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Ballymun Farmers Market every Thursday on the Plaza

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



City Manager John Tierney, Duncan Stewart, Minister for the Environment Heritage and Local Government John Gormley TD and Ciaran Murray, Managing Director BRL

MINISTER JOINS IN CELEBRATION AT GREENER BALLYMUN CONFERENCE

On Friday 2nd May the Civic Centre hosted the Greener Ballymun Conference, which was attended by the Minister for the Environment Heritage and Local Government John Gormley TD, TV presenter Duncan Stewart and the City Manager John Tierney, as part of the Regeneration +10 celebrations.

The conference heard how Ballymun is becoming an international model of modern, environmentally friendly building practice and how the new buildings in the area will reduce people's dependency on fossil fuels and save them money. Minister Gormley praised the regeneration project calling it a "shining example to other communities across Ireland".

The Minister went on to say that "The achievements to date provide the basis for ensuring that the residents and businesses in the area can grasp the opportunities denied to previous generations, yielding a strong, vibrant and ultimately sustainable Ballymun for the 21st century."

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Environmentalist and TV presenter Duncan Stewart also praised the work of the project saying, "If we come back here in 10 years time it will be a model city, not just for Ireland but for Europe". Stewart explained that there are many challenges now facing society because of climate change.

Since the regeneration project began in Ballymun 10 years ago the aim has always been to lead the way in building for the future. Because of this it was only in 2007 that the national building regulations caught up with those of Ballymun Regeneration Ltd. With new energy rating standards now being introduced, BRL is again leading the way in housing design with their phase 4 schemes.

Another important aspect of the environment which was discussed at the conference was bio-diversity, as Ballymun became the first area in Ireland to publish a sub-regional bio-diversity action plan. This plan is aimed at ensuring all of the plants and animals which go to making up the local environment thrive into the future.

Discussing the new bio-diversity plan Ciaran Murray, BRL managing director said that this and other projects like it will all help in building a sustainable new community in Ballymun. He commented, "Now that the physical infrastructure is well underway the regeneration programme is concentrating on making Ballymun a successful town with employment opportunities, strong communities and a better environment for everyone."

Ballymun Tidy Towns Competitions 2008

The Ballymun Tidy Towns committee is pleased to announce that the Tidy Towns Competitions are taking place once again this summer. So...

Go on, get out and get into it!

Best Garden Competition

The best front and back garden will be selected from all gardens in each of the five neighbourhoods (Balcurris, Coultry, Poppintree, Shangan & Sillogue). The overall winner will receive a €300 prize. Four neighbourhood area winners will also receive a €100 prize.

Biodiversity/Nature

This year we are also introducing a new award for the garden that makes a special contribution to biodiversity and nature. Winners will receive free family membership of BirdWatch Ireland for one year, worth €50, and a surprise!

Best Kept Area Competition

Can you get together with your friends and neighbours to improve your area? If so why not enter in this years Best Kept area competition. An area must consist of no less than 10 houses. Judges will be looking for:

- Neatness and cleanliness of the area
- Maintenance of communal areas
- Lack of litter and graffiti
- Appearance of houses and gardens
- Evidence of community co-operation

The overall winning area will receive a €300 prize and the other four neighbourhood winners will receive a

€100 prize (Balcurris, Coultry, Poppintree, Shangan & Sillogue).

Best Contribution to Ballymun as a Tidy Town

This year we are also running an award for groups or individuals that make a significant contribution to Ballymun's annual Tidy Towns competition, but are not eligible for any of the other Ballymun Tidy Towns competitions. Great prize!

To make a nomination (yourself or another person) for any of the above competitions, please contact:

Roger Warburton (Ballymun Tidy Towns co-ordinator)
(01) 222 8526

or e-mail roger.warburton@dublincity.ie

All entries to be received before 16th July (Don't wait to enter!) Judging will take place before 15th August with a prize ceremony in Civic Centre in September 2008 (TBC).

The Ballymun Tidy Towns Committee would like to acknowledge the support of Ballymun Regeneration and Nan's SuperValu Ballymun for sponsoring these great prizes.



Safer Ballymun receives top award from former Taoiseach

The safer Ballymun project received the Taoiseach's Award for Public Service Excellence at a ceremony in Dublin Castle on 18th April 2008 for the Community Safety Strategy. The award comes as recognition for the project and its efforts at reducing crime and helping to improve the quality of life of people in Ballymun.

Safer Ballymun is run using an action-based problem-solving approach and was set up following an extensive consultation process which began with a Citizen's Jury in 2003. The recommendations which came out of this jury led to a partnership between residents, Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána and Ballymun Regeneration Ltd.

The Safer Ballymun forum holds a meeting every six weeks to tackle the issues on the ground in relation to anti-social behaviour and other problems in Ballymun. These meetings are open to all residents

who wish to attend. For more information please contact Patricia Scanlon on 01222 5723.



Former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern presenting Ciaram Murray, Managing Director BRL, with the Taoiseach's Award for Public Service Excellence

Construction Worker Health Trust

As part of the BRL Health & Safety departments ongoing commitment to improve safety and promote health awareness among construction



Left to right Emer Mc Nulty (CWHT nurse) Brian Kinsella (BRL H&S) Martine McDermott (CWHT Nurse)

workers, Brian Kinsella from the BRL H&S team was again delighted to announce the arrival of the Construction Worker Health Trust services to the Ballymun project.

Our goal was to provide free, independent and confidential information to all construction workers and staff employed on the Ballymun Regeneration project. It proved to be very successful. Approximately 280 people attended medical monitoring in which the following items were discussed:

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| Blood sugar | Healthy eating |
| Body mass index | Stress |
| Cholesterol test | Exercise |
| Cancer awareness | Substance abuse |

BRL and contracting personnel wish to thank the CWHT staff for their professionalism throughout the time they spent in Ballymun.



REGENERA+10N completing the transformation timeline exhibition will be displayed in the Civic Centre Atrium from 20th of June 2008
Please come along!

IKEA - welcome and jobs galore

At last IKEA is coming to Ballymun with a store over 32,000 sqm and employing over 500 people across a wide variety of functions. Ballymun Regeneration Ltd. is working closely with IKEA, the Ballymun Job Centre, FÁS, the Department of Social and Family Affairs and the Ballymun Partnership to recruit Ballymun people for local IKEA jobs. Recruitment will occur over the coming months with the majority of jobs advertised early next year. Managerial and specialist jobs are currently advertised on an ongoing basis in local and

national newspapers and on www.ikea.ie.

If you wish to discuss IKEA job opportunities or register your interest you can drop into the Ballymun Job Centre or make phone contact with the Centre on 01 866 7000. The Ballymun Regeneration IKEA Liaison Officer Mary Woolhead may also be contacted on 01 222 5618.

See BRL website www.brl.ie for more details on IKEA jobs.

Rediscover Fashion

Once again the Rediscovery Centre is challenging the way we think about waste. In a fashion show concluding the Greener Ballymun Conference on May 2nd, TV presenter Caroline Morahan unveiled the 100% recycled clothing collection by fashion designers Eva Maguire, Carrie-Ann Moran and Choi Cheung.



Simply called 'Rediscover Fashion' the clothing line is made from refashioned clothing and fabrics that have been revamped into totally new and unique items. The collection was commissioned by Ballymun Regeneration as part of the Rediscovery Centre's resource recovery



initiative which promotes waste as a resource and encourages people to discover the true value of waste.

The fashion show featured beautifully crafted clothing and accessories in flamboyant, retro and chic styles made from recycled materials ranging from lace curtains and video tape to leather couches. All items are now available to buy online. To find out more about the project or to purchase some ethically produced clothing - logon to www.rediscoverycentre.ie or call Sarah Miller on 01 222 5680

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