



BALLYMUN

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City Manager, John Tierney, BRL Managing Director, Ciaran Murray pictured with Christine Quinn, New York City Council Speaker and other New York City Councillors on a recent visit to Ballymun for St. Patrick's Day.

POSITIVE TURN FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IN BALLYMUN

Since the preparation of the Masterplan in 1998, the economy of Ballymun has experienced an upward trend in terms of local job provision, and new business start-ups.

A survey carried out at the beginning of 2006 found that 38% or 661 people employed in the area are locals. Many of these local people were employed in Community, Social Services and Non-Profit, Retail and Childcare sectors. From the figures compiled, 275 were employed full-time while 386 were employed on a part time basis.

In relation to jobs in Ballymun created directly as a result of the regeneration project overall, 465 were in the public sector, including such areas as Dublin City Council, BRL, the Civic Centre, the Health Board, and the swimming pool. In the private sector 817 jobs were created in areas such as construction, hotels, and retail.

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

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Current estimates put the number of new jobs to be created by the end of the regeneration project at around



New jobs as a result of regeneration

3,000 not including those in the M50 lands such as IKEA. The IKEA store will provide approximately 500 jobs over a range of sectors from managerial to retail to childcare and including full time and part time jobs, which are important for those combining a career with family commitments.

Economic development is an important part of the overall regeneration process- along with physical, social and environmental aspects. It is BRL's job to attract and retain economic development in the area and thus increase the number and range of jobs available. Additionally BRL work with agencies such as Ballymun Job Centre, Ballymun Partnership and FAS to try to ensure that local people are in a position to take up the opportunities which arise.

A follow up study is to take place this summer in order to continue to monitor progress in local employment.

Contractors' Code of Good Practice

BRL understands that the public is concerned about the way in which contractors carry out works on site and more particularly when performing works on our streets and in the public spaces and so has implemented a first for Ireland, a Considerate Contractor scheme, to ensure that everybody responsible for construction takes due care and consideration for residents and businesses who could be affected by their activities. This is particularly important for people with disabilities, including blind and partially-sighted people.

Already, the majority of existing contractors working in Ballymun have voluntarily signed up to the new Considerate Contractor Code and from now on all contractors will be required to comply with it.

What is the Considerate Contractor Code?

- The code protects public and council assets and amenities, including footpaths, nature-strips, kerb and road channels.
- It provides direction and guidance to the building and construction industry when carrying out works in the Ballymun area.
- Under the Code, all contractors will have to ensure that the public are provided with excellent standards of safety, quality and customer care from all contractors working on our streets whether they are laying pavements, laying utilities or constructing roads, constructing homes or community facilities, etc.



One of Ballymun's many building sites

- The Code states that the public should be informed, and where appropriate, consulted about potential disruption and congestion arising from construction site works, street works and works on public spaces in their locality.
- Conflict between contractors and members of the public can be significantly reduced by careful planning, safer working practices, and being considerate.

BRL take the issue of site safety very seriously and investigate all issues brought to our attention by the public. If you see anything which you consider to be a health and safety issue you should contact BRL Health and Safety on 01 222 5734.

Children's Transition Programme

CAFTA (Community & Family Training Agency) and BRL have just finished running a very successful Children's Transition Programme with children from Whiteacre and Longdale.

The programmes help children in the big changes they face moving from life in the flats to new homes and areas. In the Children's Transition Programme children learn

about their community, different people who live in the community, taking care of the environment, respecting public property and dealing with bullying. This is all done using games, song writing, drama, art and having lots of fun!

Look out for a Children's Transition Programme coming to your area!

Super Valu's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Children from The Allsorts Club (children with special needs) having fun at the Super Valu Easter Egg Hunt



Lee Duffy has an eye for chocolate, even when its hidden among the vegetables

Park Questionnaire - Win An iPod

In this month's newsletter Ballymun Regeneration Limited would like to get the opinions and suggestions of young people **between the ages of 5 and 18** in Ballymun on their local parks. By filling in and submitting the questionnaire below by the **31st of May**, you will be in with a chance to win an iPod, courtesy of Ballymun Regeneration Limited.

Personal Details

Name _____	Age _____
Address _____	

Phone / Mobile No. _____	

Q1. What parks do you use? (Please tick any which apply)

Balcurris Park

Poppintree Park

Coutry Park

Albert College Park

Santry Demesne

Other _____

Q2. What is your favourite park(s)?

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