

# Ballyfermot Youth Service

## Report 2011



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# Chairperson's Report

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

Cuireann se an athas agus bro dorm an tuairisc seo a sheoladh daoibh.

It gives me great pleasure to commend this annual report to you; in it you can see the huge range of programmes and activities that we have carried out in 2011. I want to first thank our outgoing Chairperson Mary Daly for her dedication to the youth service and her involvement over the last ten years.. Her role as chairperson has seen the development of much needed services for young people in Ballyfermot during that time.

As can be seen in this report our Outward Bounds Amenity centre in Park West , continues to provide outdoor education activities with emphasis on adventure sports and our Drop in Internet Information Centres on Decies Road and Drumfinn are continuing to attract young people with over 9100 visits in 2011.

Our personal development and peer education drugs awareness programmes together with the afterschool programmes in Decies and Gurteen continue to provide positive choices for young people. Our development of the European Youth in Action programme again sees BYS as one of the leading organisations in Ireland using this programme for the benefit of young people. The links between schools, community groups and BYS continues to grow and the sharing of resources is a testament to the community spirit of Ballyfermot.

Many thanks to my fellow Management Committee members for their guidance and

support in implementing such a range of programmes.

While our budgets have been cut , BYS have managed to provide value for money projects in Ballyfermot. Our commitment to late night and weekend service is testament to this, our opening hours are to suit young people. Our residential programme is one of the best on offer in the country with over 700 hundred young people taking part in 2011.

I would like to thank the manager and staff for their commitment and dedication throughout this time. I also want to thank the staff of the Gurteen Youth Club Community Employment project for all their help with the various programmes. I also wish to thank the City of Dublin Youth Service Board Liaison Officer Gwen Doyle for her assistance and support .

Finally , I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Office of the Minister for Children and the City of Dublin Youth Service Board. for their continued financial support to the project. I can guarantee that the financial investment has made a difference to the lives of young people in Ballyfermot.

Mar focal scoir, “An scath a cheile a mhaireann na duaine” and I look forward to working with you in 2012 and having another successful year.

Vincent Jackson, Chairperson

## MANAGERS REPORT

This year has been a very challenging one for Ballyfermot Youth Service, the cutbacks in our budgets and the growth in youth unemployment in the area has seen our service stretched to its capacity. In a time of crisis facing our young people and in particular young people who live in disadvantaged areas , our staff have provided a beacon of light and enthusiasm for young people . In these difficult times it is more important now to have services for young people that encourage and develop their growth as citizens.

The need for young people to stay in school and finish their education is more important now, one of our primary objectives is to reduce the level of early school leavers. I am very pleased to report that the co operation BYS receives from all the schools in Ballyfermot for this work is down to the recognition that education is not only confined to the formal sector.

In this report you can see the range of programmes and activities that we have carried out in 2011. Our programmes have ranged from art to music sports, drama, media and information technology . These programmes are aimed at

encouraging the creative and personal development of young people. They are also down to the skill of our workforce in their abilities to maximise the potential for human growth. Travel is also one of the great learning tools and the continued involvement of BYS in the Youth in Action programme has seen another 60 teenagers partake in European travel in 2011.

This year Maria Healy joined us as our new Project Leader and she has settled in to the position with energy and commitment to BYS. I would like to acknowledge the commitment and enthusiasm that the staff of Ballyfermot Youth service and Gurteen Youth Club Community Employment have shown to improving the lives of young people. I would also like to thank the members of our management committee who give their time voluntarily, for their help and support. A special word of thanks to Gwen Doyle Liaison officer of the City of Dublin Youth Service Board for all her help and also to the many schools and community groups who we work in partnership with.

Gerry Mc Carthy, Manager

Dec 2011



# Youth Work Programme

Ballyfermot Youth Service boasts a substantial team of highly skilled and qualified youth workers who run a wide variety of youth and community based programmes

push personal boundaries, building self confidence and creating a sense of achievement. Our peer education team worked closely with many youths delivering

work team integrated and coordinated their work more with that of the Outward bounds team. This new development saw an increase in numbers participating in adventure sports through their weekly youth work programmes and allowed staff to combine resources to deliver successful youth programmes such as the Peer Education day in June and I'm A Teenager Get Me Out Of Here, in Oakwood during September.



throughout each year. From working with the most at-risk youths in the local area, to providing school based programmes, to residential around Ireland and Europe, all areas of youth work are covered within the service, and to the highest of standards.

Within 2011 youths benefited from a wide range of social, personal and mental health development programmes. They were provided with opportunities to engage in sporting activities from football to rock climbing, enabling them to learn new skills and

the 'CAN U HAC IT' programme within schools and youth groups.

Youths were supported through after school programmes and late night and weekend drop-in's giving them a safe and friendly space at all times within their ever hectic weeks to engage, in some form, with the service. Additionally youths engaged in art, media and music projects and programmes, finding their inner creativeness, learning new skills and new ways to express themselves.

In 2011 the Ballyfermot youth

## Youth Work Staff

Gerry Mc Carthy, Manager

Maria Healy, Project leader

Ursula O Connor,  
Administrator

Bryan Perry, Youth Worker

John Kelly, Youth Worker

Paula Moore,  
Peer Educator/Youth Worker

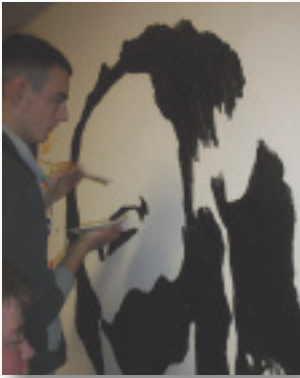
Martin O'Reilly, Youth Worker

Kevin Dolan, Youth Worker

Emma Fitzsimons, Peer  
Educator

## Decies Road – Design

This year BYS Decies Road building has been getting a much needed re-vamp. Following on from the structural work that happened in the building last year it was decided that we needed to do



some decorating. Different groups are in the process of adding their own pieces of art to the walls such as, aliens, Bob Marley, horses and graffiti pieces. We hope that when the work is complete the building will reflect our young people's interests and passions as well as bringing some colour to the building!!

## Music Programme

As part of our youth work programme BYS has been developing and delivering music programmes for the young people in the area. The past year has seen our music programme grow further with more groups forming and more young people participating.

This year we also held our first



music camp in Oakwood, Co Wicklow. Here a group of young people recorded a song in which they played all the instruments and vocals. It was a great success due in no small part to the help of Emma-Jane Leeson & Maria Healy.



BYS see music as a great way for young people to express themselves, understand different cultures, develop confidence and most importantly enjoy themselves. We have some very talented young people and we want them to have the opportunity



to develop and showcase their skills & talent. We also want young people that have never tried to play an instrument to hit a drum, or strum a guitar and see if they like it!!

Our groups can incorporate all or just one of the following – the choice is yours!

*Guitar*

*Drumming*

*DJ'ing*

*Song writing*

*Rap*

## One World Week is a Development Education Charity\*



Each year, "The Week" is an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about global justice, to spread that learning and to use it to take action for justice locally and globally.

One World Week is a week of youth-led awareness raising, education and action that takes place throughout Ireland during the third week in November every year.

This year we looked at Images and Messages and the way in which they influence how people think and behave. They affect what we believe and how we act towards each other, including towards

people from different parts of the world. The training and the accompanying resource pack helped us look beyond the images and messages



we receive about the 'Global South', to develop critical thinking skills and to analyse what the reality of development might be.



## Ballyfermot Youth Service (Gurteen)

The Gurteen area of Ballyfermot covers upper Ballyfermot. The targeted groups are from the age of 10-21 years of age. The aim is to provide 200 young people at risk of drugs, crime, and anti social behaviour with new leisure and educational opportunities based on the principles of youth work.

We target up to 120 young people from the area to engage in the Saturday night soccer programme which meet their needs as a prevention tool and from becoming involved in crime, drink and drugs on a Saturday night. We also open our adjoining youth centre on Saturday nights until 10pm, which coincides with the soccer initiative. The 120 young people are made up of both male and females ranging from 10-18 years, but more at the older age bracket.

We build positive relationships with the young people as a starting point for further structured pieces of work. We support up to 80 young

people through issue based groups. This is done through small groups which include educational, leisure, information on sexual health and drugs awareness programmes etc.

We support young adults to stay in school or work to find alternative education with them. We work one to one with young people in terms of educational disadvantage, when required. We also advocated on behalf of young people in meetings, regarding education and alternative education processes.

We address the issue of integration within ethnic minority groups in the community as some of these young people can become marginalised and isolated. Further to this we aim to engage youth in exchanges throughout Europe developing their cultural awareness. In 2011 youth from the Gurteen area engaged in exchanges to Italy and Hungary.

# Adventure Centre

The Ballyfermot Youth Service Adventure Centre is situated in Park West Business Park adjacent to the Grand Canal, which is an ideal location for many of the activities & programmes we provide. We also take our groups to local parks, rivers and of course the Dublin and Wicklow mountains.



## Aims:

Our aim for the centre is to engage young people in targeted groups and involve them in positive recreational activity. Through this involvement in exciting and very social activities we hope to develop core life skills such as: respect, teamwork, communication skills, and physical well-being as well as

an awareness of self, others and the environment. We also promote a 'Leave no Trace' policy.

The use of the outdoors makes a major contribution to physical and environmental education and enhances many other curriculum areas.

It contributes to personal growth and social awareness and develops skills for life. Qualities such as a sense of responsibility and a purpose in life are nurtured and encouraged. Outdoor activities provide a valuable alternative, often non-competitive avenues for achievement, as well as opportunities to develop

independence and self-reliance. There is also a great deal of intrinsic enjoyment and satisfaction to be experienced from participation in outdoor activities

## Programmes:

We develop and design programmes to meet the needs and requirements of each individual group.

Throughout the year the young people have participated in a

wide variety of programmes including, introduction to kayaking & open canoeing, Irish Canoe Union kayaking proficiencies, mountain biking, cycling & bike agility as well as multi disciplinary adventure sports programmes, including rock climbing, orienteering, fishing, gorge walking, hillwalking, camping & overnight expeditions & residential. Most groups meet once a week for a minimum of 2 hours.

In 2011 the centre catered for the following numbers:

2666 visits to the centre

968 individual young people

607 Boys

354 Girls

7 adults

The centre also works closely with other agencies within Ballyfermot who target specific 'at risk' groups such as early school leavers, Garda Diversion projects, young people already involved in the justice system and provides them with an outdoor education option for their programmes.

In 2011 we worked with the following organisations amongst others:



# Adventure Centre

WHAD, ABLE, The Base, St. Ultan's Care Unit, Ballyfermot Travellers Action Project, Cherry Orchard Integrated Youth Service, The Life Centre, Dominican Campus Junior School Completion programme & Mary Queen of Angles SCP, De La Salle 6th Class, St. Dominic's Transition Year, St Louise's NS and The Dyspraxia Association.

We run the activity section of accredited programmes helping young people who are out of formal education to gain qualifications & formal recognition.

This year we supported 4 young people in achieving their Bronze Gaisge Award

8 achieved their FETAC Level 3 in Health and Fitness

Irish Canoe Union Personal Kayaking Proficiency Award were achieved by:

71 Discovery Level



42 Level 1

5 Level 2

2 Level 3

4 have also completed their Level 3 training.

This year our two sport-specific clubs continued to grow, the Youth Kayaking Club and The Mountain Biking Club. These clubs introduce a high skill level & competitive element for those

dedicated young people.

The Kayak club comprises of young people who have shown an aptitude, interest & enthusiasm for the sport as well as 2 Junior leaders who have come up through other clubs and groups run by the centre over the past few years.

During the year they fund raised and with the help of a grant from The Ballyfermot Advance Project they travelled to Wales during August.

They experienced kayak surfing along the coast of Pembrokeshire National Park and had 3 intense days of extreme white water paddling in the Cardiff International White Water Centre. The centre offers a unique environment of on-demand white water, plus access to a diverse river system for flat water paddlers, a perfect safe, training ground for groups to practice skills while getting a taste of the travelling culture which kayaking has to offer.

The Mountain Biking club involved 12 young boys from Ballyfermot. They trained on various downhill & dirt bike tracks around Wicklow. Due to the popularity in Mountain Biking as an activity with the young people, our bikes have had a great deal of use and reached the end of their useful life in the centre during the year. A small group of boys cycled the full 131k of the Grand Canal (camping along the way) to help raise the much needed funds. This together with the help of over 40 additional young people who all did a 10k sponsored cycle and additional funds



provided by The Drugs Task Force enabled us to purchase a new fleet of mountain bikes.

## Staff:

Allegra Lalor, Outward Bounds Centre Coordinator/Senior Instructor

Ger O'Reilly, Outward Bound Instructor

Barbara Healey, Administrator.

During the summer we were fortunate to have two additional staff, Patrick McGovern and Ciara Myburg, funded through the Dublin City Council Student Summer Scheme. This enabled us to provide outdoor activities to a much greater number young people than would otherwise have been the case.

We have also been lucky to have gained a new worker, under a CE Scheme, Shawn O'Brien who both works with the Mountain Biking Club and is responsible for centre and bike maintenance.



# Peer Education Drugs Awareness

## What is Peer Education?

Peer education is based on a concept which makes positive use of potential peer influence. It involves the sharing of information, attitudes, behaviour and perceptions of young people who are not professionally trained instructors but whose goal is nonetheless to educate.

This is the concept which provides the foundation for our Peer Education Programme at Ballyfermot Youth Service.

According to the young people in Ballyfermot "Peer Education" is about young people coming together for the purpose of sharing knowledge, experiences, attitudes and perceptions in an informal setting.

## Peer Education Programmes



## and Training

This year in 2011 the Peer Education Programme supported 9 schools in the area and involved over 250 young people in a variety of different peer education programmes including peer education training.

These programmes were based on developing young people's leadership/facilitation skills, group work and drug awareness workshops. The programmes were delivered in the following schools in the Ballyfermot area:

St Dominic's  
St Johns College  
Caritas College

Pobal Scoil Iosolde

Each group last for up to 10 weeks, in two of the above named schools the programme is mainstreamed as part of the transition year curriculum. The content over the ten week period is as follows:

Peer Education definitions and Exploring Peer Pressure

Personal development and Empowerment  
Drug Awareness

Leadership skills, Facilitation skills, and Group work skills



## Outcomes

This training also provides the young people with an opportunity to put their skills into practice through facilitating sessions for their peers within their school or youth group.

The young people also expressed that they were more confident and knowledgeable regarding drugs and alcohol issues within their community. They also expressed how the leadership skills will help them in their future careers after completing the programme.





# On the Road with Peer Education

In February and June of this year the Peer Education Programme held two Peer Education/Drug Awareness day trips, to Carlow and Pudding Hill Co Meath, for 140 young people, both day trips



consisted of Drug awareness workshops and activities that reflected the interests of the young people who participated on the day. These workshops used creative ways from the CAN U HAC IT Programme to give young people the facts and effects drugs have on young people, families and the wider community.

## Carlow Workshops

Charlie's Day Out - the impact of a persons actions on themselves, peers, family and the wider community.

Beer Goggles – explored impact drugs & alcohol have on an individual

Dance.



Photography

Music.

## Pudding Hill Workshops

Drama – “What About Us”???...impact of drugs on the individual, their family & their community

Facts & Myths – moving debate on substance use and its effects

Mountain biking

Go-Karting



# Information Centres

The Ballyfermot Youth Information Centres are an integrated part of Ballyfermot Youth Service Ltd.. We are the first point of contact for many young people seeking information on a variety of issues. We provide a free confidential, open, generalised, drop-in and free internet service with late night openings. We offer services 5 days a week (see below opening times) and our late night Wednesday & Tuesday evening has been a huge success, with lots of young people both male & female in attendance for free IT, drop-in and supports.

Our premises are a confidential, friendly, warm and informal environment. Our friendly staff whom assist to find or interpret the information required in dealing with each young persons query efficiently and appropriate to the young persons needs. We advocate on behalf of our young people in all aspects of their lives.



Young people drop-in as individuals and through regular attendance building up friendships and positive relationships. This allows us to engage with our youth work staff by introducing some at risk young people into our youth work programmes and activities and also to other services locally. We offer services to teen parents, early school leavers, family and one to one supports and young people at risk in our community to mention a few

The information officers work along side our youth workers / outward bounds staff and provide supports to other relevant voluntary/ statutory agencies whom we have build up relationships with, which involve referrals to these agencies for further and more specialised information and assistance as required for our young people.

Information is provided on a wide range of subjects such as:

Employment matters, coping with unemployment, recreation, sports & leisure, local and community services and facilities, organisations & clubs, health & social services, education and training, European exchanges and volunteering abroad, family/ personal and careers.

We also provide a variety of forms such as from Passport, E11, Driving Theory Test, Learner Permits, Garda ID etc.

Our opening times;

## **DRUMFINN**

Monday	2 – 7 pm
Tuesday	2 – 7 pm
Wednesday	2 – 9pm
Thursday	2 – 7 pm
Friday	2 – 6.30pm

## **DECIES RD**

Monday	1.30-7pm
Tuesday	1.30-9pm
Thursday	1.30-7pm
Friday	1.30-5pm

## **Ballyfermot Youth Information Centre**

3 Drumfinn Park  
Ballyfermot  
Dublin 10  
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Phone: 01 6237401

## **Ballyfermot Youth Service**

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Phone: 01-6231431

# I'M A TEENAGER

## Get Me Out Of Here!

The Ballyfermot Youth Service organised I'm A Teenager Get Me Out Of Here on Friday 30th of September until Sunday 2nd of October.

The teenagers were chosen by interviews hosted by the Ballyfermot Youth Service Leaders.

There were two teams of 6. Each team had a Youth Worker, the teams had to do challenges to earn food, showers, phones etc.

**Move over Tarzan and Jane for that matter - for here come the winners**



### The challenges were:

**Friday:** Each team set up tents, cooking area, went through camp rules & instructions with Camp leader's and participants.



Both teams had a survival kit, that consisted of: a first aid kit, torches, camping equipment, Pasta, Baked Beans, Fruit, and items like, Mixed Nuts, toilet Rolls, Juice/Water Scary- Challenge – House visit etc.

**Saturday:** 5 Challenges around Oakwood. The challenges were rope walking challenge, the oak tucker trials, putting a tent up blindfolded, the water and height challenges and cross that bridge when we come to it!!



**Sunday:** St. Kevin's Walk challenge and the maze. We announced the winning team and gave out the trophies to the winners and packed up and went home.

The whole challenge was an amazing experience for all involved. The weather conditions on the weekend in question were some of the worst with floods and heavy rainfalls destroying the campsites and all its contents!!

But the youths battled on and pushed themselves to their physical and mental limits! It was a great achievement by all involved!



Keep your eyes and ears peeled for notice in 2012 of the next helping of **I'M A TEENAGER GET ME OUT OF HERE!!!**

# European Youth in Action 2011

In 2011, 55 young people were involved in youth exchanges around Europe. Ballyfermot Youth Service has worked on consolidating and strengthening the links with our European partners throughout the year which has led to opportunities for more exchanges to take place in 2012.



The European Programme has now become a more intricate part of our youth work programme, providing better outputs and outcomes than ever before. Staff have seen youths develop through the non-formal and experimental learning format of the programmes, taking them away from their normal environment into totally new and exciting cultures and environments. Another key strength of the Youth in Action Programmes that we have observed is the Youth Pass. This element provides youth with the recognition they deserve for their participation in such projects.

## Youth In Action Projects 2011



### Plombaires, BELGIUM

Date: 3rd-8th March

Theme: Drug Awareness

Youth Leaders: Paula Moore & Gerry Mc Carthy

### Countries Involved:

Ireland, Belgium & Italy

Youth Feedback: "Youth expressed how they were overwhelmed with the relationships that were built and how it felt to be apart of a very powerful message against drugs. They also noted how they got to experience new cultures, foods, languages and ways of life".

### Agia, GREECE

Date: 20th April-1st May 2011

Theme: Eco Waves; ecological understanding of the environment on local and national levels

Youth Leaders: Emma Fitzsimons

### Countries Involved:

Ireland, Valencia,

Czech Republic, & Greece.

**Youth Feedback:** " Along with meeting people from new cultures and countries, we engaged in activities that demonstrated to us how



other countries survive on solar energy, it really showed how inefficient Ireland's energy systems are and the changes we need to make".

### Keckskemét Camp, HUNGARY.

Date: Sunday 3rd - 17th July 2011

Theme: 'Points of View'

Youth Leaders: Bryan Perry & Natalie Mc Kee

Countries Involved: Ireland, Hungary, Estonia, Italy & Poland

# European Youth in Action 2011



## Youth Feedback:

"It was an experience of a lifetime"

"I made lots of new friends" "I learned so much about other cultures and countries".

## Égervölgye, HUNGARY

**Date:** 16th-24th June 2011

**Theme:** Olympics" to include sport and healthy lifestyle

**Youth leaders:** Kevin Dolan

**Countries Involved:** Ireland, Hungary, Bulgaria & Slovakia

Youth Feedback: "The young people had a fantastic time, some saying it the best time of their lives and they really looked forward to meeting the other groups again. The whole group have kept up the contact, not only with their peers but the leaders from the



other countries also. The group have all expressed the interest to visit more countries through the European

Exchange arrangement"

## Puumala, FINLAND

**Date:** 7th-13th August 2011.

**Theme:** Small steps toward voluntary work

**Youth leaders:** Gerry Mc Carthy & Aimee Harding

**Countries Involved:** Ireland, Finland, Malta & Italy

**Youth Feedback:** "I got to experience new cultures and see the effect that volunteering can have within a community"

"I made so many new friends and learned new languages"

"It was great mixing with so many people from different countries and cultures"

## Plombières, BELGIUM

**Dates:** 6th-13th August 2011

**Theme:** Sports and Culture

**Leaders:** Ger O Reilly & Tanya Conroy

**Countries Involved:** Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg & Belgium

## Youth Feedback:

"We went as friends and came back as a family".

"We miss all our new friends so much".

"Great week, feels weird to

have breakfast without 30 people in the room"

## Youth Participants:

Shawn O'Brien  
Lorna O'Brien

Conor Sommers

Aaron Cassidy

Kevin Byrne

Amanda French

Shauna Kelly

Robyn Doyle

Orla O'Donnell

Amy O'Callaghan

Aaron Murphy

Jamie Murphy

Aaron Monks

David Gonzales

Aaron Mc Garry

Kevin Malone

Scott Cashin

Ryan Foley

Jessica Curley

Rebecca Fortune

Amy Byrne

Dylan Kavanagh

Natalie Mc Kee

Mark Byrne

Leigh O Reilly

Lee Reilly

Jamie Westwood

James Gonzales

Mark Doyle

Gerard Callaghan

Dylan Behan

Stacey Cullen

Ciara Smallhorne

Ryan Belmont

Owen Tyrell

Jason Callahan

Gavin Mc Cardle

Ciara Gaffney

Emma Quirke

Katie Barry



# Gurteen Youth Club Community Employment Project

Gurteen Youth Club Community Employment Project.

Gurteen Youth Club Community Employment Project is based in Ballyfermot.

Our project has 18 CE workers and 1 Supervisor at present.

We provide support to services offered by Ballyfermot Youth Services at Decies Road – Youth Information Centre at Drumfinn Park and their Outward Bounds Activities Centre in Parkwest.

Our Club House is at the rear of the sports complex on Gurteen Road.

Here we cater for children aged 6 to 12.

## We offer

After school Homework Clubs



Evening Clubs

Residential weekends at Oakwood.

On the creative side, there are Art & Craft competitions, and of course our hugely successful Summer Projects.

Our experienced staff offers a warm welcome to all children that attend our clubs. Children's clubs like ours present a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, participate in activities, and may well be the

start of some lifelong friendships. We work hard to give all young people that participate in our clubs the chance to achieve their potential through social and personal development opportunities.

We aim to provide a comprehensive, inclusive, broad-ranging service to the young people of Ballyfermot and the adults who work with them. And in so doing create the opportunity for local people to participate on a Community Employment Project that will further the participants opportunity for employment. We provide good quality training that meets the needs of our participants as well as proving the opportunity to work in a nurturing and professional environment.

Anyone interested in joining in the fun, get in touch.

## CE Participants

Deirdre Fortune  
Napper

Catherine

Bridget Murray  
Anita Murphy

Karen Salinger  
Amanda

McCormack  
Jacinta Griffin  
Sally Flynn  
William Newman

Samantha Hogan  
Samantha Griffin  
Ann Monaghan

Catherine O'Connell  
Noel Mahony

Shawn O'Brien  
Ciaran Mooney

## Supervisor

Pauline Grogan

## Jobs Initiative

Ann O'Byrne (joined BYS in October, 2011)

Imelda Brady (joined BYS in October, 2011)

# BALLYFERMOT YOUTH SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ballyfermot Youth Service relies throughout the year on the time and dedication offered on a voluntary basis by our Board of Management and Youth Work Volunteers. These individuals give up their free time to assist Ballyfermot Youth Service at all levels of service delivery. They are all a fundamental part of our service and we would like to take this

opportunity to thank them all individually and acknowledge the commitment they make to the service on a yearly basis.

## **Ballyfermot Youth Service Youth Work Volunteers**

Emma Geraghty, Lorna Maher, Natalie Mc Kee, Aimee Harding, Tanya Conroy, Niamh Smith, Aaron Murphy, Luke O'Connor, Emma-Jane Leeson, Lee Reilly, Thomas

Brazil, Lee Cusack.

## **Ballyfermot Youth Service Board of Management**

Vincent Jackson, Chairperson

Leon Kelly,

Company Secretary/Treasurer

Lorraine Hyland, Gwen Doyle, Aaron Murphy, John Gregg, Tanya Conroy, Marion Shelly, Elfreda Carroll

## **BEYOND 96**

Beyond 96 is a youth leadership group that has been established since 1996. This group has seen many youths train in Youth Leadership and go on to develop as youth leaders in their local community.

In 2011 the current Beyond 96 youth leaders worked hard and dedicated much of their free time to their group. The

leaders successful engaged in a youth exchange, weekly youth groups and a very successful and enjoyable summer project.



Beyond 96 has proved to be a

vital element of youth provision in the Ballyfermot area and a big congratulations and thank you is owed to all involved.

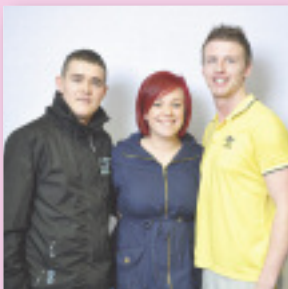
Youth leaders: Jamie Murphy, Orla O'Donnell, Aaron Murphy, Scott Cashin, Robyn Doyle, Aaron Monks, Amy O'Callaghan, David Gonzales, Aaron mc Garry, Shauna Kelly & Kevin Malone.

## **Oakwood**

2011 was a busy year for our residential centre in County Wicklow (Oakwood). We had over 700 young people take part in residential trips. The centre has proved a fantastic success providing low cost adventure trips for young people.

This year we completed a fresh water and new septic treatment plant, bringing the centre up to modern European standards.

Special thanks to Ballyfermot Community Properties for their help this year.



# Ballyfermot Youth Service



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