



# BALLYMUN

## REGENERATION NEWS

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*Oliver Scully, Chairperson Coultury Neighbourhood Forum, Esther Dixon, Forum Member, Cllr Dr. Bill Tormey, Noel Ahern TD, Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal, Anita Kennedy, Forum Administrator and Eddie Rooney, Forum Member at the launch of Coultury Estate Forum Office*

## NEW COULTRY ESTATE FORUM OFFICE OPENS

**C**ouncillor Dr Bill Tormey, in the presence of Mr Noel Ahern, T.D, Minister for Housing opened the Coultury Estate Forum offices on Wednesday 4th May at 7.00pm. The offices are based in the new Coultury neighbourhood centre, which has been provided as part of the regeneration project.

Coultury Forum, which liaises with Ballymun Regeneration Ltd and Dublin City Council on behalf of local residents, has an office in the new Neighbourhood Centre. It will be manned by staff and volunteer members of the Coultury Forum. The Coultury Forum is one of five forums, which make up the Ballymun Neighbourhood Council (BNC) who are the nominated body to represent the Ballymun Community in the regeneration process. The role of the forums is to provide advice and advocacy to local residents.

Another of the offices is being manned by Dublin City Council as a public office to take complaints and to give information and advice to the local residents. The office will be manned by Estate Management staff and will be

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used by Community Development Staff, the Social Inclusion Unit and Sports Officers. The office will be used to hold meetings on matters of interest with the local residents.

The Coultry Estate office will be open from 9.30am to 1.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Two more neighbourhood Centres are due to open soon; Shangan Neighbourhood Centre is already under construction and construction will start on Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre later this year. The Coultry Neighbourhood Centre contains four retail units, a crèche, residential units and community meeting rooms.

## An absorbing and innovative entertainment - *The Witchin' Well*

Over the summer months, axis will present a series of summer arts activities for young people aged from 6–18 years old.

On the 15th and 16th of June, (at 10am & 12 noon) axis will host *The Witchin' Well* for young people aged 5–10 years. *The Witchin' Well* is an enchanting fairytale by one of Ireland's leading storytellers, Donegal based Joe Brennan.

With strange creatures, giants, badly behaved young children and a wicked witch, the magical story includes all the ingredients to keep children on the edge of their seats! Featuring Rachael Devir, Mark Kavanagh, Declan Birney and Jack Quinn, The Irish Times called *The Witchin' Well* "an hour of absorbing and innovative entertainment".

axis has expanded its range of summer activities to particularly appeal to teenagers in the Ballymun area, in co-operation with the Ballymun Regional Youth Resource. In addition to the annual summer classes and workshops for young people in art, storytelling, drama and dance, axis will host a special residency of filmmaking company Dogmedia Productions in association with the Darklight Film Festival. Over the course of two weeks, Dogmedia will work with a group of young people aged between 13–18 years to develop and shoot a short film in Ballymun.

**For information on how to sign up for this, or any of the classes or workshops in axis, phone 01 883 2147. For booking to *The Witchin' Well*, call the box office on 01 883 2100.**

## Irish Pool Federation wins World Pool Championships



Junior & Youth players: Back Row T Doyle, Manager, Danial Ward, David Carrie, Dean Cooney, Chris Cronin, Robert Warren, John Maughan, David Brennan, and Carl Emerson. Front Row: Karl O Rielly, Karl White, Chris Caulfield, Sean O Niell, Gerard Mooney, and Michael Nolan.

The Irish Pool Federation located in Ballymun recently won the World Junior and Youth Speed Pool Championships and the Junior World Singles Championship in Bridlington, Hull in April 2006. This is the sixth time the Irish Pool Federation has won at these championships. The event was well attended

by over 600 players mainly from around Europe.

The Pool Federation, in conjunction with Superleague Ireland, recently organized a major event at the Green Isle Hotel from the 11<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> May with 120 of the top European players, plus 160 Irish players, playing from Friday morning until Sunday evening in the Professional Pro-Am Team and Individual events. The top eight players were past and present members of the Pool Federation with Wayne Neeson from Coultry winning the Super league singles event.

The Irish Pool Federation was formed in 1990 and started with 58 players. Today, there are over 160 members under 21 years of age in the organisation. The players are coached in the St. Pappin's Youth Club on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday by Martin Kirwan.

In the future the Pool Federation hopes to build on its success by retaining members after they reach 21 years of age to teach a new generation of young pool players at the club. If you would like more information on membership, you can contact Martin Kirwan at 086 304 6485.

## Sand Sculpture Programme 2006

Sand play provides an element of “wild play” and is a great fun activity for a child’s early development. The Sand Sculpture Programme was co-ordinated and funded by Dublin City Council Community Section (Ballyfermot Team).



*Daniel Wynne and Glenn Pagett with sand sculptor Alan McGee from Dunban Dealbh*

As part of play activities organised by Debbie Clark, BRL Play Development Officer, nine children from Ballymun participated in the events and enjoyed both art and play activities. The children also enjoyed socialising and interacting with children from other parts of the city. The programme took place over a number of weeks and finished with a public art exhibition created by both the



*Haley Jackson, Sinead White, Roisin Burke-Kelly and Kate Matthews beside a completed sculpture*

children and professional artists at Bull Island on Sunday 30th April. The final phase of the programme will be to introduce sand sculpture to other children by facilitating a sand play session in “Coultry Park” which has its own permanent sand pit.



*Two of the completed sculpture*



*Christy Caulfield, World Junior Pool Champion 2006*

The Sand Sculpture programme has provided the children with a fun activity, which incorporates the development of social skills and promotes the value and importance of environmental play. Many thanks to Bernie and Aoife Kavanagh (local Volunteers) for their assistance during the events.

## The Construction Workers Health Trust recent visit to BRL

It is well established that building workers do not enjoy as good health as white-collar workers. The principal reasons are:

1. Lifestyle
2. Smoking
3. Poor diet
4. Drinking habits
5. Stress

Since 1997 health screening on building sites has been provided throughout Ireland. Central to the screening philosophy are the confidential clinical tests, i.e. blood pressure, cholesterol, lung function, blood sugar and body mass index. All workers screened are given immediate results and, if necessary, referred to a GP.

To compliment BRL's Health & Safety Manager, John Rizzolo's commitment to raising the standards of construction health and safety, Brian Kinsella, BRL H & S Monitor invited the CWHT to provide invaluable early detection and free medical

screening for the employees of both the BRL and non-BRL construction projects. Nearly 240 workers attended the free screenings.

BRL wish to thank all the CWHT staff for their professional services and also Mary Woolhead for her assistance in obtaining suitable screening facilities.



Brian Kinsella, BRL and Emer McNulty, CWHT

## BRL working with the community

Since the beginning of the regeneration project, BRL and the five area forums along with the Ballymun Neighbourhood Council have been committed to working together to keep the people of Ballymun informed about the project.

Every month the Architects managing each area, Anne Lynch, Derry Solon, Dave Byrne and a member of the Communications team Linda Hoey, meet with representatives of each of the five forum areas. The Architects update the Forums on the progress in each of the areas and resident issues are addressed. BRL also meet with all five forums together and the Ballymun Neighbourhood Council, to discuss issues that concern the overall regeneration project.

If you have a concern about any issue concerning the regeneration in your area, please contact either your local

forum, the Ballymun Neighbourhood Council or Ballymun Regeneration Ltd.

If you have a concern that you wish to discuss with Ballymun Regeneration Ltd, please direct your query to the relevant department:

<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	<b>Fiona Eastwood 01 222 5642</b>
<b>Allocations</b>	<b>Ronan Doyle 01 222 5652 or Joanne O'Hagan 01 222 5649</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Denise Redmond 01 222 5631</b>
<b>All other queries:</b>	
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Linda Hoey 01 222 5653 or Liqian 01 222 5681</b>

Alternatively please call into the BRL office in the Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 9.

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