

## St. Andrew's Resource Centre

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# eLink

Welcome to the new world of the eLink!

eLink is the new publication from St. Andrews Resource Centre keeping our Community up-to-date on local issues. Delivered electronically it's a once a month essential read.

This is the very first issue.

To ensure you get your copy send your email address to:

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If you would like to see something included then let us know: email [elink@standrews.ie](mailto:elink@standrews.ie)

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The 100th edition of The New Link Magazine will be published in the Summer

## St Andrew's Computer Training

### March - April 2014

ECDL Word	24/03/2014	25/03/2014	Mon & Tues	10am - 3:30pm
ECDL PowerPoint	27/03/2014	27/03/2014	Thur	10am - 3:30pm
ECDL Excel	31/03/2014	01/04/2014	Mon & Tues	10am - 3:30pm
ECDL File Mgt	03/04/2014	03/04/2014	Thur	10am - 3:30pm
ECDL Access	07/04/2014	08/04/2014	Mon & Tues	10am - 3:30pm
ECDL Internet/Email	10/04/2014	10/04/2014	Thur	10am - 3:30pm

Equal Skills	14/04/2014	24/04/2014	Mon, Tues & Thur	10am - 3:30pm
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Note: Exams for ECDL will be on Friday Mornings. Module 1 (Theory) is Self Study.

If you are interested in doing the ECDL or Equal Skills (introduction to computers) course, please contact Josephine at [training@standrews.ie](mailto:training@standrews.ie) in the Training Room or if you are unemployed and wish to do a course please contact one of our Mediators in the Job Centre at 01 677 1930 or email [training@standrews.ie](mailto:training@standrews.ie)



### WHAT'S THE ELINK

The elink is our new local newsletter published monthly and will keep you up-to-date on news and events upcoming and past in St. Andrews and the Parishes of Westland Row and City Quay. To ensure you get your copy send us your email address [Childcare@standrews.ie](mailto:Childcare@standrews.ie)

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## HERITAGE PROJECT

An important part of St Andrews Resource Centres work is the preservation and reclamation of the history and heritage of the Westland Row, City Quay area. The Resource Centre still retains the old roll books from its time as a Boys School. Many past pupils from the school have visited the centre and many of them have found their names among the ninety eight roll books that are available to people researching their family history. We are also working on a history publication at the moment to mark the centenary of the 1916 Rising. A small number of local people have sent us some stories about their grand parents experience of the Rising, but we still need more input from people who either live in the Westland Row, City Quay, Pearse Street areas to contact us if they remember a parent or grandparent who had stories to tell about the 1916 Rising.

Below is list of publications and exhibitions compiled by St Andrews Heritage Project  
Heritage Publications: Dublin's Diving Bell A History; Journeys From The Steyne; Along The Quays And Cobble Stones; Heritage Exhibitions: Dublin Through The Ages; Dublin's Gasometer; Entertainment Through The Ages; Working Docks Past; Working Docks Past And Present.

Contact [Paul Graham](#) for more information



## ST ANDREW'S CHILDCARE EARLY NUMERACY WEEK



We have just completed our Early Numeracy Activity Week as part of the National College of Ireland Early Learning Initiative. Babies from 6 months to 4 years participated in age appropriate activities relating to numeracy. This included expanding vocabulary to include numeracy related words like buy/sell, cost, price, too much/too little, coins etc.. We sang nursery rhymes relating to Numeracy like "how much is that doggy in the window" and had activities such as making play money, making play shops and games with numbers.

This was done in association with the parents and the community, activities were also carried out at home and we took some field trips to banks and shops where

the children carried out transactions with the institutions. The children really enjoyed all the activities and learnt lots of new words and concepts.

For information re vacancies please contact our Childcare Manager at:

[martina.mckenna@standrews.ie](mailto:martina.mckenna@standrews.ie)



## Cyber-Links News



The Cyber Links is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, and invites everyone to simply drop in and use the fantastic facilities. Our Ten Seater Cyber Links is equipped with ten computers, all with extra-large monitors, and a superfast T1 internet connection, which makes Cyber Links the perfect place for online gaming, word processing and emailing. We serve the entire local area. Contact [Lisa](#) for further information

## JOB CENTRE NEWS

The St. Andrews Job Centre continues to work with clients to access Jobs, Training, Education and Employment Schemes. Our audited outcomes for last year are now available as of 20th December 2013. Amongst other outcomes the Job Centre placed 184 clients into jobs, progressed 379 clients into training and education and assisted 24 clients to successfully set up their own enterprise. In total in 2013 the Job Centre registered 1263 new clients. Clearly in these times more needs to be done to assist local residents find and retain work.

The services of the Job Centre are designed by the demands of the clients and each one is treated individually and with respect and fairness. If you need any further information about our service please call into the centre or telephone us on **01 677 1930**. Further information can be found on the St. Andrews web site. Click here> at [Job Centre](#) for further details.

Jim Hargis, Manager

## NEWS EXTRA! - St Andrews Resource Easter Draw— Limited to 300 tickets

1st Prize €700; Ticket 256 Marian Brennan;

2nd Prize €500; Ticket 33 Rose O'Connor;

3rd Prize €100; Ticket 205 Rosemary Grant 4th Prize €100; Ticket 65 Paul Connolly;

5th Prize €50; Ticket 237 Ainee—Rose Lumsden and

6th Prize—€50 Ticket 158 Esther Mc Farlane

All monies raised will go towards the day to day running of the Centre.

Draw will took place in Becky Morgans on Thursday the 17th of April 2014 at 8.00pm.

## Talk About Youth Programme

### The International Programme

The International Programme is looking for new participant to be involved in the Programme. The International Programme allows young people from 13+ to visit other countries and to experience new cultures, and to meet new people! Last year alone we went to Malta, Norway and Finland. We are planning many more exchanges this summer so if you think you would like to go call up to the office and talk to any of the Youth Staff.



### The International Programme

### TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT—NIGHT TIME TOURS

The Night Time Tours started in March for any young person aged 13+. The aim of the programme is to run an activity based drug prevention programme which will highlight to the participants the realities of drug and alcohol abuse in a multi activity learning programme, while at the same time introducing the young people to a healthier form of entertainment. In the past, the young people who participated went to different organisations to achieve these aims, places they went to included the Dublin Fire Brigade, Districts Courts, Focus Ireland & the Garda Station. At the end of the programme the young people then participated in a fun activity such as Go-Karting to show the benefits of getting your 'buzz' in a positive way. This year we hope to achieve the same aims. The Tours will start in March and will finish up in April. If you know any young person from the Pearse Street area who would be interested in part-taking please contact Orla in the Youth Office on **01-6771930**.

## ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

### Looking for a second chance to do something different?

#### Why not try one of our Courses.?

Here's a list of what we have on offer:

**Monday 9am – 12 noon**

English as a foreign language (ESOL)

**Tuesday 10.30 - 12.30**

Arts & Crafts

**Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30**

Basic English

**Wednesday 3.00 – 5.00**

Literacy through Computers

**Thursday 10.30 – 12.00**

Irish class

**Friday 10.00 – 12.00**

Art class



Email [betty.watson@standrews.ie](mailto:betty.watson@standrews.ie) for more information

All courses are held in St Andrew's Resource Centre

[click here](#) for a location map

### Talk About Youth Project.

The Talk About Youth Project has just celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> year working with young people from the Pearse Street Area. The project aims to provide a safe, non-threatening environment where young people can meet and socialise, build on their self esteem, develop their social skills and begin to take responsibility for shaping their own lives. For the last 18 years we have believed in young people and their ability, and that every young person has something to offer, in 2014 we still have this belief and strive for young people to reach their full potential in life.

The project works in a number of areas including Traditional Youth Clubs, Issue Based Programmes, Outreach, Music and Sports, Drug Awareness and Relationship, Sexuality and Education Programmes. We also provide an unstructured space for young people to hang out and just chill with their friends in 'The Junction' which is open Monday to Friday from 7-10pm.

The project is quite large with over 30 programmes and clubs being run on a weekly basis. Each group is based on the needs of the young people so as youth workers we are adaptive to the needs and wants of the young people.

### The Water Safety

#### Programme.

Water Marshal Training starts the 23rd-27th June for 13+

**Splash Week...30th June -4th July for 10+**

We will also be doing a Lifesaving Training Programme for young people 13+ (dates are not set yet) and hoping to set up a Training Swimming Squad for any young people interested and who are 13+!

Drop into the Youth Office and ask for Eileen if you are interested in any of the above!



## The “Talk About Youth” Project, (Family Interaction Programme)

Our aim for this program was is to foster youth development through constructive measures. This Youth Initiative project was designed and delivered by 18 young people aged 14 to 17 with the support of their Youth Workers, over a period of 6 months.

The project reduced levels of social exclusion, by opening up communication channels between parents, guardians, and their children, and to give parents greater insight into the views of their children and vice versa.

Our hope was that this project would be the first step in promote self-esteem and confidence of both the parents and young people of the participant families, that this project would be the beginning of developing a process of communication and decision-making abilities of the participants, and that this project will develop leadership skills, in prove their confidence, and hopefully experienced a strengthening of relationship with their parents.

We feel that the project was of real benefit to both the participants and their families in terms of strengthening the family bonds through understanding of exciting issues; and this will have a knock on affect within their community.

The idea of this programme was generated by members of the "Pearses Finest Fifteen" youth club when a number of young people explained to Youth Workers that they didn't feel that they could speak to their parents, as their relationship was poor. Youth Workers tried to encourage them to discuss issues that affect their lives with their parents however they refused. They stated that they would feel comfortable talking to other adults but not their own parents. The aim of this programme will be to build relationship between parents and the young people through participation in debates, fun activities and intergenerational comparisons. The programme gives both parents and young people the opportunity to discuss issues affecting their lives and hopefully a greater understanding of each other's point of view.



## Parenting Programmes

Take the stress out of  
Parenting and get some  
great tips in our next  
Parenting  
Courses starting after  
Easter.

### Please contact

Dara Terry,

Family Support, to put  
your name on the list.

Location [here](#)

## St. Andrew's Bingo!!!

When: Saturday Nights  
Time: 8.30 pm sharp to 10.00pm  
Venue opens from 7.30pm  
Price: €10.00 for a 6 Panel Book  
€7.00 for a 4 Panel Book  
Blue / Green Scoops: €1.50 for 6  
Panels  
€1.00 for 4 Panels  
Raffle: 5 tickets for €1.00  
**GREAT FAMILY NIGHT OUT!**  
**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR**  
**COMMUNITY BINGO**  
**Wheelchair Accessible!**



## DAY CENTRE NEWS

Join us Monday to Friday  
A warm meal and a warm  
welcome to all local residents  
Transport available.  
For details contact:

## Retirement of Alice Bregazzi

The Hall in the Centre was packed recently to mark the retirement of Alice Bregazzi. For 36 years, Alice has been in charge of the Home Help Service and the Day Centre for the Elderly in this area. Alice has been - by far - the longest serving member of the Resource Centre team. The hall was packed with colleagues and friends, home helps and Day Centre regulars, past and present, to join with Alice and her family in celebrating such a distinguished career of service to her community. Speeches by colleagues and friends from the Centre, and by Alice's son recalled her commitment, energy and strong personality that had seen the service develop and respond to changing needs. Alice's commitment to her clients saw her take on and win many battles over the years, while winning support from many allies for her work. Representatives of the HSE, the GARDAI and other voluntary agencies were present to testify to Alice's contribution and popularity. After a presentation to mark her retirement, Alice addressed the crowd with characteristic spirit and enthusiasm. She recalled many happy as well as challenging years and spoke of the satisfaction she felt in looking back at such a long period of service to the community. She concluded by serenading the crowd before cutting the celebratory cake. All her friends in St Andrew's wish Alice many years of well deserved happiness in retirement.

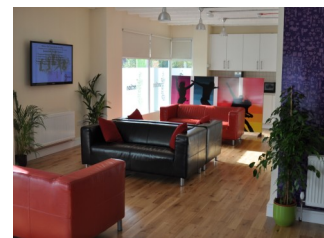
## THE JUNCTION—

### A NEW ST. ANDREWS INITIATIVE

The Junction Enterprise and Youth Space is now open and running. In the day time the Junction is an enterprise support space giving support to entrepreneurs setting up their own business. At the moment the Junction Enterprise service is open on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday.

At 5.00 pm the same space is used as a youth drop in space for four evenings each week.

The Junction is a new initiative that has been supported by DCC and local businesses and the space which was formally Helens Corner Shop has been completely renovated and upgraded to meet the needs of this new St. Andrews Project. If your interested in the activities of the Junction contact either the Job Centre or the Talk about Youth Project on 01 677 1930 or email [info@standrews.ie](mailto:info@standrews.ie)



Do you have a query about your rights and entitlements?

Puzzled by the system?

Then contact **St. Andrews Welfare Rights Service** on

01 6771930 and talk to Christine or Geraldine

Click [here](#) for more information and useful numbers.

Open for clients Tuesday—Thursday

9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. & 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.



## SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE CELEBRATES 21st BIRTHDAY



At the 21st Anniversary celebration in the National Library. A slice of history!

## PAULINE BOLAND RIP

The recent death of Pauline Boland has been a cause of great sorrow to her family, neighbours and many friends. Pauline was a key figure in the community over many years and made a major contribution to many initiatives to benefit the area, and especially its young people. With a big heart, Pauline was never slow to get involved and share her views. She made a major contribution to St Andrew's Resource Centre as a member of its Board of Management for many years. Pauline took a special interest in services for young people, but she was concerned about all aspects of the Centre's work. Even when bad health prevented her attending meetings, Pauline kept in touch with the work of the Centre and was always glad to get updates on what was happening in the area. In her passing, the Centre has lost a great friend and colleague.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam uasal.



*Pauline Boland*  
29th June, 1951 - 26th January, 2014