



# BALLYMUN

## REGENERATION NEWS

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*Pupils from St Joseph's Music Programme*

## ALLIANZ BUSINESS TO ARTS AWARD

The Ballymun Music Programme / DIT Community Links were awarded the 'Dublin Airport Authority Arts Award' for the effective and ongoing collaboration with Ballymun Regeneration Limited for the Music Room at St Joseph's National School. As part of this award they received a cash prize of €5,000, which will be used to help fund the Music Programme.

St Joseph's Music Hall is the first dedicated practice and performance space for the Ballymun Music Programme, which encourages the personal and academic development of the children of Ballymun through music.

President Mary McAleese and Archbishop Desmond Tutu were in Ballymun in February to launch St Joseph's Music Hall and the BRL Umbro Sports Arena. Their visit was a great day for Ballymun and can be viewed on the BRL website [www.brl.ie](http://www.brl.ie).

#### 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



Dublin City  
Baile Átha Cliath

## Play support for summer 2009

### Neighbourhood/Parks Play Days

The annual National Play Day takes place on 5th July every year. However Play Days can take place at any time. Play day events encourage communities to make time to support children's play. The purpose of holding this type of event is to involve and encourage as many families as possible in a celebration of children's right to play. This is done by providing a variety of play opportunities that are simple energetic and health orientated and can easily take place in local parks, open spaces and neighbourhoods.

If you would like to host a Play Day in your neighbourhood, Debby Clarke BRL Play Development Officer will be available until August 12th to assist in organising this type of event, by providing information and loan of play day equipment. All Play days supported by BRL will be run as an event to raise funds for the 'Avonmore Big Picnic for Barrettstown' and/or 'Centra Childline Big Bar-B-Q'. Play Days promote the many ordinary types of play, at very limited costs and encourage both parents and children to get involved in playing outdoors.



*A good old-fashioned pillow fight*

### New Playground at St Margaret's Traveller Site

In May 2009 work on a new playground located at St. Margaret's Site was completed. The development of this new play facility which was funded through RAPID, is a joint initiative between BRL Play Development section, local residents, St Margaret's project workers, Dublin City Council, and Ballymun Rapid co-ordinator. As part of the design process for the new playground, local children and young people participated in workshops, that involved them in choosing the location of the play



*Children enjoying the new playground at St Margaret's*

equipment, etc. As a result the playground features a variety of fun and challenging play equipment for children and young people aged 2–18 years of age.

Thanks to this new facility over 100 children and young people at the site and adjoining housing developments are benefiting greatly from additional play experiences that would not have been available to them otherwise. As the school holidays are now underway, the children have even more time to enjoy the new playground.

We would like to take this opportunity to commend the children and residents for their contribution in maintaining the excellent condition of this new play facility.

**For further information on all of the above please contact Debby Clarke, BRL Play Development Officer @ 01 222 5609 or 086 815 0997**

### Concessions for Dublin Zoo

As in previous years, BRL are offering residents' family passes for Dublin Zoo at a reduced rate. The Passes will admit 2 adults and four children or 1 adult and five children, at a cost of €15 each. Due to limited availability we can only provide one pass per family.

**Competition: The first four entries with correct answers to both of the following questions will win a complimentary family pass for Dublin Zoo.**

- 1. In what year was Dublin Zoo first opened?**
- 2. In what year did the Zoo receive its first giraffe?**

**All entries can be left at main reception on ground floor of Ballymun Civic Centre for the attention of Debby Clarke - BRL Play Development Officer.**

## Schools take action

**G**lobal Action Plan (GAP) has recently completed its After Schools programme for this academic year with Ballymun's Aisling Projects. The four Aisling projects work with primary school children from all over Ballymun. GAP's work with the Aisling project primarily consists of organic gardening and planting, Fairtrade awareness, environmental actions and field trips to areas of natural beauty and interest. Fostering a positive and rewarding relationship between young people and their local environment is of vital importance in helping to create and shape vibrant and sustainable community.

St Joseph's Junior National School in Ballymun participate in Global Action Plan's 'Action at Schools' programme. This has resulted in a massive 97% reduction in school waste going to landfill in just 6 months. This has been achieved with the hard work of the Green Schools Committee and the support of Global Action Plan, funded by BRL. Action at schools is an environmental programme that helps schools to save resources and money through recycling and saving in their energy bills.



*Members of the St Joseph's Junior School participating in a Waste Audit*

St Joseph's Junior School have had the highest rate of reduction in waste of over 300 schools across the UK and Ireland since the programme began in 1997, "it is fantastic that Ballymun schools are leading the way in waste reduction and in green schools initiatives" said Aoife Flynn, Youth Coordinator with GAP.

## Biodiversity Day

To mark Biodiversity Day in Ballymun, Global Action Plan, funded by BRL and supported by the Heritage Council Local Grants Scheme, ran an action packed event in the Reco Youth Centre. The day was a great success with appearances from Dale Treadwell known for

his appearances on RTE's 'The Den' and Eric Dempsey from 'Mooney Goes Wild'. During the day there were a series of workshops about mini beasts & birds and even one on how to make your own recycled bird feeder. Over 20 young people aged 8 years and over were in attendance on the day.

## Splash Day

Ballymun Leisure Centre in association with Coultury & Shangan Forums will be holding a Splash Day on Saturday 1st August. Activities on the day will include, slides and games, water polo, races and search and rescue. Session times are listed here and prices are €5 per family and €1 per child. If you would like more information on this fun day out, you can contact the leisure centre staff @ 01 862 3508.

Session	Time
Session 1	11am – 12pm
Session 2	12pm – 1pm
Session 3	1pm – 2pm

## Construction Health and Safety complaints - who cares? BRL do!

**B**allymun Regeneration Ltd has a Health and Safety team who address complaints relating to construction activities. On receiving a construction H&S complaint, BRL Health & Safety take the following action:

1. Record the complaint.
2. Investigate to identify who is responsible
3. Agree a solution to the problem with the Contractor

4. Monitor the issue to ensure it is being addressed
5. Call back the person who made the complaint to confirm what is being done

**If you have any issues related to health and safety, please contact BRL Health and Safety team at 01 222 5660. We will make sure your complaints are logged into the system and acted upon.**

## J.U.S.T. Jesuit University Support and Training

**J.U.S.T.** offers learning support and training for people from Ballymun preparing to go on to 3rd level education, and for those already enrolled in a 3rd level programme.

They aim to facilitate 3rd level education opportunities for Ballymun residents helping them to realise their potential in a real tangible way.

Participating students are organised into sub-groups and each sub-group is assigned to a tutor from the **J.U.S.T.** project team. Individual and group sessions are organised by the tutors according to students needs. Individual sessions are arranged at times convenient for both students and tutors.

Academic support programmes cover topics such as reading and writing skills for college, study methods, library use,

preparing essays and projects, exam preparation.

Each student is also offered personal support to monitor and help address any non-academic issues which may arise.

This personal support service is integrated with other activities to ensure that there is no replication.

Group sessions are run Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7.30-9.30pm. All sessions are held in the Ballymun Job Centre/LEC premises in Ballymun Town Centre.

This is a free service for Ballymun residents and support programmes for the new academic year will start in September 2009.

**For further information contact J.U.S.T c/o Ballymun Job Centre Ballymun Dublin 11. Tel: 01 862 2695  
E-mail: [admin@justballymun.org](mailto:admin@justballymun.org)**

## The Pictures: 'The Misfits'

**Date:** 31st August

**Time:** 2.30pm

**Tickets:** €2 for Members/€4 for Non-Members

**Membership:** €3

With over 160 members, 'The Pictures' is more than just a film club, it has become a great social network for the over 55's in Ballymun and surrounding areas. Showing a wide variety of films, from classics to modern, there is something for everyone. There is one screening a month and it is usually held on the last Monday of the month.

August's screening is 'The Misfits'. Set in Reno, It depicts the chance meeting and friendship of a depressed divorcée, Roslyn Taber (Marilyn Monroe), and Gay Langland (Clark Gable), an aging ex-cowboy prone to gambling.

**For further information please contact axis on 01 883 2100 or Ann Marie Lyons, North West Area Arts Officer 01 222 7305.**



## Opera in the Open – The Magic Flute 7th August 1-2pm

**Come along for Opera in the Open on the Plaza in Ballymun. Now in its tenth year, Dublin City Council's Opera in the Open has a large and loyal public following. As part of the 10th**

**anniversary celebrations Dublin City Council's Opera in the Open are bringing Mozart's The Magic Flute to Ballymun. Directed by Niall Morris and lead by Musical Director David Wray, this lunchtime treat is not to be missed.**

**(In the event of bad weather this event will be moved into the Ballymun Civic Centre)**

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