

# Urban Junction Newsletter October 2010

## Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the Urban Junction Newsletter.

A lot has happened since the last newsletter in May, we welcomed a group from Chemnitz in Germany and a group from Lisburn in Northern Ireland over the summer for the Transform Exchange – Michael and some of the young people have written more about this inside. There have been changes with Ignite, now at the earlier time of 6.30 – in order to accommodate young people and families, Ignite is also now on weekly – we felt the need to meet weekly to enable relationships to develop and also to provide those people who have no other place for communal worship to meet. So far the changes seem to be positive and we pray that God will really use these times to transform his people.

Also don't forget our Urban Junction Open Day on the 23rd October – an opportunity to come along yourself or to bring someone to see the centre and all that goes on inside – a lot of the work that has been done on the building was made possible by a grant we received from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Please continue to pray and support all that goes on in and outside the building – you can find out more information on our website which Adam is regularly updating – [www.urban-junction.com](http://www.urban-junction.com)

Hope to see you on the 23rd!

Simon

## New Computer Class

*Interested in learning how to use the internet? Or send an email? How about booking flights for the holidays?* We're starting a beginners computer class on Thursday **21st October at 7pm** at Urban Junction (*the time will change to 7.30pm from week 2*). It's a great opportunity to learn some of the basics in a really relaxed friendly atmosphere. The course will run for 8 weeks and will be lead by Adam and Belinda. The cost is just €20 with tea/coffee at the beginning of each class. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining please let us know! It's a fun class!



# TRANSFORM EXCHANGE

## Transform Exchange



“ The best bit about Transform Exchange exchange was meeting new people and just sitting and talking to each other. I also enjoyed the random games we played and the team building games...”



“ I had so much fun on the Transform Exchange because I met loads of new people and I learned about German culture etc..”



“ I enjoyed Transform Exchange because I made new friends from Northern Ireland and Germany. I enjoyed the talks and the activities...”

**URBAN JUNCTION**  
INVITES YOU  
TO OUR  
**OPEN DAY**  
11AM - 1PM  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 23RD

### Open day

On Saturday 23rd October we're holding an Open Day and Coffee Morning. It's a great opportunity for us to show people what happens behind that big orange door! We'll have different stands representing each Urban Junction Group, a games area and a cafe. Come join us if you can!

### Websites

Don't forget to check out the Urban Junction website @



[www.urban-junction.com](http://www.urban-junction.com) for news, blogs, photos and more! Our Ignite website has also been updated and now you can listen to talks, discuss blogs and more at [www.urban-junction.com/ignite](http://www.urban-junction.com/ignite).

## Ignite this year

'Ignite' is a worship service that's on in Urban Junction **every Sunday at 6.30pm**. We have tea and coffee (*and often lovely Lucy tray bakes!*) both before and after the service. There is a time of praise where a band leads us in worship, a talk based on a bible passage, prayer and also a slot called 'Get to Know You' where someone is interviewed by Belinda!

When I think back to when Ignite first started, over eight years ago, I remember a monthly worship event held for volunteers. A few years later, it was decided to hold it fortnightly and gradually some of the people in the community started to come along. More and more members of the community were coming on a regular basis, and for a large number of people, Ignite was the only worshipping community that they would have been involved in. It was decided that Ignite should become a weekly event. This was a little scary for some as we wondered whether or not we had the resources, volunteers (*and energy!*) to run Ignite every week! However, there was a strong sense that this was not our decision but God's and that He would provide what was needed!



Well, Ignite has been going weekly for over a month now and God has kept his promise; we have more people volunteering than ever before (*we still need more though!*), we've seen lots of growth, and both volunteers and community members attending regularly. With a weekly worship service the hope is that those attending Ignite would grow even more as a community together and also that God would have more opportunities to work in peoples lives.

In terms of the teaching at Ignite we have been looking at the book of Romans. So far Michael, Simon and Alex have taken sections of Romans and shared with us what Paul's guidance to the Romans' was and how we can put that into practice today. The teaching so far has been quite challenging but also very encouraging. It's also getting us back to the basics of what it means to be a Christian and follow Jesus on a daily basis.

Jenny

## Youth Work

Activities in Urban Junction have started up again, and while few changes have been made there is still plenty to be excited about.

We are currently reassessing the activities for the Primary school aged young people, Quantum. Homework Club is still running weekly as we do this. By January new programmes will start for this age group. The Secondary school aged group (Link) is the biggest we have and the volume of their activities reflects this. With Homework Club

and Discovering Christianity weekly and a Social or Drop In fortnightly there is plenty happening for the teenagers. At the end of October we also have a trip to Autumn Soul in Bangor, Northern Ireland. The older age group from 6th year to college age are welcomed to discussions groups during the week, Ignite and are also involved in volunteering. To get a more detailed description of activities please see [www.urban-junction.com](http://www.urban-junction.com). If you would like to get in touch about getting involved as a young person or a volunteer then you can contact Michael at michael@urban-junction.com.

## Building Grant

You may have heard about the recent Grant we received from the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council & the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht affairs - well we used it to make some improvements to the building including new windows, painting the interior, new office & backroom floor, and much more! See some of the photos here! More can be seen at [www.urban-junction.com/multimedia/photo-gallery/photos-building](http://www.urban-junction.com/multimedia/photo-gallery/photos-building)



New entrance lobby area



New tea/coffee station



New flooring in office & backroom



New double glazed windows to replace broken ones in backroom

## Contact Us

As always free free to contact us about our activities, volunteers, supporting us or anything to do with Urban Junction. Our details are as follows;

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## Ignite: Groups

Another exciting aspect of Ignite is the bible study that happens **every Wednesday evening at 7.45pm** in Urban Junction. It's great to get to know people better and to have meaningful conversations about God's word and how it affects our lives. So far this year we've been looking at how we love God and how we love others. In a few weeks time we'll be starting a series where we look at our 'spiritual gifts'. The bible tells us that to every believer God gives gifts so that we can further His Kingdom here on earth. These gifts include things like wisdom, teaching, prophecy, healing, hospitality, administration and so on! We'll be discovering which gift/s God has given each of us and how we might make best use of those gifts!

It's an exciting time for Ignite, and we continue to pray the God will exceed our expectations and will keep giving more and more of His spirit so that we can grow closer to Him, and draw others closer to Him to.

## Not long to go now!

[GreatestDayEver2010.ie/theBigDay](http://GreatestDayEver2010.ie/theBigDay)

