

Ballymun Concrete News

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Newsletter

Strong Support For the Ballymun Concrete news. By Seamus Kelly

The *Ballymun Concrete News* has managed to survive up to now thanks to the community of Ballymun. It is through the support of local groups, organisations, Gardai, Doctors, community activists and individuals in the area, this newsletter has come up trumps without advertising. Since day one, the *Ballymun Concrete News* policy is not to advertise but to give the reader a one page newsletter with **solid** news. To focus on the news in Ballymun and not be distracted by graphics or illustrations of an advertising nature. It is through local support, there has been 23 issues distributed in Ballymun from July 27th 1998 to January 11th 99. A total of over 40,000 copies in less than six months.

Dublin Corporation in Ballymun, are one of the major supporters of the *Ballymun Concrete News*. They provided: a printer & toner, A.4 paper, and a partial photocopying service which has been invaluable, in sustaining the newsletter. City of Dublin Youth Service Board in Ballymun, also photocopied thousands of newsletters over the past few months in return for A.4 paper, sometimes without the paper. Other groups who also provided support for the newsletter include: The Women's Resource Centre, The Men's Networking Resource Centre of Ireland, The People's Writers Group,

Community Action Project,
Ballymun Drugs Task Force,

Ballymun Library, the Northside People, Ballymun Regeneration Ltd, Ballymun Junior Comprehensive School, Ex-tra Vision and Ballymun Gardai.

Politicians who contributed to the newsletter include: Pat Carey T.D (F/F) and Councillor Eamon O' Brien (L/P). Doctor's Fiona Bradley and Tara Conlon also subscribe once a month to the *Ballymun Concrete News*. Cathal Holland and his daughter Ainne also purchased A4 paper out of their own money for the newsletter.

Also a special thanks to all the outlets in the shopping centre who display the *Ballymun Concrete News*, particularly Spar Store and Ex-tra Vision for that ex-tra special attention and prominence given to the newsletter. If I left anyone out I am sorry, there's just not enough room on this page but thank you one and all.

Without the support of these people and groups, it would be almost impossible to get the newsletter out to you the reader. The *Ballymun Concrete News* is your own community newsletter with Ballymun up to date news. I choose stories which are current, important, and positive for the community. I try and stick to reporting news which benefits the area.

The *Ballymun Concrete News* still needs all the support it can get

through sponsors, donations, A4 paper, photocopying etc.:

If you wish to help in any of these ways, please contact:

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Editorial

I am looking for readers views on the *Ballymun Concrete News*. Does it need to expand into a two or four page newsletter? Would community notices be useful information? Do you want a *Ballymun Concrete Newspaper* for Ballymun? Would you be prepared to pay for such a newspaper or should it be a free paper?. Please let me know your views as soon as possible. As the *Ballymun Concrete News* needs funding to create a newspaper of it's own, I need the full backing and support of the Ballymun community to secure this funding. Being an individual I cannot get the funding, but with the community backing this newsletter, there just might be a chance to get a *Ballymun Concrete Newspaper* off the ground. Please address your views to the Editor at above address.