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PRESIDENT McALEESE VISITS BALLYMUN

President Mary McAleese visited Ballymun's AXIS to announce its Spring 2005 programme as well as 'AXIS all areas', a special participative programme for professional and community artists.

The Ballymun Gospel Choir welcomed President McAleese who then met Ciaran Murray (BRL) and representatives of the local community, before touring the centre.

The President then made a speech in the theatre which was attended by nearly 200 people including local councillors, community leaders, staff and directors of AXIS, and staff of BRL and Dublin City Council. Praising the regeneration, President McAleese described the improvements to Ballymun as "miraculous". She encouraged the community to work in partnership with the public authorities, to build on the tremendous work already achieved and to work together as a community to make Ballymun an even better place to live in.

The President praised the fantastic facilities in AXIS and said that local people should come in and use the centre because there are so many

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wonderful things going on there that people can get involved in. 'AXIS all areas' provides an opportunity for people to participate in and dream up their own events.

"President McAleese's visit comes at the end of a remarkable year which was crowned by winning Best New Play at the Irish Times/ESB Theatre Awards for Dermot Bolger's play *From These Green Heights*", says Ray Yeates, AXIS Arts Director.

Special Guest on the day was American actor Clark Middleton, who is starring with Bruce Willis in *Sin City*. Clark launched the AXIS 'Arts and Disability' programme, which will highlight and provide a special place at AXIS for the work being done in the area of the 'exceptional arts'.

Anyone wishing to find out more about AXIS should contact us on 01 883 2100.

Compost mania in Ballymun

Once again Ballymun has proved that when it comes to recycling, it is one of the best towns in Ireland!

Over the last two months GAP Ballymun sold over 250 compost bins in a special drive to promote composting in the city. The compost project was a partnership between GAP, BRL and Dublin City Council.



Resident Doreen O'Connor with the GAP Team in Whiteacre

A team of volunteers with a lorry full of compost bins called to houses in and around Ballymun over three

Saturday mornings in February. The response from residents was so positive that sales far exceeded expectations. The composter sale is part of an overall strategy for waste management in Ballymun.

As people across Ballymun are discovering, composting is a quick and easy way to reduce household waste. By using a composter for kitchen and garden waste, the volumes in the black bin can be reduced by up to 30% and thus reduces your bin charges. In addition, a composter provides quality garden compost for potted plants, flower beds and improving soil.

Compost bins are now available from Collins Avenue Recycling Centre - opposite the entrance to DCU (01 222 2222). If you need any help or advice with composting or recycling, please contact GAP Ballymun (01 862 5846).

GAP Ballymun also runs Garden Action Teams for residents who are interested in gardening and want to improve their garden. Anyone who has moved into a new home in Ballymun can join the GAP Garden Teams of four neighbours. The teams learn general gardening know-how over seven weeks, working in their own gardens with a trained garden expert supplied by GAP. To find out more about joining a GAP Garden Teams contact Sinéad on 01 883 2115.

SHOPPING CENTRE ON SITE

Treasury Holding Ltd (THL) presented proposal to the North West Area Committee on 15th April 2005 outlining the redevelopment of the shopping centre. THL hopes to start building the first phase opposite Super Valu Ballymun in June.

The plan will be completed before the end of the year when it is hoped to start building the main centre, which will include new shops, cinema, leisure facilities and new homes.



Ballymun young journalists visit artist's studio

Young journalists from BRYR visited Andrew Clancy at the Firestation Artists' Studio recently to interview him about his new work. BRYR members and 'Splat' magazine journalists, Lauren Rowley, Shauna Byrne, Kelly Butler, Rachael Melia were accompanied by BRYR's art worker, Eithne O' Reilly. Here's some of the young people's thoughts on their visit:

"This summer there will be a new addition to Ballymun! It is big, bronze, cool looking, it took a long time to build, and it cost a lot of money!

Andrew Clancy is the man responsible. He is an artist and Breaking Ground asked him to come up with an idea for a sculpture to put in Ballymun."

"We went to meet Andrew in his studio. It was a great experience to see the sculpture! Andrew said that he sees the Ballymun regeneration as something that creates a lot of energy. The sculpture will have holes which light will shine through. People will be able to walk through the gap that you can see in the picture below. The idea of the



Computer generated image of Andrew Clancy's sculpture

sculpture is to show all the energy in Ballymun. We wondered why he did not build a sculpture that 'looks' like something, like an angel or a tree. But after seeing it, we like this type of sculpture too. It does take some getting used to though!"

Missing the view

An exhibition of photographic work by the students from the Holy Spirit Boys' National School, *Missing the View*, opened in AXIS on 21st April and will run until 20th May 2005.



Photo by Stephen Bracken

Breaking Ground, in association with Dublin City Gallery Hugh Lane, commissioned Perry Ogden, the internationally renowned photographer to work with

students from the Holy Spirit Boys' National School. Through photography, the students have documented the dramatic changes, both social and physical, which have taken place in Ballymun during the regeneration programme so far.

Some of the students' work will also be displayed in the new Youth Facility in Ballymun.



Photo by Delan Kenny

NOTICE BOARD

BRL SUMMER ACTIVITIES - JUNE 2005

As in other years BRL is running a programme of summer play and sports activities for children aged 6-14 years in July and August. Activities will be located in Ballymun Junior Comprehensive Sports Facility and AXIS. There are 90 places available on a first come, first served basis at a cost of €10 per child per week or €25 per child for three weeks.

The activities will take place on the following weeks:

- Mon 18th - Fri 22nd July 2005 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Mon 25th - Fri 29th July 2005 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tue 2nd - Fri 5th Aug 2005 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact Emma 01 675 5609 or Debby 01 6755617 in BRL if you have any queries

Fees must be paid on day of enrolment in Ballymun Regeneration Ltd, Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, and enrolment dates are as follows:

- Tue 7th June 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm
- Wed 8th June 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm
- Thurs 9th June 11am - 1pm & 2pm - 4pm

Enrolment fee must be paid prior to commencement of Summer Activities!

Children's housing transition programme

The first housing Transition Programme for children aged 6 to 13 years began on Friday 8th of April and continues each Friday (for five weeks) in AXIS from 4.00 - 6.00p.m.

The 25 children taking part are either due to move or have already moved. The programme was established to assist children who are moving and addresses issues that may arise, through art, drama, environmental and story telling workshops.

A Teenagers' Housing Transition Course will also run in the RECO, Silloge Road on Wednesday afternoons.

Both programmes are facilitated by CAFTA working with BRL's own Play Development Officer and BRYR with help also from the Ashling Project.

If your child is interested in joining the Children's / Teenagers' Housing Transition Programmes contact CAFTA at 01 883 2130.

AXIS PROGRAMME

- **14th May** - AXIS's resident comedy club continues with local comic talent in *The House of Fun Comedy Club*.
- **18th - 21st May** - *From These Green Heights* - back by popular demand, Dermot Bolger's award-winning new play
- **23rd May - 25th June** - Ballymun artist John Duffy presents a new work entitled *One for Sorrow Two for Joy* in AXIS.

**For further information contact
AXIS at 01 883 2100**

SWIMMING POOL

The fantastic new leisure centre and swimming pool will open this summer after Ceannt Tower has been demolished. If you have any questions, please contact Emma from Ballymun Regeneration Ltd at 01 222 5617 who will forward all details to Crunch Fitness.



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