

Focus on the arts! ■ Exhibitions! DigiMedia training! Kids programmes!



# RialtoNetworkNEWS

Summer 2010



## Rialto Arts Plan on its way

A five year  
Rialto Arts Plan  
2010–2015  
– A Local

**Imagine Nation – will be published in the Autumn to coincide with a week long programme of arts/cultural events in the Rialto area.**

This unique Plan sets out a long term vision around establishing a new model of arts provision that is owned, managed and made sustainable within a community context.

It aims – through five programme actions – to create greater equality of access and participation in the arts through educational and public art processes, suited to all age cohorts and levels of interest.

The Plan has established an important link to all primary/secondary schools serving the area and a particular partnership arrangement with the National College of Art and Design within which to advance greater co-operation



between the educational and community sector.

A further aim of the Plan is to develop vocational pathways and employment in the arts and creative industries.

The Plan has been presented in draft form to Dublin City Council, the CDVEC, City of Dublin Youth Service Board and met with a very positive response. A final round of consultations within Rialto and the key representative community organisations will occur in September, prior to publication and a public launch event.

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## Welcome to the latest edition of **Rialto Network News**

Hi and welcome to the latest edition of the Rialto Network News, the regular newsletter of your local Community Development Project. As many in our community will be aware Rialto Network is a local project for the whole community. Based beside the credit union, we offer a drop-in support and information service as well as doing focused work with seniors, new communities, those at risk of drug use, children, families and homeless men. If you need practical support or information we are here to help so please feel free to pop in, Monday to Friday between 9–1 & 2–5, call us at 01 473 2003 or email [rialtonet@connect.ie](mailto:rialtonet@connect.ie) and we will be delighted to hear from you!

Rialto is a vibrant, buzzing and busy area with lots of community activity going on with which we aim to keep you all updated in each newsletter. As ever there is only one word for both recent months and those ahead - busy! We have loads of news for you and hope you will enjoy reading about the local events and updates. In this edition we are keeping a particular focus on the arts as they are so busy right now. Why not read on and find out what is going on in your locality?

# Focus on the Arts

## F2 Centre hosts major Community Arts Conference



**Over 120 delegates from throughout the country recently visited the F2 Neighbourhood Centre in Rialto for a New PACT Participatory Arts/Community Transformation event.**

The participants were drawn largely from the community development/youth work sector but also included a significant range of arts organisations and artists and representatives from the Arts Council, Dublin City Council, CDVEC and CDYSB.

All were drawn together to reflect together on the needs and developmental opportunities within the third sector and how the arts can contribute to the well being and transformation of community life.

A new PACT – the final in a series of three conferences organised by Blue Drum, the arts support agency for community development – was contextualised within a specific community in order to demonstrate the central role and impact of the arts at a grass roots level.

FGU, through its Arts/Culture programme co-devised the event and placed a large emphasis on creating a welcoming atmosphere, on orientating people to the long established community arts traditions within the area and through walking



Photo: Chris Maguire

tours and the incorporation of live musical performance elements from both local women and the Rialto Jammers.

The event was documented by DCTV.

A proposal was made that the third sector might work together to organise a major festival and/or a platform for a series of events to both validate and support the development of local arts provision. This proposal met with a very enthusiastic response and a follow up meeting took place on Friday 2 July to establish the way forward.

Delegates on the day commented very highly on the experience of the conference, the local organisation, quality of catering and in particular on the evident confidence and achievements of the local community in leading out on its own arts/cultural plans and provision.

In concluding the conference Martin Drury from the Arts Council commended the event organisers and entreated the community/youth work sector to continue to represent its cultural values and particular ways of working to all

state policy makers – and in particular to campaign in the belief that arts access and participation must be made a core issue in all future arts plans and provision.

**Joe Donohoe with visitors to the PACT conference in the F2 centre.**

### Digi Media participants finish course



This event celebrated the successful completion of the Digi Media Training Programme (Introduction to Careers in Digital Media) on Wednesday 30 June in Civic Offices, Wood Quay, with special guests Minister For Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs Mr. Pat Carey, Lord Mayor of Dublin Gerry Breen and Tracy Clifford of Spin 103.8.

Digi Media is delivered by Regenerate Media in partnership with the Digital Hub, RAPID and FAS.

### Forthcoming Art Exhibition

The Rialto-based **What's the Story? Collective** – whose work has been profiled in previous newsletters – is now working towards a 6 week exhibition in THE LAB in Foley Street, Dublin from 15 Sept–23 Oct.

This exhibition – the first major showcase of their work – is being undertaken in association with Dublin City Council Arts Office. The exhibition sets out to provoke public recognition and engagement with the powerful structures and systems that affect young people's lives and will include visual instillation and film works as well as workshops, a seminar and a public talk.

The collective is very interested in engaging with youth projects in the Canals and wider City and will be inviting various publics to consider their work and enter into open dialogues about their learning, its significance for others - particularly power systems - and what future direction their work may take in the years ahead.

For further information please contact: Nichola Mooney at the Rialto Youth Project 01 453 4722 or [info@rialtoyouthproject.ie](mailto:info@rialtoyouthproject.ie).

# Arts for Summer Days



Photo: Chris Maguire

Summer Arts programme for Children and Young People  
Over recent years the Rialto Youth Project and the Fatima and Dolphin Homework Clubs, have worked to create an integrated Summer Programme - with a particular emphasis on the arts and creative activity.

This work has taken on an even greater focus in 2010, with 4 working groups comprised of youth workers, voluntary youth leaders and artists collaborating in the design and delivery of an exciting range of programme opportunities leading to an intense 4 week programme in July, that included;

- **Visual Arts:** Opportunities to develop drawing skills through workshop programme in the Arts Studio in the F 2 Centre with local artists Chris Maguire / Fiona Whelan on Thursday evenings and a new team who concentrated on working with 10-12 year olds.
- **Dance:** Two young women's and a young men's dance workshops were organised for July with professional dancers to stimulate their interest, expand their practice and look at developing a more long term strategy to develop dance within the community
- **Street:** A four week process of introductory, intermediary and advanced stilted, character development and performance skills for children/young people registered with the local Summer Projects
- **Music:** Introductory music circles for children being run by the Rialto Jammers and workshop programmes for young people, to include visits to events and local jamming sessions leading to further training opportunities after the Summer
- **Children's Aliens and Astronauts project:**  
This project is a continuation of a year round arts programme with over 100 children that culminated in an intensive 4 week programme of their creating a vast range of characters, environments, installations and events through which to celebrate their universe.

As we went to press the Summer Programme was due to culminate on Friday 29th July when a set of public exhibitions and performances will occur to mark the creativity and achievements of all the children and young people involved.

## Studio 468 shares experiences

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The director of the Arts Council, Mary Cloake was at St. Andrews Community Centre recently where she launched "Studio 468 A Working Space in Rialto". This is a well illustrated publication with essays by Ailbha Murphy, artist, John Bissett, sociologist and Jamie Hendirk, a local young person with a lot of experience in collaborative arts training and practice.

Sixteen artists, from a wide range of disciplines have worked at Studio 468 over the last 7 years, and during this time many local individuals and community based groups have enjoyed the experience of working in collaboration with many of these artists.

The publication is available from the Common Ground Arts Agency, 15 Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8, 01 454 8310/01 707 8766 at a subsidised price of €10, and is recommended reading for anyone interested in thinking laterally about what the arts have to offer towards enriching the quality of life within the neighbourhood.

## Dream Dare Do @ F2

Starting in September 2010.

Is your child living with a disability?  
Dream Dare Do...

Gymnastic at the F2 Centre is a fun activity club working with children with different abilities.

Starting in September. Interested?

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AFTER 4TH AUGUST

## Thanks and happy retirement, Breda and Mary

25 June marked a significant day for the Rialto Liberties Home Help Service as Manager Breda Galligan and Supervisor Mary Cleary both retired. The Home Help service has been crucial in delivering support and practical help to the elderly population of the area under the direction of these two great women who between them have dedicated 35 years to our community.

As she retired after 25 years in the service Breda said "I would like to express sincere thanks for their hard work to the Home Helps and to say to our clients thank you and how much I have enjoyed working with them." Mary re-iterated



Breda's sentiments noting how much she has enjoyed her 10 years' work with both clients and fellow workers. Breda and Mary are being replaced by Celine McAdams and Alan Trimble respectively who joined the service on 10 May. Celine said that "as I take over the role of manager I am very much looking forward to continuing the service and working alongside

the Home Helps and with clients." "We have big shoes to fill," commented Alan, "and I am really looking forward to working on the service with Celine." On behalf of all concerned a big thank you and Happy Retirement to both Breda and Mary and a very warm welcome to Celine and Alan.

## Local Health projects recognised with awards

Fatima and Dolphin House Health Projects recently won the MSD Crystal Clear Health Literacy Award for best community health project. Susan Lawlor, Ann Malone and Roisin Ryder attended the ceremony to accept the award which was supported by NALA (National Adult Literacy Agency).

25% of adults in Ireland have problems with literacy. 30% more people have difficulty in understanding health terminology, their medication and their health problems. The Fatima and Dolphin Health Projects also received



recognition for their work at the Aramark Healthcare Innovation Awards under the Care/Support Initiative. The aim of the Fatima and Dolphin Health projects is to facilitate local residents to look at their health from a community development approach and to work towards achieving

wellbeing through a whole range of health programmes. If you would like to know more about the programmes being run please contact 01 453 4722 (Fatima) or 01 454 4682 (Dolphin) and talk to a health worker.

## Recent Rialto Network day trips

**Knock:** Sabrina O' Reilly, Rialto Network's Community Development Worker with Immigrants, (pictured fourth from left) on the recent trip she organised in conjunction with the Sisters of Charity homeless shelter on the South Circular Road for over 65 men to Knock Shrine in Co. Mayo. A great day was had by all on the coach trip.

**Kilkenny:** 19th May saw a huge gang of enthusiastic local seniors set off by coach for Kilkenny



with Debbie Lynch, Rialto Network's Community Development Worker with Older People and Sharon Wallace of the Canal Communities Partnership. On arrival in Kilkenny the group had a few hours to enjoy the beautiful old city before meeting for a three course dinner in Days Hotel which all agreed was truly a treat! There was great craic on the trip and everyone seemed to

have a fabulous day out.

## Local Drugs Task Force

**A SERVICE USERS FORUM** is currently being developed for the Rialto, Inchicore and Bluebell areas. Its role is to identify issues of difficulties clients or residents are having when accessing a service in the Canal Communities Local Drugs Task Force area (e.g. methadone clinics, Hospitals, community drug projects, DCC, HSE). The Forum is in its early stages and is inviting people to contact it with any issues which may be arising for you or a client via: 086 040 3480/01 416 0000 (9.30-5.00, Mon-Fri), 3rd Floor Oblate View, Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8 (10-1, Fridays), email: canalssuf@gmail.com.

**Cliodhna Fogarty, Project Development Worker**, is the contact and all queries will be dealt with in confidentiality.

## Rialto Community Network

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## Keeping yourself well in the Recession. Six week course!

Would you like some time to take control of your own health & wellbeing? What makes you feel unwell?

- Not taking time for yourself
- Stress
- Family problems
- Too much alcohol or drugs
- Money Worries
- Anxiety
- Too much smoking

Would you like to give time to yourself to focus on how to manage all those things in your life that make you feel sick, tired or unhappy? The course will be based on the needs of those who register for the course. If you would like to get involved in a six week course (3 hours per week) starting late September which will focus on some of the subjects mentioned above please contact Edel Reilly, Community Health Co-ordinator at 01 4716723 or email: health@frb.ie by August 30th. (Delivered as part of the Rialto Community Health Forum Action Plan)