



Welcome to the 3rd issue of our newsletter, *Strictly SWICN*

## Youth & Community Achievement Award



The annual SWICN Youth Achievement Awards took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> on November 2011 in St. Catherine's church on Thomas Street. This year several of Computer Clubhouse members were awarded including Leanne, Louise, Aoife, Kelly and David.

There were a number of young people from other Youth Clubs, organizations & schools from the area who received awards for their achievements in educational and sports related categories.

It was a great night for all who attended, as Cybil Mulcahay from TV3 kindly came on the evening to present the nominees with their awards.

Other categories on the evening went to local volunteers from the area, some of whom received a lifetime achievement award for services rendered to their community. Imelda May also attended which lent an air of excitement to the night, as she posed for photos with the locals. All and all it was a fantastic evening, to watch as all accepted their awards for hard work and contribution to the local community.

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## Jewellery class

I joined the Jewellery course few weeks ago along with some of my friends. The classes are lead by Miriam - a professional, friendly and very patient teacher. An ideal combination for someone like us who are absolute beginners!



Jewellery making is an art, which expects people to be creative and patient as precision and details are extremely important. So far I have learned the basics of beading, the types of beads used, the tools required to make them and the different types of stitches. My first piece of jewellery was a simple bead necklace. Then I learned to make a cluster bracelet (with bead caps) followed by a 'leaf' necklace.

The best thing about taking a course like this (as opposed to experimenting at home) is the increased confidence in trying more unusual designs and using creativity in a structured way. There is still a long way to go but with every class I'm closer to my destination.

Written by Deepa

## Christmas showcase

This year's showcase took place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December and was centred around the theme of poverty and Christmas traditions in other countries. The task was to choose a country from around the world and find out all the information about their different traditions.

The main event of the night was a drama piece, created and acted it out by the young people. The play showed two different Christmas - one in a very rich family and one in a very poor.

All the children's parents arrived on the day, as did representatives from local agencies to see the children's projects, and we had a lovely Christmas sing off to end the showcase.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of December the young members were brought up to 7up on ice in Kilmainham as a reward for all the effort and participation in the showcase, a great day was had by all.

