



## Lord Mayor's Awards 2010

Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello presented the annual Lord Mayor's Awards in the Mansion House on Wednesday 19th May. These awards honour individuals and groups who have made a special contribution to Dublin and its citizens. The awards are Dublin city's way of thanking people who have made a difference to life in the city.

### This year's winners are:

#### Jimmy Magee



Jimmy Magee is a well known sports commentator, who has covered eleven World Cups and ten Olympic Games during his career. He has also worked with the Special Olympics and the Motor Neuron Association. The Lord Mayor is presenting Jimmy with this award in recognition of his

role in communicating the magic of sport to generations of Irish people and his tireless work on behalf of charity.

#### Sylvia Meehan



Sylvia Meehan has campaigned extensively for women's rights since the 1970s. She led the campaign for equal status for women, which resulted in the passing of the Equal Pay Act and the foundation of the Employment Equality Agency in 1977. More recently, she served as President of the Irish Senior Citizen's Parliament. The Lord Mayor

is presenting Sylvia with her award in respect of her lifelong pursuit of equality for women in the workplace and for empowering older people.

#### Paddy Doyle



Paddy Doyle is one of Ireland's leading disability activists. He is also an author and playwright. His book 'The God Squad' is recognised as the lever that opened the issue of institutional abuse of children in the care of the State and Religious Orders. He receives his award for his work with the

marginalised in society and in recognition of his contributions to literature and education.

#### Janette Byrne



Janette Byrne is a founding member of 'Patients Together', a group which offers support to patients and their families experiencing difficulties in hospitals across the country. In presenting her with this award, the Lord Mayor is recognising Janette's courage in fighting her own cancer, in challenging the health system and championing the cause of hospital patients.

#### The Capuchin Day Centre



The Capuchin Day Centre in Dublin's Bow Street was founded by Brother Kevin Crowley in the late 1960s. The centre provides food and shelter for the homeless of Dublin. The Lord Mayor presented the work carried out by Brother Kevin, his staff and volunteers.

#### The East Wall Water Sport Group



The East Wall Water Sport Group is a voluntary organisation based in East Wall Water Sports Centre on Alfie Byrne Road. It introduces children and young people to rowing, sailing and kayaking. The group receives its award for encouraging thousands of young people across the city to foster a love of the water and water sports.

For more information, contact the Lord Mayor's Office, T. 222 6200.

## Social Inclusion Awareness Week

Do you know what social inclusion is about? While this year is the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, there is an emphasis on including groups who are excluded in society. Everybody is entitled to be included in how we provide our services to the public.

The Social Inclusion Unit would like to know what you do at work that is socially inclusive.

1. What work of yours is socially inclusive?
2. How do you carry out your work so that it is socially inclusive?

Send your replies to these 2 questions by e-mail to [socialinclusion@dublincity.ie](mailto:socialinclusion@dublincity.ie) or write to Hugh Fahey, Social Inclusion Unit, Block 4, Floor 1, Civic Offices. All entries will be included in a draw for three prizes of €50 each. The name of the winners will

be published in Firstpost. Entries must be received by Friday 28th May.

Details of this week's events are available on [www.dublin.ie/socialinclusion](http://www.dublin.ie/socialinclusion)

### Fun snooker event in the Atrium of the Civic Offices

On Friday 21st May from 11am to 5pm, Ken Doherty, Michael Judge, Joe Delaney and Fergal O'Brien coach people for Social Inclusion Week. Why not come along and have a coaching session with one of these professional snooker players.

For further information see [www.dublin.ie/socialinclusion](http://www.dublin.ie/socialinclusion)



## Lord Mayor addresses major EU climate conference

Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello recently addressed the Covenant of Mayors Ceremony in Brussels. She presented Dublin city's plan to become energy-smart to key European leaders, including President of the European Union (EU) José Manuel Barroso and 500 mayors from across the EU.

The Covenant of Mayors is a commitment by signatory towns and cities to go beyond minimum European Union targets for a reduction in carbon emissions. Dublin city is working with our energy agency Codema to achieve a reduction of 33 per cent in carbon emissions by 2020.

The Lord Mayor outlined some initiatives that Dublin City Council is undertaking to achieve this target:

- Dublin City Council has worked with Codema to develop a Sustainable Energy Action Plan which outlines how carbon emissions in the city can be reduced over the next 20 years.
- Wind turbines in Fr. Collins Park are producing renewable energy to provide electricity for the park's sport facilities and public lighting.
- Codema has set up the Energy Smart Community Scheme, which allows homeowners to join together in clusters to improve the energy performance of their homes.

In her address the Lord Mayor said, "I am very proud of Dublin's involvement in the Covenant of Mayors and of the commitment to make Dublin an energy-smart city over the next 10 to 20 years".

For more information, contact Suzanne Morgan, Communications Officer, Codema, E-mail [suzanne.morgan@codema.ie](mailto:suzanne.morgan@codema.ie).

## Lord Mayor opens community facilities at Killarney Court



Pictured (l-r) are Deirdre Casey, Dublin City Centre CIS, Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello, Irene Crawley, HOPE.

Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello officially opened two new community office facilities at Killarney Court, Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1 recently.

Dublin City Council refurbished the two new facilities that will be managed by Dublin City Centre Citizens Information Services (CIS) and Hand on Peer Education (HOPE). Dublin City CIS provides the local community with information on social welfare, employment law, housing, health and other services. HOPE offers support and advice to families affected by drug use in the local community.

'I am delighted to be here today to officially open these two new community office facilities' said the Lord Mayor. 'I know that the services provided by both CIS and HOPE will offer support, advice and guidance to the local community.'

## Starting a course in 2010/2011?



Under the Corporate Educational Support Scheme, the Training and Development Unit provides financial support to a number of employees every year to undertake relevant part-time courses. Courses must be at least one year in duration. Staff can currently apply for a maximum of 50% of the course fees.

The closing date for receipt of applications for inclusion under the Corporate Scheme 2010/2011 is **Friday 6th August 2010**. All completed application forms must be sent to the Training and Development Unit, Human Resources, Block 4, Floor 4, Civic Offices. **Late applications will not be accepted.** Further information and application forms are on DubNet under HR Info/ Training and Development. Application forms and information are also available directly from the Training and Development Unit.

For further information contact Lucy Crean, Training and Development Unit, T. 222 3766.

## Local Agenda 21 Partnership Fund 2010

Do you have a project or initiative that could contribute to increasing local levels of environmental awareness or one which promotes building greener more sustainable communities? If so, you may qualify for financial assistance from the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund 2010. The Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level.

### Does your project qualify?

Projects should focus on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change. A wide variety of projects and schemes have been supported under the Fund in previous years ranging from community gardens, allotments and compost schemes to rainwater harvesting systems, educational initiatives and environmental exhibitions. A list of previous winning projects can be viewed online at [www.environ.ie](http://www.environ.ie)

### How to apply

Application forms are available from Sandra Smith, Environmental Awareness Officer, or on the homepage of Dubnet under latest announcements. Applications should be made by 5pm on 28th May 2010.

## Council brings road safety message to children

The Tiny Giants Production Company paid a visit to the Wood Quay Venue recently to get the message of road safety across to over 120 pupils aged between 7 and 9 years.

This Council initiative is part of the on-going strategy to reduce road accidents among young road users across the city. Dublin City Council was the first local authority in the country to introduce road safety theatre into schools. Over 30,000 primary and secondary pupils have taken part in the programme since it began in 2000.

The performance of two productions, 'Baron Chance' and 'Courtroom', by Tiny Giants Productions, Liverpool, aims to change pupil's behaviour in traffic in a funny and entertaining way. The productions cover topics such as staying safe in traffic, pedestrian crossings, seatbelts, cycle safety and personal responsibilities. All key objectives are linked to the Social Personal and Health Education strands and the drama strands of the primary schools curriculum.

For more details, contact Michael J. Byrne, Road Safety Development Officer, T. 222 2504, E-mail michael.byrne@dublincity.ie. or roadsafety@dublincity.ie.



Pupils from St Audoen's and St Brigid's schools watch Tiny Giants perform 'Courtroom'.

## MunFunRun a great success



Runners taking part in the MunFunRun.

The first MunFunRun took place in Ballymun on Wednesday 21st April. The run aimed to promote a fun and healthy activity in Ballymun and to give local community groups and schools the chance to raise much needed funds for their work in the area.

The 3 kilometre route passed through the Shangan and Coultry areas of Ballymun, giving participants the chance to see the regeneration of the area in progress.

Over 500 participants successfully completed the circuit. Staff members Jude McHugh and Mary Taylor took part in the run. Antonia Martin and Rosie King of Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL) organized the event. Brian Mongey, Niamh O' Reilly and Astrid Green from the Community Development Section in Ballymun also helped out on the day.

Participating schools and groups are delighted with the level of sponsorship they received. One school raised about €2,000, which will go towards an outdoor activity area for their pupils. Plans are already in place to expand the event in 2011.

For more information, contact Antonia Martin, Sport and Recreation Officer on T. 222 5407.

## Kilbarrack Fire Station goes green

Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) has created a Green Plan for Kilbarrack Fire Station, which aims to create the world's first carbon neutral Fire Station.

The Green Plan for Kilbarrack is to be a template for the entire Fire Service. The project has five themes; water, waste, energy, transport and biodiversity. To date, the fire station has introduced a rainwater harvesting system, a new heat management system (in partnership with the Council's Joinery Section), a recycle bay, biodiesel conversion and a biodiversity action plan. Dublin Fire Brigade hopes to see this project completed by November of this year.

Kilbarrack Fire Station has been named as the flagship for Dublin City Council's draft sustainability report that is due to be brought to Council soon. It will be launched in Kilbarrack in Summer 2010 to coincide with the launch of DFB's Green Plan.



Pictured(l-r) back row are Robbie Kane and Paul Hendricken. Front row are Brian Gilbert, Cathal Mac Cobb, James Eagers, Neil McCabe and Vincent Savage.

## Letter to the Editor Litir chuig an eagarthóir

**Email:** [comms@dublincity.ie](mailto:comms@dublincity.ie)

**Post:** Letter to the Editor, Communications Section,  
3 Palace Street, Dublin 2.

**Note:** Please provide letter, name and address.  
Letters may be edited.

Dear Manager,

A couple of weeks ago we got stuck in a German airport and realised we had forgotten our driver's licences.

We contacted the Motor Tax Office and spoke to Feilim O'Maolain. He was fantastic. It was lunch time and I am sure he missed his lunch trying to help us. He got everything organised very quickly. Without his help, we would have been really stuck.

*O. Brosnan.*

## Win a place in the Bloomsday Bike Rally and a night in the Shelbourne Hotel

You can win the ultimate Bloomsday experience. You and a friend can cycle a dublinbike in the Bloomsday Bike Rally on 11th June and stay a night in the 5\* Shelbourne Hotel. To win text BLOOMSDAY followed by your name to 57802.

Texts cost €2 and all proceeds go to the Irish Youth Foundation, who raise funds for disadvantaged children in Ireland.

The Bloomsday Bike Rally is an annual event and a highlight of the summer calendar. If you win, you and a friend will be part of this Joycean journey around the city. It leaves from St. Stephen's Green at 9am and takes in many of the city's highlights including the Mansion House. It finishes with lunch at the Shelbourne. Lines close 9th June so get texting!

For further information see [www.iyf.ie](http://www.iyf.ie)



## Bloom Festival – staff discount



The Bloom Festival takes place in the Phoenix Park this June Bank Holiday Weekend from 3rd June – 7th June.

Bloom has something for everyone with wonderful gardens, floral displays, farmers market, entertainment stages, cookery demonstrations, family fun zone, craft beer garden, mobile farm and much, much more.

Staff can buy concession tickets online by using the promotional code DCC10.

Bloom's website is <http://bloominthepark.com>.

## Staff Notice board / Clár Fógraí

### photography exhibition with 'purpose'



Looking for some inspiration at lunchtime this May? If so, the 5th Annual Purpose Photography Exhibition is for you. The exhibition takes place in Hogan's Bar, South Great George's Street, Dublin 2 and runs until Saturday 29th May. The exhibition includes photos by several photography enthusiasts, including some staff members. For more information, contact Paul Joyce, T. 222 4513.

### volunteer needed for european transport and dialysis games

The 6th European Transport and Dialysis Games take place from 8th – 15th August. Skilled volunteers are needed, including venue manager, assistant venue manager, sports personnel, IT personnel, venue dresser and security personnel. For more information, see [www.2010newlife.ie](http://www.2010newlife.ie).

### 641 years of service



On the 14th April 2010, a retirement function took place in the Mansion House for retired staff of Dublin City Council, pictured here with Lord Mayor Councillor Emer Costello, City Manager John Tierney and Head of Human Resources, Frank Kelly. Between the 20 retired staff who attended the Retirement Function, 641 years of service have been given to the City Council.

The staff who attended were: Bridie Blighe, Kevin Burke, William Burke, Joseph Campbell, Aidan Conway, Michael DeCoursey, John Donovan, Kenneth Duffy, Eugene Duignan, Robert Evans, Anna Gibney, Patrick Greene, Patrick Kelly, Betty Kenna, Bernie McAdam, Cornelius McCord, Edward Meaney, Brendan Mooney, Mary Quirke, and Elizabeth Reid.

### UCD Certificate in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work – reminder

UCD are still accepting applications for the above course in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work. Any employee who wishes to do this course in 2010/2011 must seek approval from his/her respective Executive Manager, through the 'Educational Support Scheme'. The forms are available on Dubnet/HR Info/Training and Development/Educational Support Scheme. The annual course fee is about €2,240. Approval must be obtained before making formal application to UCD.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications to UCD is 30th July 2010. Information and application forms for this course are available at [www.ucd.ie](http://www.ucd.ie). For more details, contact Breeda Fayne, Corporate Health and Safety Office, T. 222 520, E-mail [breeda.fayne@dublincity.ie](mailto:breeda.fayne@dublincity.ie)

The closing date for inclusion in the next issue is 12.00 noon on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010**.

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