



# BALLYMUN

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#### Celebrity Bainisteoir is coming to Ballymun Kickhams!

This Sunday October 10th, the RTÉ Television programme *Celebrity Bainisteoir* comes to Ballymun Kickhams for their semi-final clash with Nobber of Meath. Throw in is at 3.00pm and everybody is welcome, admission is free.

If you see anything of a criminal nature i.e. vandalism, burglaries or thefts, please contact the Ballymun Gardai at 01 666 4400



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*Misneach: A Monumental Celebration of Youth*

## OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF JOHN BYRNE'S EQUESTRIAN SCULPTURE MISNEACH

**J**ohn Byrne's equestrian sculpture was officially launched on the 17th of September as part of *Breaking Ground*, the Ballymun Regeneration Ltd percent for art scheme.

John Byrne's *Misneach* is a bold new work, subverting the tradition of historic monuments by placing the figure of a teenage girl as the rider on this majestic horse.

Acclaimed artist John Byrne has made a replica of the magnificent horse sculpted by the Irish sculptor John Henry Foley (1818-1874) used in *The Gough Memorial*. The sculpture, originally sited in the Phoenix Park, was destroyed in 1957.

After an open-call in 2006, *Breaking Ground* auditioned 20 local teenage

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girls to be the rider for the horse. Toni-Marie Shields was subsequently chosen to be the rider, and using the latest computer technology, she was scanned in 3d software to make a mould for the work. Her mould and the mould made from the Gough Memorial at Chillingham Castle were then combined to create the new work.

There are many facets to this project, amongst them the celebration of youth and women, and the place of the horse in the folk history of Ballymun. Referring on the

one hand to historic monuments, and the strong Irish legacy of public sculptures, the work refers, on the other hand, to both the history and the future of Ballymun, youth, and regeneration.

Misneach has been sited temporarily at the Trinity Comprehensive School, and upon completion of the Metro rail project will be resited on Main Street Ballymun. This move will see the work installed on a new, hand-carved, stone plinth.

## Ciaran Murray retires

**A** fond goodbye to Ciarán Murray, Managing Director, Ballymun Regeneration Ltd, from all of us. Ciarán has been the champion, architect, developer, protector and promoter of the interests and rights of the people of Ballymun. Since 1997 and the start of the Ballymun regeneration project, he led from the front and has left his very positive mark on the very DNA of Ballymun and its people.



Together with “the team that Ciaran built”, he has transformed the fabric and infrastructure of Ballymun into a leading-edge 21st century town. The original five neighbourhoods and communities are still intact and increasingly they are integrating into the wider region.

Ciarán’s vision of providing access for people in Ballymun to the arts, to music, to sport and to high-quality recreation, in tandem with new housing options, has spawned an array of parks, recreation centres, sports and leisure facilities, a thriving theatre and performance centre that make Ballymun the envy of many. Their presence and their high quality are Ciaran’s legacy.



*Ciaran gives an emotional farewell speech at his retirement ceremony in the Civic Centre, Ballymun*

Ciaran belongs to a very special breed of public servant – those who forsake the mere pursuit of personal wealth and use their talents and drive to serve the interests of others. He is extremely hard-working, multi-skilled, resourceful, committed and fair. May he and his family enjoy the next phase of Ciaran’s life, knowing that his work in Ballymun has been the bedrock on which a whole new town, bursting with possibilities, has been built.

## Global Action Plan (GAP) has moved

Our new address is:  
13 Balbutcher Lane,  
Ballymun, D11

Our other contact information remains the same:  
info@globalactionplan.ie www.globalactionplan.ie Tel: 01 862 5846

GAP Ballymun works with local residents enabling positive behavioural change toward improving the local environment. For more information about BRL funded GAP programmes in Ballymun, please contact us.



## Safer Ballymun Week 11th - 15th October 2010

Safer Ballymun Week makes a welcome return this autumn. Focusing on many aspects of community safety, the week will feature an exciting programme of events for everyone in the community. For further information contact Elise Finnegan, Safer Ballymun Coordinator @ 01 222 7870.

## EcoStore's fashion has global appeal

The Rediscovery Centre EcoStore recently opened just off Ballymun Main Street at Santry Cross. The Rediscovery Centre has been running a



Erin Davis pictured outside the new EcoStore wearing Rediscover Fashion's Executive Collection

furniture, fashion and paint recycling programme in Ballymun for a number of years. Now with the EcoStore, there is a dedicated space for the sale and promotion of the Rediscovery Centre's exciting eco products.

The Rediscovery Centre is being developed due to a

growing interest in environmentally conscious methods of waste management and consumerism. The centre not only offers recycling and resource recovery facilities but runs educational programmes in the areas of reusing and reducing waste products including dress making classes and composting workshops.

As part of the Rediscovery Centre's education, research and training initiatives, students are encouraged to participate in a number of the centre's programmes. For example, Erin Davis is spending ten weeks at the EcoStore on a placement from Oregon State University in the United States. Her internship will complete her degree in Merchandise Management. During her placement Erin has been helping to develop retail policies and procedures, cataloguing eco products and helping to get the shop on its feet.

Please let us know if you would like to find out about special customer evenings, fashion workshops and other Rediscovery Centre events.

EcoStore opening hours: Monday – Friday, 10am – 5pm (closed 1 - 2pm for lunch)

Tel: 01 842 9811 Email: [info@rediscoverycentre.ie](mailto:info@rediscoverycentre.ie)

Website: [www.rediscoverycentre.ie](http://www.rediscoverycentre.ie)

## axis

This season at axis brings to an end a great year with some firsts for Ballymun. We are very excited to announce that axis will take part in the Dublin Theatre Festival for the first time with the visit of the Multi Award-Winning 'No Child...' from Barrow Street Theatre in New York.

### **NO CHILD... (As part of Dublin Theatre Festival)**

**directed by Hal Brooks**

Following a 12-month sold-out New York run, and a major North American tour, Nilaja Sun's OBIE Award-winning 'No Child...' makes its Irish debut at axis during the Ulster Bank Dublin Theatre Festival 2010.

Inspired by Sun's years as a teaching artist at high schools in the Bronx, this tour de force is an insightful and often hilarious look into New York City's public education system. Her lightning-quick portrayals of the many characters inhabiting the city's school structure – including teachers, students, parents, administrators, janitors and security guards – provide a touching and humorous examination of the universal challenges facing education everywhere.



Offering hope and belief in a better, more caring society, this multi award-winning production is a highly original and inspiring work from an extraordinary performer.

A captioned performance will take place on 16th Oct.

Dates & Times: 11th – 16th Oct. @ 8pm & Matinee: 14th Oct. @ 2pm // Tickets: €14-22

Booking & Information: 01 883 2100 or [www.axis-ballymun.ie](http://www.axis-ballymun.ie)

## Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre officially opens

Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre was officially opened on Wednesday 22nd September 2010 and provides the following services and facilities: -

- Two meeting rooms which can be used by local community groups and organisations
- Dublin City Council Estate Office
- Sillogue/Sandyhill Forum Office
- Ballymun Active Disability Interest Group (BADIG)
- Daybreak retail unit

The 'Review of West Ballymun Neighbourhood Action Area Plans 2009' was also launched at the opening of the neighbourhood centre. This document reviews the progress made in implementing the objectives of the Action Area Plans for Neighbourhood and Community Facilities, which were originally prepared by Ballymun Regeneration Limited in 2000/2001. The areas that the Action Area Plan covers are Balcurris/Balbutcher, Poppintree and Sillogue/Sandyhill.

The West Ballymun Action Area Plan (AAP) details the progress and achievements in creating sustainable and identifiable neighbourhoods and sets out the future aims and goals regarding facilities, service provision and community organisations in the neighbourhoods.



*Pictured from left to right: Fiona Cooper (BRL), Anne Keating (BWRC), Jim Conway (BRL), Amanda Murphy (BWRC), Cllr. Dessie Ellis, Cllr. Paul McAuliffe, Bernie Roe (DCC) and Pamela Connolly BRL at the opening of Sillogue NC*

If you would like more information on the AAPs contact BRL @ 01 222 5660 or log onto [www.brl.ie](http://www.brl.ie)

Bookings for the community space in the neighbourhood centre can be made by contacting Dublin City Council on 01 222 5715.

If you would like further information on the remaining two retail units please contact the Property Department, Ballymun Regeneration Limited @ 01 222 5719.

## Ballymun in the Sun 2010



*Members of the Block Hip-Hop Club backstage at axis*

Children and young people in Ballymun had a busy and fun filled summer as they enjoyed a variety of programmes such as

the Hip Hop summer camp, play days and park activities during the school holidays. Well done to all the children who took part and we hope to see you again next year.

Ballymun Regeneration would like to take this opportunity to thank all local residents who volunteered their time to take part or help with the summer activities. Well done to everyone!

If you would like further information on these activities please contact the following people:

**Hip Hop summer camp:** Rosie King, BRL Recreation and Youth Officer 01 222 5617

**Eileen Gleeson, DCC Sports Development Officer 01 222 5721**

**Play Days and park activities:** Debbie Clarke, BRL Play Development Officer 01 222 5609

Please note that activities in the local parks will continue until the end of October.