

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

To: The chairperson and members of  
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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**ARTANE / WHITEHALL LEA – COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION  
UPDATE  
FOR THE MAY MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

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The Community & Social Development Section (CSDS), Artane - Whitehall LEA continue to meet and support a wide range of community & residents groups in the area on an ongoing basis.

**Bealtaine Arts Exhibition**

As part of this year's Bealtaine Festival, CSDS in conjunction with Coolock Library Art group organised an arts exhibition in Northside Shopping Centre. The exhibition was open to the public each weekday morning from 1st May to 10th May. The exhibition displayed works from Coolock Library, Golden Years, St Luke's, Lorcan, Bonnybrook, Santry, Priorswood Men's Arts Group and North Dublin Artist Club. Many thanks to Northside Shopping Centre management and all the local art groups that took part in the exhibition.



**Older People's Council**

The Older People's Council (OPC), North Central Area met in April and have agreed the objectives for their yearly workplan. Both North Central's CSDS will work with the OPC on their recommended actions.

**National OPC convention, Kilkenny**

Three representatives from the North Central's Older Person's Council travelled to the Age Friendly National Convention in Kilkenny at the start of May. The convention is a two-day event which showcased relevant speakers, workshops and presentations.

### **Men's Shed, Santry**

Santry Mens Shed was relaunched on 10th April. The Santry Mens Shed are now based in Greenfield Park Residents Community Club, Shanliss Avenue, Dublin 9. The group meet every Wednesday at 11am. They are actively seeking new members to join the club. Dublin City Council Community Officer will support the members while they are settling into their new home.



### **Another Way 5K**

The annual "Another Way 5k", Darndale was supported by CSDS. The race was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April in Darndale Park. Great fun was had by all who attended, ran and helped out on the day. This fantastic event is growing year on year, with over 500 runners completing the race. This event is supported by a number of sections within Dublin City Council.



## **Summer Projects**

CSDS with the support of Crosscare met with the newly established Summer Project for the Larkhill area, D9 Next Generation. The group will run a small project during the summer. This summer project will be allocated funding through the Summer Project budget that is managed through Crosscare each year. The group have registered with Crosscare and will receive on going support and training.

The CSDS will continue to allocate funding to the non-voluntary summer projects within the LEA. All non voluntary groups that run a summer project have received the funding application form. This funding supports the summer activities that each organisations run for the young people in their area.

## **Memory Café, Whitehall**

The “Making Memories” café which is based in Whitehall Colmcille’s GAA Club (Puck Lane), Collins Avenue, continues on a monthly basis. The café is held on the last Tuesday of every month from 11am to 1pm. See details of their social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram below.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553809252101>

[https://www.instagram.com/makingmemoriescafe\\_whitehall/](https://www.instagram.com/makingmemoriescafe_whitehall/)



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