

Ballyclare Busking Festival
Saturday 10 September 2011
Entry Details

Name	
Age	
Parental Supervision Required (See competition rules for details)	Yes / No
Category Entered	
Address	
Contact number	
Email address	
Registration number (office use only)	

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For Office Use:

Pitch location:

Category entered:

Entry name/number:

COMPETITION RULES

CATEGORIES

1. **Best Junior Act** - Entrants must be aged up to and including 16
2. **Best Individual Act** – Entrants must be aged 17+
3. **Best Group Act** – Entrants must be aged 17+
4. **Best Street Performer** – Entrants must be aged 17+
5. **Best Overall Act** & **Spirit of Busking Award** – These are open to all entrants; you are automatically entered into these categories

COMPETITION ENTRY

1. All performers must be at Ballyclare Town Hall, The Town Square Ballyclare for pitch allocation between 11:00am – 12:15pm on Saturday 10 September 2011.
2. Children must be accompanied by an adult at the time of registration and throughout the event.
3. Competitors may enter the junior competition only if the oldest performer in their group is 16 years of age or younger.

BUSKING

1. You are required to busk at your designated pitch from 12:30 until 4.30pm.
2. The content of your act must not be in breach of any law or copyright and should adhere to the rules of common decency.
3. Any act that the judges deem to be dangerous, offensive or otherwise inappropriate will be asked to stop and will be withdrawn from the competition.
4. No mains powered, battery-powered or vocal amplification is allowed.

JUDGING

1. You may not be aware that you are being judged as this will be done anonymously at different times throughout the afternoon.
2. The judges' decision is final. No discussion will be entered into.

PRIZE GIVING

1. All competitors must be at Ballyclare Town Hall, at 5pm prompt to take part in the prize giving event.
2. The Winners will be invited to perform on stage for 5mins each so please ensure that you have your instrument(s) with you.
3. All Junior performers must be accompanied by an adult to allow the prize winning cheque to be issued.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

CATEGORY	PRIZE AMOUNT:
Best Overall Act	£500.00
Best Individual Act	£250.00
Best Group Act	£250.00
Best Junior Act	£100.00
Spirit of Busking	£100.00

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Newtownabbey Borough Council will make every effort to keep the details on this website accurate and current, but accepts no liability or responsibility for any errors in fact published on this website.

By registering with the Big Busking Bonanza, you agree to let Newtownabbey Borough Council use your details to contact you about this and future events organised in whole or in part by Newtownabbey Borough Council, of a similar nature to the Big Busking Bonanza.

By competing, participants agree that their photographs may be taken and used for publicity purposes by Newtownabbey Borough Council.

WHAT THE JUDGES LOOK FOR....

MUSICAL/PERFORMING ABILITY:

Skill in your chosen instrument, voice or performance

PASSION:

Do you enjoy performing? If so that will clearly come across

ENJOY YOURSELF:

Pick songs that you know, that suit your voice or style or that you simply enjoy

BE PROUD:

Busking is not easy. It takes real guts, so don't worry if you're nervous or make a mistake. Your performance is what will make the Big Busking Bonanza a success - never forget that!

MISTAKES:

To err is human so if you falter, forget the words or drop your juggling balls, just carry on.

ENTERTAINMENT VALUE:

Show off your personality and remember to just be yourself.

AUDIENCE INTERACTION:

Be friendly, polite and show your sense of humour.

Any money you receive whilst busking during the day is yours to keep, however this is not considered as part of the judging process.

Do not block the entrances to any shops or stand in the doorways and block the entrance to any stores.

Please remain in your allocated pitch with your registration number for the required period of time to ensure you are judged correctly.