



## Brian Kennedy backs local children's music

**In late October, at St Michael's Estate, Inchicore, singer and musician Brian Kennedy was guest of honour at a concert to celebrate MUSIC FOR ME, a children's music programme run by arts organisation Common Ground in Dublin's Canal Communities, comprising Rialto, Inchicore, Bluebell and Kilmainham.**

Children from the Fatima Homework Club and Dolphin House Homework Club (Rialto) and the After schools Family Resource Centre St Michael's Estate, sang and played their own compositions for VIP guest Brian Kennedy and proud family and friends.

Speaking at the concert, which featured more than 40 children across the four participating inner city areas, Brian Kennedy said "Music is the language of emotion and in these challenging times it's inspiring and

moving to see the next generation of local kids expressing themselves in this way. Sometimes it's easier to sing something rather than say it and I can think of no better way than learning about each other through the all powerful medium of song and musical collaboration. I'm proud to be associated with Music for Me."

This event celebrates the eight-year long music partnership of Common Ground with local groups. Music for Me began in 2005 with just 16 children and now has 120 children participating annually, with over 17 musicians involved across Dublin 8 and 12.

Orlaith McBride, Director of the Arts Council, commented "Through music and Music for Me children in the Canal Communities are finding their voice. Music for Me is a great start, for great kids in a great community and it gives every single child who participates a gift for life. Music for Me is this community pulling

together. It is this community looking out for and giving the very best start to its children."

It is a wonderful testament to the hard work of the local Homework Clubs, After School Clubs, their participants and the musicians that the programme has developed so much and come so far. Well done to all involved!

However as we go to press we have just heard that the City of Dublin Youth Services Board has cut Common Ground's funding for 2013. Common Ground is currently looking for alternative funding to support children and young people's participation in the arts.

**Picture top left: Brian Kennedy with siblings Jeffrey, Gina, Whitney and Owen Osazuwa; Right: Niamh Fitzgerald, St Michaels and Karen Cummins, Rialto**

# St Andrews Boxing Club up and running!

**In June of this year, Alan Lively, Damien Flood, Willie O'Reilly, Stephen Malone and James Hamilton got together and formed the St. Andrews Boxing club.**

In the beginning while waiting on an opening in St. Andrews Community Centre the club was kindly offered the use of Donore Boxing Club's facilities. They started training with about 10 young boxers twice a week in Donore, and also trained in the Phoenix Park.

Eventually when they opened up their own boxing club in St. Andrew's in August of this year they were surprised by the large numbers of boys and girls who joined the club. Currently the group is working with children from the age of 6 to 9 years on Sunday mornings from 10.30am to 12pm. There is also training with over 9s on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm to 7.30pm.

On Saturday 8th November they had two of their young boxers in the Leinster Boxing Championships in the National Stadium. James Geoghegan was narrowly beaten by the overall winner in what was a very close



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contest in the semi final. Jack Quirke picked himself off the canvas to claim a spot in the final which was held on Sunday 9th. This was a thrilling contest as Jack was narrowly beaten by 2 points.

After only five months and limited resources, the club has produced two boxers capable of boxing with the best- also currently training with them is Defence Forces Champion Andy Jennings and last year's league competitors Daryal Mc Enroe, Sean Doran and Tyrone Malone are still currently involved in the Dublin Leagues Competition.

The new club has reached success with limited equipment and are looking for local businesses or individuals to sponsor it so that they can purchase equipment and kits for the young boys and girls in the club. It is the club mission to support young people to engage in a sport that suits them so they can develop in confidence and skills to the best of their ability in a safe environment with their peers and positive role models.

As registered members of the I.A.B.A the club believes that boxing is a form of sport which encourages a healthy lifestyle choice for young boys and girls of all ages. They are looking forward to 2013 as we believe that we will have more of our young boxers entered into the various boxing leagues with the hope of a champion or two.

If you would like more information about the boxing club you can contact Alan Lively on 085-716 2024.

New members are always welcome or you can call in to chat to one of our trainers at St. Andrew's Community Centre, 468 South Circular Road, Rialto.

## **UN International Day of Older Persons Celebrated at Rialto Day Care Centre**

**Rialto Day Care Centre organised an afternoon party to mark the United Nations International Day of Older Persons on Monday October 1st in St. Andrew's Community Centre, Rialto.**

**Active retirement groups from the wider area were invited to celebrate positive ageing and**

**to view the recently refurbished Rialto Day Care Centre.**

**The event kicked off with a drinks reception in the new dining room with local musician, Denny Stupakova, on saxophone. Mary Kinane, Chairperson Rialto Day Care Centre, and Phil Cooley from Age Action launched**

**International Day of Older Persons in the Day Centre and this was followed by food and live music with Heartbeat Express in St. Andrew's hall.**

**The event was attended by over 50 people and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.**

# Come on Rialto: Let's get fit!



We all know that, as Christmas loom, there will be plenty of fun, food and socialising on the agenda for lots of us. It seems like every January we all vow to lose the extra pounds we have piled on over the festive period. But this year, why not get an advance start on things and join an exercise class or two now – it will encourage you not to over indulge too much and the battle will be easier! Below is loads of information on exercise classes happening in our community. Come on Rialto, LET'S GET FIT!

## ■ MONDAY

**Circuit training** F2 Centre 6.15pm  
text 087 670 3689  
**Boxing** St Andrew's Community Centre 6pm ph 085 716 2024

## ■ TUESDAY

**Boxercise** F2 Centre 7.30  
text 087 670 3689

## ■ WEDNESDAY

**PALs** – physical activity for older people, Rialto Parish Centre 11am  
083 334 6191  
**Pilates** F2 Centre 1pm  
text 087 670 3689

**Zumba** Rialto Parish Centre 7p.m.  
ph 01 453 9020

**Circuit training** Dolphin House 7pm  
ph 454 4683

**Chair yoga for seniors** Rialto Day Care Centre, St Andrews Community Centre 11 a.m.  
text 086 886 3678

## ■ THURSDAY

**Yoga** F2 Centre @ 1p.m.  
text 087 670 3689

**Line Dancing** Rialto Parish Centre 1p.m. ph 01 453 9020

**Boxercise** F2 Centre 7.30 pm  
text 087 670 3689

**Boxing** St Andrew's Community Centre 6pm  
ph 085 716 2024

## ■ SUNDAY

**Boxing** St Andrew's Community Centre 10.30am  
ph: 085 716 2024

**Alternatively, OPERATION TRANSFORMATION is coming to the F2 Centre, organised by Fatima Groups United. Text 087 670 3689 or call 01 471 6700.**

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING OSCAR

**A for one night only  
BENEFIT PERFORMANCE  
for St. Andrews  
Community Centre  
by Michael Judd  
11th December at 8pm  
Tickets €10**

Micheál Mac Liammóir's witty and outstanding skilful tribute to Oscar Wilde, provides an hilarious and memorable night of fun. Café style setting, finger food supplied, bring your own wine.

## Social & Gardening Group: new members welcome

This group is available for men who would like the opportunity to meet in a safe, social setting on a weekly basis. Each Wednesday, the group meets from 10am to 12.30pm in St. Andrews Community Centre, Rialto where they have breakfast, play pool, read papers and tend to the community garden and their allotment. The group were recent recipients of a Dublin City Council award (Residential Category). Well done lads!





# Festive Fun for everyone!

There will be loads of festive fun for all the family happening in the area over the coming weeks. Why don't YOU take part to help pass the time until Santa arrives?

■ The local **Tree Lighting Service** will take place at 3.45pm on **Friday, 7th December** at the crossroads in Dolphin's Barn. Local children from Loreto School will

entertain the crowds by singing carols and and there will be a very special surprise guest! Party bags will be available for every child who attends and it will be a really nice way to mark the start of the Christmas season for all the family.

The event is kindly being organised by the back of the Pipes Residents Association.

■ There will be a local **Christmas Party for the OVER-55s in St. Andrews Community Centre on 19th December at 2pm.**

It will be a fun afternoon of festive fun, finger food, a free raffle. If you would like to come along, call us here at Rialto Network on 01 473 2003.

## Community Garden blooms

At the top of Reuben St a group of local people, with the support of Dublin City Council, have started a large community garden, Flanagan's Fields. There is now a core group of people making a huge effort to develop this area into a lovely garden that grows local and sustainable food. They have planted a raspberry bed and hope to have golden and red raspberries for next autumn.

## TUTORS NEEDED!

Would YOU like to share your skills and meet new people?

As Rialto becomes ever more multi-cultural, the demand for English Conversation classes grows more and more. In recent months, attendance at these classes has grown significantly and we are now putting out a request for VOLUNTEER TUTORS. You do not need any previous teaching experience, just a willingness to help people gain confidence in speaking English. Class plans and back-up support are provided. Classes run every Tuesday from 3.00 to 5.00pm in St. Andrew's Community Centre, Rialto, Dublin 8. For further information on becoming a tutor, or if you know someone who might like to attend classes, call Atinuke on 01 473 2003.

## BRIGHT SPARKS art sessions go from strength to strength

A group of toddlers and their mothers sit engrossed at a table. They're stamping bits of cut vegetables dipped in paint onto a circle of card. Tomatoes, mushrooms, peppers. Red, brown, green. The shape of a delicious pizza emerges. Rialto Network News drops in on Bright Sparks to witness our smallest artists at work

Bright Sparks, has been running now for over a year in the F2 Centre and it's attracting more and more loyal fans – small and grown-up – to the vibrant F2 community centre. Polish teacher, childcare worker and artist, Asha Zmuda, who runs the sessions says there are so many parents of young children who are hungry to get out of the house and do something rich and creative with their children. A Rialto resident for 8 years. Asha describes the unique sessions as “quality, fun, expressive art sessions for children and



a social out-of-the-house break for parents'. The novel hour-long BRIGHT SPARKS drop-in session is tailored for children from 12 months to 4 years and enjoying their child artists at work and play.

The BRIGHT SPARKS workshop programme has been developed in association with Fatima Groups United as part of an initiative aimed at enabling artists and expanded arts practices within the community.

The sessions in the Arts Studio — a purpose-built arts facility in the F2 Centre — run every Tuesday morning from 10am to 11am and 1 to 2pm; and Fridays 10am -11am.

**Cost** The cost is €7 per session (€3.50 for baby corner). Confirm your child's place now! You can simply drop in but you can also confirm your child's place by email ([asha.dublin@yahoo.ie](mailto:asha.dublin@yahoo.ie)) or phone/text Asha (085 7162931). Visit [www.brightsparksart.com](http://www.brightsparksart.com)