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The opening of the Ballymun Environmental Fair at the new IKEA store

BALLYMUN GOES GREEN WITH IKEA AND BRL

On Thursday 19th March, the new IKEA store opened its doors for the Ballymun Environmental Fair. The fair was a showcase of Ballymun environmental projects, programmes and ideas.

Displays included BRL's new phase four housing low energy strategy and design plans for the Rediscovery Centre and the emerald housing projects. IKEA presented the ground source geothermal energy, biomass boiler and rainwater harvesting technologies used in the Ballymun store. The workings and benefits of the 'Energy Harness', a new standard in efficient heating, plumbing and renewable energy designed by BRL, were also revealed. Fabulous Rediscovery Centre fashions and furniture were available for purchase and dozens of people reduced their carbon footprint by making their own Eco-smoothie.

BRL would like to thank everyone who attended the fair for their support.

HEALTH & SAFETY

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

axis shows

Celebrate Top of the Pops

1st – 4th April @ 8.00pm – €10



Produced in association with axis by Maria Place and Co. 'Celebrate Tops of the Pops' is the 4th grand variety performance in axis. It features residents and professionals involved in community work in the Ballymun area. With songs from the musicals, superstars through the ages, dancing and comedy sketches... 'Celebrate Top of the Pops' promises to give you a great night to remember!

LiFT Ballymun Youth Arts Festival

1st – 8th April @ 8.00pm



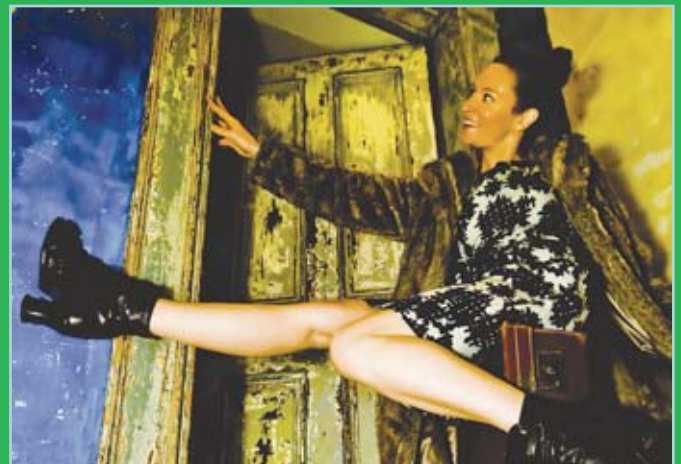
In its fourth year the LiFT Ballymun Youth Arts Festival will include events, exhibitions and master class workshops covering hip-hop, rap, music, dj-ing, visual arts, film, animation, and much more. The festival, sponsored by the Ballymun Festival Steering Committee, focuses on supporting and developing the skills of young people with an interest in the arts.

To register your interest call 01 883 2100.

The Evolution of Lauren Begaun

20th – 24th April @ 1.00pm – €10
(includes soup and sandwiches)

Powerful and evocative, this one-woman show directed by Kate Cotter of the BBC, is not to be missed. Describing her sell-out show from the Dublin Fringe Festival '08 as a twisted comedy, Clodagh Downing has the inspirational qualities that will make this a memorable lunch hour. The piece is produced by Broken Doll Productions.



House of Fun: Colin Murphy

24th April @ 8.30pm – €15

Ballymun's own monthly comedy club continues to bring in the big names, securing well known comedian Colin Murphy of RTE's 'The Panel' and 'The Blizzard of Odd'. Murphy's distinct fusion of edgy 'in your face' topical satire, with off-beat, but acute observational material, make him a highly original and much sought after performer.

For booking and info call 01 883 2100 or visit www.axis-ballymun.ie



Ballymun Partnership



Seamus Kelly shows councillor Dessie Ellis past issues of the concrete news

Monday, February 23rd, 2009, marked a special occasion for the Ballymun Partnership. They have now joined with the Whitehall area and extended their partnership. In turn they have now been renamed as Ballymun Whitehall Area Partnership (BWAP).

Over the last 18 years Ballymun Partnership has served the Ballymun area. Now the transition has been made to serve the Whitehall area also. The Partnership provides support for new business opportunities and provides practical support also. With the downturn in the economy a lot more people will find they will need assistance from the Partnership. Staff are trained in job seeking, education, training, and self-employment, therefore many people will benefit from their guidance and assistance.

Last year the Partnership worked with 21 new enterprises and helped find employment for 460 locals in Ballymun. Another 636 were assisted with further education.

The celebration took place at the BWAP offices, Ballymun Shopping Centre, Ballymun, and the guest speaker was John Curran, T.D., Minister of State, Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs. Chief Executive Officer, Declan Dunne also attended.

Seamus Kelly (Former Editor & Proprietor of the Ballymun Concrete News) attended and provided an archive, 'Take a Look Back', showing pictures and captions of events in Ballymun from 2000 – 2006, which were exhibited for the day. Face painters entertained children in the Mall and all who attended had a great day.



Face painting at the launch

**BWAP is located in North Mall, Ballymun Town Centre.
Phone 01 842 3612 or email info@ballymun.org.**

New dates for the IKEA OPEN DAYS

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th April

Leading home furnishings giant, IKEA, want to meet you! Over two days the co-workers at IKEA Dublin will be chatting about their work and their company at the Ballymun Civic Centre. For anyone interested in IKEA or considering a career with IKEA Dublin this is a great chance to meet face-to-face informally and get a feel for the business.

At the IKEA Open Days you can look at some of the products, ask questions, learn about our training programme and discover more about sales, logistics, food services, customer services and much more.

As it is a fun informal event there is no need to bring your CV but application forms will be welcome.

**Further information: Mary McCarthy/Norman Pratt,
Weber Shandwick Tel: 01 676 0168;
086 2568 429 (Mary); 086 151 8921 (Norman)**



Raffle winner announced at axis

Loretta Wynn was announced as the winner of a raffle held on 5th March at axis Ballymun. The raffle was sponsored by IKEA Dublin and held in



conjunction with the production 'Waiting for IKEA,' produced at the axis in early February.

'Waiting for IKEA' ran from 2nd – 6th February at the axis Theatre and audiences who attended the performance during its run at axis were given the opportunity to enter the raffle.

The raffle was also attended by IKEA Local Communications Specialist Muireann Kyeeyune and the stars of 'Waiting for IKEA,' Jacinta Sheerin and Georgina McKeivitt who wrote and starred in the production, which debuted to sold out audiences during the 2007 Dublin Fringe Festival. 'Waiting for IKEA' is the story of Chrissie and Jade, North Dubliners and best friends who unfortunately missed the purr of the Celtic Tiger.

'Waiting for IKEA' will be returning to axis this summer, running 6th July through to the 11th at 8:00 p.m. nightly. Early booking is available, and advised, as the show has proven to be very popular. Booking can be arranged by calling 01 883 2100 or by visiting www.axis-ballymun.ie.

Dressmaking and design workshops

The Rediscovery Centre is now recruiting for its dressmaking workshops in Ballymun.

Find out how to give your old clothes a new lease of life, learn how to accessorise without spending a penny and discover how to design and make fabulous home furnishings.

Free beginner and intermediate level workshops will take place during April.

Beginner classes. 21st – 23rd April
(10 am – 1pm)

Intermediate classes. 28th – 29th April
(10 am – 1pm)

To find out more or to take part in the classes contact Sarah on 01 222 5680.



BRL Communications Section would like to congratulate the three winners of the Leisure Centre competition advertised in the January BRL Newsletter.

1st prize
Ms. Ann Moloney

2nd prize
Mr. Brendan Sweetman

3rd prize
Mr. John Lawler

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