

# Community BINGO



Come along and enjoy your community Bingo every Thursday evening @ 8.30 pm in the comfortable Radisson Hotel. The Bingo is run by Letterkenny C.D.P. to support the new proposed Community Development & Recreational Centre.

**Arthritis Ireland Helpline**  
**local 1890 252 846**  
 We're here to be there for you

**The Donegal Women's Domestic Violence Service** provides a 24 hour help line, a locally based Domestic Violence clinic service and crisis accommodation for women and children who are at risk or have suffered physical, sexual or financial abuse. The D.W.D.V.S. can provide housing, legal/benefits, advocacy, information, referrals and domestic violence counselling support. Awareness Training & Education Service is also available.

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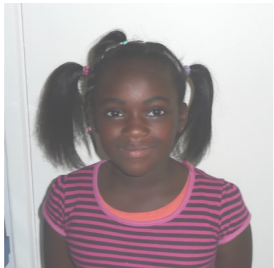
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## Newsletter Winners

		
Colouring Competition 4-7yrs. Michelle Diawuo	Colouring Competition 8-11yrs. Abraham A Philips	Name this artist Demi Doherty

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Prizes  
Sponsored by

**4 Lanterns & Century Cinema**

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# Community Newsletter



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## “ A Tribute to Hugo Roarty”



Hugo playing his part during the St. Patrick's Day Parade 2007  
 L-R Hugo, Anne Boyle, Mary Rose Sheridan and Robert Johnston. Cont... page 3



Mgt. Toner  
Co-ordinator

# Letterkenny C.D.P. "Working For You"

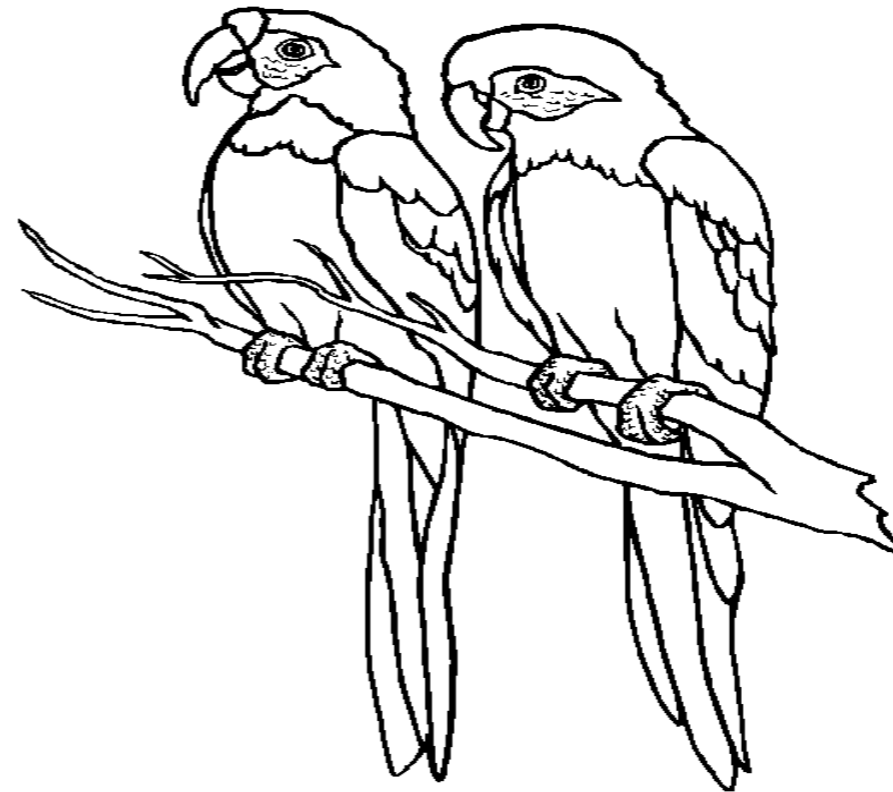
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Lourda Nee  
Administrator

# CHILDREN'S FUN PAGE

Post your entries or drop them into The Community House 2 Errigal Road Letterkenny  
Closing Date for Entry Oct 10th 2009



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age Group \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age Group Categories: 4-7 8-11

Prizes: Vouchers for Cinema and Four Lantern's for winner of each age group:-  
Judges decision is final.

## Name this Artiste



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age Group Category 11- 14

### A Little bit of Irish

Is fear lán doirn  
de cheird ná lán mála dár



A handful of skill  
is better than a  
bagful of gold

### Mission Statement

Letterkenny Community Development Project is a voluntary group of caring and supporting people. Our ambition is to improve our community for all, by encouraging participation, personal development and inclusiveness throughout our programmes and facilities.  
Community House 2 Errigal Rd. Letterkenny. Tel: 074/9120633.

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Letterkenny Community Development Project Management Committee/Board of Directors

In August 2009 Letterkenny C.D.P. said goodbye to our hounary member Hugo Roarty, loving husband of Mary, proud father of Sharon, Darrell, Noel, Jason, Paul and good friend to us all. There are many of us who have a story to tell about Hugo, how he loved

# Summer Scheme 2009

Once again our popular Summer Scheme provided a very enjoyable week long event catering for 44 children, ranging in ages from 2 to 11 years, [along with their parents and guardians] in the Letterkenny area. Trips were organised to Arena 7, Wayne's World, Jungle King, Century Cinema, Belfast Zoo, Aura Leisure centre and ending with a Disco in the Orchard Inn.

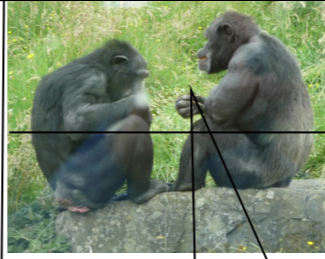


It's a long way down at Wayne's World

Energy fill up after all that play



Children and parents assemble for trip to Belfast Zoo



Don't bother yourself Bubbles it's only those nice children from Letterkenny



Warming up at the Aura Leisure centre before going swimming.

Now to cool down



## The Orchard Inn Disco



**WINNERS**  
Little Mister Elvis Okoh Little Miss Joy obi

The end of a long week. A big thank-you is due to all the children, parents and volunteers who helped to make this a very happy and enjoyable week of fun.

Everyone's a winner



to dance, how he loved to sing or tell a joke or send a fun email, how he loved the craic. He touched our lives in ways that made us proud to call him a friend and we will remember always. Hugo was an avid sportsman and gave a lot of his time to the youth over the years through schoolboy's soccer in the Glencar area. He had a great passion for athletics and competed, along with his wife Mary, in numerous Marathons for various charities throughout his lifetime. He continued to walk on a daily basis until the last year of his illness restricted him from his greatest passion.

A Postman in his professional life he made many friends and gained great respect from all who knew him. With a ready smile, a kind word or a funny story for anyone he met he was loved by many people.

One of Hugo's greatest passions was his community and he believed in equality for all people no matter what their status. He was one of the founder members of the Community Development Project in the Glencar Ballyboe area of Letterkenny in the early nineties and in later years he gave a lot of his time voluntarily to Letterkenny C.D.P. and in particular to the planned Community and Recreational Facility for the Glencar/Ballyboe area. He visited many similar projects throughout Donegal and Northern Ireland gathering research on the do's and don'ts of constructing a Multi-purpose Community Facility to meet the needs of a community, sadly lacking in community facilities.



As a friend and mentor Hugo was an inspiration and motivator. He gave his friendship unconditionally, with the love and guidance of a trusted friend; who listened to my woes, laughed at my jokes, challenged me when necessary, showed great pride in my achievements and always, always told me to be true to myself and my community. We will love and miss you always our beloved friend, my you rest in peace.

*By Margaret Toner*

**In this Special Edition  
we also remember loved ones we lost in 2009 may they rest in peace**

# Ethnic Scope

Interview by **Michael Abiola-Philips**  
with **Nana Obeng Agyemang** Proprietor of **African Caribbean Shop**  
**Unit 1 High Road Letterkenny Co Donegal** Tel 074-9126380  
Mob 0861975446



Michael & Nana

Good morning my name is M A Philips from the letterkenny C.D.P. I am out to have a chat with you on immigration and entrepreneurship In the community.

**Q.** Please introduce yourself, your business and purpose for being in Letterkenny.

**A.** My name is Nana Obeng Agyemang and I am from Kumasi Ashanti in Ghana West Africa. When I came to Letterkenny I

noticed that there was no provision for the sale of African Caribbean foodstuff. I quickly sourced the type of food required in Dublin and England and then opened the shop. The shop is called **AHENFIE GROCERIES**.

**Q** How do you see or feel business is going.

**A** You know people are really feeling it hard because of the global economy. I would say that we in business are just working no to pay the Council ,the landlord and pay the bills. It is difficult.

**Q** What about the cultural interest of African heritage you are trying to develop in Letterkenny.

**A** You know I am from the Royal lineage in Ghana so I feel obliged to maintain the African tradition by encouraging my brothers and sisters from Africa to preserve their roots and as well pass the culture to the up and coming African-Irish children born in Ireland. I formed a cultural group to teach people about African dancing and drumming and to encourage the wearing of African materials when weather permits.

**Q** Do you sell in wholesale and what type of customer do you attend to.

**A** Mostly we sell in retail. The shop is patronised by people from all walks of life. We have Asians, Africans, Irish and even tourists.

**Q** How do you like Letterkenny and what are the things you think should be done to encourage businesses in the community.

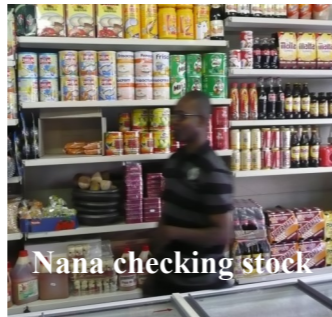
**A** Letterkenny is a lovely quiet place to live and train children. It's a growing community so it will be good for business if the Government would encourage more people to be self employed by giving grants for private business initiatives.

**Q** What are your thoughts on the race culture in the town.

**A** Every community has its own strengths and weaknesses. Letterkenny is good to live in and the Garda do their best to curtail any racial event which may arise. Generally I would encourage the immigration community to always stand up for their rights.

**Q** How are your children doing in school.

**A** They are doing brilliantly and I am very happy that they are being educated in Letterkenny. I believe in time that African studies will be introduced in the school curriculum.



Nana checking stock



CUSTOMER BEING SERVED



Shop front Letterkenny High road.

Thank you for your time Nana.  
We hope things go well for you.  
Michael.



## TEA and COFFEE AFTERNOON



A tea and coffee afternoon fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease Association was held in the home of Elizabeth and Michael Mc Cormack Croagh Patrick Ave. Calling in through-out the afternoon were friends, neighbours, and colleagues.



Carrol, Margaret, Myra, and Pat enjoy a coffee.

Margaret and Elizabeth Tea and buns



In total €768.58 was raised . On the day from donations €558.18 and from Letterkenny Post Office €210.40 Elizabeth and Michael would like to thank everyone



**L to R:** Tegan Mc Cormack, Cllr Jim Lynch Mayor of Letterkenny Aaliyah Mc Cormack Both Children participating in The Chimney (See Programme Attached)

Picture Submitted by Michael Mc Cormack (Grandad)



Mary Rose Sheridan with Margaret Teer at Letterkenny CDP. Picture by Declan Sheehy

Any Residents Associations in the Glencar area who wish to have work carried out by our environmental team over the next year please contact:  
**Mary Rose Sheridan**  
Community Employment Supervisor  
☎ 9120736



# "Down Memory Lane"



Pretty Mermaid ?



Just a bike



Electrifying



Lantern making 2006



Please open the gate



Under Arrest



BONES OUT WALKING

Don't forget Community Bingo every Thursday in the Orchard Inn at 8.30pm



Nuala Mc Garrigle  
FÁS  
Development  
Officer

## Community Employment Project News



Mary Rose Sheridan  
Community  
Employment  
Supervisor

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### Sorry To See You Go



James Agnew



Robert Montgomery



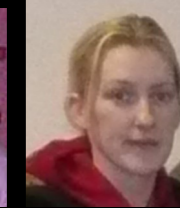
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Mary Quill



Clare Mc Cormack

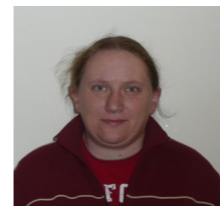


Charlene Mongan

Congratulations To Charlene on the birth of her baby

Again it's time to bid farewell to the participants who are leaving us at this time of year and wish them well in the future. We thank you all for your hard work and support to the project and hope you all keep in touch.

### New faces at Letterkenny C.D.P.



Pauline Cullan  
Childcare  
K.Y.D.S.



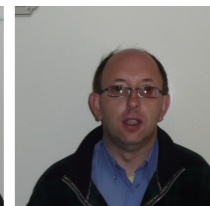
John Mc Feely  
Youth/Development  
worker



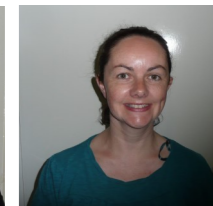
Kathleen Mc Ginley  
Admin D.P.T.



Ryan Mairs  
Caretaker



John Keeve  
Environmental  
worker



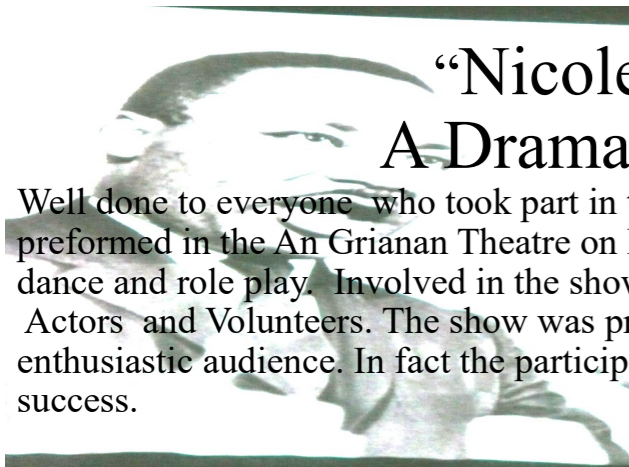
Anne Marie Rodgers  
Project Development  
Worker

### Staff Evaluation 2009



Letterkenny Community Development Project staff evaluation ceremony was held in the Cheshire Apts. Learners were presented with certificates on successfully completing their work experience and training.

Pictured opposite. Fás Development officer Nuala Mc Garrigle, Management Pat Corcoran, and Staff.



# “Nicole’s Dream” A Drama on Integration

Well done to everyone who took part in the Integration Drama “Nicole’s Dream” performed in the An Grianan Theatre on Friday July the 9th. The show consisted of song, dance and role play. Involved in the show were Youth clubs, Dancers, Singers, Actors and Volunteers. The show was performed in front of a medium sized but very enthusiastic audience. In fact the participation of the audience made the evening a great success.



Singing group gets the show going



Dancers in full swing



Audience participation



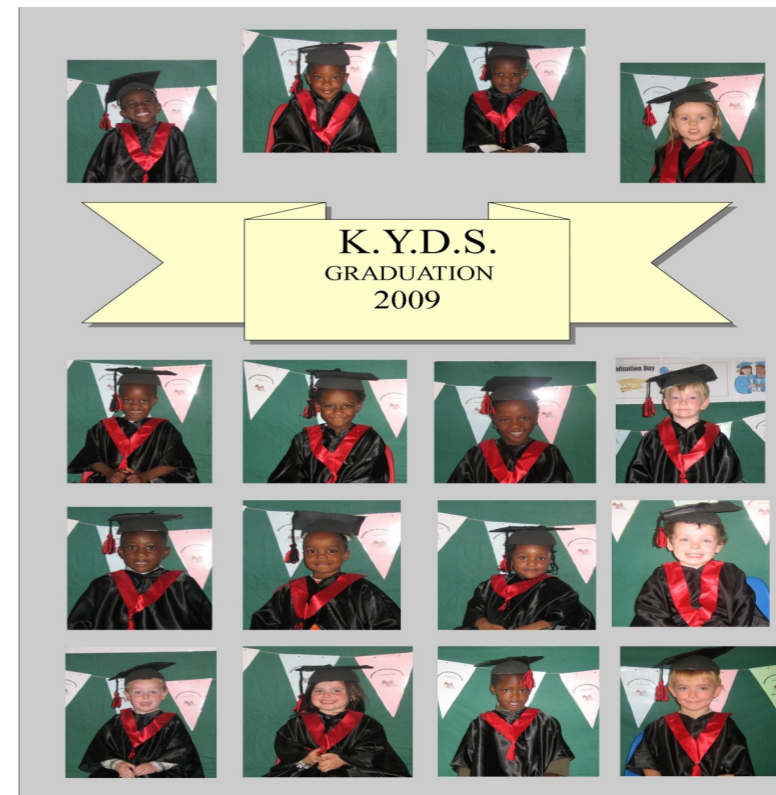
Children and Mr Rabbet in short role play dramas



FINALE

# “LETTERKENNY C.D.P. CHILDCARE”

## K.Y.D.S.



Despite an odd shower a great day was had by all parents and children. Several marquees were used to keep everyone dry. There were stalls of bric brac, game stalls and a canteen, serving sandwiches and buns. The afternoon ended with an auction.



Face painting proved very popular

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPERTUNITY TO THANK THE BUSINESSES WHO KINDLY DONATED PRIZES. **K.Y.D.S**

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| New Beginnings                      | Magees Pharmacy       |
| Courtyard Pharmacy O'Donnell        | Eason's               |
| Sara's                              | Books Direct          |
| Nerary Pharmacy                     | Anthony Gorman Sports |
| Signal                              | Bliss                 |
| Sprint Education                    | Eruo2                 |
| Denim Corner                        | Pounds & Pence        |
| So Low                              | Victor Fisher         |
| Toy Master                          | The Value Centre      |
| Nine's Gala                         | Donegal Stationary    |
| Kevin Bradley –the Baking well      | Milford Bakery        |
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| Bobby Meehan –Raphoe                | Ruth's Pharmacy       |
| The Community Centre                | Private Collection    |
| Super Drug                          | Inner City Let's      |
| Hillsborough Farm Shop              | Oatfields             |
| Lisbon Lions Celtic Supporters club | Surprise              |



Parents check out the items for sale and auction



A big hug for teacher for all her hard work

### OUR AIM

“To provide Quality, Affordable, Childcare to our community”



Karen Mc Cafferty  
Childcare Manager

Letterkenny C.D.P. Childcare Facility [K.Y.D.S.] offers high quality Pre-school Service for children from 2yrs. 10mths. and also After-school Service for school going ages. We will always advance the individual development of each and every child attending our Childcare Facility our first priority. Our Childcare Facility offers a warm, family friendly environment that promotes children's progress. Enrolments taken now for September. Our facility has limited spaces available so book early.

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