

BUILDING FOR FUTURE

By Maeve Quigley

DO you fancy showing the boys that anything they can do, you can do better?

Leading charity Habitat For Humanity has launched a brand new Heels For Hammers campaign which will see all all-female build taking place in Pitesti, Romania in October.

Lord Mayor of Dublin, Emer Costello, has joined in the campaign to get us girls to sign up to the build - and help families less fortunate in the process.

She said: "It's great to see women getting active and making a difference - women supporting women. Everyone has a right to simple, decent, affordable homes so I urge women to make a difference and participate in this unforgettable experience."

The build will take place

SUPPORT Lord Mayor of Dublin, Emer Costello is behind campaign

from October 2 to 10 and the team will be made up entirely of women to participate in HFH's local home-building efforts.

During the week the Irish ladies will work with local volunteers and families to help to physically build homes, communities and hope.

Councillor Costello said: "I want to see the women of Ireland participate in Habitat for Humanity's Ireland woman's build 'Heels for Hammers'.

It's an opportunity to challenge themselves, build alongside the women of Romania and learn from this 10 day volunteering opportunity."

To celebrate the build the Lord Mayor will be holding a lunch in the Mansion House on May 27 .

Rachael Sands, HFH Ireland's International Programme Co-ordinator said: "The Women's

Build seeks to link women

who are affluent in Ireland to those who are underprivileged in Romania and create an environment of learning and cultural exchange for all involved.

"It will also take place in conjunction with World Habitat Day (4 October 2010) which reflects and celebrates on the state of our towns and cities and the basic right of all to adequate shelter.

"During the trip the volunteers will have the opportunity to meet with women's organisations in Romania and will be joined on site by local women who will benefit from the homes."

You don't need previous construction experience as training will be provided on site by qualified builders. All you need to sign up is energy, enthusiasm and a commitment to tackling poverty housing.

Whether you are on your own, part of a women's group or even a sports team and club, all applications are welcome.

●For more information contact Sarah Ryan on 01 629 9611 or sarah@habitatireland.ie or Jeannie McCann on 01 629 259 or Jeannie@habitatireland.ie

