

# 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

### OTHER WORLD FESTIVAL

The kids are back to school and soon the dark evenings will make way for Halloween. The Ballymun Festival Steering Committee are working hard on their plans for the 2007 "Otherworld Festival". This year the theme of the evening is "Getting There".

The festival is the biggest community celebration staged in Ballymun each year and everyone is invited to get involved. Preparation for the event will begin in earnest in the middle of September with a six week programme of work-shops and activities for clubs, schools and community groups. Halloween night will feature a colourful parade, pageant and a massive fire-works display.

You can contact Annette at the festival office on 01-2225720 or by e-mail at [other\\_world@eircom.net](mailto:other_world@eircom.net)

### AXIS ARTS CENTRE

This year Axis went international! Our world premiere of Dermot Bolger's 'Walking the Road' starring Ballymun's own Kelly Hickey played in Milwaukee (as did Holding Court Theatre Group's production of 'Summer' by Hugh Leonard), Ieper Belgium, Leitrim, Tallaght, Navan and of course, Axis. Next stop Wroclaw Poland with the 'The Townlands of Brazil'.

Local people and their ownership and involvement in the programme are what makes Axis special. So whether it is going to a show or an exhibition, taking a class or just dropping in for a coffee, thank you for your support and involvement so far this year. Thousands of people are passing through our doors from all over the city. There will be a real emphasis in this season on those people living locally who have not been into Axis so far and included in that particularly, those who are not from Ireland originally.



#### Highlights of this season include:

##### 4th - 22nd Sept -

- Dwellings by Collette Moore (Exhibition)

##### 12th & 13th Sept @ 8pm -

- Jesus: The Guantanamo Years (Comedy)

##### 15th Sept @ 8pm -

- House of Fun: Jason Byrne (Comedy)

##### 17th Sept - 26th Oct -

- Tales (Arts Project)
- Gliondar (Arts Project)
- Dig It (Arts Project)

##### 20th - 22nd Sept @ 8pm -

- Smycz from The National Theatre of Poland, Wroclaw as part of the Dublin Fringe Festival (Drama)

##### 24th - 28th Sept @ 1pm -

- Last Tango in Ballymun

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(includes soup and a sandwich) (Drama)

## 2nd - 27th Oct -

- The Idiots (Comedy / Drama)

## 12th & 13th Oct @ 8pm -

- At Peace (Drama)

## 20th - 26th Oct @ Various Times -

- Borradh Buan Festival  
(Irish Language Festival)

## 5th - 24th Nov -

- My Savage Heart by Harriet Leeck (Exhibition)
- 6th - 9th Nov @ 8pm - Celebrate Superstar  
(Community Show)

## 14th - 17th Nov @ Various Times -

- Playground (Play Readings)

## 19th - 30th Nov @ Various Times -

- An t-Amhrán Briste (Drama)
- axis regulars
  - The House of Fun Comedy Club (Comedy)
  - The Peanut Club (Open Mic Night)

*For Booking & Information: (01) 883 2100*

We believe that your participation is the foundation of our programme so, if you haven't already, drop in and see what's on offer. Our new programme of events is out Thursday 30th August, make sure to pick up a copy! You can join our mailing list by phoning (01) 883 2100.

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## ANTI-RACIST WORKPLACE WEEK 2007

Anti Racist Workplace Week is an annual event and is taking place from November 5th-10th this year. The Equality Authority has nominated B.I.G (Ballymun Intercultural Group) to lead the Anti-Racist Workplace Week campaign locally in Ballymun

During the week we are planning the following:

- Seminar For Employers about diversity in Integrated workplaces : 9th November Ballymun Plaza . 9.30pm
- An information evening for Migrant workers : 7th November Ballymun Library 7pm
- Diversity training for employees and workplaces

*Please contact 8423612 or email [info@ballymun.org](mailto:info@ballymun.org)*

## BALLYMUN MONTHLY FARMERS MARKET

Ballymun Farmers Market will be held at Ballymun Civic Centre on the first Thursday of each month. Ballymun Farmers Market brings the community together with quality local and organic products in an atmosphere that is mutually beneficial, wholesome and fun. To date stalls have offered a diverse range of hand-made crafts, eco friendly detergents, organic foods, recycled furniture, clothing and many others. *For further information about attending or taking a pitch please email [info@ballymunmarket.ie](mailto:info@ballymunmarket.ie) or telephone (01) 222 7307.*

*For further details visit [www.ballymunmarket.ie](http://www.ballymunmarket.ie)*

# TRAINING

## BALLYMUN COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE EDUCATION COURSES

### Employment Law Fundamentals

Course Dates: October –January  
Time: Tuesdays 2.00pm – 4.30pm  
Venue: Northside Community Law Centre and Ballymun Community Law Centre  
Fee: €200

### Housing Advice and Advocacy **Fetac level 6**

Course Dates: Starts in mid October.  
Time : Wednesday from 2pm to 5pm over 20 weeks.  
Fee: €500 for participants from community and voluntary sector, €1,500 for participants from statutory agencies.

*Contact Christina at the BCLC on 8625805 or at 34 Shangan Rd for more information or to book a place.*

## COMMUNITY AND FAMILY TRAINING AGENCY

### CAFTA and Maynooth University: NUI Certificate in Group Work & Facilitation Skills.

Suitable for those who wish to develop a working knowledge of the theory and practise of group life, facilitation and conflict management, and to increase their self-awareness and effectiveness in group leadership.

Tuesday Mornings, starting on the 18th September.

## **CAFTA and Maynooth University: NUI Certificate in Community Development & Leadership**

Suitable for those who wish to take on a leadership role in the areas of community work, group work and project development on a voluntary or paid basis.

Wednesday Mornings, starting on the 19th September.

## **CAFTA and National College of Ireland: Family and Community Support FETAC level 5.**

Suitable for residents who are interested in their community and the role of the family in the community.

Tuesday evenings, starting on the 6th November

## **Home and Self Management Course for Women**

Are you fed up with the same old routine? Stuck in your home in the morning? Why not try something new. Feel you deserve better? Well you do!

Starting in the autumn. Mornings only.

## **Parenting Courses**

We wish to create a learning space for parents to support each other, to develop and grow, share experiences and acknowledge their achievements.

To equip parents for the challenges of parenting, exploring and strengthening the knowledge and skills of each parent.

Starting in the autumn. Mornings only.

*Community & Family Training Agency, Axis Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 9.  
Telephone 8832132/34*

## **SOLAS**

147 Silloge Road  
Phone: 01/8428368

## **Free Courses**

Starting September

- First Aid
- Nail And Beauty
- Salsa Dance
- Bookclub 1st Monday Of Every Month

## **PARENTS AND CHILDMINDERS**

Are You Childminding Or Thinking Of Doing So?

We can offer you FREE TRAINING in courses such as PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID, CHILDREN FIRST CHILD PROTECTION, and many others.

Contact us to ensure your place. In the near future, we are delivering in the Ballymun and Clontarf areas. In the Autumn, we hope to run a FETAC Level 5 module for Childminders. Places are limited, We are running

a Paediatric First Aid Course on two Saturdays, 22nd and 29th September. Lunch will be provided. It would be useful to do this course before attending a Fetac level 5 course.

*Sheila Sheridan at 0876814138 sheila@ballymun.org  
Pat Dunne at 0872884107 pdunne@ballymun.org.*

## **CHILDREN AND LOSS WORKSHOP**

Oct 24th 10am – 4pm

The workshop will be delivered by Breffini Mc Guinness from the Irish Hospice Foundation. This workshop will give a background on the following: -  
Understanding the grieving process,  
Hidden loss and hidden grief (e.g. dealing with suicide)  
How to support staff coping with loss.

Courty Neighbourhood Centre

*No charge. For further details contact Noirin Coghlan,  
Childcare Coordinator, Ballymun Partnership 01  
– 8423612*

## **URRÚS**

Horizons Centre, Balcurris Road, Ballymun, Dublin 11.  
Tel. no 01 846 7980 Fax. no 01 846 7981  
email [urrus@iol.ie](mailto:urrus@iol.ie)

**Drug Awareness Information Day** is a one day workshop, which we run a couple of times each year. It is intended for people who are new to the drugs field and those who want to begin to learn about drug issues. There is no cost for this workshop.

**Homelessness and Drugs** is a half day workshop for project workers and volunteers working with the homeless and drug users. The cost of this workshop is €40. The next one will take place on Monday 8th October.

**Introduction to Addiction Studies** is run over four sessions and aimed at those who wish to refresh their knowledge about drugs and gain further information. The cost of this workshop is €40. It will run on Wednesdays - 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st October 2007 (4 sessions) - 10:00am-1:00pm.

**Crack Cocaine** is a half day workshop which is aimed at those working in the drug field or social care area. The cost of this workshop is €40. The next one will take place on Friday 23rd November 2007.

*For further information regarding any of the above  
please contact: - Gabrielle*

## SERVICES

### 2007 SCHEME FOR 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 and applications are open during 2007. The Older Person's Network in the Ballymun Partnership is applying on behalf of individuals in Ballymun.

Please contact the Ballymun Partnership for a form on [info@ballymun.org](mailto:info@ballymun.org) or tel: 8423612 or drop in.

### FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT

FIS is a weekly cash payment to help families on low pay.

The Dept of Social & Family Affairs administers this payment. To be entitled to FIS you must:

- Be working for at least 19 hours a week or 38 hours every fortnight and not getting UB or UA.
- Expect to be employed for at least three months.
- Have at least one child i.e. a child under the age of 18 or aged 18-22 if in full-time education, who is normally living with you and being supported by you.
- Satisfy a means test. Your net income (after tax and PRSI) will be compared to a specific rate considered a suitable wage for your family size.

The means will count all of your income except: Child Benefit, Orphans Allowance/Pension, Domiciliary Care Allowance, Rent Supplement, Mortgage Interest Supplement, Foster Child Allowance.

| Family Size    | Income Guidelines |
|----------------|-------------------|
| One Child      | 465.00            |
| Two Children   | 510.00            |
| Three Children | 565.00            |
| Four Children  | 630.00            |
| Five Children  | 705.00            |

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### FRIENDLY CALL SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE IN BALLYMUN

The 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.

The 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.

The service 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 Catherine or Máirín on 8423612 or drop in to the Partnership.

### PRISON LINKS SERVICE

The Ballymun Job Centre's Prison Links Service works with people in prison from the Ballymun area. This is a confidential one-to-one service that supports clients to work towards a realistic plan for when they are released. This plan often includes goals relating to gaining employment, training, housing, counselling, family support ect.

We receive referrals from probation & welfare, family members, community projects, solicitors and self-referral. After leaving prison many people need some if not all the support mentioned above. After receiving this support many of our clients continue to link with us for a period of time with the aim of gaining sustainable employment. If you would like further information on this service please contact

Suzanne Kavanagh Prison links Officer (01 8667000)

## NEW SUPPORT TO WOMEN EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON DUBLIN'S NORTHSIDE

Women's Aid announce details of new service to the Ballymun Area

Women's Aid have started a new service based in Ballymun which will provide confidential information and support to women experiencing domestic violence.

The service is a one to one appointment based service - staff are highly skilled and experienced, and offer support and information on a once-off or ongoing basis, according to the needs of the individual. Staff will also accompany women to court, if required. The Ballymun service is available on Wednesday mornings and the service is accessed by contacting the Women's Aid National Freephone Helpline (1800 341 900).

*For more information, please contact Christina Sherlock or Teresa O'Donnell at 01 868 4721*

## WANT TO LEAVE DRUGS/ALCOHOL BEHIND?

Support is offered by the Job Centre for clients who have/had drug issues. This is a confidential service and is operated on a one to one basis. It is important that a client is totally free of drugs/alcohol or is/working towards being stable on methadone. Each client is helped to take time to look at options available to them to move towards training, education and employment.

For those who wish, extra support is available by means of a preparatory programme which takes place alongside other programmes in the Job-Centre premises.

This programme is on-going and is focused on developing the clients confidence and self-esteem through exploring and developing their skills with a view to them progressing onto part-time/full-time mainstream, Training, Education, Work Experience – "Bridge-to-Workplace" or if ready, Employment itself.

The program is run from 10.00 - 1.00pm, Monday to Friday and covers such modules as: Career Guidance, World of Work, Arts & Crafts, Computers, Adult Literacy, Math's, Health and Nutrition, Communications, Consumer Awareness and Relaxation techniques and Stress management.

Presently the Job-Centre is recruiting for its new

preparatory program called 'Breakthrough' - it is offering Fetac accreditation with most of its modules. Extra sessions this year are on Food and Nutrition, Drama and Video Production. Feel free to make contact with the Job-Centre with any queries.

*Contact: Brendan or Jennifer at 01/8667000*

## BALLYMUN YOUTH ACTION PROJECT A Community Response to Drug & Alcohol Abuse

Horizons Centre  
Balcurris Road  
Ballymun, Dublin 11  
Tel: 8428071  
Fax: 8467901  
Email: [info@byap.ie](mailto:info@byap.ie)

Opening hours Monday 10am–5 pm 7.30–9.30 pm  
Tuesday – Friday 10 am – 5 pm

Services offered include:-

- 1 -1 counselling
- Day Programme
- Information Provision
- Education
- Aftercare

### Tuesday drop in

For Methadone, Heroin, Cocaine, Benzo's users  
Every Tuesday 2.30 – 4.30 pm  
Advice, Support, Crisis & social contact  
Text: 086 1568516

### Alcohol Service

Every Wednesday morning  
For Advice, referral, support, crisis contact  
Or Text: 086 1568516

## CONTACT SERVICE

An out of hours & weekend service for those at various stages of their drug use.

*086 2609382 Sean Senior Project Worker*

## THE DUBLIN RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

70 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2.

Healing the Trauma of Rape and Sexual Violence

If you or someone you know has been raped or sexually abused, you don't have to manage alone. We are here to listen and to help.

*Ring our 24 hour confidential Freephone helpline  
1800 77 88 88*



## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Rediscovery Centre Furniture Recycling Project

Moving flat / apartment / house? Looking for some good quality low-cost furniture?  
Contact the Rediscovery Centre Furniture Recycling Project in Poppintree, a community recycling initiative where furniture, otherwise intended for landfill, is restored and given a new lease of life.  
We currently have a selection of quality items in stock and also carry out repairs of damaged furniture.

Contact 01 8422078 for more information.

## COMMUNITY REPAINT BALLYMUN

Put your leftover paint to good use!

Community RePaint, an innovative paint re-use scheme is now up and running in Ballymun.

Community RePaint operates in many locations throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In 2006 the Community RePaint network of 65 schemes collected 235,000 litres of paint that would have otherwise have gone to landfill and redistributed 208,000 litres to individuals in need, local charities and community organisations.

Community RePaint operates by collecting, sorting and making ready for reuse paint that is normally sent to landfill by households and traders.

Community RePaint Ballymun is currently collecting paints from Shangan and Sillogue recycling centres, please contact 01 8422078 for more information.

## COMPOSTING IN SANTRY CROSS

Want to reduce waste and save money?

Around 50% of the average household waste is biodegradable and can be easily converted into a healthy soil conditioner called compost.

If you are living in Santry Cross, Ballymun Regeneration have been involved in a joint project with the National Botanic Gardens and The Environmental Protection Agency to help develop a composting service.

Food and garden waste can be composted as part of this project in a new in-vessel composter.

To find out more about how using this service can save you money please contact project staff on 087 9782204.

## SILLOGUE - ECO

Silloque – Eco (Environmental Community Organisation) is a voluntary – run organization of mainly local people and has been operating since 2003. The project was started to provide a bring centre where locals could take recyclable household waste. Sillogue – Eco would like to provide a forum for discussion about environmental issues so we can all meet our responsibilities to create a cleaner and safer environment for our children and our future generations.

The Bring Centre is at 158a Sillogue Rd. just opposite the Holy Spirit School. It is open the following times and takes in a variety of recyclable materials:  
Monday – 5-6pm  
Wednesday – 10-11am & 5-6pm

The center also runs a bike club located at 127A Sillogue Rd and an eco club where local kids can learn about repairing their bicycles, recycling, waste and the environment. The group is also involved in organizing

courses for adults and operates a repaint scheme. If you would like to find out more please  
*Contact Sillogue – Eco at 157 Sillogue Rd.  
01 5211624  
silloguerecycle@eircom.net  
www.sillogue-eco.com*

## COMING SOON TO BALLYMUN JOB CENTRE!

EQUAL YOUTH Final Seminar Nov 2007  
The EQUAL Youth Development Partnership will be holding a final seminar to showcase outcomes of the Equal Youth project. The project has developed an integrated service delivery to young people who have left school early through the creation and implementation of an interagency method of work. The final seminar will highlight some of the actions, (mapping, profiling, youth views, interagency model and implementation).

*Contact: Mairin Kenny or Sara Slattery at kennym@bmunjob.ie/ slatterysa@bmunjob.ie or telephone on 01 866 7000.*

# Celebrate III Superstar

Axis November 6th 7th 8th & 9th 2007

# Are YOU Ready?

Calling on Community Workers, Volunteers and Residents for **round 3** of the biggest team building exercise in all of Ballymun ... You don't need to know how to dance or to sing or to act, just plenty of enthusiasm and an ability to **have a good ol' laugh**... This is also a great way to really **get to know the people** in your office, in your group, in other organisations, in your neighbourhood!

Celebrate is an initiative of Maria & Jennie Place and Celebrate Superstar is produced in conjunction with Axis. Sign up by email to [mariaplace@eircom.net](mailto:mariaplace@eircom.net) or leave your name and contact details with reception in Axis.

Celebrate II screening for previous Cast & Crew  
Tuesday 11th Sept @ 8pm SHARP! Refreshments will be served.  
This is a closed event so please confirm your attendance via text to 087 6998568 asap!

# positive ageing week 2007

**POSITIVE AGEING  
WEEK 2007**

**BALLYMUN EVENTS**

**28TH SEP - 6TH  
OCT**



| Date   | Event   | Time     | Venue                                     |
|--|---|----------|---|
| Every Wednesday<br>Throughout Sept                                 | Photography Workshops with<br>Photographer Hugh McAlveen in<br>association with Dublin City Council<br>Arts Office and Ballymun Library | 2 - 4pm  | Ballymun Library                          |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> September                                     | Film Screening of OH Brother Where<br>Art Thou with light refreshments  | 5pm      | Axis Theatre                              |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>September                             | Senior Sports Day in association with<br>Healthy Cities Ballymun  | 12 - 4pm | Sports Hall, DCU                          |
| Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> October                                       | Holistic Therapy Day  | 11 - 3pm | Ballymun Civic Centre                     |
| Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> October                                       | Table Quiz  | 7.30pm   | Our Lady of Victories<br>School Hall      |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Launch of Friendly Call Service<br>in Ballymun  | 11am     | Ballymun Civic Centre                     |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Information Day for Older People<br>with guest speakers   | 11 - 4pm | Ballymun Civic Centre                     |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  | Afternoon of musical memories   | 2pm      | Ballymun Library                          |
| Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> October                                      | A History of Ballymun with<br>Des O'Malley  | 3pm      | Axis Arts and<br>Community Centre         |
| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> October  | Positive Ageing Week Gala Ball<br>Tickets €5 available from Ellen Reddin<br>087 9914876   | 7.30pm   | Plaza Hotel                               |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> October<br>Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>October | Reminiscence Sessions with Shadow<br>Box Theatre Co.  | 2 - 4pm  | Axis Arts & Community<br>Centre, Ballymun |

Admission to most of the events are FREE and you are encouraged to bring a friend to join in the fun!  
For further information on these events please contact Avril Dooley at 4756989 or  
aand@ageaction.ie



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