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Rock The Blocks Ballymun Style

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Who said there is no talent in Ballymun needs their head examined after Sunday's episode of Ballymun bands kind of music: 'Rock The Blocks' in the car park of the shopping centre. Band after band as they appeared on the music platform they just seemed to get better and better. Rock, Ballads, Pop and other sounds to suit almost all tastes were the name of the afternoon.

Not even the overcast and cool blustery wind deterred the audience, they were foottapping to the beat and swaying to the bends in the music. Voices of the great singers blew the mind with some amplification from the solid speakers. Sure there were some nervous singers giving their debut gig but who the hell noticed everyone seemed to be having a great time.

I don't want to be accused of singling out particular bands because that's not on. It was a fun day and each band went through its repertoire with vigour and punch. Every instrument made itself heard in melodic, sharp, and specialised style of their own. This is Ballymun at its best displaying talent (local talent) that's all too often hidden under the table. I believe more and more of this type of talent needs to be brought out into the open. Give young bands a chance, an -

opportunity to express themselves in their own style.

Fair play to the people and groups involved in the setting up and organising the whole event. FAB, Youthreach, Ballymun Media Co-op, Dublin Corporation, Coca-Cola, Verge Records, Ballymun Partnership, the Women's Resource Centre, Ballymun Horse Owners Association. Mr. Brian Kelly (Video), Mr. John Brophy (S.C.Manager), Town Centre Security, Garda Siochana and the Face Painters. Kathleen Maher, Derek Fitzpatrick, Lorcon Ennis Tony McElliott, Dave McLoughlin and each and every member of the Ballymun Bands Association were all part of a powerful co-ordination team on and behind the scenes.

The bands and groups know who they are so I'm not going to name them all, I've only got a one page newsletter for God's sake.

Anyway lads you did yourselves proud, give yourself a pat on the back. 'Rock The Blocks' is an example how to go forward into the Millennium the 21st century with explosive material that these bands put out on the day, our new Ballymun has got something to look forward to.

Editorial

I believe every Sunday afternoon is a good day for entertainment in Ballymun. Why not have different events like the 'Rock The Blocks' day. Sunday's tend to be mundane and boring for a lot of people and entertainment of this sort makes a big difference. It's something for the young people to do and gives them an opportunity to express themselves in a positive manner.

I'm sure there are a number of bands out there who might like the opportunity to have a go at this type of event. It doesn't always have to be music, there are I'm sure other forms of entertainment we could explore and give kids a chance to get out there and do their thing.

This is one of the rare gifts that we have heaps of in Ballymun, Talent. It's got to be brought out into the open and expressed. It's great to see young people involved in this type of activity and not involved in the drugs scene. More attention to the positive and less negativity towards our young people is what's needed. They are the future generation and at least let's get them off to a good start by recognising their talents and encouraging them.

The lift strike can get most people down having to walk up endless flights of stairs and protesting on the streets. A little entertainment would not go amiss to help lift the depression of it all.

So let's hope the people and groups involved in the Rock The Blocks can organise some more of the same and keep the entertainment flowing.