The Ballymun Timeline Exhibition reflects on the many achievements of the past decade, and also looks to the future and the remaining steps towards completion.

At the heart of the 1998 Masterplan is a commitment to improving the quality of people’s lives in economic, environmental and social terms. Six of the seven tower blocks in Ballymun have already been demolished, with more than 1,200 families re-housed. This year will see the demolition of a further six blocks and the movement of the project into its final phases.

Successful strategies have been put in place to nurture job creation and to provide educational opportunities and training. Environmental initiatives and resource conservation have been fostered, new commercial enterprises have been established and community facilities such as neighbourhood centres, parks and sports and leisure facilities have also been developed.

The much lauded and innovative Per Cent for Art Scheme has been implemented through Breaking Ground, while the Axis Centre, to national and international acclaim, has not only engaged local people artistically and developmentally, but established Ballymun as a destination for new audiences coming into the area. This concept of ‘Destination Ballymun’ is further exemplified by the forthcoming opening of the IKEA Store.

Throughout 2008, Ballymun Regeneration Limited, a Dublin City Council initiative, will mark the 10th Anniversary of its multifaceted Masterplan for the regeneration of Ballymun.

The Ballymun Timeline Exhibition has endeavoured to recognize as many milestones as possible in the transformation of Ballymun. Given the duration and scale of the project, however, it is acknowledged that it illustrates part of the story of Ballymun’s continuing transformation.

When it comes to the regeneration project every resident in Ballymun has their own story to tell and many have contributed to the realization of the project, and the Ballymun Timeline stands as a testament to all these people’s endeavours. As the old blocks disappear from the landscape, the buildings replacing them represent the dedication of many individuals and groups across a range of sectors. All have made their mark on the new Ballymun.

The last ten years have not brought joy to all, and in the course of regeneration there have been many challenges and setbacks. Some people are still awaiting their new homes, and the picture is not yet complete; however as we mark this pivotal moment in the realization of the Masterplan we are confident that the future is bright.

In creating the exhibition a number of words were chosen to be highlighted as representing the essence of the Masterplan’s aspirations. These words: safety, connectivity, destination, participation, creativity, home, inclusion, quality, prosperity, ecology remain a benchmark for the completion of the new Ballymun.
1998

- Planning applications turn the historic first sod
- Ballymun begins Masterplan for the new Dublin City Council
- Limited established by Dublin City Development
- Establishes an outreach programme for Ballymun
- Ballymun Arts and Housing (UK), visits over 250 investors

1999

- New Housing Frequently Asked Questions 1998-2005' takes place by BRL
- Dermot Bolger's 'Ballymun Incantation' is performed
- The demolition ceremony of Balcurris Street, including removal of Ballymun Shopping Centre
- A community recycling centre opens

2000

- Community Recycling Centre opens
- David Kavanagh takes up the post of Ballymun Arts and Housing (UK) Managing Director
- Sean O'Regan creates 'Redemption', an example of industry best practice
- A total of 3,350 private homes completed in Ballymun
- Project for Boys opens in Ballymun

2001

- 1,000th home celebration commemorates the official opening of the 'House of Fun' being born on the new axis
- Four new homes completed by BRL
- Ireland's first-ever Irish Drama Festival, 'Portrayals' Exhibition and Publication, opens in Ballymun Community Law Office
- Two Programme starts by implosion
- Irish Railways Procurement Agency introduces Industry Best Practice

2002

- 522 new homes completed in Ballymun
- Expo 2002 opens in Shanghai
- National Planning Congress 'Public Participation' launched by the BRL Board
- New Tenure and Housing Transition Programme introduced
- St Michael's House opens
- Ballymun wins two Tidy Towns Awards' and the 'Antigum Litter Towerflower', and is nominated for the Republic of Ireland Awards' and the 'Antigum Litter Towerflower', and is nominated for the World of Irish Drama
- Final phase of housing completed under the BRL
- Shangan Forum Office opens
- Allocations teams and Auditor General's Report published
- HSE District Headquarters and Primary Care Centre opens in Ballymun
- Andrew Clancy, Cathy Ogden culminates with the worlds premiere of Sean Ogden
-gap launches the Big Sweep', a community-based environmental programme introduced
- The Civic Centre atrium
- Rediscovery Centre launched
- Early Education Programme starts
- Four new homes completed under the BRL

2003

- Connie Doherty's 'Here After', a black and white photography work is published
- Ballymun Community Law Office opens
- Asked Questions 1998-2005' published
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2008

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Future Development

- Four new homes completed under the BRL
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Timeline

- Exhibit Design & Project in collaboration: Ballymun Regeneration Community Project
- Future Place