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The Rediscovery Centre and Global Action Plan Ireland are proud to announce Ballymun's first ever science festival

Lets Talk Science Festival

An exciting science festival packed with interactive workshops for all the family

"Lets Talk Science" is a new festival for the Ballymun community delivered by the Rediscovery Centre and Global Action Plan Ireland with support from Science Foundation Ireland and in association with Dublin City Council. The festival will run from 21st – 24th May 2015.

The aim of the Science Festival is to celebrate and promote the contributions that science makes to society – past, present and future and to encourage and inspire public perceptions of science and technology. The festival aims to make science more accessible for the local community and the general public through fun and interactive workshops.

Vanessa Moore, CEO, Global Action Plan Ireland highlights that 'Both the Rediscovery Centre and Global Action Plan Ireland have been actively involved in environmental education in Ballymun and the wider community for the past ten years. We are very excited about the upcoming festival and hope that it will further encourage engagement with science throughout the entire community.

'The festival is result of successful collaboration between the two organisations, bringing together complementary skills for the benefit of the community. It is a great opportunity for even more people to engage with science and we are delighted to have the support of Dublin City Council and funding from the Science Foundation of Ireland to make it happen' says Dr. Sarah Miller, CEO, Rediscovery Centre.

On Thursday 21st May there are scheduled workshops with local secondary schools on Timber Tech, Evolution of Revolution (science of cycling) and Biomimicry which will be delivered by the education teams from the Rediscovery Centre and Global Action Plan Ireland.

On Friday 22nd May it's the turn of the local primary schools, with workshops on all aspects of science and technology including electricity, engineering, chemistry, water and nature being delivered by the festival team in the Axis Arts Centre, Ballymun.

The highlight of the festival will be the family fun day on Saturday 23rd May located in the Ballymun Plaza, Ballymun Civic Centre and Axis, Ballymun. All activities are free and will be led by experienced science facilitators demonstrating the range of ways science is present in our lives. Activities will include experiments and explosions, creating parachutes and Wind Turbines, investigating Earthquakes, Skyscrapers, exploring bugs and insects, Giant Bubble Making and much more. There will also be a showcase of Rediscover Fashions new collection for the festival "Scientific Threads" in the Civic Centre atrium as well as interactive exhibits and demonstrations from Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Alimentary Adventures, Presentation Ecology, Bolt Sustainability, Recreate, Makeshop, Dundalk Institute of Technology and more!

On Sunday the 24th May Global Action Plan and the Rediscovery Centre will provide workshops and activities based in the Virgin Mary Community Garden, Ballymun.

The family fun days take place on Saturday (10-5) and Sunday (11-2) and are suitable for all ages from 2 to 102! Do come along and join in the fun!

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Note to Editors:

The Rediscovery Centre is an environmental social enterprise which demonstrates excellence in waste prevention and reuse by pioneering translational research, encouraging entrepreneurial initiatives & supporting environmental education and skills development. Awarded Ireland's 2015 Green NGO of the year, the Rediscovery Centre (RDC) is committed to reducing the global environmental impact associated with waste generation by encouraging positive behavioural change in waste management practice at a national and local level by demonstrating exemplar reuse, redesign, education and research. The organisation is supported by the DoECLG and Dublin City Council.

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About Global Action Plan Ireland

Global Action Plan (GAP) Ireland is an environmental organisation focusing on people and how they can take practical action in their everyday lives for a more sustainable planet. For over a decade GAP Ireland has been supporting individuals and communities through our specifically designed programmes in the movement towards a more sustainable way of life. We are part of an international network of organisations. For more information please visit www.globalactionplan.ie

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