



Camphill Greenacres

Shedding the old, embracing the new, Greenacres family welcome's spring 2007.

We invite all our friends, families and colleagues for a fine read on our latest happenings and future prospects.

Hazel House

Meanwhile the 'new' house has become an achieved goal. This neighbourhood community project house was initiated by Siobhane MaCallion, Shane Nolan and Julie Thompson.

Julie has gradually found new grounds and meanings in life and has handed her duties over to a family from Botswana.



Music & Drama

Many new initiatives have been either started or planned. Nicola Kanley has started once more with an amazing drama session for all. The idea is to work on last years drama piece 'Heartbroken' and to find new ways to enhance the performance. It is fantastic to see our residents and co-workers 'jumping up and down', work on their voices, body and face expressions. Parallel with the drama activities we also started with a music and creativity workshop where Gill, who joined us with his family from Botswana, has started to compose some 'Greenacres' songs. It is hoped that some of these songs will be incorporated in the 'Heartbroken 2007' performances. We will keep you informed.



Siobhane, Mary, Shane, Siobhane and Shane during the monthly dance held at St. Theresa's, Blackrock. The theme of the evening was Valentine's. Lots of dance and swing and some tea and cake to re-energise.



Siobhan Humphries and Shane Nolan giving a performance for all to enjoy. It is hoped that very soon all of us will perform on-stage during the monthly dance evenings. By then we should have a song or two written by ourselves.

Our Future at the Greenacres Premises

For those of you who have been following our developments from the early stages, you will remember that the main community buildings of Greenacres are rented from an order of nuns and located on a former convent site. Our lease is soon to come to an end, and although we hope that a magical solution to extend our lease can be found or to unearth alternative ways to remain on this site, it seems that the future will bring new challenges to our community very soon.

In recent weeks we received a letter indicating that we will have to vacate the premises by June 2007.

Hazel house will remain as it is, but all of us living at the Greenacres premises will have to find a new place we can call home. To move an entire and well established community with so little notice is very unreal and almost impossible, so we hope that at least we can agree on a more humane time frame to work with. Nevertheless, the future will bring many new challenges and we will face them in true community spirit. As a community we are strong with our human resources and creative minds and we will embrace these challenges and changes seen through the eyes of Lent and summer 2007.

People who have ideas or would like to understand this crucial situation more or better, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Our kitchen The hearth of our community

As always, happy smiles in our kitchens. Shane, Siobhan and Silja a new co-worker from Finland.

The kitchen is not only a place to socialise and cook very healthy and organic meals. It is also a workshop where many household tasks are taught and practised. This forms part of Greenacres' strive toward supporting people with special needs living an independent life.



Freshly baked bread from our kitchen



Future plans

Greenacres being a Camphill Community that strives to support people with special needs towards independent living, we are always trying to find workshops that not only provide therapeutic values but also indeed real life skills. This is aimed at increasing potential work vacancies for our residents.

Most recent we started with some informal talk on the possibilities to set up a landscaping / garden maintenance activity. Located in Dublin's suburbs with many gardens and parks the potentials are very good. The challenge will be to find ways to establish this activity with an eco-friendly and organically balanced approach

based on quality of work, not quantity of work, never the less financially viable.

We'll keep you up to date.



Shane Nolan at work in a suburban garden at Hazel House

Observing Shane Nolan in the garden is a very inspiring thing to do. At present Shane is following a garden course, on Mondays he is guided by Grainne Devaney a very knowledgeable and experienced landscaper and all round garden lady. Shane takes these opportunities very imperative and eagerly put in to practice all that he learns. Ultimately it is hoped that Shane will become an employed gardener with the possibility to supervise other.

Craft Stall at the Pearse Street Food Coop Market

*St. Andrews Community Center
Pearse Street (at the canal basin end)*

Every 4th Saturday of the month

24th of February 2007

24th of March 2007

28th of April 2007

26th of May 2007

Take some time off and come and meet us at the Craft Stall. This is a good opportunity for you to get to know us better, find crafts made by Camphill workshops from all over Ireland. In addition the market accommodates some of the finest organic food producers, well worth exploring.



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Some displays of food produced by local organic farmers and food traders

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