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"Our Future Legal Minds" Prizes for the Annual Maher/O'Connaith Legal Essay Competition. from l-r Cormac O'Ceallaigh, Sean T.O'Callaigh Solicitors, Evelyn Hanlon, Chairperson Law Centre, James Donnelly & Ciara Kennedy (joint first place), Michael McDowell TD, Minister for Justice and Law Reform and Clare O'Regan, Ferry Solicitors, adjudicator

TIDY TOWNS LATEST - CLEANING UP THIS TOWN

The Ballymun Tidy Town's Committee has been keeping busy over the summer months, working with the community in developing a strategy to work towards Tidy Towns status.

Key Tidy Town's initiatives, supported by the Ballymun Waste Working Group, in conjunction with the overall competition include the "Best Garden" and the "Best Kept Area" competitions. The response rate so far has been very positive with numerous gardens and areas entering from each of the 5 neighbourhoods. It is clear that the people of Ballymun are taking great pride in their homes and neighbourhoods, contributing greatly to the beauty of the area, while at the same time promoting community co-operation.

An additional youth "Poster" competition gives the younger generation an opportunity to express their artistic imaginations by creating posters that will

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If you see anything that you are concerned about on the building sites, outside of working hours, please contact Ballymun Gardaí at 01 666 4400

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**Ballymun Tidy Towns
Poster Competition**
Sponsored by Nan's SuperValu,
Main St, Ballymun

Ballymun Tidy Towns committee need your help. We want to create posters to inspire the community to clean up their areas and we figured that you, the talented young people of Ballymun, are the best for the job. Send us your most inspiring art work on...

Ballymun - The Tidiest Town
You can use paint, charcoal, collage, draw, colour, etc.
The only limit is your imagination!

Categories:
5 – 8 years old, 9 – 12 years old, 13 – 15 years old, 16 – 18 years old

Prizes include:
Ipod, Digital Camera & 2 Bicycles
2nd & 3rd place in each category will also receive prizes

Please send to:
Tidy Town's Poster Competition,
Attention: Bernie
3rd Floor, Civic Centre,
Main Street, Ballymun,
Dublin 9

Prize ceremony and display
in Civic Centre atrium in late
August 2006



inspire the community to clean up their areas. Please note that the date for this competition has been extended until September 29th.

Finally a litter league has been established to include all building sites in Ballymun. This competition, which is ongoing until the end of September, has been implemented to get the building sites actively involved in controlling litter within their sites and the surrounding areas.

Overall, the competitions aim to create a clean, litter free environment, facilitate environmental awareness and encourage community involvement throughout Ballymun. An awards ceremony will take place for all these competitions in the Civic Centre at the Harvest Market on October 12th.

For further information contact:
Bernie Maloney
Ballymun Waste Working Group
Tel: 01 222 5642 (3rd floor).

Plant sale was a great success - next one 21st September

Dublin City Council's Community Development Section and Global Action Plan (GAP) Ballymun, held a very successful plant sale on the evening of August 1st in the Atrium of the Civic Centre. It was such a hit that DCC and GAP are organising another one for Thursday 21st September in the Ballymun Shopping Centre at 11.30am. There will be another great range of plants on offer at exceptional prices. So come along and pick up some plants to provide colour in your garden throughout the winter months. Keep an eye out for posters advertising this event around the area.

There were a number of stalls at the event along with the plant sale. The Ecoshop was selling natural cleaning products for the home. Sillogue Eco also attended, selling products they made themselves from unrecyclable items and Youthreach provided a selection of wooden containers that they had made.

The aim of the plant sale was to provide the residents of Ballymun with a chance to buy plants that provide great late summer colour, and would add interest to any garden. Many customers came to browse and purchase on the night and they were able to seek gardening advice from the GAP Community Gardeners, Sinéad Finn and Brenda Palmer, who were recruiting for more Garden Action Teams that evening. Advice and help was also available from several DCC staff including Mary Mooney Brian Mongey, Niamh Reilly, Eileen Gleeson & Laura McGuinness.

If you have any queries about upcoming events or would like to find out more about GAP Garden Action Teams or Action Teams just ring the GAP Office on 01 862 5846.



Local residents browsing and purchasing at plant sale

Travellers Art Exhibitions

Michael McLoughlin and Gillian Kenny are two artists who have been commissioned by Breaking Ground, the BRL per cent for art scheme, to work with St Margaret's Traveller's Women's Group.



Cowboy Wellies, one of the works from the exhibition

Devotion, an exhibition of new works by artist Gillian Kenny, and Welcome Back, an exhibition of new work by Michael McLoughlin, will preview from 6-8pm on Wednesday 6th September 2006 at the LAB, Foley Street, Dublin. The exhibitions themselves will take place from 7th to 30th September, Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm.



Gillian Kenny's collage of religious imagery and family photos

These works have been produced over several months during which both Kenny and McLoughlin worked with members of the travelling community at St. Margaret's Halting Site, Ballymun as they each developed their own strand of work. In addition, McLoughlin has worked collaboratively with residents to produce a permanent artwork now sited at the entrance to the Halting Site, commissioned by Breaking Ground 2, the Ballymun Regeneration Ltd per cent for art programme.

For more information contact Breaking Ground on 01 883 2173.

Monsters in Sillogue

The Rediscovery Centre launched the first in a series of pilot 'Art From Waste' Projects on July 19th in Ballymun with the creation of some



Recycling the unrecyclable

pretty scary Rubbish Monsters by the Sillogue Aisling Project.

Irish Artist Keiran Brennan directed the Rediscover Art Project, which was sponsored by Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL), and assisted by Global Action Plan and BRL. The children from the Aisling project spent an enjoyable day designing and constructing Rubbish Monsters from recycled waste, demonstrating a creative use of unwanted items as an alternative to throwing them in the bin.

If you would like more information on this project or other Rediscover Art Programmes please contact Sarah on 01 222 5680 or Simon on 01 862 5846.



Family Mediation Service comes to Ballymun

Mediation Ballymun welcomes the decision of the Family Support Agency to install the Family Mediation Service in Ballymun. This will be a one-year pilot project.

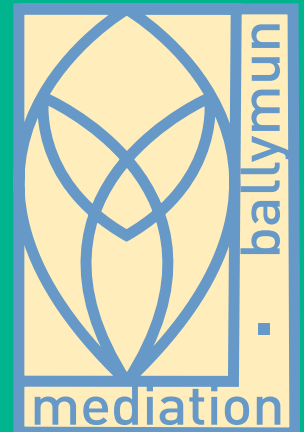
Family Mediation encourages couples to co-operate with each other in working at mutually acceptable arrangements on issues such as parenting, financial support, the family home etc. This service is for married and non-married couples.

Mediation allows people to make their own decisions and is based on the idea that the best people to resolve a dispute are those who are actually involved in the dispute. A professionally trained mediator assists the couple to

reach their own agreement. In order to engage in the process both parties must agree to participate in mediation.

Sheila Healy, a trained mediator will provide the family mediation service in Ballymun one day a week commencing 26th September.

For further information or to make an appointment please phone 01 862 5866.



Legal Aid Board to recommence service in Ballymun

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Community Law Centre

Ballymun Community Law Centre [BCLC] is pleased to announce the reinstatement of the Legal Aid Board service in Ballymun. This will start again in September. The Legal Aid Board processes cases under the Civil Legal Aid Act 1995 including family law

cases such as barring orders, custody, maintenance, separation and divorce. Martina O'Connell, a Law Clerk from the Legal Aid Board will be in Ballymun two afternoons per week.

To get further information or make an appointment please telephone or drop into the Law Centre. Phone: 01 862 5805 or drop in to BCLC, 34 Shangan Road, Ballymun.

Children and staff from the Summer Activities Programme 2006 in which approximately one hundred children took part over a hugely enjoyable three week duration.



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