



# Galway City Development Board NEWSLETTER

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*Welcome to the 17th issue of the Galway City Development Board's Newsletter*

## Park & Ride Pilot Launched:



Santa helping launch the Park & Ride scheme

For many years Galway has called for Park & Ride facilities.

On Monday December 5, Galway's first pilot park and ride scheme came into force. Bus Éireann operates the service from 7.30am to 9.30pm daily and it is a free all-day bus service operating between Ballybrit/Parkmore and the city centre. Commuters park their cars at Ballybrit. The bus runs from the Parkmore entrance of Ballybrit Racecourse and brings commuters as far as Habitat in Fairgreen. The pilot park and ride service will be in operation up to Christmas Eve.

"We are aiming this at workers and shoppers who will benefit, without the hassle of traffic and of trying to find a parking space. It will have a positive impact," a spokesman for Galway City Council said.

Galway will only get a permanent park and ride facility if the pilot scheme proves a success. As a result, the Mayor of Galway Cllr Brian Walsh is calling on the public to make use of the pilot park and ride scheme.

"I'm encouraging people to use it and experience first hand the benefits of park and ride," Mayor Walsh said.

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# 'Mayors Awards' Are Community Awards':

Cllr. Brian Walsh, the Mayor of Galway City, launched the third annual Mayor's Awards, in City Hall on 17th November, celebrating voluntary activity in community life in Galway City.

The Mayor's Awards 2005 will again acknowledge outstanding people and organisations who, through their commitment to participating in unpaid community and voluntary activities, have had a significant impact on the quality of life of their communities in Galway City. Nominations are invited from people resident in



Pictured at the Mayors Awards

At the launch of this year's Mayor's Awards Cllr. Brian Walsh said, "These awards are called the Mayor's Awards but they are also very much the community's awards". Also at the launch, it was announced that Ulster Bank have become sponsors of the Mayor's Awards, in particular sponsoring the Ulster Bank Volunteer of the Year Award.

The judging panel will review the nominations and make their decisions based on the nominations as submitted. It will also be decided on a seventh award, the Ulster Bank Volunteer of the Year, who must be one of those nominated and who may or not be the winner of one of the other awards.

The closing date for entries is Monday 19th December and nomination forms are available from [www.galwaycity.ie](http://www.galwaycity.ie)

The awards will be presented at a ceremony on 24th January 2006.



Winners of the Mayors Awards 2004

Galway City for individuals or organisations for the Mayor's Awards 2005 in one of the following categories:

- Arts, Culture & Heritage
- Children & Youth
- Neighbourhood and Residents' Groups
- Social & Community Support
- Sports and Recreation
- Young Volunteer of the Year.

## RAPID - Update



Liam Hanrahan

Liam Hanrahan has taken up position of RAPID co-ordinator, taking over from Damian Doherty who has been acting co-ordinator since the start of the Summer. Pat Foley, who had been RAPID co-ordinator has moved to Galway City Council's Housing Department where he is managing the Rental Accommodation Scheme.



- Matching funding for additional estate enhancement works was awarded by the Dept. of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs and Galway City Council. This funding will provide monies for planting, signage and local improvements to estates in RAPID areas.
- Funding totalling €785,000 was awarded to five projects under the Sports Capital Programme



2005. Additional Top-Up Funding from the Dept. of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs has provided an additional €235,500.

- Work has been completed on the refurbishment of the Walter Macken Apartments and refurbishment work on St. Finbar's Terrace is ongoing.
- The Headford Road Improvement Scheme has been advanced through the final planning stages of the process and work is scheduled to commence in 2006.



Apartment blocks

## galway city community forum foram pobal chathair na gailimhe

The Galway City Community Forum held its Annual General Meeting in the Courtyard by Marriott, Headford Road on the 7th December 2005. At this meeting, there were nominations of new members to the Steering Group for the coming year. The Steering Group for 2006 is:

Shane Foran  
Andy Bourne  
Nuala O'Hara  
Trish Corr  
Stan Sjothun  
Brian Mc Namara  
Michael Dooley  
Rose Kavanagh  
Joan Kavanagh  
Margaret Nolan  
Matti Twomey  
Nuala Nolan  
Delo Collier  
Evelyn Moran  
Eleanor Hough

Also at the meeting, Delo Collier was nominated to represent GCCF on the Tourism Forum while Nuala O'Hara takes up the vacancy on Galway City Council's Recreation, Amenity and Culture SPC.

The Galway City Community Forum's website has been revamped and can be accessed at [www.galwaycityforum.ie](http://www.galwaycityforum.ie). There are currently

123 groups registered with the Galway City Community Forum. Groups are now able to register on-line at [www.galwaycityforum.ie](http://www.galwaycityforum.ie) or contact the Co-ordinator for a registration form.

The Autumn issue of "Tribe Vibes", the Galway City Community Forum's Newsletter is available at various locations around the City and from the Co-ordinator.

For more information on the Galway City Community Forum, please contact the Co-ordinator Claire Ann Ní Fhlaithearta at 091-536844 or [communityforum@galwaycity.ie](mailto:communityforum@galwaycity.ie) or browse the website at [www.galwaycityforum.ie](http://www.galwaycityforum.ie).





# Toolkit for Community Groups

## Call for Submissions

Galway City Partnership is currently developing a Toolkit for Community and Voluntary Groups. In developing this resource we would like to hear from local groups as to what they feel should be included in it.

The Toolkit aims to be a practical resource for new and established community and voluntary groups. It will provide guidance and assistance to groups on how to be as effective as possible in carrying out their activities and in achieving their aims and goals.

It is envisaged that the Toolkit will cover such issues as:

- o group formation
- o strategic planning
- o supports available (including grants and funding)
- o useful contacts, links etc.

Please let us know what you/your group would like to see included in the toolkit. You can be as specific as you like. Your submissions will ensure that we can develop as useful as possible a resource for local groups and communities.

Submissions can be made in writing or by email to:

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Closing date for Submissions is Wednesday 18th January 2005



## Spatial Planning Group:

A field trip by the Galway City Development Board Spatial Planning Group to Ballymun and Adamstown took place on Monday November 21st, 2005.

The group visited the offices of Ballymun Regeneration Limited where Sheena Mc Camberly, Senior Planner gave a presentation on the evolution of the Masterplan for Ballymun and progress to date. Following the presentation, the group visited a number of housing schemes in the area.

In the afternoon, the group visited the offices of South Dublin County Council, where Paul Hogan, Senior Planner and the Adamstown project team gave a presentation on the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone.

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