

Light shines again on proposed three-screen arts cinema

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Cecil Street project costed at €4million

THE redevelopment of the former Royal Cinema/Athenaeum building on Cecil Street is gathering pace.

About three years ago, it was proposed that a two screen arts cinema be built on the site, concentrating on non mainstream films.

Now, CEO of City of Limerick VEC, Paul Patton, is planning to meet Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Jimmy Deenihan, to further discuss such a project, which would involve a three screen digital cinema, cafe/bar, training spaces and administration facilities.

Mr Patton is confident that the City of Limerick VEC can secure funding, which is expected to cost

in the region of €4 million.

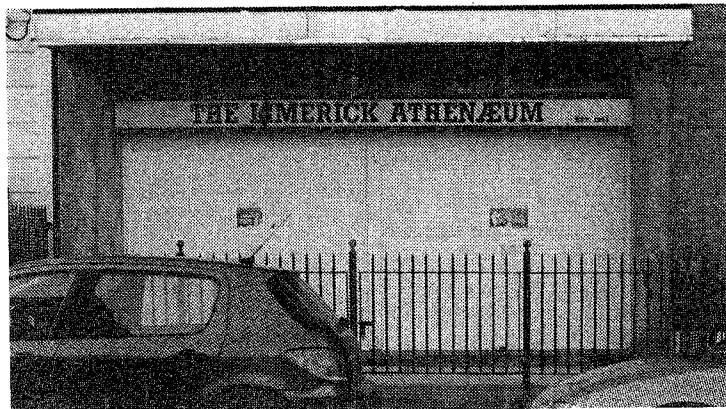
"The funding has been earmarked on our side so the Department just have to match it. All of the tenders have been submitted so we can present the minister with a solid plan".

He added that the new development would be an invaluable asset to the city centre.

"Film festivals in Galway, Cork and Dublin attract visitors and revenue. This will give the city centre an extra amenity".

According to Mr Patton, the development of what is known as the Athenaeum Building on Upper Cecil Street, will also provide excellent training facilities for Limerick College of Further Education's School of Visual Arts and media programmes.

"We provide a wide range of courses that will benefit from this including TV & Film Production/ Film Studies, Broadcast Journalism and Media Studies, Event Management with TV Studies,



Oscar nominees for Limerick 3Dcamp

PAUL Giancarlo from the Oscar-nominated Brown Bag Films, will be the keynote speaker at this year's 3Dcamp at the University of Limerick on Saturday, June 11.

It is the fourth year of 3Dcamp that is based on the informal Silicon Valley style IT conference.

The one-day event is dedicated to the exploring of Internet interfaces beyond Web 2.0, said organiser, Gabriela Avram:

"We were tired of the obsession with Web 2.0 a few years ago among the software development and research community, and decided to bring something different to the events calendar.

"3Dcamp considers the wider ecosystem of media and interconnected devices".

The bar camp format invites delegates to propose talks and workshops, registrations this year include, 'How I built a sheep herding robot'.

Hands-on workshops dedicated to topics such as working with Xbox Kinect and developing applications for Smartphone's are also on the agenda.

"It's an eclectic mix with speakers drawn from many disciplines", said co-organiser James Corbett.

3Dcamp is free to attend and will be hosted in the Computer Science and Information Systems building of the University of Limerick campus.

Multimedia Production, Print Journalism and Radio Broadcasting and Music Management and Photography".

The site had been home to the former Royal Cinema for generations, and was in its latter years leased to the Ward Anderson Group,



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Customers whose bins would normally be collected on Bank Holiday Monday, June 6th 2011 will have their collection rescheduled to previous Saturday, June 4th.

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Weston residents escape arson attack

RESIDENTS in a Ballinacurra Weston house were lucky to escape uninjured after an arson attack on their home at the weekend.

On Saturday, May 28, a house in Hyde Avenue was entered at around 5.45am.

A fire was lit causing considerable damage to the house, which was occupied at the time.

A smoke alarm sounded, waking the residents, who escaped unharmed.

"This appears to have been a deliberate attempt to set fire to this house, with no consideration for the safety of the occupants", said crime

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