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Proposed new IKEA store

IKEA COMES ONE STEP CLOSER

Ballymun Regeneration Limited is delighted with the announcement that Fingal County Council has granted planning permission for the country's first IKEA store, in Ballymun.

This announcement means that we are another step closer to the realisation of 500 new jobs for Ballymun. According to Ciaran Murray, Managing Director of BRL, there is already a huge amount of work being done to ensure that the vast majority of these jobs go to people from the area.

"The opening of IKEA will make Ballymun a destination to visit, and that's exactly what the new town needs," says Ciaran Murray, Managing Director, BRL. "We have been working closely with IKEA for several years to attract them to Ballymun as part of the economic, social and physical regeneration of the area. We will work with The Ballymun Partnership, The Job Centre, FÁS and the local schools to ensure that local people are trained and ready for the arrival of IKEA."

The planning permission granted by Fingal County Council says that IKEA must provide a shuttle bus and improved pedestrian and cycling facilities from Ballymun Main Street to and from the store.

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

JUST and DCU bring new opportunities to Ballymun

More and more Ballymun residents are getting the opportunity to study at third level thanks to The Jesuits JUST programme and Dublin City University. JUST is a programme which provides help to people from Ballymun who are in 3rd level education or who want to go.

The new off campus facility is to be located in Shangan Neighbourhood Centre from early next year but will eventually be located on the Main Street of the town. Fr Kevin O'Higgins SJ, JUST director, is delighted with the co-operation of BRL in setting up the programme and providing the premises. He also pointed out that many other local groups have been involved including the Ballymun partnership.

The Irish Jesuits Province have been working in Ballymun for the last 25 years and are known world wide for their work in education. The JUST programme is open to anybody who is eligible to go to university.

The participants are provided with the facilities, materials and support they need to further their education. Currently there are around 20 people involved in the programme who are either in 3rd level or about to go. According to Fr O'Higgins the gap between the number of people attending 3rd level education in areas like Ballymun and the rest of the country is enormous, but with programmes like JUST this can be reduced greatly.

Dublin City University is also celebrating its 25th year this year and has made a formal commitment to provide Ballymun residents with the opportunity to study at 3rd level in Ballymun.

If you would like further information on the JUST programme you can go to the website www.justballymun.org, e-mail them on justballymun@eircom.org or phone them on 01 521 1728.



Belclare Avenue residents, winners of the Best Kept Area in the Ballymun Tidy Towns Competition.

From left to right: Anne Cushion, Mary Couch, Linda Harris, Florence Roche, Keith, Calvin, Keiron, Carl, Christopher, Sophie, Emma, Callum, Carl, Glen and Sean.

Furniture recycling in Ballymun

The October Harvest Market saw the launch of the Rediscovery Centre Furniture Recycling Project, where furniture that had been restored and recycled over the last few months was on show for the first time, and sold out in a matter of hours!



Many unwanted items of furniture are often thrown out before the end of their useful life and usually end up in landfill or are “fly tipped”. However many pieces of furniture may only have a small fault such as a damaged surface or leg and with some care and repair would be suitable for reuse.

If you have some furniture that you think could be repaired or restored you can reach the project on 01 842 2078. While not all furniture is suitable for restoration or



recycling, if you give us a call we can offer some further information and advise you on your options.

If you would like to see what finished furniture we have in stock, contact us on the above number to arrange a viewing.

This project is a partnership initiative between a number of organisations in the public and community sectors including Ballymun Regeneration Limited, Poppintree Environmental Project, FÁS, Sunflower Recycling and Dublin City Council.

To find out more on this or other aspects of the project contact Andy Wilson (BRL) on 01 222 5757.

BALLYMUN – FAIRTRADE TOWN



Launch Celebration at the
New Ballymun Plaza Hotel
5pm 23rd November 2006



Global Action Plan (GAP) and Ballymun FairTrade Towns Steering Committee invite you to celebrate this achievement with us and the Lord Mayor plus special guests!

This launch event will not only recognise and celebrate all the hard work that has been put in by the people of Ballymun but will continue to raise Irish people's awareness of the FairTrade Mark and its contribution to other less well off communities around the world.



For further information please do not hesitate to contact
Roger on 01 862 5846 or Lynn on 01 222 5605



Harvest Market attracts huge crowds

Ballymun Civic Office Atrium was awash with homemade goods and organic produce on 12th October as the first Ballymun Harvest Market took place in association with Ballymun Regeneration Limited and Global Action Plan.

Groups such as Eco Shop from Wicklow took part in the Harvest Market along with many voluntary and community groups from the area, including Sillogue ECO, Ballymun Youthreach Framing Craft Enterprise, The Krafty Things and The Furniture Recycling Project which had its official launch at the market.

One of the main organisers of the market, Ian Callanan of Global Action Plan, believes that such events are very important as they show local residents that there is a market out there for their goods and it also brings new consumers and producers into Ballymun. He commented that people were so enthusiastic about the event that many arrived before it opened to start buying.



The Krafty Things are from left to right; Janice Broe, Margaret Horigan and Pamela Hackett. They are serving Maria Thompson



Locals check out what's on offer at the Harvest Market

This new market idea started back in the spring with the vegetable plant sale. This was used as a testing ground to see if people around the area would be interested in the concept. It is hoped to eventually hold the market on the new plaza on Main Street.

The Harvest Market certainly highlighted the quality of goods being produced here in Ballymun. Not only that but the variety is also very impressive. Whether you're looking for a Capri Sun carry bag, an LP clock, a new set of table and chairs or a quality picture framing service, you don't have to look any further than this town. Customers of the market seemed to be in agreement with this as some of the stalls were nearly empty by the end of the day.

On the day awards were also presented to the winners of the different categories in the local tidy towns awards organised by Ballymun Waste Working Group. Dr Peter Wise Jackson, director of the Botanic Gardens judged the best Garden competition along with Dorothea Burger of BRL.

**Congratulations to
Joseph M. Doyle of 62 Coultry Gardens
who is the winner of last month's competition. He wins a night for
two in Days Dublin Airport Hotel including dinner and breakfast.**

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Competition

This month's competition is for a night for two in The Ballymun Plaza hotel. Breakfast and dinner is included in this prize.



**To win this fabulous prize, answer the three questions below (answers in this newsletter's articles)
and return to BRL by 17th November 2006.**

1. How many jobs will the new IKEA bring to Ballymun?

2. Who is the director of the Botanic Gardens?

3. How long have the Jesuits been in Ballymun?

Name -----

Address -----

Telephone Number -----

**Fill out the form and return it to the 3rd floor reception of the Civic Offices, or post to
Ballymun Regeneration Limited, Newsletter Competition, Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 9.**

Please tear along the dotted line