



DCU in the Community

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Shangan Road, Ballymun

www.dcu.ie/community

Latest News:

- The call for nominations for President's Awards for Civic Engagement 2012 is now open. The award recognizes the achievements of DCU staff and students in engaging with the community to address social, economic or environmental issues. For details see <http://www4.dcu.ie/community/civicEngagement/presidents/2012.shtml>
- Ballymun Football Foundation Programme was officially launched by former Ireland footballer Ronnie Whelan in Civic Centre, Ballymun: see <http://projectfutsal.ie>
- Digital Media iMac programme started in February to introduce participants to iLife package to create and edit audio-visual materials, slideshows, movies and websites
- Creative Communications (FETAC L5) programme is also under way and runs in partnership with our neighbour Ballymun Men's Centre
- Busy January with mature students coming from as far as Wexford for help with their CAO applications. Many of our past and current students have applied for a range of higher education courses for September 2012—good luck!

DCU Links:

- School of Communications: Journalism students were out and about in our neighbourhood preparing a radio package with a focus on Ballymun that aired on DCU FM
- School of Nursing: David Keating, a PhD student, joined us recently and is researching men's health issues in Ballymun. Psychology and Health & Society students have received great feedback from local organisations they volunteered with
- DCUBS: Next Generation Management students are supporting various local initiatives in a volunteer capacity, including work on our newsletter and Facebook page: "like" us at www.facebook.com/dcuinthecommunity
- Our call for volunteers met with tremendous response from staff and students across the university: Fiontar, SALIS, Law & Government, Education and more

Community Partner News

- * Congratulations to staff @ Drop in Well Family Resource Centre who celebrated their 21st anniversary this month
- * Thank you to CAFTA (Community and Family Training Agency) for their strong commitment to our joint Working with Groups course that ended Feb 2012
- * DCU Intergenerational Project is in full swing on campus
- * We are delighted to link with HSE Rehabilitation Integration Service, Ballymun Local Drugs Task Force and YAP on a new rehabilitation programme and we look forward to welcoming the participants at our centre

Staff News

- * Welcome to our new receptionist Ann Dwyer and 2 tutors: Dermot Walsh (Disability Awareness) and Paul Hamill (Health Related Fitness)
- * Our Student Support Officer, Joanna Ozarowska, volunteered as an assistant basketball coach with Sports Across Ireland on their Upwards League Jan—Mar in Poppintree Sports Centre
- * Theresa Gillen, tutor, spent a month of December volunteering in Tanzania on Arusha Project and Mark Moloney, student, travelled to Belarus to work at an orphanage for one week
- * Marie O'Reilly, DIT Masters student, has joined us at the centre this semester as part of her work experience placement

We Are Looking Forward To:

- Series of Masterclasses designed by 4th year students at School of Health and Human Performance specifically for our Football Programme students and mentors
- Graduation ceremony for 4 groups of our students in May 2012
- President's Awards for Civic Engagement ceremony in May 2012
- Hearing about the results of college applications and interviews from our past and current students—we will keep our fingers crossed!



Left: Digital Media iMac class Right: Ballymun Football Foundation vs. St. Michael's House challenge game