

FEILE AN PHOBAIL '96

2-11 August 1996

The 1996 West Belfast Festival will be bigger and better with a wide range of entertainment for all ages. Each year as new experiences help us develop we can only learn by our mistakes and add to our successes. Feile an Phobail is now in its ninth year and is thriving on its previous success.

This year's programme is packed with exciting events for both young and old. Lots of big names, with *Angela Feeney's Classical Concert* and *Classical Lunchtime*. *Paddy Reilly and the Dubliners* is just one concert set to open '96 Feile, *Sonny Knowles and the Tennessee Minstrels*, *Four Men and a Dog*, *Music on the Road*, *Hole in the Wall Gang*, *International Music Night*, *Blues Night with Mary Coughlan*, *Marie Mulholland*, *Feile Folk Night* and *Cara-vane des Quartiers* will be back with a larger show with a mixture of French folk and rock bands. Feile will be running a major concert at a large venue in West Belfast sponsored by Bass Ireland.

Just a Prisoner's Wife will be staged in BIFHE, Whiterock, due to public demand. We will premiere *Crime of Castlereagh* and Dubblejoint's new play *Same Old Story*. Also *The Classic* performed by Transatlantic Theatre Company. A number of events will be organised through our 40 local community groups, and will run the whole week of the Festival.

This year our events will include exhibitions, concerts, film festival, plays, opening day carnival parade, workshops for all ages, International Day, a major youth dance night, busking competition, historical tour of West Belfast, and many more exciting events. A number of events will be organised through our 40 local community groups, and will run the whole week of the Festival.

Some of our exhibitions will include *1916 Exhibition*, *The Somme*. Lectures will include: *Mary Ann McCracken Historical Society Lecture*, *Frank Cahill Memorial*

Lecture, Questions and Answers on "Building a Peace Process in Ireland," and P. J. McGrory Lecture.

Being the anniversaries of the Easter Rising, (80th) Internment, (25th) Hunger Strike (15th) we will be commemorating these with a number of debates, discussions and wall murals.

We are delighted to announce that Feile an Phobail has secured a licence for its first radio station *Triple FM (Failte Feile FM)*

which will be on air from 15 July-11 August. Based in Springvale Training Centre it will broadcast between 7am-2am daily. This provides an excellent opportunity for us to inform the general public of what will be happening over the Festival.

We take this opportunity to invite you to join in the West Belfast Community Festival.

For any information on events call us at: (01232) 313440.



Crowds enjoying an event at West Belfast Festival