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Artists Do Ballymun Proud at Art Exhibition. By Seamus Kelly.

Old breadboards coloured with artistic paintings, were the name of the day for one Ballymun artist at the Mun Art exhibition in Dublin Corporation Civic Offices this week. The creative paintings depicting human misery through poverty, unemployment and other works including Ballymun buildings were painted on old breadboards by Mr Tom Shannon, the well known Ballymun artist supreme. Mr. Shannon is just one of the many artists who took part in the colourful art exhibition in the Antrium room at the civic building.

With 17 exhibits of over 200 artistic works of The Association of Ballymun Artists (ABA) the artists took great pride in displaying their artistic talents in all forms of art at the exhibition. Patrick Kavanagh also from Ballymun, his work stirred many onlookers by it's colourful sculptured Celtic design. Both of these artists work seemed to steal the show but other local and friends of Ballymun artists, presented their own gallery of some of the finest in Ballymun creativity.

Commenting on the exhibition Mr Sean Cooke of the Forum for Artists in Ballymun ,(FAB) who was present at the display, said the Dublin Corporation Civic Office is a good platform for the artists to exhibit their works. "It is good to see Ballymun artists present and exhibit their work

on an overall Dublin stage. I was excited and proud to see they got

recognition for their work," he said. The artists included: Robert English,

Edith Poole, Stewart Dowie and the community group, Marie Dunne, Patrick Kavanagh, Joyce Wolohan, Willie Abbot, John Duffy, Coleen McManue, Michael Geraghty, Aiden Fogarty, Tom Shannon, Tonya Ni Chuirrin, Diana Deering Margareta Perti, Dr. Heinrich Recht, and Ray Sherlock.

The exhibition titled 'Imbloc Mun Art Exhibition ', was officially launched by Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Brendan Brady. Dublin Corporation Principal housing officer Mr Brendan Kenny, Councillor Eamonn O' Brien and sculptor Mr. Patrick Kavanagh also officiated at the opening ceremony of the two week art exhibition. The display runs from February 1st to 12th and open to the general public at Dublin Corporations Civic Offices in the Antrium room.

Read and Write.

The Adult Read and Write Scheme in Ballymun is particularly beneficial to Adults who may have been early school leavers. They offer a good range of tutorial services, daytime or evening and free of charge. Some of these include: 'Your Own Tutor. Working with small groups. Help with 'Learning To Learn' Literacy through computers. Group work leading to a certificate. Option to go on to junior certificate English.

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Boy's Junior Comprehensive School and Family Resource Centre, Geraldstown House. Give them a call now if you

think any of the above would help you in your situation.

Contact: Mary Love in complete confidence at: Tel 8622402.

Editorial.

I am very pleased that Ballymun is once again on the map with a spectacular display of Ballymun art in Dublin Corporation Civic offices. The talent in this area is unbelievable and all the more reason we need to have our own art centre in Ballymun. There is lots of good activity and positive news in this area which I have reported in the *Ballymun Concrete News* and national papers. Like the artists, let's keep the positive side of Ballymun centre stage. Ed.

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