



# BALLYMUN

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#### 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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Former Republic of Ireland footballer and ambassador for the FAI, Ray Houghton, signs an autograph for Kathleen Cummins from Lifestart Ballymun at the Education Fair in the Civic Centre Ballymun

## BALLYMUN EDUCATION FAIR

GET INVOLVED IN EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LEARNING IN THE BALLYMUN/WHITEHALL AREA

**A**n action packed Education Fair took place in Ballymun Civic Centre on Thursday 10th of September. Sean Haughey TD, Minister for Lifelong Learning, officially opened the fair.

Ballymun Education Fair was organised by Ballymun Whitehall Area Partnership to promote learning, education and training opportunities for both adults and young people of all ages right in the heart of their own community. Forty organisations such as DCU and the National College of Ireland were in attendance providing information on what education opportunities are available to people from the Ballymun Whitehall Area.

Guest speakers from Ballymun were Virginia Maguire and Yasmin Lee who shared their inspiring experiences of learning and how it has changed their lives. Also in attendance was former Republic of Ireland footballer and ambassador for the FAI Ray Houghton. Mr Houghton praised the event and wished all participants great success in the future.

## The Block Hip-Hop Club

**T**he block hip-hop club began in 2004. With only three members initially, the club has gone from strength to strength and now has more than 100 members aged 4 –19yrs attending dance classes.

The second annual performance of “**THE BLOCK HIP HOP CLUB**” took place 18th, 19th, & 20th of August 2009 in the axis centre and was a roaring success. The three nights consisted of three local dance acts BFORCE, FUNKY DIVAS, KIDZ FROM THE BLOCK & guest performance’s by FIERCE.

**BFORCE:** These are the senior group ranging in age from 14 to 19yrs. Members have enjoyed much success in their short time together. BFORCE was the pride of Ballymun when they qualified to represent Ireland at the world championships in Germany last year. They have proved to be ambassadors for the club and indeed Ballymun.

**FUNKY DIVAS:** FUNKY DIVAS are indeed the mini divas, with the club ages ranging from six upwards. The group is dedicated to their dancing and have enjoyed success at many competitions, and they continue to grow in confidence.

**KIDZ FROM THE BLOCK:** These are the youngest members of the club with the youngest member aged just four. They made their first ever-public performance debut.

**This production was brought to you by DCC, BRL,**

**and BRISK. If you would like more information please contact Eileen Gleeson @ 01 222 5721 or Rosie King @ 01 222 5617.**



*One of the performers from the 'Block Hip-Hop Club' event at axis Ballymun*

## Making alterations to your home

**R**esidents should be aware that any alterations or changes made to the outside of their homes may require planning permission under the Planning and Development Act 2000 and/or permission from Dublin City Council as landlord. Such changes can include, the construction of front porches, front walls, the construction of driveways and any changes to the materials used in the front of the building.

Tenants are advised not to paint brickwork or plaster on brickwork or change the colour of the fronts of houses without the permission of the Council.

Residents are also advised not to carry out any structural internal changes or build garden walls or sheds without the Council’s advice and permission where necessary.

Failure to receive permission may result in tenants having to undo the work carried out and restore the property to

its original condition. Legal action could also be taken under the Enforcement section of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Some works may be exempt from planning permission depending on the circumstances and the extent of the works.

**Further details on these exemptions can be found at the following address: [www.environ.ie/developmentandhousing/planningdevelopment/planning/planningleaflets](http://www.environ.ie/developmentandhousing/planningdevelopment/planning/planningleaflets) or [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie)**

It should be noted that such exemptions might not apply to new housing schemes in Ballymun and in all cases residents are advised to contact Dublin City Council.

**For further information on requirements for planning permission contact the Planning Department at Dublin City Council @ 01 222 2222 or Ballymun Regeneration Limited @ 01 222 5660.**

## Art on the streets

The Ballymun Regional Youth Resource (BRYR) Street Art Project is an initiative that is included in the BRYR Outreach Programme. The project involves outdoor art sessions for children and young people aged 5-18 years of age and takes place annually from April to October. The programme is part funded by Ballymun Local Drugs Task Force, RAPID, and Ballymun Regeneration Ltd.

One project -the graffiti mural project- evolved from the street art programme and was developed by consulting with a group of young people in the Balcurris/Poppintree area. They designed and completed the graffiti art mural which is located on the hoarding at the soccer pitch in Balcurris Park. This type of project is a positive step towards providing additional and innovative play opportunities for children and young people in local streets and neighbourhoods.

For the moment the group, Ballymun's answer to Picasso prefer to remain anonymous, nevertheless, congratulations and well done and hopefully we will see

some more of your great work in the future.

**For more information contact Cathy Mooney or Stewart Dowe (BRYR) @ 01 866 7600 or Debby Clarke (BRL) @ 01 222 5609 or check out the BRYR web site at [www.bryr.ie](http://www.bryr.ie)**



*The graffiti art mural located beside the soccer pitch in Balcurris Park*

## Leinster Rugby & BRL Tag Rugby Fun Days

The Ballymun Youth Facility and Trinity Comprehensive kindly provided their superb grounds to host the Leinster and BRL - Tag Rugby Fun Day and although both soccer and gaelic football remain the dominant sporting codes in the Dublin 9 and 11 areas of the city, rugby has been slowly but steadily growing in the last few years. And the response from the children in the Ballymun area has been excellent.

In collaboration with BRL's Youth and Sports Coordinator, Leinster Rugby Community Development Officer and in conjunction with Unidare the Tag Rugby Fun Day facilitated activities for girls and boys from the

ages of 10 – 18yrs. Specific activity areas were organised so children of all abilities were able to participate.

**Any players, teachers, youth groups or parents in the north of the city who wish to become involved in the rugby game can contact Conor McNamara of Unidare RFC @ 087 203 4342, Leinster Branch's Niall Neville @ 087 263 4757 or Rosie King BRL @ 01 222 5617.**



## BRL Umbro 5-a-side Soccer & Basketball Leagues

**Get fit and have fun playing against other organisations from the Ballymun area. The leagues are designed to get more local organisations involved in sport regardless of fitness or skill.**

**We welcome ladies/men's teams and place them in suitable standards so everyone enjoys a monthly game of either soccer or basketball or even both.**

**Leagues are starting September 24th.**

**Leagues cost €10 per team and will be held on the last Thursday of every month from 4.30pm onwards.**

**To register contact Rosie King BRL @ 01 222 5617 ([rosie.king@dublincity.ie](mailto:rosie.king@dublincity.ie)) or Paddy O'Reilly @ 086 1743836.**

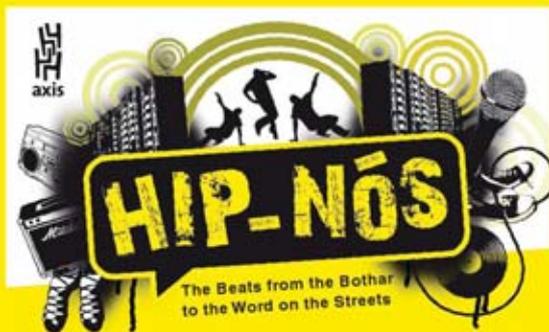
## Safer Ballymun Week 19th–23rd October

The Safer Ballymun Community Safety Forum will be calling all residents to join it in marking the first Safer Ballymun Week that will be held on the **19th–23rd October**. Safer Ballymun was established in 2005 and is a partnership where BRL, Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána work together with the community to make Ballymun a safer, cleaner, greener place in which to live.

Focussing on many aspects of community safety, the weeklong programme will feature an exciting programme

of events including the presentation of community safety awards by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Emer Costello. Highlights of the week will be events promoting crime prevention, an anti enviro-crime awareness blitz with street puppets on Ballymun Main Street, an open day at the Ballymun Garda Station, and much more!

For further information contact **Elise Finnigan, Community Safety Coordinator, @ 01 222 7870 or log on to [www.brl.ie](http://www.brl.ie) and click on Safer Ballymun.**



### axis takes local and international talent to Vicar St, Tuesday 20th of October

This October, axis will be taking over Vicar St. for one night only. After successfully touring it's unique show 'Hip-Nós' to New York, it's back home in Dublin and will take place as the big finale of 'Innovation Dublin 2009'. With special guests flying in from New York and South Africa, as well as local talent and some big name Irish stars still to be announced. This is not to be missed!

### The Beats from the Bóthar to the Word on the Streets!

Ireland's own Sean-Nós meets Hip-Hop and Spoken Word from far-flung places in a fusion of beats, dance, sounds and songs. 'Hip-Nós' is a unique event celebrating cultural diversity and Irish identity. Offering up a fresh mix of old and new, 'Hip-Nós' features Hip-Hop, Sean-Nós, Rap, Breakdancing and Spoken Word.

Think you've seen and heard it all? With top class acts from all over the world flying into Dublin for this event, immerse yourself in the cultures of New York, South Africa and our own home town as they blend with traditional Irish singing and dancing – this will be a show like no other!

Presented by axis Ballymun, 'Hip-Nós' is brought to you in partnership with Innovation Dublin 2009.

Tuesday 20th of October @ 7.30pm

For booking or information: Call 01 883 2100 or [www.axis-ballymun.ie](http://www.axis-ballymun.ie)

## The Ballymun Otherworld Festival 2009

Saturday 31st October 2009

The Ballymun Otherworld Festival makes a welcome return this Halloween with the return of the festival village, Circus Gerbola and the amazing audio and visual display by Melimage.

Workshops will take place for the month of October at your local forum office. For further information contact 01 222 5717 or [www.otherworldfestival.com](http://www.otherworldfestival.com)

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