

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

Meeting: 17th October 2023

Item. 7

Ballymun Area Office Report

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Positive Ageing Sports Day

The Ballymun Community & Social Development team organised an Older Adults sports taster day as part of Positive Ageing week which took place at Poppintree Sports & Community Centre on Friday 6th of October from 11am-2pm.

Activities included pickle ball (indoor tennis), chair based exercise with Siel Bleu & a Bowls demonstration with St Pappins Bowls club and a disability Boccia demonstration supported by the Ballymun Active Disability Interest Group.

The day was a great success, well attended and there was positive feedback from participants to further develop the above programmes and activities in the community. Our Community team and Sports Development Officer will follow up on same.

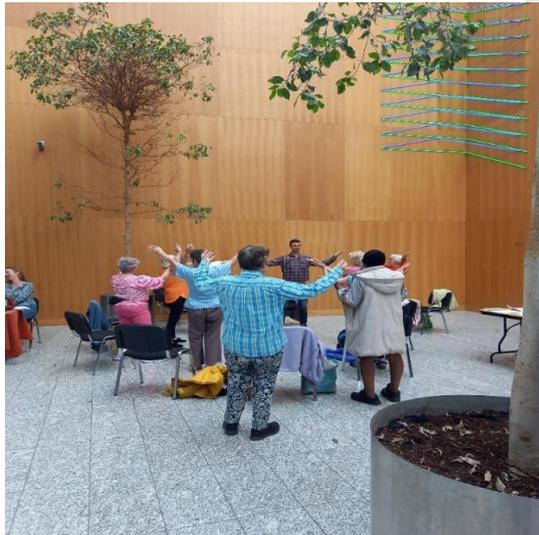


Coultry Gardens Fun Day

The Coultry Gardens local residents Annual Fun Day took place on Saturday 16th of September. DCC Community and Social Development team were delighted to support this event by allocating sports, play and recreation equipment, goodie bags and medals.

Ballymun Community Expo

The Community and Social Development team held a Community Expo in the Atrium of the Ballymun Civic Centre on Wednesday 13th September from 2-4pm. This was a very successful initiative and there was a fantastic turn out on the day. There were 25 local community groups and organisations stands, showcasing all of the services, supports and activities they provided in the Ballymun community. There was great interest in the Tai Chi and Chair Exercise sessions we held and our planting workshop was very popular. This gave Community groups and organisations in the area an opportunity to showcase what their groups do and gave an opportunity to recruit new members for the clubs.



Afternoon Tea

Dublin City Council Ballymun Community team organised an Afternoon Tea with Music in Axis Ballymun to celebrate Positive Ageing Week. The Ballymun and Finglas Community teams joined forces and Ballymun and Finglas residents attended this successful event connecting the two communities. It was really enjoyed by all with lots of dancing and singing.



Positive Ageing/Social Inclusion

To celebrate Positive Ageing/Social Inclusion, Ballymun Community and Social Development team organised an educational trip for the Poppintree Park Walking Group to the Donaghmore Workhouse and Portlaoise.



3. Ballymun Otherworld Halloween Festival

Otherworld Festival

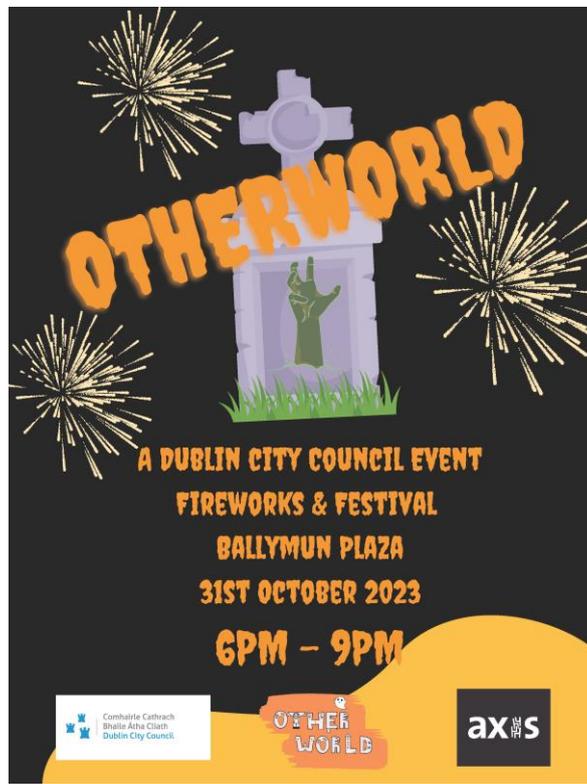
The annual outdoor Otherworld Halloween Festival is back and it's bigger and better this year!

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development team and Axis Ballymun are busy working behind the scenes. We are expecting this to be the best and most successful festival to date.

The Otherworld Event will take place at the Ballymun Plaza on Tuesday 31st October from 6pm to 9pm.

This year we have so many attractions lined up including the amazing Circus Gerbola, extra Funfair rides, An Arts and Crafts area, Lil monsters block party tent, main stage entertainment and much more! Finishing off the night with a spectacular fireworks show!

All the community are welcome to attend this fun, safe, family event.



The Halloween brochure will be distributed to the schools and community in the coming week and circulated on our social media platforms. .

The schedule of events includes spooky activities and Halloween events that will take place leading up to Halloween from October 25th to 31st as detailed below:

Terror in Trinity

25th & 26th October, 6.30pm to 9.00pm, Trinity Comprehensive

Walk through the haunted school. Suitable for 12 years and up. Booking via the school or text

087 6530790.

Witches' Walk

26th October, 10.30am, Poppintree Park

Witches' Walk followed by music and food in the Silloge Neighbourhood Centre. No booking needed.

Jackula

27th October 7pm, Axis Ballymun

Family show full of magic and laughs.

Family Ticket (4 people) €36, or €10 each. Ages 4-12

Spooky Cinema

28th October, 11am & 2pm €3

Addams Family & Addams Family Values

Tickets on www.axisballymun.ie or pop in to Axis

Sensory Friendly Halloween

31st October, 2pm to 4pm

Sensory friendly experience in Axis for children and families with additional needs and sensory sensitivities. Booking is essential. Email reception@axisballymun.ie

Spooks Catwalk

Schools Fancy Dress Competition. Send your photos into ballymuncommunity@dublincity.ie by 31st October to enter the competition.

Vampire Tours

31st October, 11am to 4pm. Suitable for 6-12 years. Free but booking is essential on www.rediscoverycentre.ie.

The resident vampires in the Rediscovery Centre are inviting you to explore their haunted Bat Cave and spooky Mad Scientist Lab.

Glás Ghostly Garden and Haunted Pumpkin Patch

31st October, 1pm to 4pm. Booking via Global Action Plan at info@globalactionplan.ie
The Glás Garden has turned spooky with story tellers, entertainment and pumpkin carving competition.

Halloween Spooky Street Games

The Easy Street Team are hitting the streets with traditional style Halloween Games and art with a spooky twist. Contact Angie@starballymun.ie or 01 8832100.

4.Economic Development Update

Ballymun 4 business



Eoin Murray Chartered Accountants delivered a workshop on 12th Sept about filing your Annual Return and your obligations as a sole trader / Limited Co. Eoin shared information on useful accounting tools that can be used to manage your accounts and file your returns. During October, B4b held its Climate Action event 'Let's Do Better Together'

[#ReuseRepairRecycle](#) in the Rediscovery Centre. Hans Zomer from Global Action Plan informed members about the [Climate Action Competition](#) being rolled out for businesses and collaboration with B4b that will see businesses with less than 5 employees take part for free and

DCC sponsoring businesses with 5 or more to participate. The competition will run until 17th October and will see businesses competing to see who can reduce their carbon emission the most during this period. Other speakers on the evening included Emma Kavanagh from [Community Resource Network Ireland](#). Further information about the event will be available on the B4b website www.b4b.ie or contact Sabrina Morris info@b4b.ie

Ballymun Recruitment Fair

There was a great turnout and interest in the Ballymun Recruitment Fair with Intreo which took place in the Civic Centre on 21st September. On the day there were a number of exciting job opportunities with organisations such as Dublin Bus, Irish Rail, Amazon and TUI as well as vacancies in the hospitality, healthcare and retail sectors. The Ballymun Job Centre and Dublin Northwest Partnership delivered workshops on interview skills and CV preparation.



Climate Action - Ballymun DZ

Another Ballymun DZ meeting took place during the month in the Rediscovery Centre. Codema presented on Ballymun carbon emissions and it is planned to host a 'green conference' in Trinity Comprehensive at the end of November that will be open to all members of the public who will learn about what we can all do to reduce our emissions and reach our 2030 carbon reduction targets.

CoderDojo Ballymun

The CoderDojo is continuing with 2 dojo's running again. DCU have invited a number of our 'junior-mentors' to help design and participate in a 'Mini-Mentors camp' in October. A number of our older ninjas now mentor the younger ninjas. Photos shows a design session taking place with DCU facilitator.



Social Enterprise Awards

Ballymun female entrepreneur, Eileen McHugh, Hair Together Ireland and Rediscover Furniture were two of six social enterprise who picked up awards at the Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards last month in the Mansion House.



5.Housing Report

Estate Management statistics for September 2023

No of Anti- Social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	2
No of Anti-Social complaints per 1997 act (Not Drug Related)	13
No of other Complaints	13
Total Complaints	28
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act	6
No of Other Interviews	4
Total Interviews	10
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 September 2023

Assessments/Calls/Emails	848/579/1006
Permissions To Reside	3
Refunds	12
Opening of Accounts	2 (including 0 sole/0 successions)
Closing of Accounts	8 (including 0 sole/0 successions)
Front Counter Calls	111
Window Replacements	6

Ballymun Lettings January to September 2023

Allocation Category	Housing List	Transfer List	Older Persons
Bands 2 & 3	3	1	1
Medical	1	0	0
Welfare	0	0	0
Homeless	0	0	0
Travellers	0	0	0
Transfer HAP	0	4	0
De-tenanting	0	1	0
Estate Management	0	3	0
Maintenance	0	2	0
Surrendering Larger	0	3	1
Unable to afford	0	0	0
Succession/Sole	10	0	0
Transfer	0	0	1
Inter-transfer	0	5	0
Total	14	19	3

Choice Based Lettings

Allocation Category	
Housing Bands 2 & 3	11
Transfer Bands 2 & 3	1
Transfer HAP	0
Medical	1
Welfare	4
Homeless	0
Travellers	1
Surrender larger	0
Total	18

Ballymun Voids September 2023

Vacant Housing Units				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Baile Na Laochra	3 Bed House	13/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	TBC
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Balcurris Close	3 Bed House	07/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	14/12/2023
Balcurris Park East	1 Bed Apartment	24/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/12/2023
Belclare Drive	4 Bed House	25/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	01/12/2023
Belclare Green	4 Bed House	25/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	17/11/2023
Carton Court	1 Bed Apartment	19/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Carton Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	26/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	04/11/2023
Coultry Grove	3 Bed House	10/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/11/2023
Coultry Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	05/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	15/01/2024
Doon Court	3 Bed House	25/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	07/11/2023
Forestwood Avenue	1 Bed Apartment	02/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	26/10/2023
Forestwood Avenue	3 Bed Apartment	08/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/10/2023
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Knowth Court	3 Bed House	26/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	15/12/2023

Knowth Court	3 Bed House	24/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	01/12/2023
Marewood Crescent	1 Bed Apartment	05/09/2023	Vacant Possession/ Task Order to be prepared	TBC
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	19/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	21/11/2023
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	22/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/12/2023
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	10/08/2023	Issued to Contractor	04/11/2023
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	19/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	21/11/2023
Silloge Close	4 Bed House	28/07/2023	Issued to Contractor	22/12/2023
Silloge Close	2 Bed Apartment	29/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	10/01/2024
Silloge Way	1 Bed Apartment	29/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	10/01/2024
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	29/09/2023	Issued to Contractor	06/01/2024
Shangan Road	2 Bed Apartment	19/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	07/11/2023
Whiteacre Crescent	2 bed house	21/06/2023	Issued to Contractor	TBC

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Road	4 Bed House	10/04/2022	Ongoing Estate Management Issues	
Coultry Avenue	3 Bed House	31/03/2023	Issued to Contractor	03/10/2023
Dane Road	3 Bed House	15/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	09/10/2023
Dolmen Way	2 Bed Apartment	07/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Forestwood Ave	2 Bed Apartment	11/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/10/2023 CBL
Forestwood Avenue	2 Bed Apartment	21/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/10/2023 CBL
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Owensilla	2 Bed Apartment	14/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	25/08//2022	Anti-social issues have delayed this unit.	15/10/2023
Whiteacre Close	2 Bed Apartment	03/08/2022	Snagging	21/10/2023
Whiteacre Court	2 Bed House	21/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	10/11/2023
Whiteacre Place	3 Bed House	11/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	023 CBL
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	31/05/2023	Issued to Contractor	01/10/2023
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	23/08/2022	Issued to Contractor	01/10/2023
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	19/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	01/10/2023

Vacant Senior Citizen Units				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Burren Court	1 Bed	19/02/2023	Direct Labour	Under Offer
Burren Court	1 Bed	16/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Burren Court	1 Bed	09/04/2023	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Burren Court	1 Bed	13/04/2023	Direct Labour	Under Offer
Burren Court	1 Bed	01/08/2023	Direct Labour	14/10/2023
Burren Court	2 Bed	04/12/2023	Direct Labour	Under Offer
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	14/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	20/09/2023
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	22/06/2023	Direct Labour	10/11/2023
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	12/07/2023	Direct Labour	09/11/2023
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	06/09/2023	Direct Labour	11/11/2023
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	21/06/2023	Direct Labour	TBC
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