

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

There are a large number of established community groups active in Ballymun operating in many cases from existing flats and inadequate premises. Many of these groups will be displaced by the demolition of the existing flats. It is proposed that

these will be catered for in new neighbourhood and central community facilities, which will provide an important focus for local activities and encourage the development of new groups and activities.



BACKGROUND

Many of these community groups have been in operation for a considerable number of years. Over this period they have maintained and strengthened the community by:

- providing a service or facility
- campaigning for additional services or facilities
- campaigning on important issues
- investigating and researching issues
- seeking solutions

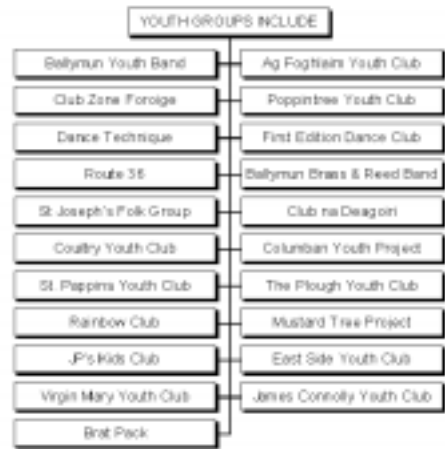
WORKING WITH BRL

The Voluntary and Community Sector has been involved with Ballymun Regeneration Limited from the start through involvement in the Focus Groups and Design Group, the Area Forum Groups, informal liaison and recently in a response to a questionnaire relating to accommodation needs amongst other matters.

This close involvement will continue through the area forums and the new Working Groups which are currently being formed.



YOUTH GROUPS



TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS & AREA FORUMS



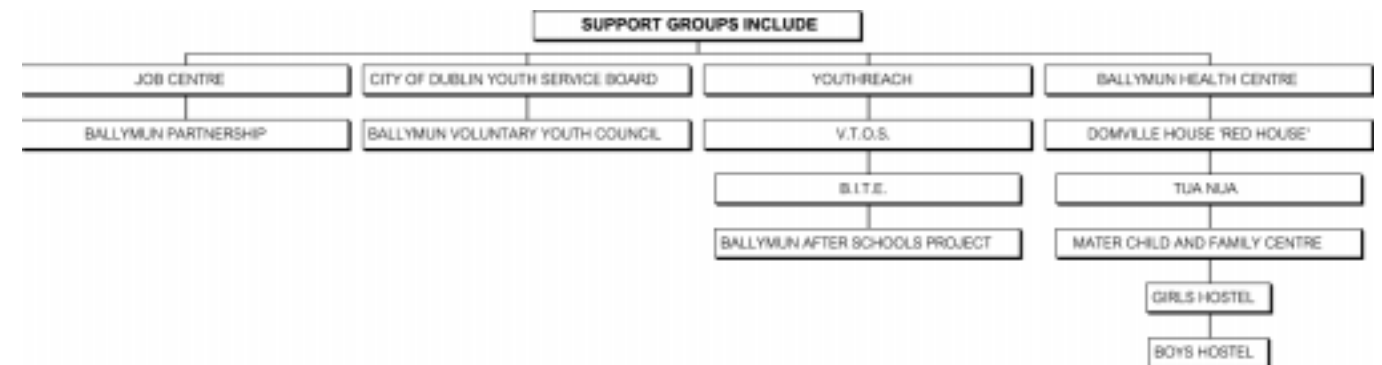
COMMUNITY GROUPS



CLUBS / SPORTS



SUPPORT GROUPS



ACCOMMODATION FOR GROUPS

Questionnaires were sent to the recognised community groups in Ballymun relating to current accommodation and future needs. Many groups are currently operating in substandard and unsustainable accommodation in flats, lift shafts and basements. Currently over 50 groups have replied and, of these, 29 occupy such substandard accommodation. Of these groups the adjoining map shows their current location and future preferences. It also indicates the number of units currently occupied by these groups.

New local centres and community facilities will need to be flexible enough to cater for the needs of these wide ranging and active groups. Furthermore, the local centres will need to be supported by an ongoing revenue stream if they are to be successful and sustainable in the long term. Accommodation will also be required in the Town Centre.



The Masterplan attempts to be a flexible framework. Consultation will be on-going throughout the regeneration process.

This section explains current community needs and facilities which need further analysis.

