



# BALLYMUN

## REGENERATION NEWS

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Chief Architect Derry Solon, Matt Stevens, Architect (left) and Ciaran Murray MD of BRL (right), pictured with Minister John Gormley and future residents of Emerald Housing

## NEXT GENERATION OF LOW CARBON HOMES

Minister John Gormley T.D, Minister for the Environment, Heritage, and Local Government, announced details of the next generation of low carbon homes in Ireland whilst turning the sod on the Emerald Project in Ballymun during the summer.

The Emerald eco Project is partly funded by Ballymun Regeneration Ltd and comprises of 37 houses and apartments and will be one of the most energy efficient housing developments ever built in Ireland. Some of the main features of the Emerald project will be, negative Co2 usage rating, solar panels and green roofs.

This is the first time that most of these innovations will have been used in a project of this size, and certainly the first time that most of these will have been used in social and co-operative housing.

Emerald will have a co-operative vision amongst its residents and partners (Cluid). The ultimate challenge of living in a groundbreaking eco building such as this is only a part of the way towards a healthier lifestyle. How the residents live and interact within this building as neighbours is the overall challenge.

#### 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



Dublin City  
Baile Átha Cliath

## axis events

**A**xis has a packed programme of events coming up which includes events to suit all interests. If you would like to receive a copy of our new brochure call 01 883 2100 or email your address to [info@axis-ballymun.ie](mailto:info@axis-ballymun.ie). Alternatively you can download a copy from our website ([www.axis-ballymun.ie](http://www.axis-ballymun.ie)), where you can also get up-to-date news and more information on upcoming events. Watch out as classes in axis resume in September. With classes in Irish Dancing, Ballet, Aerobics, Hip-Hop, Taiko Drumming, Drama, Art, Singing, Guitar, Drumming and Piano, there is something for everyone.

### Season Highlights @ axis:

#### Meltdown (As part of Dublin Fringe Festival)

**Dates & Times:** 7th - 12th September @ 8pm

**Tickets:** €15/12

What do you do when your marriage breaks down, your job vanishes, your investment turns into debt and your team can't get off the bottom of the league? What else can you do but rely on the old friendships, smoke a good cigar and play the beautiful game.

Four life-long friends dance their way through a season of relegation battles, marital disharmony, global economic collapse... and a fog of cigar smoke as they discover the Zen of man-to-man marking ...



*'Meltdown' ...a comedy of survival*



*'Blanch'...where you can always be sure of a bargain*

#### The Blanch (As part of Dublin Fringe Festival)

**Dates & Times:** 16th - 19th September @ 8pm

**Tickets:** €15/12

Welcome to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, where you can always be sure of a bargain ... especially when you use your 5-finger discount.

Today the shopping centre is full... full of characters. Outsize Orlagh is after a designer fit and Enda is shopping for the latest thing, but the kids are driving them mad. Jacintha and Dijon (just off the 220 bus) are shopping for free, while the Cavan farmers are after some ham. Security has his eye on everyone, but the economy is crumbling, credit cards are crunching, and everyone's going out of control....

Come visit 'The Blanch' to see these band of buffoons (outcast clowns from god-knows-where) take over axis theatre to present their anarchic show based on the 'real-life' Blanchardstown Centre. The show features live music and is a ruthless comedy not for the faint-hearted or children.

## Shangan Court – Are you interested in purchasing an Apartment?

**Shangan Court is a thirty-apartment development at Shangan Neighbourhood Centre. There are four one bedroom, eight two bedroom and two duplex apartments remaining in this ideally located complex. If you would like further information or would like arrange a viewing of the development please contact Lisney Estate Agents on 01 884 0700.**

<b>One Bedroom Apartments</b>	<b>€125,000</b>
<b>Two Bedroom Apartments</b>	<b>€150,000</b>
<b>Two Duplex Apartments</b>	<b>€165,000</b>

## Silloge Green Play Day

On Thursday 6th August 09, residents of Silloge Green who have formed a 'Friends of the Park' group hosted a Play Day in their local neighbourhood park. The event helped to encourage local parents to make time to support their children's play and encouraged friends and neighbours to 'get out and play the good old fashioned way'. Luckily for everyone involved, the day of the event was a gloriously sunny day at the end of a long spell of bad weather. Children of all ages enjoyed a variety of play opportunities such as play dough, sand, water, dress up and street games. "It's hard to believe that simple ideas which cost very little can capture children's attention and provide so much fun", said one parent from the area.

The purpose of holding this type of event is to involve and encourage as many families as possible in a celebration of children's right to play. The 'Friends of the Park' hosted this event to promote the positive use of the newly developed parks and playgrounds and encourage children to play in local streets and neighbourhoods in Ballymun. The success of this type of event depends greatly on community involvement that can only happen with the commitment of local residents working together.



*Getting messy at Silloge Green Play day*

Support for the event was provided by BRL Play Development Officer, DCC Community Development Team, BRL Safer Ballymun Co-ordinator, BNC and An Garda Síochána.

**If you are interested in hosting a 'Play Day' in your neighbourhood please contact Debby Clarke BRL Play development Officer @ 01 222 5609**

## Breaking Ground

### Carl Doran

#### People's Postcard Project

Carl Doran was commissioned by Breaking Ground to undertake a new work in response to Ballymun's emerging intercultural community. Basing himself within the Ballymun Farmer's Market and the Civic Centre in the summer of 2009, Carl offered to make personalised postcards for passers-by, which were then sent to a recipient of their choice for free.

Carl will host a one-day open culture event with music and refreshments for all the participants, friends, family and the greater Ballymun Community on Saturday 29 August, from 2 to 5 pm, in Axis. It will also provide an opportunity to see copies of the postcards made for the project.

### Kevin Atherton

#### Another Sphere

Kevin Atherton's pair of stainless steel hemispheres will be sited in two different parts of the new Balcurris Park in Autumn 2009. The respective hemispheres, and the subjects reflected on their surfaces, will be continuously filmed by two CCTV cameras, which will transmit the two images to a central broadcasting point within the park. There, the images will be juxtaposed and simultaneously broadcast, as one complete sphere, on a screen housed in the park.



## Creating space for young people in Ballymun

The new park and playground located at Coultry Green was opened in November 2007. Following its opening local residents looked at the issue of providing social play and casual sports for young people/teenagers. Coultry Green 'Friends of the Park' comprised of residents living locally, in participation with BRL, DCC, BNC and Coultry Forum initiated a consultation process with young people to identify the need to provide a designated place where young people could meet and 'hang out' safely within the park. In May 2008 a 'hang out space' was installed in the park, relocation of trees created a space for soccer and an additional sports activity was provided by installing a basketball net. Funding for these developments was provided through the RAPID Playground Leverage Scheme.

This project clearly proves that consultation with young people encourages involvement and creates a sense of ownership and respect of local play and recreational facilities. By providing young people with their own designated space, the local community shows consideration and acceptance of this age group, making it easier for them to 'fit in'.

BRL would like to take this opportunity to thank BCON and Coultry Green 'Friends of the Park' group, in particular Janet Brazil, Eddie Rooney and Kathleen Leonard who took a special interest in this project and saw it through to its completion. We would also like to thank the young people who were involved in the consultation workshops and hope that they will continue to enjoy this facility.



*A 'hang out space' for young people at Coultry Green*

### Irish Heart Week

**'Walk for Heart' is the theme of this year's Irish Heart Week (21st – 27th September). The aim of this week is to get people more active and walking for their hearts!**

**To support this international initiative the Ballymun Tidy Towns committee and BRL will be hosting two walks on World Heart Day, Sunday 27th of September. The walk will start at the Plaza at 2pm.**

**First walk will follow the route of Ballymun's 'Sli na Slainte' route from the Civic centre to Coultry Park and**

**back. Walk length between 20 – 35 minutes.**

**The second walk will follow on from the first walk and will head up to Santry Demesne through the linear park link and return to Ballymun along Santry Avenue. Walk length between 60 – 90 minutes.**

### Positive Ageing Week

**Support Positive Ageing Week and Ballymun Active Living; join us on a brisk walk in the open air.**

**Tuesday 29th September at 2pm in Albert College Park.**

### Are you interested in growing your own vegetables?

Ballymun Regeneration is looking at the options for developing allotments in Ballymun. As part of this work we would like to know what level of interest is out there in Ballymun. If you would be interested in growing your own vegetables on an allotment in the Ballymun area, please let us know.

**For further information contact Roger Warburton on 01 222 8526.**



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