



## FUTSAL

For four weeks, four hours per week, during July and August thirty children from 8 to 14 years of age were given the wonderful opportunity of learning to play the official UEFA and FIFA version of 5 a side soccer - Futsal.

An FAI qualified coach was provided to each of the 39 venues that took part (including the Bosco). This coach was in attendance at all sessions to train the young boys and girls in the basics of FUTSAL. Every participant also received an official t-shirt.

We hope that everyone who attended these sessions enjoyed themselves and we look forward to hosting the programme again next year.

### Many thanks to

Dublin City Council for the opportunity to host Futsal in the Bosco and the support both they and the FAI provided and the other sponsors of the programme including Dublin Bu and the Irish Youth Foundation



## Use of The Centre

As you will see from the articles/photos in this newsletter, there are a wide range of facilities in the Bosco: Sports Hall, Gym Hall, Art Room, Computer Rooms, Meeting Rooms etc. These facilities are primarily used by members of groups using the centre, but they are also available to other sports groups, training organisations, etc., dependent on availability.

If you are interested in using a room in the centre please contact the Centre Administrator, Claire O'Brien for details. (Please note that youth groups/organisations receive priority.)

### Contact Details:

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**KWCD Local Employment Service**  
The KWCD Local Employment Service has been operating on a full time basis in St John Bosco Youth Centre since October 2003. This

is an extension of the service we operate from Crumlin Village. The service caters for unemployed people living in the Dublin 12 area, particularly in Drimnagh. Our aim is to assist clients in exploring their options for training, education and employment. To avail of this service you do not need to be in receipt of a social welfare payment, however you do need to be unemployed for at least six months.

**Staff members** in the Drimnagh office are Antoinette, Catherine, Liz and Zelma.  
**Opening hours** are 9am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 4.30pm Monday - Friday.  
Phone 01 4550042 for further details.

## Help Wanted

Would you like to volunteer some time, energy and enthusiasm to assist in the provision of youth activities in the Bosco?

Volunteers have always been crucial to the existence of the centre and we are interested in hearing from people in the area who would have an interest in being involved in the centre.

\* All volunteers will be given relevant training and support as part of our commitment to providing a high quality youth centre.

## Other activities available in the Centre:

### Karate:

Monday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
For further details contact John at 086 8114434

### Irish Dancing:

Tuesday 7pm - 8pm  
For further details contact Fiona at 087 2222673

Wednesday 6.30 - 7.30 pm

For further details contact Emer at 01 4559385 or 085 7186619

### The Odeon Performance School

"School of Acting, Dance & Dramatic Art"

Enrolment and Start of Term:

Saturday 11th of September '04  
12-1pm - 4-7 years / 1-3pm 8-17years  
Contact Bernadette at 087 249 3330  
Email: odeonschool@eircom.net

# St. John Bosco F.C.



### Working Hard for Drimnagh Soccer for 47 Years

St. John Bosco FC will have 15 Teams next season 2004/05. At Schoolboy level we will have 2 Under 7's, 2 Under 8's, 3 Under

9's, 2 Under 10's, an Under 11's, Under 12's and Under 14's. Our "Nursery" for our 6 year olds will be running again this year every Monday and has proved invaluable to our 7 a-side set up. At Senior Level we have AUL Premier A Sunday, AUL Premier Saturday and Nighthawks Premier Friday teams.

It is the most teams we have ever fielded and shows how far we have come in the last three seasons, we only had 7 teams in 2001. Our aim to teach and coach football for as many children in the area is evident from the huge interest in our recently held Summer Camp. Over 150 children attended the week long event in Benmadigan Rd. All our 7-a-side Managers successfully completed an FAI Coaching Certificate. The FAI ran the course in the club and 19 Manager's completed the course.

### Reaching and Striving for the Top

Although our aim is to teach football to all the children of Drimnagh, we hope to do it at the

highest level possible. With this in mind we have at almost all ages a team in the Premier division from Schoolboy right through to Senior level. At Committee level we are setting our standards high both on and off the pitch. Our recently held Euro Championship Competition will enable us to provide new Tracksuits for all members for the coming season.

### All Weather Pitch

Our brand new All Weather Pitch should be up and running during early September. It will be a state of the art surface and a venue we will use to its full potential. It was a major part of our "5 Year Plan" to enable us to develop and grow not only the number of members but also our ambitions. We would like to pay a huge thanks to all the Staff in Brickfields, Dublin City Council Parks Department and Tom Kelly for all their help in attaining this new facility.

Our web site www.stjohnboscofc.com has proven a massive success and all our latest news, details and photos from 1957 to current day will be found online. There are almost 1,000 articles, clips and photos on line already. We are always looking for more photos, news or articles please contact us at with any queries or sign our guestbook at sjbfc@eircom.net. Many thanks to our web designer Niamh Cloak for all her help with the site.

Yours Sincerely, Paul.

# The Bosco

## Welcome to the St John Bosco Youth Centre Newsletter



**W**elcome to the St John Bosco Youth Centre Newsletter. This newsletter is an update for everyone in Drimnagh about what has been happening in the Bosco in the recent past and what is planned for the coming months.



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To adapt to the changing needs of young people in Drimnagh the Bosco itself has had to change. Some of these changes have included:

- ✓ *The formation of a new management committee to divest the Centre from the Church in 1995/96. Previously the local parish had overall responsibility for the Bosco since its foundation in 1957.*
- ✓ *Accessing long term funding.*
- ✓ *The refurbishment of the building to bring it up to modern standards.*
- ✓ *The development and expansion of activities. You will see from this newsletter that the Bosco continues its tradition of offering as wide range of services and activities as is possible.*
- ✓ *The employment of Centre staff to oversee the day to day running of the Centre.*

The renovation of the inside of the Centre, which began in 1996, is in its final stage (See Somewhere to Go Project). The pace of refurbishment has been determined by the availability of state funding for young people, and also by the development of the LUAS which for a period limited access to the building. Funding is under the National Development Plan, and it is channelled through many state agencies including:-- South Western Area Health Board, FAS, Dublin 12 Local Drugs Task Force, City of Dublin Youth Services Board, Dublin City Council, and KWCD Partnership.

The many developments since 1996 were possible because the voluntary management committee worked to access funding. This involved making applications, lobbying, and multitudes of meetings. Volunteer work has been an important aspect of the Bosco since its foundation. The Centre receives valuable support from the Dublin City Council representative on the Board of Management.

The most important element of the Bosco is the young people. We hope that they enjoy themselves when they are here and that the Centre is a positive influence in their life. The Centre aims to continue to develop and improve the activities and services for young people.

I hope that you will find this newsletter informative, if you have any queries in relation to participation in any of the activities in the Bosco please phone or drop in.

**Brian Murphy**  
Centre Manager



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## St. John Bosco Youth Centre After Schools Activity Programme 2004 / 2005

### Term One

Mondays to Fridays  
4th October-17th December  
Arts & Computers/Drama & Film/  
Sports Skills Dance & Aerobics  
Your child/children can attend for  
6 hours per week for 10 weeks +  
1 week of Christmas Activities  
50 Euro for 1 child  
70 Euro for 2 children (Same family)  
80 Euro for 3 children (same family)  
If you have any concerns around  
payment for your child please phone  
Tommy Lavelle on 01 4560100

# Ode to Summer Camp

*In the rainy/sunny month of July, The Bosco here was packed, Something big was going on, Now I'll tell you why.*

*St. John Bosco Summer Camps, Were responsible for the crowds, Boys and Girls and Games and Toys, And loads of crazy sounds.*

*Drama, Music and Arts & Crafts, Were all part of the show, But don't forget the kite flyers, Who begged the wind to blow.*

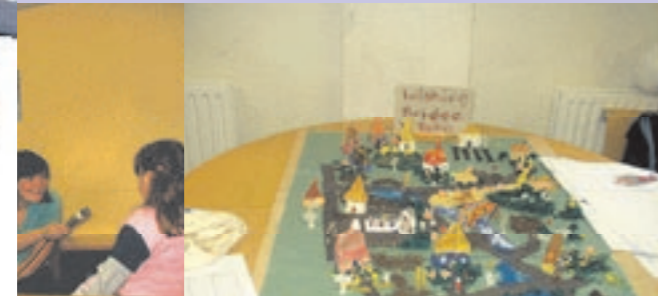
*Lullymore and Malahide were where we made our trips, Castle tours and Treasure Hunts, And not a single bag of chips!*

*Special projects everywhere, Thursday was the day, Ideas, hard work, stories and drama, And villages made of clay.*

*Every Friday after lunch, We'd gather in the hall, The girls and boys showed off their work, However big or small.*

*Thank you, thank you everyone, Especially girls and boys, Hopefully you'll visit again, So we can MAKE MORE NOISE.*

*Sometimes headed for the minimum of fuss.*



Thanks to everyone who supported our Summer Camps this year, it was a pleasure to work with you all. Thanks also to all the Staff of St. John Bosco Youth Centre for helping me (Tommy) make the Summer Camps a huge success with children, parents and guardians.

## Memorabilia of the Bosco

Since the centre was founded on the existing site on Davitt Rd, many thousands of young people have attended the centre for a wide variety of activities. It is a very regular occurrence to hear parents and grandparents speak of their fond memories of their time in the centre from the fifties and onwards. Unfortunately due to changes in the management structure of the centre over the years, there are very few items of memorabilia from the years gone by.

If you or a member of your family happens to have any items related to the centre, in particular photographs, we would welcome the opportunity to copy them so that we can gradually build an on-site archive.

We will ensure that any items loaned are returned in the same condition as received.

**Brian Murphy**  
Centre Manager

## Youth Work Programmes

The Youth Work Summer Programme took place over two weeks from the 8th to 18th of July, (Tuesday - Friday inclusive). Activities took place during the day but also during the evening time, to allow the young people have their much-loved lie-in! Participants got involved in activities such as Rock Climbing in Dalkey Quarry, Caving and Hill Walking in Glendalough, swimming in the National Aquatic Centre, and a tour of the Irish Museum of Modern Art.

Participants also made their own cameras from biscuit tin boxes, crafted mosaic mirrors, and even recorded their very own song onto CD. Of course quite a bit of soccer was played too!! Have to keep our budding Beckhams happy! Overall the young people enjoyed the camp, with many signing on for an extra week.

Participants involved in the year long Adventure Sports Programme, which was run in conjunction with Catholic Youth Care Outwards Bounds Division, spent one week (June 20th - 25th) putting all their adventure sports skills to use in the waters off Achill island, and the caves of the Burren. Participants surfed, snorkeled, abseiled and rock climbed, and got very very wet as the rain poured down on them. Participants all returned home great tent builders and marvellous cooks! Or say they claim!!

All participants enjoyed the weeklong trip, even if they came home with an eyebrow, or two, missing! Four participants who showed exceptional skill and leadership have been chosen to continue to the next level, and train to become adventure sports youth leaders.



## Hey there everyone Afterschools!

Soon after the start of the new school year, in a place not too far away, the new AfterSchools Activity Programme will set off on another eight and a half months of magic and mayhem.

This year we have planned a programme designed to have an equal balance between developing physical and creative skills in children and young people. The 4 subjects that make up the programme this year are DRAMA & FILM/SPORTS SKILLS/DANCE & AEROBICS/ART & COMPUTERS.

The programme will run Monday to Friday each week and lasts for ten weeks. During this time participants will be introduced to the different activities, learn a little about team work in the different subjects and will start a small project that involves linking their 4 subjects together using a special theme. There will also be a week of Christmas Activities but more about that when the time arrives!

If you know a child or children aged between 7 and 14 years that might be interested in this type of programme, application forms are available by calling us here at the St. John Bosco Youth Centre on 01 4560100.

Work is nearing completion on the Some Where To Go Area, and when it opens it will be an area in which young people can relax, listen to music, play pool, watch DVDs and hang out with their friends. Due to staffing limitations, the Some Where To Go Area will be unable to open every night of the week. However, if you are interested in volunteering some of your time to the young people of Drimnagh, please contact the St John Bosco Centre Manager, Brian Murphy.

In September youth work programmes will recommence. Programmes will include: Arts and Crafts, Adventure Sports, Sexual Health, Personal Development, Drug Awareness, Anti Racism, and Environmental Awareness Programmes.

Young people interested in becoming involved in these programmes can call into the Centre to speak with the Youth Workers, Aileen and Sharon, or can become involved in the Some Where To Go Area.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the twelve students who successfully completed their FETAC Level 1 examinations through the New Options New Choices Programme. The successful programme is now in its fourth year and has a full intake for the coming year. It is well supported by St. John Bosco Youth Centre itself, FAS and the City of Dublin Youth Services Board.

Certificates will be presented by a representative of FETAC on September 15th. Many participants have already taken up apprenticeship positions and we wish them well in the future.

## Peer Education Group

My name is Ruth Colgan and I have recently started work in the St John Bosco Youth Centres as the Drugs Education Worker for Dublin 12. The aim of my work is to develop and pilot innovative education programmes for young people, parents and organisations working with young people to ensure greater awareness and understanding of drug education, prevention and misuse.

As part of my work with young people, I am assisting in the development of two peer education groups from existing interested young people. These peer education groups will examine ways of promoting positive lifestyle choices for young people through a variety of mediums, including, drama, photography, music, public speaking etc.

These peer groups are being developed because it is believed that young people are best equipped to relate to the challenges facing their peers.

One of the groups which I have been working with in the Bosco were involved in recording the summer camp activities in the centre through interviews and photography with the children that attended. A compilation of the work was presented at the end of each week of the summer camp.

During the coming months I will be organising a series of forums which will explore trends, needs, perceptions on drug use and responses in terms of education, prevention and treatment in Dublin 12.

If you have any questions in relation to any of the above please contact me at 4560100.

## Coffee Shop - Refurbishment - Somewhere to Go Project

Visitors to St. John Bosco Youth Centre over the summer will have noticed the extensive building work that has been carried out in the front part of the Centre. This renovation, in the part of the building previously known as the Coffee Shop, is part of our ongoing plan to provide the best possible facilities to the local community. In October we hope to open the redesigned and newly refurbished Phase I of the "Somewhere To Go" Project.

This refurbishment has been funded by the Dublin 12 Drugs Task Force and is specifically

designed for the teenagers in the area, providing them with a space where they can meet their friends, play games, watch videos and matches and partake in some of the educational sessions run by the Centre.

It will be quite literally, somewhere to go. The use of this area will be timetabled and all the teenagers in the area will have an opportunity to make the most of the facilities, which include large TV screens, linked to a video and DVD system, a pool table, and a tea/coffee station. We look forward to

the opening of the Somewhere To Go area and to welcoming even more teenagers from the community into the Centre.

The second phase of the Somewhere to Go Project will be the redevelopment of the Gym Hall and it is hoped that this will be completed in early 2005 with funding provided by the Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund (NDP 2000 - 2006).

## Diary of the Adventure Sports week away

### Sunday:

The group of nine enthusiastic young men left the St. John Bosco Youth Centre at 12 o'clock to face the long bus journey to Achill Island, a mere 5 hours away! Then the real fun began. Setting up tents, cooking dinner and coping with whatever the weather decided to throw at us. The group went for a late night walk along the beach and hoped for good surfing conditions for the next day.

### Monday:

This morning greeted us with warm sunshine but alas little wind for surfing. However, this did not dampen the spirits of the group as they surfed whatever waves were available to them. We then headed off to the other side of the island for a game of pitch and putt and a stroll along the beach. After dinner we headed to a sheltered cove and snorkelled for a few hours, spotting various fish and crabs amongst the rocks.

### Tuesday:

The weather was not as favourable to us today so the group headed to Castlebar for bowling and quasar. As it pored rain all day, the group decided to get a take-out from the local "Curry Shop". The weather got

worse and worse as the night went on with gale force winds and heavy rain putting the tents to the test. Needless to say there was some damage and a number of tents collapsed. Eventually it was necessary to use the bus and two cars to tie the tents on to in order to prevent further damage. A wet and miserable night was had by all, but our spirits were lifted in the morning as we packed up camp and headed to the Burren.

### Wednesday:

After a four-hour drive we arrived in Lahinch in Co. Clare and to bolster spirits we stayed in a hostel. This gave us time to dry out our tents and clothes. We planned our activities for the following day and our location for camping.

### Thursday

The group had a lie in followed by a hearty fry for breakfast. We then headed to Europe's largest cave and spent an enjoyable three-four hours potholing. We had to abseil into the cave and again within it. Along the way we saw various rock formations and features, which amazed everyone. We then returned to Lahinch to go surfing for a few

hours in the glorious sunshine. After setting up camp in Doolin the group made spaghetti bolognese for dinner, which was very successful without any bouts of food poisoning! At midnight we headed to the cliffs facing the Arran Islands for an abseil, which was a scary but exhilarating experience. Everyone fell wearily into bed at 3am.

### Friday:

Tents were packed, delph and cutlery washed and the van packed for the long trip back to the capital. Everyone enjoyed the week and all want to be involved in the programme again next year. It was a valuable experience for all involved and we hope to recruit new participants for the next year to enable others to experience "The Great Outdoors".

