



# BALLYMUN

## REGENERATION NEWS

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*'ZIP' by Corban Walker in the Civic Centre atrium*

## PHASE 4 MOVING AHEAD

Residents will be pleased to hear that the architects have now been appointed for all Phase 4 schemes. The design teams will prepare sketch designs, and put them on exhibition, as part of the consultation process with residents, in the first half of 2005. Nearly all the Phase 4 sites are dependent on demolitions taking place. BRL aims to apply for planning permission for the Phase 4 schemes before the end of 2005 so that building can start as soon as the sites become available, during 2006 and 2007.

FKL Architects and Mitchell and Associates Architects have been appointed to design Shangan 5a and 5b which are located on either side of a newly realigned Shangan Avenue, between Shangan Gardens and the rear gardens of the houses on Oldtown Road. Currently on part of this site are two occupied 4-storey blocks containing numbers 1 -56 Shangan Avenue.

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**HEALTH & SAFETY**  
If you see anything outside of working hours that you are concerned about on the building sites please contact Ballymun Gardaí at 01 666 4400



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Proctor and Matthews Architects have been appointed to the Shangan 9 site, which also cannot go on site until demolition occurs. The site is at the rear of new Ballymun Civic Centre.

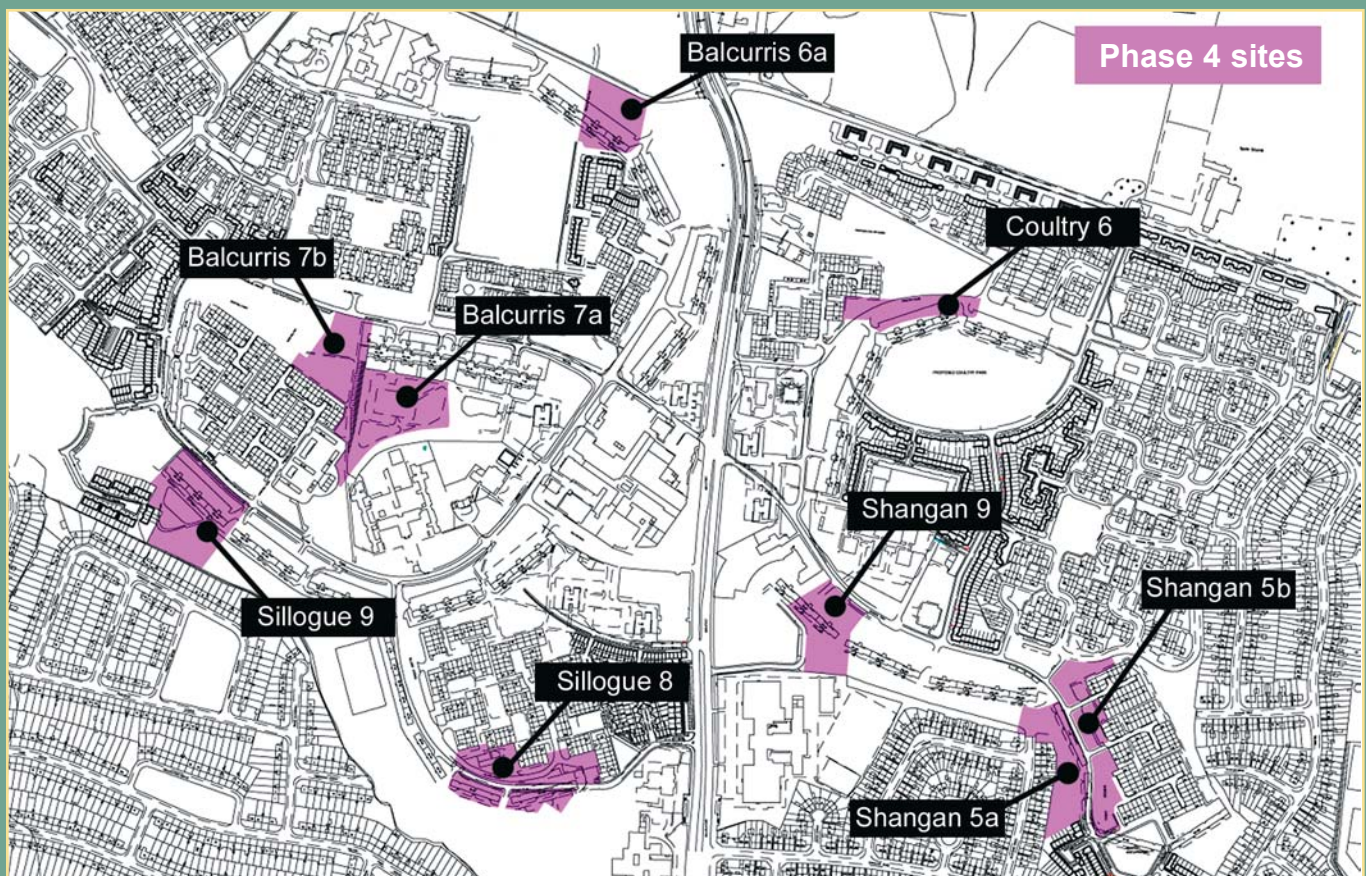
O'Mahony Pike Architects have been appointed to design the new housing scheme at Coultry 6, which is located on the newly realigned Coultry Road between Coultry Park and Coultry Gardens on a site which will be created when 187 - 282 Coultry Road is demolished.

Howley Harrington Architects have been appointed to design Sillogue 8, a site located on either side of Sillogue Avenue on the site which will be created when the 4-storey block 73 - 128 Sillogue Avenue are demolished.

Sillogue 9 is located on a site currently occupied by the 8-storey block, 373 - 468 Sillogue Road. McGarry Ni Eanaigh Architects have been appointed to design this scheme.

Duffy Mitchell O'Donoghue Architects and Grafton Architects are designing housing on two sites: Balcurris 7a & 7b. These schemes will be built on a site created by the demolition of the 8-storey block 97 - 192 Balbutcher Lane, and in front of Sandyhill Gardens.

Newenham Mulligan and Associates have been appointed to design housing on Balcurris 6, a site which faces onto Balcurris Park on a site which will be created through the demolition of the 8-storey block 193 - 288 Balcurris Road.



## Safer Ballymun

Safer Ballymun is a partnership involving the Gardai, Dublin City Council, BRL and local residents. "Safer Ballymun is the latest in a number of initiatives where we're working together, to access, monitor and control the level of anti-social behaviour in the area," says Garda Inspector Karl Heller. "Everyone interested in tackling anti-social behaviour in Ballymun is welcome to become involved. It's an example of 'Ní neart go cur le chéile' - working together we can achieve more in ending anti-social behaviour, than any one of us could do on our own". This welcome initiative is happening in advance of

legislation which is expected to establish local policing committees, to include representatives of the Local Authority and An Garda Síochána, in an attempt to reduce crime and disorder, as well as reducing alcohol and drug abuse - all of which can contribute to anti-social behaviour in an area. Safer Ballymun is also very concerned with improving estate management in Ballymun; in ensuring that residents, especially young people, are consulted as part of the decision making process; and in ensuring that Ballymun becomes an even safer, more pleasant place to live.



## Jobs: BRL pursuing Swedish furniture giant IKEA

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage & Local Government has cleared the way for IKEA, the world-famous Swedish flat-pack furniture outlet, to open a store in Ireland, and Ballymun Regeneration Ltd is determined to do everything possible to ensure that IKEA's Irish store will be in Ballymun.

IKEA will employ approximately 500 people in its Irish operation. BRL says that it will work closely with FAS, the Ballymun Job Centre and IKEA to ensure that local people are employed, if the store sets up in Ballymun.

“BRL has been talking to IKEA about coming to Ballymun since 1997. We identified IKEA as a business which would help the economy of the area and provide

approximately 500 jobs, many of which will be suitable for local people,” says Ciarán Murray, Managing Director of Ballymun Regeneration Ltd. “We look forward to IKEA coming to Ballymun and will do all we can to make sure it happens.”

Ballymun is the ideal location for such an outlet as it is close to two motorways (M1 and M50), the Airport and the Dublin Port Tunnel.

IKEA has flat-pack furniture outlets in more than 20 countries around the world and thousands of Irish people travel to the UK every year to the stores.

**To find out more about IKEA visit [www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com).**

## 500<sup>th</sup> tree donor wins trip to Paris



Artist Jochen Gerz of amaptocare and Padraic Brennan of McCabe Builders presenting Joanne Coffey and Dillon Hand with a trip to Paris as winners of amaptocare's 500th tree donor competition

Congratulations to Joanne Coffey who last month became amaptocare's 500th tree donor. Joanne and her partner Dillon have won a trip for two to Paris thanks to McCabe Builders. Joanne, from Coultry in Ballymun, was thrilled to have won and said: “The trees will contribute to a cleaner and brighter Ballymun”. Joanne has chosen Coultry as the location for her tree which she has donated in memory of her mother.

Padraic Brennan of McCabe Builders who generously sponsored the prize said: “We were more than happy to be associated with the amaptocare project. McCabe builders have a long-standing relationship with the Ballymun area and are very proud of our involvement with the regeneration of Ballymun. We would also like to wish the prize winners the best of luck and hope they

enjoy their trip to Paris”. Joanne and Dillon plan to go to Paris for Valentine's Day.

As well as having her tree planted, Joanne's name will join the other hundreds of donors, including comedian Des Bishop, whose names will be engraved on the new Civic Plaza.

Des took time out of his busy nationwide tour to donate a tree for Ballymun last month to highlight the importance of trees and meet with students from Ballymun Senior Comprehensive. He joins other celebrity donors including Aslan, the Frames and actor Stephen Rea.

**Anyone interested in donating a tree should contact the amaptocare team at Axis on 01 883 2110.**



Des Bishop plants a tree for amaptocare in Shangan with students from Ballymun Comprehensive (transition year, teacher Frances Neary)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY FREE OF CHARGE IN 2005

This February the National College of Ireland (NCI) is offering a number of accredited courses of study to residents and to people working in Ballymun. The courses shown below are being provided by BRL free of charge.



### NCI Certificate in Committee Effectiveness Skills

Wed afternoon (2-5pm) AXIS starting 9th Feb 2005

The programme aims to help people, working in organisations, to master basic techniques relevant to their role; leadership, teamwork, conflict management. The course will also cover the general principles of managing and participating in voluntary & community organisations.

### NCI Certificate in Computer Fundamentals

Tue evening (6-8.30pm) AXIS starting on 8th Feb 2005

This programme provides an introduction to the major concepts and processes of Information Technology (IT) such as computer hardware, software and database management.

### NCI Certificate in Active Citizenship for Local Development

Thurs evening (6-8pm) AXIS, starting on 24th Feb 2005

The programme will enable participants, and in particular, those working in community development, to work more effectively by increasing understanding, and providing practical skills and knowledge of active citizenship.

### NCI Certificate in Oral History Practice

Wednesday evenings (6-8pm) AXIS, starting on 23rd Feb 2005

The programme aims to develop skills (interviewing, community research and writing) necessary to record and document life stories, local histories and community memories.

**For further details and to book your place please contact Michéle Ryan in NCI on 01 449 8544.**

## 'ZIP' - BALLYMUN CIVIC CENTRE HAS NEW ARTWORK

A wonderful new artwork by Dublin artist Corban Walker, who is well known internationally, was recently installed in the atrium of the Civic Centre. The light installation, 'Zip' is 6.8 metres high by 2 metres wide and is composed of specially crafted blue and green LED lights.

As one of Ireland's leading sculptors, Walker was asked to address the vast interior atrium of the Civic Centre. Struck by the enormous scale of this space, Walker proposed to make a work that both animated the space, and 'stitched' two walls together; thereby creating the illusion of zipping two corners of the atrium together.

This latest installation is part of Breaking Ground, the Ballymun Regeneration Limited Per Cent for Art Scheme. Following extensive community consultation, BG2 (Breaking Ground Phase 2) has received applications from a broad range of local community groups and schools interested in collaborating with artists on a range of new and exciting arts projects which will begin to unfold in 2005.

As a further dimension to BG2, at least five local artists will also be commissioned to create new works in the categories of visual arts, video, performance and writing. Applications will be made anonymously. Proposals will be judged by one of three selection panels. Local representatives on these selection panels are: Victoria Sargent, Edith Poole and Fiona Ginnell (for video and film); John Duffy, Frank Scalzo and Paddy Kavanagh (writing and performing arts); and Bea McMahon, Fergus Breathnach and Eddie Murphy (visual arts).

**If you are interested in finding out more please contact BG2 on 01 883 2112 or 01 883 2173.**

### Carrol singing in the Civic Centre atrium in aid of Sudan





# HOME COMPOSTER SALE

€20



## SPECIAL OFFER! CALLING SOON!

Compost bins for sale  
at your doorstep!

### WHY COMPOST?

- Save on bin charges
- A place for your grass cuttings and organic kitchen waste
- Be environmentally friendly and reduce waste

BRL & GAP are selling composters to houses in Ballymun at the SPECIAL REDUCED PRICE of €20 on the mornings of:

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> of February &  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2005

Composting is a quick and easy way to reduce household waste.

A small booklet explaining everything about your composter and composting comes with the composter... and GAP Ballymun are always available to give advice..

We will try and call to every house in Ballymun over the two weekends, but if you would like to guarantee the delivery of your composter, you can pre-book delivery by calling Roger, Sharon or Alison at GAP Ballymun on 01 862 5846. The GAP team can also help if you have any questions about composting or recycling in general.

*Please note: Home Composters are only suitable for backgardens*

[www.ballymuninfo.ie](http://www.ballymuninfo.ie)

SPECIAL REDUCED RATE

## Ballymun will have lots of new community facilities

**B**RL is keeping the promises made in the Masterplan to provide new community facilities including parks, pitches, playgrounds and buildings. An extensive network of facilities for community and voluntary groups is being provided for existing groups, so that they can continue to provide services; but there will also be provision for new organisations that want to get started in the area.



*Coultry Neighbourhood Centre (photo November 2004)*

“The new neighbourhood centres will become the focus of activity in each area and purpose built facilities, creches, buildings for youth groups and sports clubs will ensure that there is plenty to do for all ages both indoors and outdoors.” says Sheena McCambley, Ballymun Regeneration Ltd.

### Many new community facilities will open their doors in 2005:

- Ballymun Regional Youth Resource’s Central Youth Facility is undergoing a total transformation and their new facility is due to open during 2005. Included in the centre will be a café, gym, a youth information room and workshop, arts room, public internet space, internet classroom and a conference/meeting room.
- The new public pool and gym will open on the Main Street as soon as Ceannt Tower is fully demolished. The centre will cater for pay-per-visit at the same price as other new Dublin City Council pools, such as the one in Finglas. In addition, people can join for the year and this will be a less expensive option for people who intend to use the leisure centre a few days every week.

The facility will be available for local schools and groups and has many extras that the old pool did not have; including a sauna and steam room and a large fully fitted out gym, where there will be a variety of aerobic and yoga classes.

- Two of the four neighbourhood centres will open in 2005, Coultry and Poppintree. In Coultry the four shop units will be finished in March 2005, then the creche and finally the forum offices. The Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre is also nearing completion and is due to be finished around April 2005. As well six shop units, there will also be workshop spaces to assist the development of small local enterprise businesses. If you are interested please contact Mary Woolhead on 01 222 5618. The other two neighbourhood centres in Shangan and Sillogue will be finished in 2006 and 2007.
- All neighbourhood centres will include residential units as well as community & retail space.

### Other new Community Facilities:

- Contractors are going on site to build the North Poppintree Community Centre later this year. The Community Centre will facilitate both youth clubs and a boxing club as well as having sports rooms, outdoor pitches and a playground and creche.
- A brief for the refurbishment of the Ballymun East Community Centre is currently being developed in conjunction with local groups operating in the Shangan and Coultry areas.



*New pool (photo December 2004)*