

***Overview of  
Blanchardstown Area Partnership's  
Achievements for  
2008***



***blanchardstown  
area partnership***

*supporting communities across Dublin 15*

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## Glossary of Terms

BAP	Blanchardstown Area Partnership
BOND	Blanchardstown Offenders for New Directions
BCU	Blanchardstown Centre for the Unemployed
BTDG	Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group
BTWEA	Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
CBYI	Community Youth Based Initiative
CDB	County Development Board
CDP	Community Development Project
CDT	Community Drugs Team
CE	Community Employment
CSP	Community Services Programme
D/CRGA	Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
D/ES	Department of Education and Science
D/SFA	Department of Social and Family Affairs
FCCC	Fingal County Childcare Committee
FTJI	Full Time Jobs Initiative
HSE	Health Service Executive
LDSIP	Local Development Social Inclusion Programme
LES	Local Employment Service
NUI	National University of Ireland
NYP	Neighbourhood Youth Project
PIB	Planning Implementation Board
POBAL	Formerly Area Development Management Ltd
ROOFS	Blanchardstown Homeless Group
SFTU	Services for the Unemployed
CDVEC	County Dublin Vocational Education Committee

## **Section 1 *Headline Achievements***

### **Services for the Unemployed** (*Integrating and Re-integrating People into the Workforce*)

- **790 individuals** received advice and supports via across the services for the unemployed measure.
- **482 of these individuals attended training courses** delivered primarily through BAPTEC Ltd, Future Options (LES) and the Full Time Jobs Initiative.
- An additional **224 individuals received one-to-one pre-start up business supports** from the Enterprise Officer.
- **77 new enterprises were set up** resulting in the **creation of 97 new net jobs in Blanchardstown.**
- **486 individuals attended enterprise workshops.**
- **Partnership staff supported several Community Services Programme funding applications during 2008.**

### **Outside of the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme**

- **579 new clients registered with the Local Employment Services / OBAIR.**
- **In 2008, the LES has 143 employment placements, 27 CE placements, 1 work experience and 3 self-employed placements.**
- **92 LES clients** attended training courses
- **76 LES clients** attended education courses

### **Community Development**

- **14 established community groups were supported by the Community Development Team in 2008.** These included a disability accessibility group and a community development education group now in operation for several years.
- **14 networks and collaborations** were also supported by Partnership staff. These local and regional networks including Volunteer Bureau and the Fingal County Childcare Committee.

### **Outside of the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme**

- **BAP received an additional €65,000 of funding for Extended Coverage Round 2** following the successful submission of a document to POBAL. 2 community development posts are being funded through this budget until the end of 2008 to engage in pre-development community work in Carpenterstown and Tyrrelstown.
- **A new information foldout entitled 'Welcome to Blanchardstown'** was compiled and was translated into 6 languages targeting New Communities. This guide is an updated version of a similar pocket guide produced back in 2003.

**Community Youth Based Initiatives** (Educational supports to youth at risk, parents and teachers)

- **795 children and 191 adults** received support under the community based youth measure.
- 5 actions aiming to prevent early school leaving received funding.
- 3 action promoting developmental youth work received LDSIP funding.
- 2 actions addressing the needs of actual early school leavers was supported via LDSIP funding.

Outside of the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme

- **105 individuals** received financial assistance with **attending 3<sup>rd</sup> level education** via the **Millennium Programme**.

***Equality, Poverty and Gender Proofing Issues***

**Challenges and responses**

- Historically low numbers of **Travellers** have been supported by the Partnership across Measure A of the LDSIP. In an effort to find out the reasons why, BAP completed a report entitled "*Stepping Stones to Improving Labour Market Participation Rates for Travellers in the Greater Blanchardstown Area*". This report was relayed to the Fingal Traveller Inter-Agency Group, and can be downloaded from [www.bap.ie](http://www.bap.ie) under reports and publications.
- The Daughters of Charity, the Citizens Information Board (CIB) and BAP have been working together towards the establishment of an independent advocacy service for people with an intellectual disability and services in the community and voluntary sector. A **new Advocacy Worker was recently recruited, and is funded via the CIB until 2010**. This new activity will help the Partnership meet its requirements from an equality angle to **people with disabilities** from a labour market perspective.
- A working group of the Partnership submitted a new funding application to POBAL to build upon and try to mainstream specific thematic aspects of the Meitheal Project. Unfortunately this was rejected due to lack of 'match funding' from other organisations. **25% of Partnership clients across Measure A continue to be drawn from New Communities**. Intriguingly very few persons who were supported under the European Refugee Fund/Meitheal in 2006/ 2007, sought supports via BAP in 2008.
- BAP submitted a funding proposal to **Equality for Women Measure** which will cover access to employment. If this project is funded BAP will link with Social Welfare and look at training programme for **Lone Parents**.
- (62%) females and (38%) males supported via the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme across Measure A.
- 34% of the Partnership caseload reported to be long term unemployed (signing on for 12 months or longer) This is lower than the projected 45% target set under the POA <sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> BAP is reaching as many long term unemployed (LTU) clients as it did in previous years. However, the overall percentage of Measure A clients that are LTU is lower. Additional LDSIP target groups are being

## Section 2

### Services for the Unemployed Measure (SFTU) Overseen by the Economic Development Planning Implementation Board

#### 1. Background

The surge in redundancies occurring nationally is having a large knock on impact in Blanchardstown.

As of February 2009, there were an additional 3,363 persons signing on the live register<sup>2</sup>, or a 85.25% increase compared with twelve months ago (see table 1). The potential caseload of unemployed clients who the Partnership and the Local Employment Services will need to cater for has risen substantially in a relatively short period of time.

**Table 1**  
**Persons on the Blanchardstown Live Register**

<b>Blanchardstown</b>	<b>February 2008</b>	<b>February 2009</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>
	3,944	7,307	4,858	2,449

**Source: BAP analysis of CSO Live Register**

The recent slowdown in employment has occurred as a result of a confluence of economic developments at home and abroad. Adverse credit conditions, euro exchange rate movements and a significant contraction in the national housing market are happening concurrently. It is highly probable that long term unemployment will re-emerge as a feature of the national and local labour market. In these circumstances demand for places on 'active labour market programmes' such as community employment will rise. New initiatives and actions may need to be piloted by Partnership and Local Employment Services to support persons into employment as occurred in the 1990's e.g. back to work schemes.

Listed below are the Partnerships *strategic objectives* under Measure A

- To proactively target the long-term unemployed and those most distant from the labour market to explore their employment needs.
- To support unemployed people to develop the personal and vocational skills necessary to gain employment and/ or develop self employment options through the provision of continuous training/education opportunities.
- To influence and support employers to employ clients of BAP.
- To influence state agencies to remove the barriers that hinder progression from welfare to work.
- To support BAP clients when they have secured employment or developed their employment idea as maintain their progression and improved standard of living.

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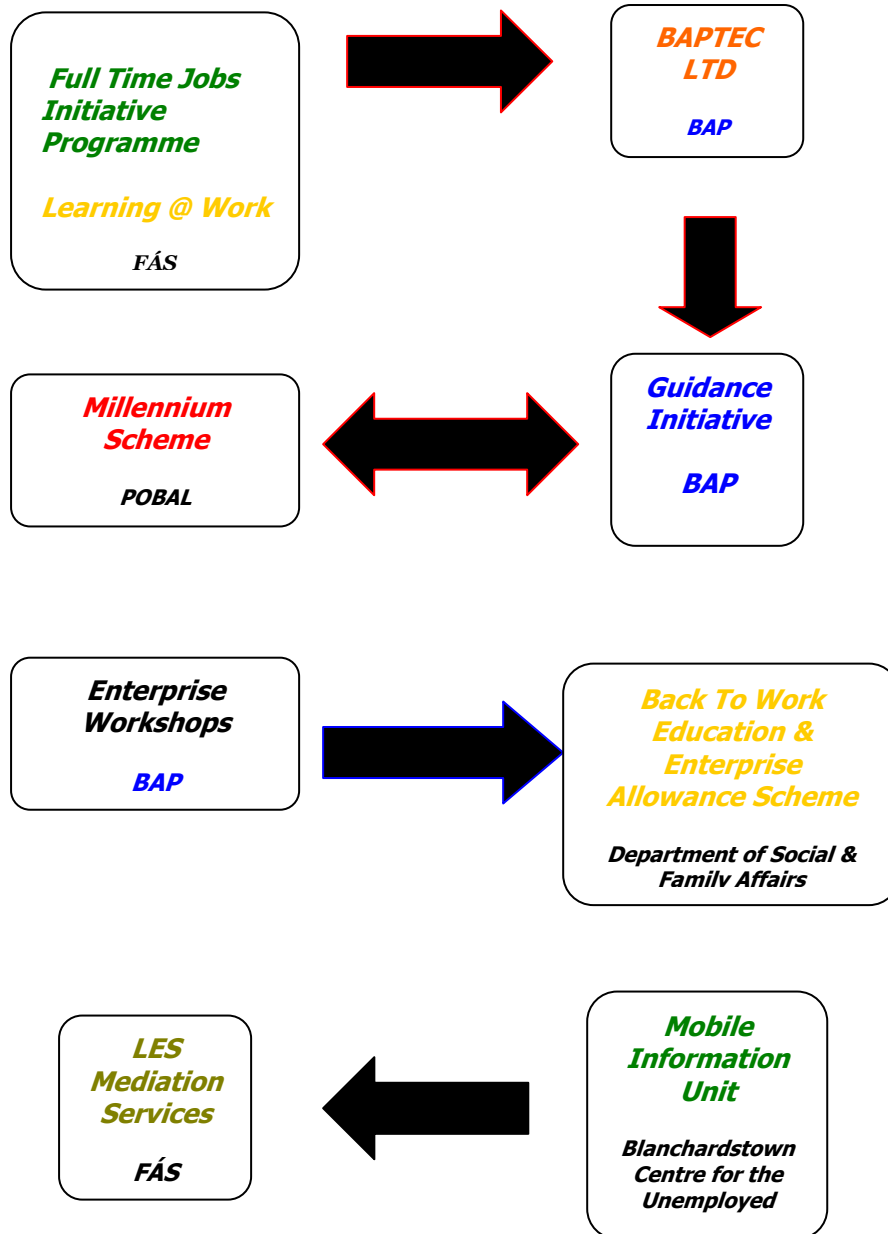
captured in larger numbers than heretofore such as *low income family units and underemployed / seasonal worker*. More people who are *short term unemployed* are also approaching BAP. In addition there are women who (worked in the home most of their adult life) that are not signing on that are categorised as *unemployed but not on the live register* who are approaching BAP.

<sup>2</sup> The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment it still acts as a trend indicator. It includes part time workers (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Jobseekers Benefit or Allowance. Unemployed is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey on a regional basis.

- To develop the capacity of services to the unemployed representatives to respond more effectively to their training/development needs.

**Diagram 1**

**Inter-referrals of BAP clients under Services for the Unemployed Measure A**



**Diagram 1** depicts the strategic approach in which clients are cross-referred between different initiatives supported by the Blanchardstown Area Partnership, in an effort to combat unemployment. This is a combination of enterprise and job supports, outreach information provision, mediation support, adult education guidance, labour market schemes, and IT training. Some of these are based upon contractual relationships have been in existence for several years with BAPTEC, Blanchardstown Centre for the Unemployed and the Full Time Jobs Initiative. Following on is an explanation of Partnership / LES activity across Measure A according to the support codes drawn up by POBAL and captured via Scope.

## 2. Introduction

### Service Delivery Model

#### **Advice and guidance supports (A01)**

**792 adults receiving advice and guidance supports (A01) in 2008.** These individuals received a combination of an education, training, or advice and guidance support from a designated contact person within the Partnership.

**The Mobile Information Unit** operated by the **Blanchardstown Centre for the Unemployed referred on 105 individuals to the Partnership / LES.** The unit provides long-term unemployed individuals in Blanchardstown with confidential information on welfare to work issues. It operates on an outreach basis at LES Offices one day per week. By operating on an outreach basis the BCU is responding to a significant gap in public information provision. In response to the changing profile and geographical expansion of Blanchardstown the BCU has changed the locations and times at which the MIU operates.

#### **Pre-Enterprise (A04) and Business Start Up Supports (A06/A08)**

**224 individuals met with the Enterprise Officer for face-to-face pre-enterprise advice.**

Clients who originally attend specific business workshops are often the beneficiaries of pre-enterprise support. Niall sits down and goes through the nuts and bolts of setting up a business, which can last several hours.

**77 entrepreneurs were who approached the Partnership subsequently set up in business** in turn creating 97 additional local jobs. The Back to Work Enterprise Allowance scheme was availed of by many of these individuals to help bridge the step from unemployment to self employment.

These outputs are significantly higher than anticipated.

#### **Training Supports and Certification (A03)**

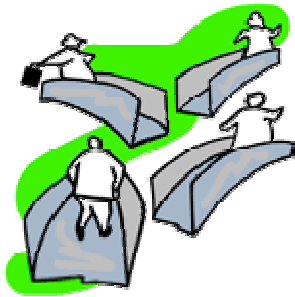
**482 Partnership clients attended training courses** tailored made to support and to encourage them back into employment. This was well beyond target. BAPTEC Ltd, and the Full Time Jobs Initiative Programme both delivered training supports for Partnership clients. The FTJI specifically referred many of their clients to BAPTEC Ltd to attend an I.T. computer module.



**BAPTEC Ltd**, managed by Jenny Cruise, **provided training for 363 Partnership clients in 2008 across courses.** The Partnership continues to support BAPTEC financially via the LDSIP. The Partnership representatives on BAPTEC are now Niall Comber (Enterprise Officer) and Catherine Smyth (LES Training Co-ordinator). Full Time Jobs Initiative clients attended several of the courses delivered by BAPTEC Ltd from Return to Work FAS, LAW, Get Connected Basic Computers Course, and E Cert. BAPTEC also provided IT training to LES attending Future Options Courses.

**Full Time Jobs Initiative (FTJI) organised courses for 33 individuals on this passive labour market programme.** These courses included Fire Safety, Personal Development, CV Preparation. The promotion of Health Awareness, Fitness and Well-being is an integral part of activities delivered by Blanchardstown 2001. Much of this Training is promoted through FTJI active Men's and Women's Group. More recently the FTJI has also begun to deliver training to individuals on Community Employment Schemes.

### **Future Options**



Future options is funded via the LDSIP although it is delivered by Catherine Smyth in the LES, and is targeted towards individuals whose confidence levels are generally low and who are undecided about the next step in their career path. This course facilitates them make the progression in a relaxed non pressurised environment. **Two courses were held in 2008 and 18 persons attended the training.** The course covers components such twice a week over an 8 week period.

- Introduction to computers
- Telephone Skills and Customer Service
  - Business English
  - Future Options and Planning

### **Influencing Activity**

Management and staff often act as Chairpersons of particular networks and collaborations <sup>3</sup>.

### **Information and Dissemination (A14)**

#### **Enterprise Workshops**



The **Enterprise Officer delivered workshops for individuals** covering specific themes such as how to develop your business idea, business planning, VAT, market research, raising finance and how to market your business online. The clients who attend these workshops often create follow up sessions with the Enterprise Officer on a one to one basis to help progress them into self employment.

### **Blanchardstown Area Partnership Website**

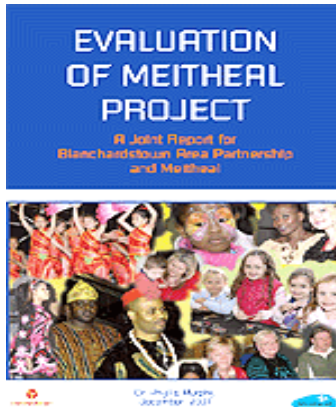


The Enterprise Officer supervises the Partnership's website [www.bap.ie](http://www.bap.ie) . This is an excellent communications tool for informing the public about the role of the Partnership and the different activities in the community which individuals can attend or even get involved with. In 2008 there were **10,700 first time visitors** to the website. **Including revisits** there were **18,450**.

<sup>3</sup> Can be defined as structure involving groups who have come together for some purpose or mutual benefit

## Research Activity

### -Meitheal Evaluation Launch



Dr Phyllis Murphy's independent evaluation of the Meitheal Project, a European Refugee Funded initiative was launched by The Minister for Integration Conor Lenihan T.D. This project was co-ordinated by a working group of the Partnership for 18 months. The evaluation report highlighted achievements of the Meitheal and also critically work that needs to continue. On the basis of this learning the working group submitted a new funding proposal to POBAL to build on aspects of the Meitheal project. Unfortunately the application was rejected not due to the due to proposal set out but because lack of co-funding from other organisations.

### -Barrier to Employment for Travellers



*"Stepping Stones to Improving Labour Market Participation Rates for Travellers in the Greater Blanchardstown Area"*

The aim of this research study is to examine what prevents and discourages some members of the Traveller community in Dublin 15 from entering the labour market and / or setting up their own business. It is envisaged that this report will inform the education and training strategies of BAP and the LES in supporting Travellers into employment. It was relayed to the Fingal Traveller Inter-Agency Group.

### -Position Paper



Blanchardstown Area Partnership is committed to its role as the champion and lead agency for social inclusion across D15. In recognition of this an internal working group wrote up a Position Paper. It sets out the overall values and vision of the Partnership until 2016, identifies the challenges facing D15, and how the Partnership can turn these challenges into opportunities. This report was also devised as a tool to attract additional funding to the organisation. In doing so it highlights the relative shortfall in funding BAP receives vis a vis other Dublin based Partnerships.

### -Barriers to Employment for Long Term Unemployed Men

The Partnership initiated a study of long- term unemployed Irish men in Blanchardstown. It did so to gather information about what education and training supports and / or alternative labour market programmes they would like to see established to help them re-enter the labour market. The research will also review national and international literature and identify factors influencing successful provision for the long term unemployed. This exercise is ultimately inspired to help improve the overall package of supports offered by Blanchardstown Area Partnership (BAP) / Local Employment Services (LES) to long term unemployed men. It will also help fulfil the organisations requirements from a gender and equality proofing perspective.

## **Blanchardstown Local Employment Service (A15)**



### **Strategy-Mediation, Information and Guidance**

**LES mediators engaged with 579 new clients in 2008.** Blanchardstown Local Employment Services has strategic contact points geographically located across Blanchardstown in Coolmine, Parslickstown, Mountview and Blakestown. In relation to the key issue of progression

- 92 clients attended training courses,
- 76 availed of education supports and
- 122 progressed into employment.

The **Jobs Club** is a distinct service for people who are long-term unemployed, and aims to help this target group towards the labour market. During the training period people are helped with improving their job seeking skills. Interview preparation and mock interviews is a central facet of the jobs club, which aim to increase the client's confidence levels. Participants have access to the internet, national newspapers, photocopying facilities plus fax and email while on the Jobs Club. **156 men and 146 women registered with the Jobs Club in 2008.**



### **Ready, Steady, Go**

This programme is aimed at people from another country/culture who are interested in learning about the world of work in Ireland. The programme will run for six weeks, three mornings per week 9.30 – 1.00 and will cover introduction to computers, jobs club, planning for your future, Business English in Ireland and the culture of work in Ireland. This is not necessarily for 'job ready' clients but for those who wish to learn the skills of job seeking.

**Bridge to Workplace** is a multi-agency collaborative venture involving: **Blanchardstown LES**, HSE Rehab Integration Services, FAS, Finglas Cabra Partnership, Northside LESN, Ballymun Job Centre, Dublin Inner City Partnership & Finglas Cabra Local Drug Task Force. It is a specific example of a 'work experience' initiative aimed at supporting and facilitating the career progression of individuals with a history of drug use. It is a unique and innovative intervention which supports progression of stable individuals with a history of addiction through the establishment of a workplace/work experience programme. In May, a showcase event highlighting the work of the programme took place in the presence of Pat Carey, Minister of State TD, May in the Ardmore Hotel in Finglas.

### **Employment Unit**

The Employers Unit is a key strategic part of BAP's Economic Strand. This unit is BAP's link to employers in the Dublin 15 area and has built up a particular expertise. The unit is a 'Social Recruitment Agency' and as such deals with the job placement aspects of the majority of BAP and all of LES clients. In addition to its 'core work' of linking with employers, the unit linked with the Blanchardstown EQUAL Initiative and Blanchardstown Chamber to help Working with Employers. **The employment Unit registered 77 job vacancies in the first six months of 2008 and 71 clients progressed to employment.** 42 interview preparation sessions (mock interviews) took place.

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### **Ongar Pilot Office**

Blanchardstown Area Partnership operated an outreach office in Ongar village since April 2007. This outreach office provided an effective and much needed service for the 8,000 people living in the area. The service was accessed by over 1,000 people and over 150 clients registered with the Local Employment Service during this period where they received advice and support for progression to work and education, and also to integrate into the community. This initiative was a pilot project funded through the Office of the Minister of Integration and Pabal. The project was evaluated and the report recommended 'the BAP Ongar outreach office should continue to develop as a core BAP service'. The Partnership tried to access funding from mainstream agencies to keep this vital community service open. Unfortunately, these efforts have not met with any success and reluctantly the decision was taken close the office at the end of June due to lack of funding.

### **Employers Network**

Blanchardstown Area Partnership places great value on its contact with employers and appreciates the support that it receive from them in its work for social inclusion. In the past the Partnership looked to employers for client placements only, but in recent years a different approach has been employed, in fact a community development approach. This involves looking at employers' needs and how their diverse workforces might be supported.

### **Employers Diversity Workshop**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of January Blanchardstown Local Employment Service supported by the Meitheal Project and in partnership with the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown ran an Employers Breakfast Training Workshop entitled, "Working Effectively Across Cultures" in the LINC Centre on the ITB Campus. The workshop was aimed at employers who have a multi cultural workforce or client base and focused on looking at intercultural communications in the workplace. The morning was well attended with over 40 employers and managers from large multinationals such as IBM and Symantec to local SME's

## ***Networks and Collaborations (A16)***

### **Fingal County Development Board**

The Fingal County Development Board established an Executive Committee in 2008. The Partnership Manager is a member of the committee and represents the local development sector on it.

Partnership staff also actively participate in a number of actions within the FDB Strategy into Action 2006-2008, including

- Developing a new range of responses for ethnic minorities (Action 5)
- Multi-agency awareness training programme on cultural diversity linked to improving translation services for minority ethnic groups (Actions 6 and 7);
- Disability and Access-related issues providing a baseline review (Action 8);
- Employment inequalities among Travellers (Action 9);
- Joint Policing Countywide Committee (Action 13);

### **Action 5: Devising a new range of responses for Minority Ethnic Groups**

The Partnership Manager chairs this action group, which includes FÁS, County Dublin VEC, Department of Education, Co-operation Fingal, County Enterprise Board and Department of Social and Family Affairs. The group is working to develop a range of options which can support New Communities to avoid long-term unemployment, re-skill and take up opportunities for self-employment. This action is progressing well, and a document has been commissioned for presentation to the D/ETE. The range of options will include the learning from Partnership action through the Meitheal project, including SUCCEED.

### **RAPID <sup>4</sup>**

The Partnership Deputy Manager Terry McCabe is now the Partnership representative on the RAPID Area Implementation Team (AIT). The RAPID programme currently covers five main themes:

- Youth, education and training
- Health and well-being
- Crime, drugs and anti social behaviour
- Physical environment and infrastructure
- Strengthening communities

Blanchardstown RAPID has been invited to be one of four pilot sites in the development of Protocol for cooperation between Local Development & Social Inclusion Programme & RAPID.

- The RAPID AIT has been discussing sites for the Primary Health Care Centre's in Corduff & Mulhuddart/Tyrrelstown as reserved in the 2006-10 HSE Capital Works programme.
- Building work also commenced on the construction of a Blanchardstown Community Training Centre. Unfortunately this activity has recently halted.

RAPID has also been working towards the development of three action plans

- Community Safety, Health and Family Support.
- Completion of Whitestown Multi Use Sports & Games Areas,
- Opening of Corduff Playground.

### **RAPID/LDSIP Protocol**

POBAL have developed a draft Protocol to underpin and strengthen the co-operation between the LDSIP and RAPID programmes. This protocol aims to put a formal framework on existing informal arrangements and to initiate local actions for enhanced co-operation.

Blanchardstown is one of four areas chosen to pilot this action and Partnership assistant manager, **Terry McCabe and RAPID co-ordinator, Breffni O'Rourke have developed joint actions for Blanchardstown and these are being piloted at the moment.**

### **Local Drugs Task Force (LDTF)**

Linda Curran was elected Vice-Chair of the LDTF in 2006. As well as attending all meetings of the Task Force, the Manager is also chair of the Planning and Evaluation sub-committee which is responsible for identifying models and standards of best practice on behalf of the Task Force. The Task Force is currently undertaking the development of a new Strategic Plan and for this is expected to be completed shortly. A new Co-ordinator, Brid Walsh was recently appointed. The Manager stepped down from the Task Force in December 2008, and was replaced by the Education Co-ordinator.

The aim of the Drugs Task Force is to provide an integrated response to the problems posed by drug misuse. Key objectives include

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<sup>4</sup> RAPID is a government –funded programme administered by FCC with a separate RAPID Board (AIT) comprised of statutory, community organisations and elected residents. The RAPID programmes core focus on a defined area comprises Mulhuddart, Corduff, Blakestown and Mountview

- To reduce the number of people turning to drugs in the first instance via education and prevention programmes
- To provide appropriate treatment and aftercare for those who are dependent on drugs
- To ensure that an appropriate level of accurate and timely information is available to inform the response to the drug problem.

#### **Dublin Employment Pact- Seminar Built Environment**

In June the Dublin Employment Pact convened a meeting of city planners, urban geographers from NUI Maynooth, Partnership Managers, and community leaders, to discuss the built environment. The Manager of the Dublin Inner City Partnership provided a detailed oversight of that Partnership involvement in strengthening the capacity of local communities to play a part in shaping their physical surroundings. BAP Manager gave a presentation of the Tyrrelstown Estate model.

## Section 3

### **Community Development (Overseen by the Community PIB)**

#### **Background**

The **Board of Blanchardstown Area Partnership** agreed to the proposal by the **Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs to extend the organisations boundaries under the Cohesion process** with effect from 1st January 2008. As a consequence, the Partnership now has responsibility to provide services to communities across the whole of the Dublin 15 area. Funding was provided by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, through POBAL, for initial consultation and pre-development work in the new areas, particularly in Tyrrelstown and Carpenterstown.

Another important development involved the **recruitment of 25 representatives from across the community & voluntary sector in Dublin 15 to the three PIB's**. The process was initiated at a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in Mulhuddart Community Centre for Community and Voluntary Groups that were interested in getting involved in the structures of Blanchardstown Area Partnership (BAP). The meeting was conducted by Terry McCabe, Deputy Manager of the Partnership, who gave a presentation on the Partnership and the Plan Implementation Board (PIB) structure. Moira Hyland Doyle, Vice Chair of BAP board and community director opened the meeting. Moira welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged them to become involved in the Partnership. The meeting was also addressed by the current PIB chairs – Marijka Walsh, Chair of Community Development PIB, Carmel Fitzpatrick, Chair of Economic Development PIB, and David Creed, Chair of Youth PIB – who each gave a short input on the priorities of their PIB for the current year. Susan Fox, Community Director on the BAP board also gave an input to the meeting. Susan has been on the Community Development PIB since its inception in 2001.

#### **Pre-Development Community Development Support (B01)**

**BAP received an additional €65,000 of funding for Extended Coverage Round 2** following the **successful submission of a document to POBAL. 2 part-time community development posts** were funded through this budget until the end of 2008 to engage in **pre-development community work in Carpenterstown and Tyrrelstown**. Support is being targeted at the most disadvantaged groups as already identified, and that social inclusion and awareness raising will be a key priority. Work will continue to focus on further engagement in the extended areas, and on identifying needs and building relationships. An internal **working group of Partnership** management and staff compiled this paper, which was positively received by POBAL.

Innovative actions included the short-term **Get Connected and Catch Up with Technology courses** aimed at residents who wanted to learn more about new technology and the internet. Through the development of Get Connected and Catch up with Technology, a **successful consultation phase was completed, and positive linkages were made** with the **Community Development team** of the Partnership. BAP staff and the outreach team linked effectively with the Blanchardstown Youth Service youth worker and the parish sisters in Tyrrelstown. Additional information was gathered regarding current services (or lack of them) and on the profile of the area. Consistent thematic issues were brought up by residents from Carpenterstown and the Tyrrelstown Estate. Some of these needs are distinct to those from RAPID areas where drugs, crime and anti-social behaviour feature highly but similar to residents in other expanding areas of Blanchardstown such as Ongar.

- There has been virtually no community development in the extended areas.
- Residents have very few opportunities to come together in a social setting.
- Services such as crèches and schools are under intense pressure, with long waiting lists.
- In particular the lack of community crèches is a significant infrastructure deficit.
- Public transport in both areas is perceived to be totally inadequate for the needs of the residents.
- There are significant housing difficulties, particularly in relation to management companies.

**Closely linked to the extension issue** was the commissioning of an **interagency report by the Tyrrelstown Development Group** who wanted to profile the area, identify the needs of and challenges facing the area, engage the community with the process and chart a strategy for their work in Tyrrelstown. BAP Management and staff sat on this development group.

Three priority recommendations were presented for all interested agencies:

- a) Develop a community facility for resident of Tyrrelstown
- b) establish adequate childcare and family support services for families
- c) develop a strategy to combat social isolation in Tyrrelstown and to promote integration for all members of the community.

**The new members of Community Development Team, Monica Pelazza and Sean O’Leary** were involved in extensive pre-development community development work in the extended areas in 2008 such as the aforementioned Get Connected and Catch Up with Technology courses.

They were also involved in helping organise **parenting workshops** that took place in Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School and were facilitated by a VEC childcare tutor. This activity had been previously identified by the Tyrrelstown Development Group.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008, **Minster of State at the Department of Gaeltacht, Community & Rural Affairs, John Curran officially launched a DVD, Calendar, photographic exhibition of ‘Dublin 15 Then & Now’ at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.** Over 50 people were in attendance – a lot of these were from the extended areas. A photographic exhibition on show in Partnership building and it is intended to move to various locations in the Dublin area. DVD was distributed to the Board of the Partnership, Local Councillors, and people who took part in the DVD and is a useful tool for the future. The Calendars a great success and have been distributed to community centres, schools, projects in the D15 area.



A **new information foldout guide** entitled ‘*Welcome to Blanchardstown*’ targeting New Communities was compiled via the extended coverage working group. This guide which was translated into 6 languages is an updated version of a pocket guide produced back in 2003 by the NYP / BAP and funded by EQUAL. It is available to view on BAP’s website.

### **Family Fun Day**

This event was co-ordinated by the Community Team and organised by a cross Partnership staff steering group. The aim was to have a community day for families from both the existing and the extended Partnership area. It targeted all families in the area and showcased both Irish and international cultures. This contributed to the Partnership integration strategy and was attended by several nationalities from throughout the community. The day was arranged in collaboration with the Garda Síochána and on the day there were inputs from their mounted unit, motorbike unit and helicopter crew. The day was a major success and it is hoped to repeat this model in the future.



### **Older Persons**



**Lilian Harris** another member of the **Community Development team** continued to work with local community organisations in developing a range of **responses to the needs of older persons**, including access to computer classes and the internet. The use of internet and email emerged as the most requested need from older persons including Rosaleen Kinane’s over 55’s C.E. participants. These ongoing classes have been run out of Dillon House.

## **Mountview Family Resource Centre - Research Older Persons**

In recognition of the changing age profile in Mountview Parish, **a door to door needs analysis of older persons age 60 and over was conducted** by an *independent research consultant* for the **Mountview Family Resource Centre**. 5 local persons were trained in and 115 individuals shared their views in their homes with the interviewees. The Partnership was requested to support this initiative and as a result BAP's Research and Evaluation Officer engaged with the tendering process. **Dr Pat Bogue's** findings and recommendations will help inform the Partnership's Community Development Team future response to meeting the needs of older persons across Dublin 15 as a whole.

## **The Blanchardstown Safer Homes Project**

The Blanchardstown Safer Homes Project held an afternoon of Information on Safety in the Home and Services for Older Persons in Corduff Community Resource Centre, Blackcourt Rd, Blanchardstown, on Wednesday June 4th 2008. At the well attended meeting, there were short presentations from the Gardai, Fire Brigade, Fingal County Council, Citizens Information and the HSE followed by an opportunity to browse and talk to a whole range of information providers covering issues such as health and safety. **BAP has allocated €6,000 LDSIP** funding under Measure B towards in Safer Homes for Older People action.

## **Influencing Model**

### **Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME)**

Nutrition and healthy eating are topics that we are all interested in – they are vital to good health, whether for families, people living on their own, young people, students etc. The HSE developed the HFME programme, which started in Dublin in May 2008 as a partnership between the Health Service Executive (Dublin North East), Health Promotion Services and Blanchardstown Area Partnership. €104k was received from the HSE to run this programme. **The Partnership's Education Coordinator made the application to the HSE and manages the programme. A half time co-ordinator delivers the programme.**



The aim of this community-based project is to help people learn about healthy eating and healthy cooking in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Fourteen peer tutors were trained in the second half of 2008, and they will begin delivering training to a wide range of groups in early 2009.

The HFME course comprising of six sessions of two and a half hours long will be delivered in local venues such as Ladyswell National School, Buzzardstown Campus, Tolka River etc.

Participants will learn how to make healthy food choices and cook healthy meals. Each course will include topics such as:

- how to increase your fruit and vegetable intake;
- food labelling;
- decreasing your fat intake;
- increasing your fibre intake;
- healthy shopping habits;
- Family food issues such as fussy eaters.

Participants who complete the course will be awarded a HFME certificate and '101 square meals'- a cookery book written in conjunction with MABS, the Money Advice Bureau.

## ***Established and New Groups (B02/B03)***



The BOND project sought to support the reintegration of young people leaving prison or places of detention by focusing and directing them into appropriate supports in the community. **Unfortunately a recent<sup>5</sup> decision to close the day BOND service was taken due to cutbacks.** The Education Co-ordinator Catherine Durkin sat on the Board of this project since its inception and was chair for 5 years. Padua a new residential centre was also developed by Bond, in collaboration with Fingal County Council and HSE for homeless young ex-offenders. This is now housed in a new building and has capacity for 7 clients.

### **Blanchardstown Community Development Education Group (Established)**

The Partnerships **Community Development Officer Lilian Harris continued to support the local Community Development Education Group<sup>6</sup>** in 2008. 16 participants completed a community leadership course and 10 more attended and received certificates in advanced facilitation training. **BAP allocated €3,000** from its LDSIP budget to help meet the costs arising from this course. Three members of the group trained as trainers in anti-racism training. In May the Blakestown CDP launched an independent evaluation report of previous training co-ordinated by the group. Lilian had an input towards this process.

### **Estate Management Group (Established)**

Pauline Mangan continues to represent the Partnership on a local estate management group<sup>7</sup>. A report was finalised last year via the group that will act as a blueprint for estate management practice in the future. The group continues to meet and make progress towards implementing the reports recommendations.

### **Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group (Established)**

The BTDG aims to promote the welfare and human rights of Travellers and also to combat the social exclusion experienced by many Travellers. **Pauline Mangan is the Chair of its management committee.**

At a regional level Pauline is also representing the Partnership on the **Fingal Inter Agency Traveller Group**. This new structure drew up a multi-agency plan for Travellers in Fingal in collaboration with all service providers.

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<sup>5</sup> This decision was announced in October 2008 and recently covered as a headline in the Community Voice. This outcome was included in this report because it impacts upon one of the target groups of the LDSIP. The BOND Project was founded in May 1997 by people who lived and worked in Blanchardstown and was funded by Probation and Welfare Services, County Dublin VEC and YPFAP. Founding members included members of the local Probation Service, Blanchardstown Area Partnership as well as members of the community. Its aim was to develop a community based response to the needs of young people returning to the community from prison.

<sup>6</sup> The Community Development Education Group is composed of representatives from Blakestown CDP, Greater Blanchardstown Development Project, Blanchardstown Area Partnership, NYP, Mountview Family Resource Centre, D15 Forum, Blakestown Mountview Youth Project, Fingal County Council and Corduff CDP .

<sup>7</sup> Representatives on this group include Blakestown, Corduff and Greater Blanchardstown CDP's, Co-operation Fingal, Blanchardstown Area Partnership, RAPID, plus staff from the Housing and Community Departments within Fingal County Council.

### **Fingal Ethnic Minorities Group<sup>8</sup> (New)**

This is a **Fingal county wide multi agency group that Lilian Harris is a member of**, which aims to map the activities of groups working with new communities in Fingal. It will formalise links with NGOs working in this area and develop direct communication with minority communities at local level. It is also hoped that it will influence policy to ensure full cultural, economic and social inclusion of people from minority communities who live in Fingal.

### **Health Service Executive North West Dublin Implementation Group (New)**

In 2004 “Mulhuddart Primary Health Research Report” identified the health needs of people living in Mulhuddart. This piece of research was used to lobby and influence the development of a primary health care centre for the Mulhuddart area. The HSE North West Dublin Implementation Group of Primary Care Teams in Development met to consider these needs. **BAP through Lilian Harris is a member of the HSE North West Dublin Implementation Group** and also of the Blanchardstown Sub-group. The group’s role is to identify and develop Primary Health Care Centres in the Blanchardstown area. BAP will support the group and continue to lobby for appropriate healthcare facility in the Blanchardstown area in accordance with the Health Strand of its six year Area Action Plan 2000-2006.

**Pauline Mangan’s** continues to support the Managers and committees of the following community crèches and community structures: These committees need different levels of support with specific issues throughout the year

- Corduff Community Crèche
- Huntstown Community Crèche
- Mountview Community Crèche
- Blakestown Community Crèche
- Blakestown & Mountview NYP Crèche
- Barnardos
- Family Support and Childcare Providers Network <sup>9</sup>
- Fingal County Childcare Committee
- Blakestown Community Development Project
- Greater Blanchardstown Development Project
- Mountview Family Resource Centre

The **Education Co-ordinator submitted 2 applications** in connection with crèches for the new Tyrellstown estate and the Blakestown area. The amounts sought were €1.2m and 1m respectively.

### **Networks (B04)**

Throughout 2008 Pauline Mangan continued to support several networks:

#### **Fingal County Childcare Network**

Fingal County Childcare Committee<sup>10</sup> is responsible for the organisation of training courses for childcare providers, childcare staff and parents in Blanchardstown. In the past it has carried out training analysis of childcare services to better meet the needs of those actually working in services. Recent publications that the FCCC has released include a funding for Community / Private Childcare Providers and a Childminders Support Pack. **Pauline Mangan not only supports the FCCC but is an active member of a sub-group of FCCC that appraises funding proposals for capital projects.** These are in turn approved or rejected by POBAL. The information garnered from the quarterly meetings of the crèches and networks are in turn fed back into the. The revised Childcare Scheme announced by Minister Smith has

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<sup>8</sup> Lead Agency: Fingal County Council; Partners: FDB, Blanchardstown Area Partnership, Co-operation Fingal, Immigrant Council of Ireland, CIC, Cairdre, New Communities Partnership, Romanian Community Swords

<sup>9</sup> HSE, social workers, Homestart, NYP, Barnardos

<sup>10</sup> Co-operation Fingal, FÁS, VEC, County Enterprise Board, Chamber of Commerce, Childminding Ireland

reportedly caused hardship for crèches in Blanchardstown. **BAP's Enterprise Officer as a result has meet with several Mangers to develop new business plans and establish how the service can break even.**

## **ROOFS**

A local community response to the problem of homelessness called ROOFS was established in the late 1990's. This group originally carried out research <sup>11</sup> into the causes of homelessness that was funded by the Blanchardstown Area Partnership. Following on from this a strategy <sup>12</sup> for tackling homelessness in Blanchardstown was published. **Pauline Mangan continues to represent the Partnership on its committee.** ROOFS recently carried out a count of persons sleeping rough to arrive at its own estimations for the numbers of homeless people in Blanchardstown. ROOFS also has strategic linkages with the HES Homeless Persons Unit.

The **Fingal Disability Network** exists to raise awareness of disability related issues in the Fingal area and influence local policies in relation to planning, employment and service provision. Last year it ran an event in Blanchardstown targeting Community Groups in Dublin 15 to raise awareness of the Disability Act plus the responsibilities that fall upon them as a result of the Act's implementation. More recently it has produced an awareness leaflet with a checklist of questions that people with disabilities' can ask in public buildings to ensure that evacuation procedures are adequate.

Fingal County Council adopted the Barcelona Declaration in 2002. Following on from this a **Fingal Access for all Group** with representatives from Council Departments and other representatives <sup>13</sup> including BAP was formed. This group has been meeting ever since to improve access for people with disabilities to Council buildings and services. An audit with the help of local disability activists was completed in early 2008 .The report's findings will be used to prioritise its actions. A DVD was also released outlining the access work being undertaken by Fingal County Council.

## **Daughters of Charity**

The Citizens Information Board (CIB), The Daughters of Charity Service and the Deputy Manager of the Partnership Terry McCabe **have been working together towards the establishment of an independent advocacy service** (based in BAP) **for people with an intellectual disability and services in the community and voluntary sector. As a consequence a new Advocacy Officer was recruited. This post is funded by CIB as part of a pilot initiative until 2010, to support the development of advocacy services in the community and voluntary sector. The worker will be employed by BAP to ensure that the advocacy service provided will be independent of service providers. The advocate is now working to the direction of the steering group<sup>[1]</sup>.**

Following his appointment the new advocacy worker, Gerry Rattigan consulted widely with the stakeholders on the steering group on defining the exact nature of the service. The project name "Including Me Advocacy Service for Persons with an Intellectual Disability using the Daughters of Charity Service" was agreed upon by all parties. The new advocacy worker **is also undertaking** a promotional drive to advertise the service across **facilities used by the target group (these include facilities in D15, D7, D20, Blackrock & Portmarnock)**. In addition a new strategy (aims/objectives) was drawn up with a new set of policies and procedures to suit the nature of the work being undertaken. The service recently began its initial pilot phase.

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<sup>11</sup> 'Think Twice' Homelessness in Blanchardstown Perris Social Research

<sup>12</sup> A strategy for tackling homelessness in Blanchardstown by Simon Brooke

<sup>13</sup> Co-Operation Fingal, National Council for the Blind of Ireland, Institute for Design & Disability, Dublin Centre for Independent Living, Access Action Malahide, Schizophrenia Ireland, Disability Federation of Ireland, St Michael's House

### ***Support to Fingal Volunteer Centre Initiative<sup>14</sup>***

Volunteering in Blanchardstown has been supported in recent years through the **Fingal Volunteer Centre established by Fingal County Council**. This centre previously provided a volunteer matching service and technical assistance to community organisations in Fingal. The six months to December 2008 saw the original development worker Laetitia Deletang leave and two new staff: a Manager (Paul Harkin) and a Development worker (Glynis Dunne) take over.

Between July and December 247 new volunteers registered with the Centre. 61 volunteers were assisted to find placements. A work plan has been agreed by the Board for 2009. New venues are planned in Balbriggan and Swords where the level of community activity is relatively low compared to Blanchardstown. The Manager and Development Worker have met and supported a number of companies in Fingal who wishing to develop corporate and social responsibility policies and are now providing a Garda Vetting Service to community and voluntary organisations in Fingal who do not have access to their own Authorised Signatory.

### ***Increased Information Provision in Blanchardstown (B05)***

#### **Update on Research Activity**



The focus of the study was to research the demands on community childcare services in County Fingal and identify if there is a need for higher staff ratios and therefore increased staffing funding due to the additional supports needed within childcare services operating in the community sector. This research was a jointly funded by Blanchardstown Area Partnership and Fingal County Childcare Committee.

### **Socio-Economic Profile of Blanchardstown**

A new socio-economic profile report of Blanchardstown based on the 2006 census has been completed and is now available to download from the Partnerships website. This report has informed several other recent documents which the Partnership has completed most notably the Extended Coverage report and the Partnerships new Position Paper from Challenges to Opportunities. Digital Ordnance Survey of Ireland maps are also included in the report to help with the representation of statistical data. In the future the Partnership will also be able to access statistical data for neighbourhoods of 300 households.

### ***Environment and Infrastructure Initiatives receiving support (B06)***

**Friendly call service** is a community based alert call/friendly call service set-up in 2005 by the Health Service Executive and FCC for elderly and vulnerable people in the Dublin 15 area. Referrals are made from Public Health Nurses, Home help service, An Gardaí Siochana, other Community groups, family, friends and self-referrals to the service. Elderly and vulnerable clients are phoned every morning to check on their well being. Remind them of appointments and medication. A number of social events are organised each year to help reduce isolation and loneliness. **The Partnership's Community Development Officer Lilian Harris is a member of the local Management group and the Partnership helps fund the service through Measure B of the LDSIP.** The Partnerships Manager Linda Curran represented the Partnership on the Governing Committee of the Friendly Call Service during 2008.

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<sup>14</sup> In mid 2005 the Partnership via the Deputy Manager, Terry McCabe, began to work with other agencies to establish a steering group to drive a Fingal Volunteer Project. A new action plan for supporting volunteers and establishing a volunteer centre emerged. Ring fenced money from all these agencies including the Partnership, as well as Cohesion funding has facilitated the employment of a development worker to help develop the Fingal Volunteer Centre. In October 2007 a three year action plan was submitted to the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht affairs.

## Section 4

### **Community Youth Based Initiative (Overseen by the Education and Youth PIB)**

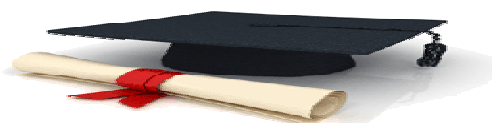
#### **Background**

In early 2008 the board of Blanchardstown Area Partnership agreed to a proposal to separate the Youth and Education themes into two PIB's – Youth PIB and education PIB on a trial basis. The proposal had come from Youth/Education PIB, who felt that the two sectors were not adequately serviced by one PIB and they would be better served in separate groups. This trial period has worked very well and it is anticipated that the board will formalise this arrangement in 2009.

**The Partnership's Education Co-ordinator** was responsible for a range of initiatives across the Community Youth Based Measure in 2008. Several of these initiatives involved offering protracted supports to children and adults run in collaboration local schools and community groups. The Education Co-ordinator supports many local and regional networks and a brief outline of these will be provided.

**795 school children and 191 adults (parents and teachers) were supported via the CBYI Measure in 2008.**

#### **Co-ordination Activity**



#### **Millennium Programme**

The Education Co-ordinator and the Millennium Fund Assistant Noelene Reid administer the Millennium programme on behalf of Pobal. **105 adults received financial supports in 2008, 70 women / 35 men.** Recipients must be a resident of Blanchardstown and applications from RAPID areas are prioritised within the application process. **€98k was received for the academic year 2007-2008 and in September 2008 a further €98k was received for the following academic year.** In addition to direct financial support, career and course guidance is offered to clients of the MF and in August there is a 2-day guidance event for students who have just received their Leaving Certificate results. All of the schools in Dublin 15 are circulated about this service.

#### **Youth Employment Event 'Where2nxt4u'**



The **Partnership in conjunction with the LES and the Department of Social and Family Affairs ran an event for unemployed persons under twenty five.** This initiative focused on looking at individual's future-education, training, and job skills. CV clinics and interview preparation classes were delivered as were options-how about setting up your own business. Adult guidance counsellors were also on hand along with the Fingal Volunteer Centre. **The Youth PIB gave €4,000 toward this event and 60 persons attended.**

## Service Delivery Model

### ***Preventing Early School Leaving (C02)***

The Partnership continues to fund programme delivery elements from the LDSIP for Traveller children as identified by the steering group. **79 Traveller children benefited through these multiple activities in 2008.** The **Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group is the lead agency** and other partners include HSE, BYS and the Partnership. These agencies supported a youth/education worker of the BTDG. Unfortunately funding for this post paid from the Dormant Accounts was discontinued. The youth worker who was a member of the Community PIB, helped run homework clubs, a 6<sup>th</sup> year transition and summer programmes.

### ***Addressing the needs of early school leavers (C03)***

**Learning @ Work** is a project that attempts to upskill workers who are in employment but who have minimum vocational or academic qualifications. The scheme originally piloted between 2001 and 2004 encourages employers to release their staff for accredited FETAC training and Level 3 Junior Cert or 4 and 5 Leaving Certificate equivalent. The project is funded by FAS and the Department of Education and Science under the umbrella of the Dublin Employment Pact with additional funding from the Partnerships Local Development Social Inclusion programme. A successful joint application from 6 Partnership areas in Dublin including Blanchardstown was submitted to the Dublin Employment Pact, which the Education Co-ordinator was as central part of. The third round started in early 2008 and will continue until March 2010. As a result €1.2 million FAS allocation to the 6 projects over 2 years was committed and the Department of Education and Science is also contributing.

**In 2008 Learning @ Work has provided flexible accredited education and training opportunities for 32 young adults from Blanchardstown.** Modules offered include communications, ECDL, personal and interpersonal skills, manual and computerised accounts, forklift truck driving counterbalances and computer applications. Continued contacts with employers and local publicity through, newspapers, Chamber, and local events helps raise awareness of the issue among employers, the community and local agencies. One employer Symantec has provided funding and a training room for one course.



The **Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan TD, launched the Symantec supporting Learning @ Work 28th April.** This event was a great success with representation from local agencies, local employers, ICTU, ITB, participants on Learning @ Work training programmes, co-ordinators from other areas of the project and local newspapers. During 2008 L@W also formed a new local steering group made up of representation from The Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, Co. Dublin VEC, ITB, Symantec, Blanchardstown Centre for the unemployed, Blanchardstown Youth Services, Youth Reach, Mountview Youth Initiative and BAP. Towards the end of 2008 we had a welcomed addition to the project when the Co Dublin VEC took on responsibility for the delivery of the L@W FETAC training. **Sandra Dunne the co-ordinator of the project** also delivered a parallel motivational programme addressing the individual needs of the participants called *Steps to Change*.

## ***Promoting Developmental Youth Work (C05)***

### **2 initiatives promoting developmental youth work**

#### **Promotion of Retention at Senior Cycle**

This action entails **bringing together key providers** and developing a local response in order **to improve retention rates to Leaving Certificate in Dublin 15**. It aims to raise awareness in the community and among families regarding the importance of young people sitting the Leaving Certificate in order to improve life chances, career prospects, and economic potential.

**25 young people attended a Safepass course** to help up-skill them and improve their prospects of staying on in first chance education at the senior cycle. **22 young people did taster courses at Colaiste Ide**. These young people also visited a FAS training Centre where the importance of school completion was emphasised.

## ***Supporting access to Further and Higher Education (C06)***

The BAP has continually been involved in the development of innovative programmes to promote participation in further and higher education. **The Department of Education and Science gives €60,000 per annum to a school based programmes to promote access which was initiated and funded by BAP**. The Education Co-ordinator negotiated them mainstreaming of this programme, which entails the following programmes element: **Easter revision supervised study; taster visits; support to Gaeltacht visits. The BAP initiated other programmes to encourage participation including the Aim Higher event**

#### **Aim Higher event**

The Aim Higher **event took place in November at the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown** and was one of the most successful so far. This event aims to improve participation at third level. A steering committee comprising the 2 disadvantaged second level schools, the VEC, the Youth Service and the ITB and BAP plan and organise the event. All schools in Dublin 15 were encouraged to attend as well as Lucan and beyond. This is in order to ensure a good representation of colleges and services, 22 of whom took stands this year. In addition to Youthreach in Blanchardstown the Adult Education Service and other local organisations are circulated and many adults attend the event. Student from various colleges gave practical demonstrations of their work including: The Ballyfermot Rock School; drama school in the Liberties; make up and Beauty from Crumlin College. **Approximately 2,000 attended the event.**

## **Development of Services for Young People**

#### **E cert ICT initiative**

The Education Co-ordinator and the Training co-ordinator of the BAP participated in the ICT initiative which is funded by the Department of the Taoiseach and managed by the Dublin Employment Pact and supported by FIT. The aim of the programme is to bridge the Digital Divide among individuals in disadvantaged communities and provide a practical user friendly programme to groups. Courses commenced in November in different centres in the area. Target group included ex-prisoners; older persons, young people parent's traveller parents an individuals from the new areas of partnership. **145 individuals received certificates that were presented by Minister Tom Kitt TD**, at the Castleknock Hotel and Country Club.

## **Blakestown / Mountview Neighbourhood Youth Project**

**This project has been funded by the HSE since 1993 for 9-13 year olds at risk and their families**. A significant €1.1 million extension was completed and opened by the Taoiseach officially last year. This will allow for greater capacity with programmes for children and families. A new 24 place crèche will provide places for the children of disadvantaged adults who may wish to undertake short term education and training courses. Six funders supported this capital project; Fingal County Council, Health Service Executive, Clann Credo, Irish

Famine Trust, Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform and Young Persons Facilities and Services Fund. This was an excellent example of co-operation between voluntary, community, private and state sector.

**Blakestown / Mountview Youth Initiative**

**Established in 1998 for 14-18 year olds at risk and their families. It is funded by the HSE** and has been mainstreamed providing a holistic service to this age group. The Education Co-ordinator acts as Chairperson. There are currently joint plans by the school and the BMYI to build a football pitch which will be utilised by local youth groups and special projects as well as the school. **An application was made to the Sport Capital Fund for an 'All Weather Pitch' in 2008.**

## Appendix

**Table 2**

### **Comparison of quantitative targets for all of 2008 across the LDSIP Measures, versus the actual results attained**

#### **Services for the Unemployed Measure A**

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Target Goal</b>	<b>Attained</b>	<b>Net Result</b>
Number of individuals supported- Case Load	582	790	+208
Number of long term unemployed people supported	262	271	+11
Individuals receiving pre-start up enterprise supported	160	224	+64
New Enterprises >12 months Supported	37	77	+40
Established Enterprises < 12 months Supported	12	6	-6
No of jobs created in Micro Enterprises	45	97	+52
Social Economy Enterprises > 12 months Supported	1	1	Achieved
Individuals receiving training supports	357	482	+125
Individuals receiving recognised certification	110	125	+15
No's engaged through information and dissemination	825	486	-339
Networks and Collaborations Supported	10	6	-4

#### **Community Development Measure B**

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Target Goal</b>	<b>Attained</b>	<b>Net Result</b>
New community groups supported	5	2	-3
Established community groups supported	6	14	+8
Pre-development community groups supported	3	2	-1
No's engaged through information and promotion initiatives	100	200	+100
No of initiatives supported	1	4	+3
CD Networks and collaborations receiving supports	10	14	+4

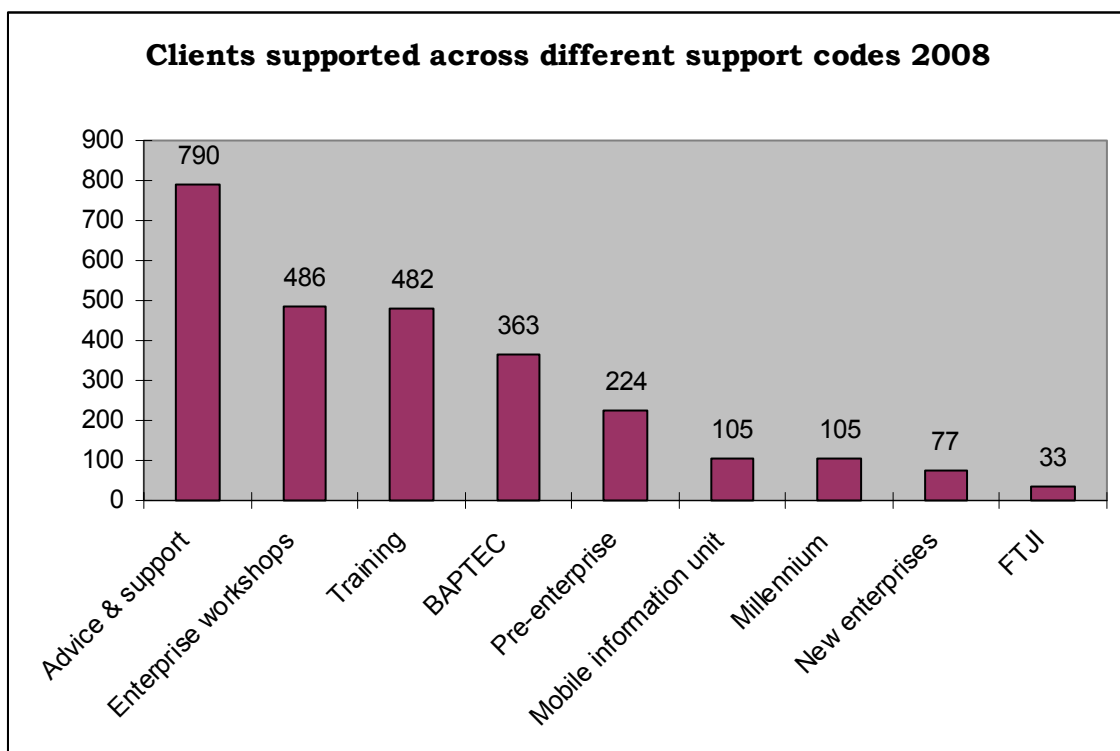
#### **Community Based Youth Initiative Measure C**

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Target Goal</b>	<b>Attained</b>	<b>Net Result</b>
Number of school children supported	630	795	+165
Number of adults supported -parents & teachers	215	191	-24
Number of preventing early school leaving initiatives	2	5	+3
Number of promoting developmental youth work initiatives	2	3	+1
Number of initiatives addressing the needs of early school leavers	2	2	Achieved
No of initiatives supporting access to further & 3 <sup>rd</sup> level education	1	3	+2
CBYI Networks and Collaborations supported	3	3	Achieved

**Table 3**  
**2008 Local Employment Service Outputs**

<b>Target Groups</b>	<b>New Clients</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Job</b>
Long Term Unemployed 1 year and over	88	17	26	8	26
Long Term Unemployed 6 months plus	42	3	5	0	5
Lone Parents	81	30	11	7	11
Travellers	4	1	0	0	0
Special Needs	23	3	5	3	5
FAS EAP Referrals	129	7	20	5	20
EAP Clients	27	0	6	0	6
Drug Users	18	2	5	9	5
Early School Leavers	25	6	5	0	5
Ex-Offenders	7	0	0	1	0
Ethnic Minorities	122	32	23	16	23
Dependent Spouses	13	1	4	1	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>110</b>

**Bar Chart 1**



### **3 Models of Area Based Partnership Companies**

#### **1. Service delivery model**

This occurs where there is a lack of locally based services in the area and the **Partnership undertakes to deliver those services**, usually on a pilot basis, to remedy the gap in services

#### **2. Influencing/Agency model**

The approach of a Partnership adapting an **agency approach** is likely to be far more strategic and aimed at influencing policy and mainstream services. Where services are delivered by the Partnership it is usually on a contract basis to a group that is currently delivering services in the area. If such a group does not exist, then the Partnership will often play a key role in establishing such a group or, through mutual agreement, add to the remit of an existing group. This is likely to result in value being added to the service and the service being linked more directly with other activities with the agreed strategy of the Local Development Plan

#### **3. Co-ordination /Brokerage model**

The Partnership does not deliver- but acts as a **support structure**, whose primary function is in needs assessment and