

**The Chairman and Members of  
North West Area Committee.**

**Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Item No: 6**

**Ballymun Area Office Report**

- 1. LAP Update**
- 2. Community Development Update**
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## 1. Local Area Plan Update

### Site 1 - Shopping Centre

[Douglas Newman Good](#) received 6 responses to the market soundings exercise to ascertain interest in the site. Following the date for receipt of submissions a separate proposal for the Shopping Centre site was subsequently received by the Development Department of DCC. Responses received do not present an optimum solution for the site and therefore DCC will now consider next steps having regard for market conditions, construction costs, housing demand in the area etc.

### **Vacant DCC units**

#### Shangan Neighbourhood Centre

The disposal of unit 3 to the STAR Project for their easy Street team is still ongoing. Economic Development Officer to advertise 2 other vacant units.

#### Turnpike, Santry Cross

The Economic Development Officer has been instructed to advertise the vacant units at Santry Cross previously occupied by the Dublin Northwest Area Partnership. The double unit is designated for a commercial office.

#### Site 6 - Coultry Road / Main Street

DCC Housing have discussed the development of the site under the CREL Cost Rental model with O'Cualann (proposed site developer) Circle and Tuath (who would operate the proposed units). An outline development programme is to be submitted to DCC Housing by O'Cualann.

### **Social Housing PPP Bundle 3**

#### Site 10 – Shangan Road

The scheme will deliver 93 units in total, comprising of 73 senior citizen apartment units of which 67 are 1 bed units and 6 are 2 bed apartment units. The remaining 20 units are comprised of 10 general need units (5 x 2 bed; 4 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed) and 10 medical need units (5 x 2 bed; 4 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed). The PPP Project will deliver a new link road and a landscaped public and private open space, as part of the overall development. Planning approval has been secured for all six sites in PPP Bundle 3 across Dublin, Sligo, and Kildare & Wicklow. The programme is now in the **pre-qualification assessment phase of procurement**.

### **Social Housing PPP Bundle 4**

#### Sites 5- Main Street site to South of Santry Cross, Site 15 – Balcurris Gardens, Site 16 – Balcurris Close, Site 17 – South of Santry Cross & Site 18 – Balcurris.

The above sites have been approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for inclusion in the National Social Housing PPP Programme, Bundle 4. Previously an update was presented to NWAC members by the PPP Project Team. The programme for the PPP Bundle 4 sets out the initiation of planning in Q4 2023. The said sites remains on programme. The Project Team will be meeting with Councillors & Area Officials on 18<sup>th</sup> July to present proposals and next steps including wider stakeholder engagement.

## **Sites requiring Expression of Interest**

### Sites 8 NW of Coultry Park & Site 9 Coultry Road

These sites are currently being prepared for Expression of Interest for the development of the site. Housing and Community Services have met with the Area Office and internal Departments to agree on infrastructural requirements. These have been finalised and Expression of Interest documentation is being finalised.

### Sites 11 Sillogue Avenue & Site 13 Sillogue Road/Holy Spirit

Cluid have been selected to carry out a detailed feasibility study following a competitive Expression of Interest Process and in June they presented an initial concepts to DCC Housing Development team for discussion. Members will be updated on progress in the coming months.

## **DCC Affordable Schemes**

### Sites 12 Sillogue Road & Site 14 Balbutcher Lane

Density and site requirements for both sites being finalised in advance of Part 8. Members received a presentation in relation to site 12 & 14 on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### Site 19 - Saint Joseph's

The applicant has finalised its response to all issues raised in the Further Information (FI) request dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 relating to Planning Application 4853/22. The FI was submitted on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and a decision to grant planning permission was made on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Decision is now due.

### Site 21 - Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre

O'Cualann is currently in discussions to appoint a contractor.

### Site 25 - Parkview

Planning Application 5252/22 was lodged on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This application is for 34 dwellings and a crèche. A Further Information (FI) request was issued by Planning on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023. A detailed Road Safety Audit formed part of the FI and this has now been completed. The FI was submitted on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

A Section 183 Disposal report is due to go before the North West Area Committee.

## **Redevelopment of Ballymun Plaza Update**

### Cearnóg an tSeachtar Laoch

Consultants (AECOM) were appointed in 2022 to develop the Part 8 planning drawings into a Tender / Construction package. A draft of these drawings including all Civil, Landscape and Electrical Engineering was issued in March 2023 for review by the Parks Department. The park has Part 8 planning approval.

The Parks and Landscaping department have now received the final Tender Drawings from AECOM and have outlined an indication of the timeline from now.

Review Drawings and Prepare ITT for Tender as part of an existing framework.

Issue Tender Package for Construction on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Allow 6 Weeks for Tender

Tender Returned 25<sup>th</sup> of August

Tender Review 2 weeks

Week of 8<sup>th</sup> of September

Notify Winning Contractor and allow cooling off period 2 Weeks

22<sup>nd</sup> of September

Organise Managers Order, Contract Signed & Internal Approvals

Pre Start meeting and agreements on Program, phasing and delivery.\*

2 weeks up to 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Aim for Contractor on site November/December 2023.

It should be noted that the works on the Shangan Road repaving has been considered with the local area engineer and will be carried out in advance of the main site project as advanced works.

## **Silloque Infrastructure**

### Silloque Green

The surfacing contractor is due on site 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July to finish off footpath works behind Silloque Green.

### Silloque Avenue

Additional trees were planted this week at cul de sac 2 and the grassed areas are beginning to grow. Several trees have been vandalised to date, damage to the area by scramblers and quads is evident and out of the contractor's control (wheel marks and bare patches).

### Silloque Gardens

Cul de Sac 1 –

Surfacing works ongoing, top section completed last Friday

The haul road/storage area is being cleared, subsoil, tree planting and topsoiling to follow.

More surfacing works due to be completed week ending 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Cul de sac 2 - Works completed, snag items outstanding.

Cul de sac 3 - Roadstone due to carry out asphalt works on week ending 14<sup>th</sup> July, they will plane off and overlay the carriageway, snag items ongoing.

Cul de sac 4 - Snag items ongoing, carriageway surfacing works ongoing.

More surfacing works due to be completed week ending 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Public lighting works ongoing, awaiting ESB's attendance to make permanent connections

### Wad River Close Access

New footpath and boundary walls have been constructed from no.7 to no.12 Silloque Gardens. The Wad River Close developer has arranged for their contractor to come to site at the end of July to construct a new ramped pedestrian access between Silloque Gardens and Wad River Close.

### Silloque Road

Raising of ironworks is required, the road linings will then be reinstated.

## **2. Community and Social Development**

### **Local Area Community & Informal Education Grants 2023**

Dublin City Council's Community & Informal Education Grants Scheme area now available.

The annual scheme is open to a range of local resident community, environmental and festival groups throughout the North West Area.

Community activity and active citizenship will be supported with an emphasis placed on community development and social inclusion initiatives. These will bring an array of benefits to local communities in Dublin.

Dublin City Council has identified the following key themes that brings benefits to local communities;

- Recreation
- Play
- Educational
- Environmental
- Festival and event
- Children and young people
- Older persons
- People living with a disability
- People at risk of Social / Economic Exclusion
- Health and Wellbeing
- Art, Culture and Heritage

**Further information and application form can be found at:**

[Community Grant Application - Self \(dublincity.ie\)](https://dublincity.ie)

**Please note applicants must register with Citizens Hub first**

**Community & Social Development Staff in the Ballymun Area are available to assist groups with applications.**

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### **Dublin Community Games**

The Community and Social Development team supported the local participants who represented Ballymun at the Dublin Community Games Athletics finals which were held at Tallaght AC on Sunday June the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Athletes in the u10 to u14 age groups competed with great distinction in individual track events, relays & long puck competitions.

Conor Kenny secured a fantastic 3rd place bronze medal in the boy's u14 800 metres, and will now represent Dublin in the regional Leinster Championships that are taking place in Tullamore next month.

There was great support & encouragement from the newly formed Ballymun Running Club & the Ballymun Health & Fitness Group.



### Greening Neighbourhood Initiatives

A number of locations are currently being considered to carry out Greening Neighbourhood Initiatives by the Community & Social Development team and Global Action Plan Ballymun. Some of the locations being considered are Shangan Gardens, Woodhazel and Ard na Meala Senior Citizens. These initiatives will be carried out over the coming months.

### Silloque Engagement

The Community Social and Development team are continuing to carry out leaflet drops and consult with local residents and Our Lady's Nursery Creche in the Silloque area to encourage the engagement of the residents in the area. There are a number of residents interested in starting a residents group and getting involved in the enhancement of their area. A meeting will be organised with all interested parties and it is anticipated to organise a fun day with local residents will be organised in July or August.

### Poppintree Community Centre – Chair Exercise's

A taster session of Chair Based Exercise classes have been organised by the Community and Social Development team to take place in the Poppintree Community Centre. The classes will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July.

If the classes prove popular we will organise a regular programme from September.

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**CHAIR BASED EXERCISE**  
**FREE TASTER SESSIONS**  
**EVERY TUESDAY FROM 12.00PM - 1.00PM**  
**on 11th, 18th & 25th July**  
**VENUE: POPPINTREE COMMUNITY CENTRE, D11 E7WR.**  
**To register for the sessions email: ballymuncommunity@dublincity.ie**  
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### Ballymun Community Expo

The Ballymun Community Expo is planned and will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 from 2pm to 4pm in the in the Atrium of the Ballymun Civic Centre. The purpose of the Expo is to celebrate the positive activity that takes place in Ballymun and for the community groups to reach out to new members and participants. The event will feature exhibitions by local groups.

### **3. Economic Development Update**

#### Ballymun 4 business

The B4b Summer BBQ took place on the roof-top garden of the Aspen Student building on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Guest speaker was Michelle Rankin, Rankin marketing who delivered a mini-workshop on using social media to boost your business. The network attendees enjoyed some lovely food supplied by the Grian Café and refreshments by Nan's catering.



The next B4b event will be an update by Dublin City Council on the Ballymun LAP which will take place online on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @ 1 pm.

Further information about the event will be available on the B4b website [www.b4b.ie](http://www.b4b.ie) or contact [info@b4b.ie](mailto:info@b4b.ie)



### **Shop-front enhancement scheme 2023**

Four grants of €3,000 were approved under the Shop-front Improvement Grant from the Area-wide Discretionary budget – 3 Finglas, 1 Ballymun. This year the focus was on areas on the outskirts of Finglas Village with the EDO calling into business in areas such as Clune Rd, McKee Ave, Finglas Village, Clune Rd, Sycamore Ave, Fitzmaurice Rd, the Barry Shops and Ballymun.

A number of businesses were glad to learn of the support and while not everybody was in a position to apply, expressed a desire to do so in the future. The businesses have until the end of the year to drawdown the grant. Since launching in 2021, 27 grants totalling €61,115 has been approved.

The following businesses have been approved grant:

- Humphries Cycles - Finglas
- Willow Park Medical Centre - Finglas
- Tansey's Newsagents - Finglas
- Grian Café – Ballymun

Further information about the scheme and how to apply can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/3KvKfyt> up to €3,000 can be applied for to upgrade the front of your street-facing shop-front.

Ballymun CoderDojo

CoderDojo wrapped for the summer on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June and will return mid-September.



### Climate Action

The [National Climate Action Plan 2023](#) (CAP 23) states that each Local Authority across the country must create or update their [Local Authority Climate Action Plans](#) (LA CAP). As part of this, each Local Authority must choose at least one area to implement a [Decarbonising Zone \(DZ\)](#). Once they have chosen a zone, they are required to develop a **Decarbonising Zone plan** by February 2024.

As Dublin's Energy Agency, Codema is supporting

Dublin City Council with the development of the **Ringsend and Ballymun Decarbonising Zones Plans** to ensure that the actions needed to reach net-zero by 2050

- 1) Reflect those living and working in these communities
- 2) Address some of the most prevalent needs within the community
- 3) Are informed by best-in-class evidence.

Ballymun has been selected as a Decarbonisation Zone and the Economic Development Officer will sit on the 'transition team' comprised of local leaders who will act as the steering group to co-create the Decarbonising Zone plan.

**4. Housing report**  
**Estate Management statistics for June**

No of Anti- Social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	11
No of Anti-Social complaints per 1997 act (Not Drug Related)	8
No of other Complaints	11
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>30</b>
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act	8
No of Other Interviews	4
<b>Total Interviews</b>	<b>12</b>
No Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	0
No of Section 20 Evictions	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0
No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0
No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0
No of Tenancy Warnings sent to Central Unit	0
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

**Rent Assessment statistics for June**

<b>Assessments</b>	831
<b>Permissions To Reside</b>	5
<b>Refunds</b>	8
<b>Opening of Accounts</b>	4 (including 1 sole/ 1 successions)
<b>Closing of Accounts</b>	6 (including 0 sole / 0 successions)
<b>Front Counter Calls</b>	107
<b>Window Replacements</b>	2

### Ballymun Lettings January to June 2023

Allocation Category	Housing List	Transfer List	Older Persons
Bands 2 & 3	1	1	0
Medical	1	0	0
Welfare	0	0	0
Homeless	0	0	0
Travellers	0	0	0
Transfer HAP	0	0	0
De-tenanting	0	0	0
Estate Management	0	2	0
Maintenance	0	2	0
Surrendering Larger	0	3	1
Unable to afford	0	0	0
Succession/Sole	8	0	0
Transfer	0	0	1
Inter-transfer	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

### Choice Based Lettings

Allocation Category	
Housing Bands 2 & 3	4
Transfer Bands 2 & 3	0
Transfer HAP	0
Medical	0
Welfare	3
Homeless	0
Travellers	1
Surrender larger	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

### Ballymun Voids June 2023

Vacant Housing Units				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Belclare Green	4 Bed House	26/03/2023	Vacant Possession/Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Carton Court	1 Bed Apartment	19/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/08/2023
Carton Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	26/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	TBC
Coultry Avenue	3 Bed House	31/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	31/08/2023
Coultry Green	1 Bed Apartment	21/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	16/07/2023

Doon Court	3 Bed House	25/06/2023	Vacant Possession/Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Hollytree Square	2 Bed Bungalow	13/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	15/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	TBC
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	15/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	TBC
Shangan Road	2 Bed Apartment	19/06/2023	Vacant Possession/Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Whiteacre Crescent	2 bed house	21/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	TBC
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	19/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	31/05/2023	Vacant Possession/Task Order to be prepared	TBC

<b>Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)</b>				
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Date of Vacancy</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date</b>
Balbutcher Way	3 Bed House	15/02/2023	Issued to Contractor CBL	30/07/2023
Barnwell Gardens	2 Bed Apartment	13/12/2022	Issued to Contractor CBL	04/07/2023
Carton Court	1 Bed Apartment	12/01/2023	Broken into and vandalised	14/07/2023
Carton Road	4 Bed House	10/04/2022	Ongoing Estate Management Issues	TBC
Cranogue Road	3 Bed House	14/10/2022	Applicant signed	CBL
Dane Road	3 Bed House	15/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	17/07/2023
Dolmen Way	2 Bed Apartment	07/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023
Forestwood Ave	2 Bed Apartment	11/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	08/08/2023
Owensilla	2 Bed Apartment	14/02/2023	Issued to Contractor CBL	25/07/2023
Sandyhill Gardens	2 Bed House	24/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	08/08/2023
Sandyhill Gardens	3 Bed House	09/11/2022	Substantial works were required	08/08/2023
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	11/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023

Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	25/08//2022	Anti-social issues have delayed this unit.	18/07/2023
Shangan Green	3 Bed House	26/12/2023	CBL	21/07/2023
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	05/01/2023	CBL applicant signing this week	Under Offer
Termon Court	3 Bed House	25/11/2022	Substantial works were required	21/07/2023
Whiteacre Close	2 Bed Apartment	03/08/2022	Snagging	08/08/2023
Whiteacre Court	2 Bed House	21/02/2023	Issued to Contractor CBL	17/07/2023
Whiteacre Place	3 Bed House	11/01/2023	Issued to Contractor CBL	17/07/2023
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	23/08/2022	Issued to Contractor	30/07/2023

<b>Vacant Senior Citizen Units</b>				
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Date of Vacancy</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date</b>
Burren Court	1 Bed	19/02/2023	Direct Labour	21/07/2023
Burren Court	1 Bed	16/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	16/08/2023
Burren Court	1 Bed	09/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	09/08/2023
Burren Court	1 Bed	13/04/2023	Direct Labour	TBC
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	23/03/2023	Applicant signed	26/07/2023
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	14/02/2023	Issued to contractor	30/07/2023
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	21/06/2023	Direct Labour	TBC

## 5. Area Updates

### Global Action Plan Community Environmental Programme

#### Community Garden Programme

The garden is thriving after a beautiful sunny June. The garden is open to volunteers, as usual, from 11-1 on Tuesday and Thursday and from 5:30-7:30 on Wednesday.

### Volunteer BBQ

We held the first of our seasonal BBQs on June 10th and it was a huge success. We were delighted to be in a position to buy barbeques, wellies and supplies for our volunteers who are seeking international protection thanks to the generous support of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). GAP are proud to support Ballymun for All movement and to be in a position to support communities through GLAS garden.



GLAS garden is a very positive, inclusive space with volunteers from all over the world as well as the local community.

### Young Ballymun, Nature Explorer programme

Nature Explorer is a key element of our social inclusion work at GLAS garden. The programme offers families the chance to spend time together in nature and engage in gardening and craft activities.

As many of the families don't have easy access to green spaces in their accommodation, this opportunity is really important. Nature Explorer aims to have a positive impact on wellbeing and to provide a safe and fun experience of the outdoors for families.

Our afterschool programme has been running weekly on Tuesdays for the past few months and has been going really well. Our toddler group will start in September.



## Environmental Education Programme

### Park Stewardship Programme

The Park Stewardship programme is funded under the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund it is a central component of the GAP education programme. The programme aims to foster a connection to nature and a sense of responsibility for the parks and green spaces in the community, as well as developing student's knowledge and understanding of local biodiversity and ecology.

In 2023, there has been a huge demand for the programme, with more schools expressing an interest than we can engage in the programme.

The programme consists of

- Safety in the park.
- Biodiversity and wildlife.
- Waste, litter and clean ups.
- Tree, wildflower seed planting.
- Talk from the community liaison Garda.
- Art in the park.
- The programme has 8 themes, they are arranged to suit the time of year, the needs of the group and the location.
- The final module is an award ceremony, where each student receives a certificate of participation.

In recognition of the impact this programme has, DCC have decided to fund the programme in schools outside of the Ballymun area. We are in the process of scheduling these with schools in D9, D11 and D5 currently.

Holy Spirit BNS, St. Joseph's Junior school, Gaelscoil Bhailemunna and Our Lady of Victories Infant school have all taken part in the programme this year. The programme is a fun, creative and hands-on way of learning about biodiversity in the local community and we are delighted to now be offering the programme to schools outside of the Ballymun area thanks to funding from DCC Biodiversity.

St. Joseph's Junior School in Poppintree Park



Gaelscoil Bhailemunna in GLAS garden



Holy Spirit BNS



### Climate Action for You(th)

"Climate Action for You(th)" is our suite of workshops for school groups which relate to tangible positive actions which school communities can take to address climate breakdown and biodiversity loss. We take a very school and student-led approach to this work. This allows us to respond to and support schools with issues that are relevant to their lives and experiences. Common themes we explore include waste, climate change, fast fashion, and biodiversity.

This term we welcomed students from the Autism unit of Virgin Mary GNS to explore the garden. We used our senses to explore the different smells, tastes, colours and textures we could find and the girls planted calendula seeds to take back to school. It is very important to us that the garden is an inclusive space for the whole community and we hope to welcome the girls back for some more sessions next term.



### **Other initiatives supported by GAP in the local community**



#### **Climate Change and Disability**

A Global Action Plan Briefing Paper



#### Climate Change and Disability

In June GAP published the findings of a survey among people working on climate and disability issues. The survey found widespread consensus that climate debate and policies to date have not adequately considered the needs and views of people with disabilities. [The paper](#) shines a light on the often neglected effects of climate change on people with disabilities and emphasises the pressing need for greater inclusivity in climate policy decision-making.

GAP were delighted to represent Global Action Plan and Ballymun at a garden party at Áras an Uachtarán celebrating environmental organisations working to restore nature and support climate action. The event was hosted by Sabina Higgins on behalf of the president Michael D Higgins.

### Ballymun Library

Ballymun Library continues to engage with the public with a diverse range of in-person activities and events to suit people of all ages.

Current Opening Hours for Ballymun Library are:

Monday to Thursday: 10.00am - 8.00pm

Friday and Saturday: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Summer Stars is the public libraries national summer reading programme, where children are encouraged to continue to enjoy the pleasure of reading over the summer. Summer Stars continues throughout the summer and runs until the end of August.

At Ballymun Library, we are inviting children to sign up for the Summer Stars Reading Challenge and earn rewards along the way including bags, pencils, notebooks and stickers. You'll get a reading card and a bookmark when you sign up. You can track your progress with the reading card which can be marked each time a book or an ebook is read. The more books you read the more rewards you get. All children who complete the reading challenge will be awarded with a certificate and a medal.

All completed reading cards will be entered into a draw at the end of the summer for prizes including two Smyths Toys vouchers and a National Book Token.

With the FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand fast approaching, make sure to drop into Ballymun Library to collect your very own World Cup Activity Booklet to support the Girls in Green (while stocks last). Ireland will kick off their campaign against joint hosts Australia on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am.

Cyanotype, currently on display in the adult library, is an exhibition of fantastic Cyanotypes created by students from Trinity Comprehensive, Ballymun, during their Art and Science Summer Camp. Drop into the adult library and check them out.

The cyanotype is one of the oldest photographic printing processes in the history of photography. The distinctive feature of the print is its shade of cyan blue, which results from its exposure to ultraviolet light.

The library in Finglas Village Shopping Centre closed on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June and will reopen later in the summer in a new premises on Seamus Ennis Road. All Finglas reserves will be diverted to Ballymun Library for the duration.

### **Ballymun Library Events July 2023**

<b>Non Regular or Regular Events</b>	<b>Event Category</b>	<b>Event Title</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>
Non-Regular	Book Club	Irish Revolution Book Club with Dr. James Curry, DCC Historian-in-Residence. Book: <i>The Treaty</i> by Gretchen Friemann	Adults	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm
Non-Regular	Summer Programme for Children	STEM 3D Printing Workshop, facilitated by Make Create Innovate, suitable for 9-12 year olds	Children	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am-12.30pm (Booking required - max 12 places)

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Non-Regular	Summer Programme for Children	Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles, suitable for 0-4 year olds	Children	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm All welcome
Regular	Book Club	Ballymun Library Murder Book Club Book: <i>The Husband's Secret</i> by Liane Moriarty (Last Thursday of the Month)	Adults	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm
Regular <b>NEW</b>	Cultural	Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club Book: <i>The Parable of the Sower</i> by Octavia E. Butler (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month)	Adults	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm
Regular	Cultural	Scrabble Group	Adults	Tuesdays, 11am-1pm
Regular	Cultural	Digital Photography Group (Last Thursday of the Month)	Adults	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am-12.30pm
Regular	Cultural	Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversation Group)	Adults	Thursdays, 3pm-4pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun U3A Ukulele Group	Adults	Fridays, 12pm-1.30pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun U3A Drama Group	Adults	Fridays, 2pm-3.30pm
Regular	Children	Chess Club	Children	Tuesdays, 3.30pm-4.30pm

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