

## Transition Programme

### ARE YOU IN PHASE 1?

Has your new home been reserved for you?  
If so, come to the

## TRANSITION PROGRAMME

Any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night

where: Stormanstown House  
transport provided  
time: 8pm - 10pm  
for more information  
phone 8425379 or 8620958

Comments from people who have just finished the programme:

The bus bringing us there and back was great. It was a good night out and helpful to get the €5 towards babysitting each week.

The programme was very enjoyable. I have more information now.

It was very worthwhile doing. I feel more safe now about moving.

I would recommend everyone that's moving in Ballymun to do the programme.

It was great to meet the people I will be living beside.

CAFTA 27 Shangan Road



Residents at the Transition Programme.

Residents have given their enthusiastic approval to the Transition Programme which is held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening for people moving into new homes. It is specially designed to help residents cope with regeneration and should help to build communities in the new neighbourhoods. The programme:

- gives residents a chance to meet new neighbours
- provides information about the new homes
- brings people to see their new homes being built
- deals with maintenance, safety and security issues
- provides information on housing costs and budgeting.

CAFTA believes that the programme will give residents the opportunity to help create a community where people will be happy and proud to live, and that it will help to create a safe and good place for children to grow up.

## Tell us what you think - the ABC2000 campaign

Ballymun will be buzzing with activity this summer, thanks to the ABC2000 campaign. ABC2000 aims to involve as many adults as possible in physical activity like walking the dog, climbing the stairs instead of using the lift, playing games, gardening and cycling / walking instead of using the bus.

We want Ballymun's 500+ older people to get active

over the next few months. First we need to know what people want to do. We will send out questionnaires and invitations to participate in meetings over the next few weeks.

**Get involved. Tell us what activities you want and make Ballymun a place where you and your friends can enjoy doing what you like. Send your ideas to Nuala at Ballymun Regeneration.**

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# BALLYMUN

## REGENERATION NEWS

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#### BALLYMUN'S PAST REMEMBERED

Trinity College Historians "Eneclann" have been appointed to document the history of Ballymun. A major part of this historical report will involve local people from Ballymun telling their own story. The research team will begin work in June and hope to recruit individuals and groups interested in telling their stories and experiences.

We also want to include existing knowledge of anyone already involved in local or family history. Participants can receive 3rd level accreditation and there is also the potential for an MA.

*For further information contact: The History Project, Ballymun Regeneration, Stormstown House, Dublin 9 or email us at [brl@brl.ie](mailto:brl@brl.ie)*



## BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK APPROVED

Dublin City Council approved a proposal by Ballymun Regeneration Ltd and Green Property Plc to form a fifty-fifty joint venture company to develop the Ballymun Business and Technology Park. Ballymun Business and Technology Park Developments Ltd will develop between 90 and 100 acres of land on the Ballymun junction, fronting onto the M50 and the Ballymun Road. It will be developed in tune with the Masterplan for the new Ballymun and will provide many opportunities for local employment.

"Green Property Plc sees the Ballymun Business and Technology Park as a high profile, flagship project of international significance and that is very important to us," says Ciaran Murray, Managing Director, Ballymun Regeneration.

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High quality landscaping will be fundamental to the design, providing elegant and safe open places to complement the buildings. Energy consumption will be minimised during construction and operation of the Business and Technology Park. Public transport, cycle and pedestrian facilities will be emphasised on site.

#### **Employment:**

The project management team will appoint an Employment Liaison Officer as a facilitator between potential employers and the local community, schools, colleges, employment groups and statutory bodies. He or she will work with the Local Employment Service, Ballymun Job Centre and the Ballymun Partnership.

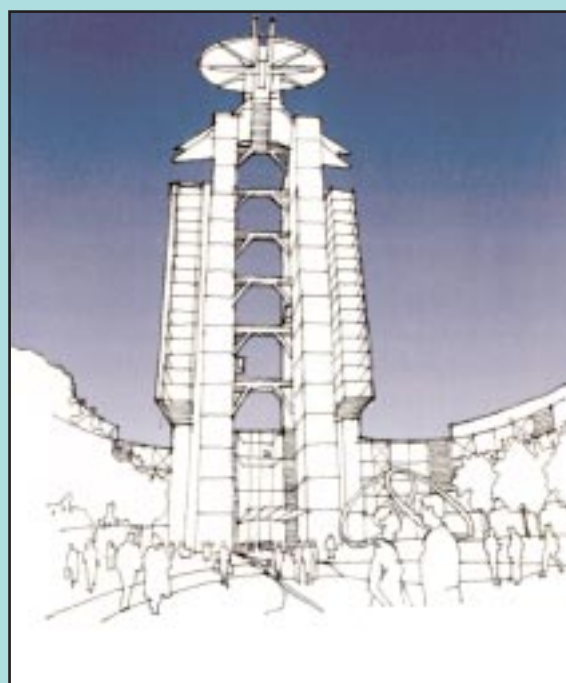
An "Employment Exchange" building will be one of the first buildings on site and will be central to the local employment drive. It will be made available free of charge for the duration of the development process to all prospective employees and employers, relevant statutory and community organisations, groups and individuals.

#### **Community focus:**

"The Employment Exchange building will continue as a centre for interaction between the local community and the occupiers of the Business and Technology Park with displays of products produced on site and

presentations and exhibitions to the local community and schools of new technological innovations," says Ciaran Murray.

"In developing the site, we will be seeking to maximise links with the existing fabric of Ballymun," says Stephen Vernon, Managing Director, Green Property Plc.



## **Ballymun Arts and Community Resource Centre**



*An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, TD, wearing the colourful Arts & Community Resource Centre yellow cap with pupils from Holy Spirit Girls & Boys National School, Scoil an Tseachtar Laoch, Virgin Mary National School and St Joseph's National School.*

**B**allymun Arts and Community Resource Centre team was delighted to welcome An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, T.D. and Sile De Valera, TD, Minister for

Arts & Culture to officially turn the first sod at the site of the new centre in April. This community led project costing £5.9 million is supported by the EU Urban Programme through Round Limited, Ballymun Partnership, Dublin Corporation, The Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, the Department of the Environment and Local Government and Ballymun Regeneration Limited. An Taoiseach praised the hard work and commitment by local arts and community development groups who campaigned to ensure Ballymun Arts and Community Resource Centre will soon be a reality.

BRL's in-house architects designed the building and Duggan Brothers started construction work on the site which is near McDonagh Tower in March. Facilities at the centre will include a theatre with seating for approximately 200 people, a second performance space, training rooms, crèche, café bar, recording studio, offices for community development groups and other space for various uses.

*Contact Sean Cooke at the Ballymun Partnership, telephone 842 3612 for more information.*

## Building Update

### Phase 1 Housing:

- Enabling Works on Santry Avenue are progressing on schedule. Bulldozers moved on site in October 1999 to build an access road from Santry Avenue to Shangan Road, to replace sewers and remove pylons and electric cables to enable construction of Phase 1 Housing Schemes at Coultury and Shangan.
- The building contractor for the first houses on Belclare Drive went on site on 2nd May 2000
- The contract is due to be signed in the coming weeks for Shangan Avenue scheme (67 homes) and we hope to see the building contractor on site by the end of May 2000.
- Tenders have been received and are currently being reviewed for the following 5 schemes:  
MV Cullinan and Gerry Cahill schemes at Sillogue/Sandyhill, Cathal Crimmins scheme at Burren Court and the Levitt Bernstein and BRL schemes at Coultury/Shangan.
- Tenders have been invited for the MacCormac Jamieson Prichard scheme at Coultury, the Gilroy McMahon and Peter Twamley schemes at Santry Avenue and the O'Mahoney Pike scheme at Balcurris and are due back in May 2000.
- Balcurris scheme is under judicial review.
- First demolitions will take place after the first homes are built and occupied - approximately Autumn/Winter 2001.



Architect Fionnuala Rogerson with Ciaran Murray, Managing Director, BRL and Tom Gilligan, McCabes Builders, signing the contract for the first houses on Belclare Drive which went on site on 2nd May.

### Phase 2 Housing:

- Planning applications for all the Phase 2 housing schemes should be lodged with Dublin Corporation before the end of May.

### Commercial Property:

- Building contractors Duggan Brothers moved on site in March to build the Arts Centre and it is expected to be completed by Spring 2001 - (story page 2).
- Between 90 and 100 acres of land on the Ballymun junction, fronting the M50 and Ballymun Road, Dublin 9 will be developed as a Business and Technology Park in a joint venture between Green Property Plc and BRL - (see front page story).

## Ballymun children help design playgrounds



Local children from St. Joseph's School seen here on a recent visit with Consultants to playgrounds around the city as part of the process of designing

Ballymun's 12 new playgrounds.

The children visited Tolka Park playground and the new playground in Sheriff Street accompanied by Sr. Malen de Valle, Aishling Project and Lisa McKnight, LMK Consultants, Playground Specialists.

The children interviewed each other describing their favourite pieces of equipment and what they would like in Ballymun's new playgrounds. They recorded their interviews on dictaphones.

The plans for Ballymun include providing four new regional playgrounds and eight new local playgrounds.