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Sean, Dano and Debbie serving refreshments at the launch of 'life on the block'

LIFE ON THE BLOCK

Martin Folan
and the Columban Youth Project

Finglas born artist Martin Folan has been at work in a basement flat on Balcurris Road, Ballymun, since June this year. In collaboration with a group of young men aged 16 - 18 from the Columban Youth Project, the idea of daily 'life on the block' has been explored through photography, collage and dialogue. This process has resulted in two large painted art works for the hoardings at Balcurris playground.

On Wednesday 8th September, the first part of the work was presented to local children to be displayed on the interior hoarding of the Balcurris playground. This first piece was painted as a donation to the children and the work depicts well known cartoon characters including Barney and My Little Pony.

Speaking at the unveiling, Tara Stapleton, a youth worker with the Columban Youth Project said the "most remarkable aspect of this project is the donation

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of a painting by the young lads to the kids of the area and in particular the way the young lads value the playground”.

The second piece of work was unveiled at the exterior hoarding of the playground facing the back of 385 - 416 Balcurris Road, and features individual and group portraits of members of the group.

The young men involved in the project were Dano, Peo, Chip, Ger, Darren, Anto, Shane, Wayne, Shane P, Gerry and Rusty.

Life on the Block is part of the Hoardings Project, a cross-community arts initiative, between the Aisling Project, Balcurris Boys' Home, BRYR, BADIG, Community Arts Factory, Columban Youth Project and Breaking Ground is supported by BRL, GAMA and Piere. This latest unveiling follows the completion of other successful Projects including Looking out on Sunny Days, Michael McLoughlin's collaboration with Balcurris Boys' Home and 'Aisling Bhaile Munna', the result of Aoife Kane's work with the Aisling Project.

Pilot construction operative trainees graduate

In September, the pilot construction operative trainees attended a Graduation Ceremony in the FÁS Training Centre in Finglas. Having completed their training in May, the eleven trainees have now progressed into local jobs.



Attending the Graduation Ceremony from front left Frances Talbot, Manager, FÁS Finglas Training Centre, Gordan Muego, Ballymun Job Centre, John O'Dowd, Christopher Crennell, and Ken Powers, Trainees, Mary Woolhead, BRL, from back left Michael Bowden, Ballymun Job Centre, Mick McDonagh, Senior Architect, BRL, Adrian Browne, FÁS Finglas, Dessie Mulligan and Anthony Carberry, Trainees.

The graduation ceremony was well attended by current trainees, local contractors and representatives of the Ballymun Job Centre and BRL. Frances Talbot, Manager FÁS Finglas presented the trainees with their certificates.

“On behalf of the organisers of the training programme, FÁS Finglas, the Ballymun Jobs Centre and BRL, I congratulate each of the trainees and thank the local contractors for their participation in the work experience and job progression schemes,” said Mick McDonagh, Senior Architect, BRL.

The involvement of the Job Centre and BRL in recruitment, interview and selection processes ensures local Ballymun people are prioritised in this increasingly popular training programme.

There are currently 16 people enrolled in the programme, including twelve local people.

The next training programme will be delivered in early 2005 and if you are interested in finding out more contact Mary Woolhead, BRL on 01 222 5618 or Michael Bowden, Ballymun Jobs Centre on 01 842 5722.

Commemorating the Towers

Remember the Past in the Present

The 15 storey towers, the landmarks of Ballymun, are already beginning to disappear with the demolition of Pearse Tower during the summer. As these significant buildings fade from our landscape our memories of them and their place in our lives remain. The challenge now is to work together to agree how best to remember the towers and those they were named after.



In the September Newsletter, Noreen Lynch was said to be donating a tree for her grandson. Dhani Joseph is actually her nephew. The team at 'amaptoicare' apologise for the misprint.

Poppintree Park

Consultations on Poppintree park began in 1997 when the Masterplan was first developed. Earlier this year an extensive postal survey was undertaken which allowed us to identify the issues for the design workshops. The workshops were held on 8th and 9th of September in the Council Chambers in the Ballymun Civic Centre. This was the second stage of public consultation on the proposed new Park. People were invited to give their views on the existing Park and to propose ideas for a redesigned Park.

Over 90 people attended over the two days and expressed their views and ideas. The biggest issue for those attending was lack of security, the prevalence of anti-social behaviour in the Park and making it a safer and more pleasant place for people of all ages to use.

Other issues raised included pitches, park entrances, the pond, walkways & jogging tracks, playgrounds, facilities to meet the needs of all ages. The proposed housing at the south west corner of Poppintree Park adjoining Oakwood Close and Cedarwood Road was also discussed. A special public meeting to discuss the proposed housing was held on 2nd September.

The next stage in the process is the drawing up of detailed plans for the new Park which will be put on public display. Feedback from the public display will be considered in the final design before the formal Part 8 Planning process is initiated.



Poppintree Park workshop held on 9th September in Ballymun Civic Centre

BRL thanks all those who responded to the survey and attended the workshops and invites all residents to become involved in the next stage of consultation.

The new Axis Arts Programme was launched on 23rd September by internationally acclaimed actor Stephen Rea in the Theatre of the Axis Arts and Community Resource Centre. The programme was presented to Stephen by Tina Segner.



For a copy of the Axis Arts Programme Oct 2004 - Jan 2005 contact Axis on: 01 883 2100 or email info@axis-ballymun.ie.

Garden fever grips Ballymun

Gardening fever has gripped residents of the new houses and it is hopefully here to stay. For some, having a garden brings the opportunity to expand existing gardening skills, while for others it is the chance to start a new adventure in gardening.

GAP Ballymun is helping these budding gardeners to blossom by running Garden Action Teams. The programme was developed by GAP community gardener Bernie Kinsella and each team is made up of four neighbours from the new housing in Ballymun. They come together as a team to complete a six week gardening course. The course provides an introduction to gardening by covering some gardening theory and a practical project. "I knew nothing about gardening until I met Bernie," says Tina Beatty, one of the participants in the Garden Action Team. The project gives each of the four residents a chance to dig and prepare a bed in their own gardens. A great team spirit develops over the weeks as every team member has to help dig their neighbour's garden.

As the course is run in the teams' own homes it leads to a very relaxed atmosphere; swapping gardening tips and plants or having a chat over a cup of tea... well there has to be rest from the digging sometimes!

The Garden Action Teams have gone from strength to strength, with team members going on to create the type of garden that suits their own tastes. There is so much interest that Gap recently hired Sinead Finn as their

second community gardener. These new gardeners are proving so inspirational that some recently featured in an Irish Times article. It is the residents of Ballymun and their great community spirit that are making these teams such a success. GAP Ballymun will have four new teams starting up in September '04. And it doesn't stop there, during the month of October, there will be a bulb sale in each of the new Ballymun estates, with different varieties of daffodils being sold at fantastic prices. We are currently trying to recruit volunteers from these areas to help the GAP Community Gardeners with the sale.

So if you would like to find out more about the bulb sale or are interested in taking part in a Garden Action Team, please contact Bernie or Sinead on 01 862 5846.



Member of a Garden Action Team in Marewood, from left Alice Hanney, Breda Mahony, Julie Croghan

Where is the Bulb Sale On?

When is the Bulb Sale On?

Whiteacre Crescent	Monday 11th October
Gateway Estate	Tuesday 12th October
Sallowood/Forestwood	Wednesday 13th October
Longdale Terrace	Monday 18th October
Coultry Way	Tuesday 19th October
Marewood Estate	Wednesday 20th October

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Axis Arts Friends Scheme membership entitles you to:

- Avail of 2 complimentary tickets to 3 different productions of your choice per annum (value €100)
- A regular mail out of information on the forthcoming programme of events
- Priority booking for all performances
- Concession rates on all events
- Invitations to openings and special events
- Acknowledgement on the Axis website
- Various other offers will be notified to each member by letter with the programme of events to enable advance booking for the shows of your choice.

Name

Address

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Telephone Number



Send your entries for the **Name That Street Competition** to Aine Cronin, Ballymun Regeneration Ltd, Civic Centre, Main Street Ballymun, Dublin 9

Closing Date for entries is Friday 22nd October, 2004.

The correct will be entered into a draw and the winner will be notified on the Monday 25th October.

Name That Street?

Can you match the picture with the street name.

The winner will receive a one year Axis Arts Friends Scheme membership (see back for details)



A Whiteacre Crescent

B Forrestwood Avenue

C Marewood Grove



A **B** **C**



A **B** **C**



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Please tick appropriate boxes