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News letter

Ballymun Children are Clear Prizewinners. By Seamus Kelly

Ballymun youngsters are in the picture which received first prize in the Irish Photographer of the year 1999 won by an Irish Times photographer recently. James Connolly Youth Club (JCYC) prizewinners also received £200 from prize-winning photographer Mr.

Miller for your support. We have nominated a trophy with your name inscribed in gratitude for your sincere support. We hope this will encourage the youth in our club partake in various sports exhibitions," said Mr. Mullen. Commenting on the award Mr Frank

The photograph of the young children from the club was published in the Irish Times last year as part of a report by

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Award winning photo of the children playing pool at the JCYC in James Connolly tower.

Frank Miller to help with the clubs expenses. Mr Mick Dunne of JCYC said Mr Miller came into James Connolly tower block recently and told him the photograph had won first prize in the competition. "I was surprised and delighted at the same time when he told me the news. Then he put £200 in cash into my hands and told me it was for the kids club. I put the money straight into the post office," he said.

Mr. John Mullen secretary of the JCYC based in James Connolly tower, said they are grateful to Mr Miller for the presentation of the money to the club and decided to buy a perpetual trophy for pool competitions out of the proceeds. "Thank you very much Frank

Miller said he won overall portfolio prize in the Irish Press Photographer of the year sponsored by Eircell Press Photographer Association of Ireland which included the Ballymun children. He also took second prize in the features which also included the photo of the children. He was surprised and pleased that the JCYC club had put his name on the trophy. He also felt that as a gesture he wanted to give something to the young childrens club as very often as photographers, they take something away when leaving an area. "In situations where we take photographs we take something away and I believe it's nice to give something back," he said.

Catherine Cleary 'Watchers Replace Marchers to Reclaim their Community'. The story focused on how James Connolly tower residents got the youth club up and running as part of a drug prevention programme to keep young children away from the influence of drugs. The club has become a safe haven for Ballymun children where a TV monitoring system also keeps an watchful eye over the children and residents in the tower block. James Connolly tower residents are among the first of the drugwatches which set up in Ballymun in 1997 to help combat the drugs problem in the area.

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