 01-862 5846. More information is also available on our website [www.globalactionplan.ie](http://www.globalactionplan.ie)*

## Depaul Trust – Ballymun Case Management Team (BCMT)

Support and advocacy for people with alcohol and homelessness issues in the Ballymun area.

This service works directly with people who have alcohol issues by providing practical help, advice and support. It aims to help people maintain tenancies, prevent homelessness, access services and secure independence.

The outreach team will act as an advocate/support on behalf of people who feel excluded from society and services.

The team works within a harm reduction principle and deliver a non-judgemental and confidential service.

BCMT do outreach shifts throughout the Ballymun area on a regular basis and will meet with people who feel they may benefit from the service offered.

The project is open Monday – Friday (9-5pm)

*If you think you could use our support then please contact a member of the team by calling this number 01 8623728*

**The team meets people where they are at and works at their own pace. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!**

## 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.*

## Training for Childminders

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.*

## Info from Poppintree Neighborhood Forum

### Poppintree Park

After lengthy negotiations the Forum, BRL and residents have reached an agreement regarding the playground and issues concerning the layout of the park.

There is now an updated map in the Forum office. Anyone interested in seeing it can call to the Forum office Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm. The issue will be monitored by the Forum with an on site visit once a month. Any queries you have around the park can be brought to the Forum office or any of your Forum representatives.

### Halloween Fires

We are asking residents to be vigilant in the run up to Halloween, specifically in relation to illegal fires and safety issues around fires. We are asking residents to support the Halloween Festival DCC will be organizing festivities in the area.

### Waste management

Dublin City Council have introduced the brown bin in the area if there are any queries in relation to bin collection days residents can contact waste management on 2222222 at extension 4.

*Anyone requiring further information on any of the above issues can contact the Forum office at 087-7851812 or call into the office any morning between 9.30 and 1.00. - Linda Harris, Chairperson Poppintree Forum*



## What is the RAPID Programme?

RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development) is a focused Government initiative to target the 46 most disadvantaged urban areas and provincial towns in the country. The Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs lead the implementation of the RAPID programme. Pobal coordinates programme implementation on behalf of the department.

### RAPID aims to:

- » Increase the investment made by Government departments and state agencies in the 46 communities
- » Improve the delivery of public services through integration and coordination
- » Enhance the opportunities for communities to participate in the strategic improvement of their areas.

### The Ballymun RAPID Area Implementation Team

RAPID is implemented locally by a cross-sectoral Area Implementation Team (AIT) and is supported by a RAPID Coordinator. The Area Implementation Team has a critical role in the programme and its structure involving a range of statutory and community interests are central to the Government's policy of inclusive participation. Apart from producing the initial area Baseline Plan and monitors progress on its implementation. It also assesses new projects and endorses projects for funding under a wide range of Departmental funding streams. The group has worked effectively in delivering the programme. During the process relationships between the community and statutory agencies has been enhanced and extensive collaborative relationships established.

RAPID has moved into a new phase since the Fitzpatrick's Evaluation of the Programme in 2006. The programme is now clearly focused on seven strategic themes:

- » Family support
- » Community safety & anti-social behaviour
- » Health
- » Physical environment
- » Youth
- » Education
- » Employment & training

### AIT Members

Dublin City Council, Ballymun Jobs Centre, Ballymun Neighbourhood Council, Ballymun Partnership, Ballymun Community Organisational Network, FÁS, Ballymun Local Drugs Taskforce, City of Dublin Youth Services Board, Ballymun Regional Youth Resource, Health Service Executive, Dept of Social Family Affairs, Garda Síochána, City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee

### Ballymun RAPID Funding

RAPID is essentially a network of state agencies, government departments, development agencies and community participants. The Area Implementation Team which is essentially a board of directors that make decisions on:

- » The disbursement of funding
- » The endorsement of funding applications
- » Funding for Playgrounds
- » The Dormant Accounts
- » Estate Enhancement Measures
- » Traffic Calming Measures
- » Sports Capital Applications
- » Community CCTV
- » Graffiti Reducation schemes

From 2002 until 2006 the Ballymun RAPID Area Implementation Team have successfully secured approximately €4,125,828. This has been allocated through a number of funding streams some of which are mentioned in the above list.

*If you have any questions or you wish to get more information in relation to RAPID please contact*

*Emma Byrne, Ballymun RAPID Coordinator, Dublin City Council, 2nd floor, Ballymun Civic Office, Main Street Ballymun, Dublin 9, Tel: 01 2225711, Mobile: 087 2722556, E-mail: emma.byrne@dublincity.ie*