

Eastway Wall Art Project – A Sense of Place



The innovative Eastway Wall Arts Project (EWAP), currently nearing completion, is an exciting expression of a sense of place and a celebration of the talent and skills of a creative community.

Creggan people are resilient and especially attuned to their community. They are proud of the self-help ethos that symbolises the history of Creggan and of their contribution to the place and region where they live, work and play.

The EWAP development is all about community engage-

ment and promoting positive change. Creating a spirit of place through the use of community arts has enabled Creggan Enterprises to capture the social history of the area in a fresh and striking manner.

Our thanks to Guildhall Press and Tom Agnew and everyone for helping to create this distinctive series of wall murals that represent the special place we call Creggan. EWAP is co-funded by Creggan Enterprises and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland under its Re-imagining Communities Programme.

Creggan Pre-school Re-opens for Business

Creggan Pre-school and Training Trust (CPTT) are pleased to announce that they are again now open for business.

The group was forced to close its doors to residents using their educational and childcare services on October 2008, due to an unforeseen withdrawal of government funding.

The staff continued to operate on a voluntary basis for a number of weeks, working to reverse this decision taken by the NWDO and to secure further funding.

Unfortunately the decision has not been reversed and, like many other childcare and community education providers, we have lost this vital funding.

The group has worked hard to lobby and rally support from local politicians and from the people of the Creggan community.

Creggan Enterprises and Sure Start Edenballymore have been instrumental in securing the future of CPTT and have kindly financially assisted CPTT in providing short-term funding for the group that will provide much-needed breathing space to identify further financial security.

CPTT are now working with Creggan Enterprises and other Childcare and Youth service providers in planning for the future sustainability and development of the Cromore complex.

The Playgroup, Creche and 2yr old programmes are again fully operational and we look forward to offering a full programme of adult education in the new term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for their support and to wish them a Happy Christmas!



Pictured with Santa are Charley Muldoon, JJ Nelis, Sean McLaughlin, Callum Fullerton, Noah McLaughlin, Tyler Fullerton, Shea Martin and Tiernan McLaughlin.

THE STAFF AND BOARD OF CNP WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL ITS MEMBERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



NORTH WEST TAXI PROPRIETORS HAVE MOVED

WE ARE NOW ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE RATH MÓR CENTRE, (ABOVE THE SHOPS)

★ **NEW COMPUTER TRAINING SUITE
AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS.**

★ **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT AND
DISCUSS THEIR REQUIREMENTS.**

**ALL CURRENT MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT GERRY ON
02871-362556 TO FINALISE 2007/2008 TAX YEAR.**



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SPRAOI SPÓRT



Local náiscoils, including Náiscoil Na Rinne, Náiscoil Éadain Mhóir, Náiscoil Dhoire, Náiscoil Mhaol Íosa and Náiscoil Cholmcille, are still enjoying the opportunity to participate in Spraoi Spórt, the successful play-based physical programme designed by Altram to meet the needs of children in the Irish medium Early Years sector. In 2007 Altram was awarded £149,143 by the Big Lottery to design, develop and deliver Spraoi Spórt to all náiscoils throughout Ulster over a three-year period.

Carol McNamara, an Altram employee, is responsible for delivering the programme locally and operates from Altram's Derry office in the Rath Mór Centre.

The programme complements the Early Years curriculum and includes music, songs, dance and movement. In a very practical and innovative way, Spraoi Spórt reinforces the importance of the early years as a foundation of the Irish language community.

Recent Health Department statistics showed that 13% of boys and 20% of girls were deemed to be overweight by the time they entered primary education. A survey carried out by Altram in 2005 highlighted that parents believed there was a need for an activity play programme to be delivered through the medium of Irish. Spraoi Spórt provides a positive, stimulating and fun approach, introducing children to a healthy lifestyle at a critical stage in their development.

Altram is a community-based regional support group for Irish Language early years projects, founded in 1990 by local preschools in Derry, Newry, Armagh and Belfast.

The eight-week programme involves half-hour sessions which focus on different aspects of physical play and education. Other sessions include: Balance and Control, Dance and Movement, Travelling, Parachute Games and Targets.

Fishing Competition

Local anglers can enjoy some time out this December at Creggan Country Park's annual Christmas Fishing Competition. This year, there will be two competitions, one for adults and one for juniors. Details below;

**Sunday 28 Dec 2008
(Adult competition)**

10.00 am - 3.00pm

Entry: £12 (4 fish limit)

Prizes for 3 heaviest fish

Boat hire is £8

**Monday 29 Dec 2008
(Junior competition)**

10.00 am - 3.00pm

Entry: £6 (4 fish limit)

Prizes for 3 heaviest fish

Boat hire is £8

Call 02871 363133 for more information or visit
www.creggancountrypark.com



Sean Dolan's GAC Team Training Time-Table

Team - Age Group	Day/Times	Venue
Under 6 & 8 Years	Friday 6pm - 7pm	Sean Dolan's
Under 10 & 12 Years	Wed 7pm - 8.30pm	Sean Dolan's
Under 14 Years	Thursday 7pm - 8.30pm	Sean Dolan's
Under 16 Years	Tues & Thurs 7pm - 8.30pm	Sean Dolan's
Minors	Tues & Thurs 7pm - 8.30pm	Sean Dolan's
Senior Men	Tues & Thurs 7pm - 8.30pm	Sean Dolan's
Senior Ladies	Mon & Wed 7pm - 8.30pm	Sean Dolan's

NB: Both Boys and Girls are Welcome!!!!

Old Library Trust

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. The Centre will close on 19th December and re-open 5th January with a number of new programmes and services. Please ring on 71373870 or call into the Centre for more details on programmes.

