



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION SPC
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.
ON MONDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2014 AT 9.30 AM**

AGENDA

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1	Minutes of meeting held on 13th October, 2014 (circulated).	1 - 4
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4	Motion submitted by Gerry Kerr, National Council for the Blind of Ireland <i>“To ask the Chief Executive to initiate an assessment into the excellent service provided by the Passport for Leisure Scheme with a view to setting strategic goals for its development, marketing and resourcing within the context of the Dublin City Age Friendly strategy 2014 to 2019 and provide a report on same.</i> <i>That the Chief Executive initiates a feasibility study regarding the inclusion of people with disabilities into the Passport for Leisure Scheme and provide a report on same.</i> <i>That the Chief Executive considers introducing an all in one Dublin City card which combines leap card, library card, free bikes card and Passport for Leisure card.</i> <i>That the Chief Executive would give initial consideration to a Dublin City smart phone application which could provide customisable alerts on cultural, recreational and local community events, activities and services”.</i>	
5	Special Meeting of SPC for Monday 19th January 2014 at 9.30 a.m. to deal with Street Performers Bye Laws (Draft)	

- 6 Breviate of Commemorative Naming Committee held 4th November 2014 **73 - 76**
- Items discussed:-
- Election of Chairperson
 - Terms of Reference (Policy Document)
 - Dublin City Plaque Scheme – update
 - Plaques/Monuments Proposals
- 7 Breviate of Commemorations Sub-Committee held 12th November 2014
- Items discussed:
- DCC's approach to Decade of Commemorations
 - Update on commemorative activities 2013 and 2014
 - Developing a Programme of Events for 2016
 - DCC sponsored
 - DCC in Partnership
 - DCC funded
- 8 Breviate of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Special Committee Meeting held 24th November 2014.
- Items discussed:-
- Confirmation of Terms of Reference
 - Reports on due diligence re finance and governance (Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive)
 - Report on management resources/structures (Margaret Hayes, City Librarian)
 - Project update (Owen O'Doherty, Project Manager)
- 9 Breviate of Arts and Cultural Advisory Group held 28th November 2014 **77 - 80**
- Items discussed:-
- City Arts Officer Report
 - Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane Report
 - Libraries Report
 - Report on Dublin City Public Art
- 10 Breviate of Markets and Trading in the Public Domain Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2014. **81 - 84**
- Items discussed:-
- Review of Casual Trading Bye Laws
 - Moore Street
 - Update on the re-development of the Wholesale Fruit & Vegetable Market
 - Draft Charter for Dublin City Retail Market
 - Report of the Operation of the Market
- 11 A.O.B.

**Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community SPC
Minutes of Meeting held on 13th October 2014
9:30 a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall**

Attendance

Members:

Cllr. Mary Freehill (Chair)
Cllr. Mannix Flynn
Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan
Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Séamas McGrattan
Cllr. Damien O'Farrell
Cllr. Kate O'Connell
Cllr. Seán Haughey
Cllr. Emma Murphy
Cllr. Aine Clancy
Cllr. Claire Byrne
Cllr. Greg Kelly
Deborah Kelleher, Royal Irish Academy of Music
Cormac MacDonnell, Irish Sports Council
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival
Simon O'Connor, The Little Museum of Dublin
Gerry Kerr, National Council for the Blind of Ireland
Kristina McElroy, Dublin City Community Forum

Officials present:

Brendan Kenny, Assistant Chief Executive
Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian
Brendan Teeling, Deputy City Librarian
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent
Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Ruairí O Cuív, Public Art Manager
Fiona Richardson, Administrative Officer
Coilin O'Reilly, Administrative Officer
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer
Mary McInerney, Senior Staff Officer
Declan Hayden, Community and Social Development Officer
Hugh Fahy, Administrative Officer

The Chair welcomed the new committee and invited the members to introduce themselves.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 26th March 2014

Action:

Approved.

2. Presentation on the potential bid for European City of Culture by Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

- The purpose of the presentation was to inform the SPC of the potential for Dublin to become the European Capital of Culture 2020, to show the impact a designation could have and to outline the application process leading to a successful bid. The cost of the bid over 2 years is €550,000.

The Committee welcomed the presentation and agreed that Dublin City Council had the organisational structures, experience and co operation with other organisations through UNESCO and the connection of art and tourism to the economy is very important. The Bid will be headed up by the City Arts Office with the support of this SPC.

Action:

The Committee endorsed the prospect of making a bid and are willing to proceed and be kept informed of progress.

3. Management Update

Culture Night 2014 was discussed and suggestions for a Culture Weekend rather than a Culture Night should be considered.

It was stated that this has to be balanced by the Cultural Institutions as every night is culture night and by stretching it into a “free of charge” weekend could be a resource issue but it is currently being debated.

Cllr Moynihan requested that a presentation on the vacant spaces toolkit be brought to a future SPC meeting regarding the type of issues that will be covered.

Action:

Presentation/report on Vacant Spaces to be brought to a future SPC.

Parnell Square Cultural Quarter.

Councillor Flynn raised concerns as to the name “Cultural Quarter” and looked for more clarity in relation to what exactly this cultural quarter will bring and what it is proposing outside of the City Library.

Management stated that the ambition to develop the cultural quarter is rooted in the City Development Plan, and the totality of the ambition over time is to transform the area. There is a nucleus already on the Square such as The Writers Museum, Writers Centre, Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane, The Gate Theatre and The Ambassador which has the potential to be re-energised.

The City Librarian stated that the immediate project relates to the City Library. This is Phase 1 of a journey to a full cultural quarter. A fused ambition.

Action:

The City Librarian stated she will make available reports and documents which shows the journey in developing and interrogating the ambition for the project.

Cllr. O’Callaghan enquired if this SPC could consult with the Imperial War Museum in London regarding interesting objects/items which could be made available to Dublin City Council for the centenary celebrations.

Action:

To be followed up.

There was a query as to the ownership of the stolen painting from Hugh Lane Gallery.

It was stated that the return of the stolen painting to Hugh Lane Gallery is effectively owned by the insurance company as they paid out for it but are happy to leave it in the Gallery.

In response to a query on budgets for commemorations, it was stated that there is no specific budget, but it touches on every thing we do from the Arts Office, libraries, community, events and festivals and would hope to have additional funds made available from the Government in the future.

4. Motion Submitted by Councillor Mannix Flynn

“Given the recent controversy and media coverage regarding the Harry Clarke archive and related matters that this committee calls on the CEO to issue a full report and details regarding this issue. The details of the report to include a full account as to how this archive ended up in the ownership of a former board member of the Hugh Lane gallery. What role, if any, the gallery had in this initial transaction? What public statements were issued at the time that this purchase took place? Did the Hugh Lane gallery make public that it had the archive in its possession but were not the owners of the archive? Further, that all of the items held in trust or on loan to the Hugh Lane gallery be identified by their owners and the length of time they have been in the Hugh Lane gallery and also the cost of maintaining, upkeep and insurance of these items. Also, when, if ever, any of these items held by the gallery, were put on public display? In addition, that the CEO make a clear statement as to whether the DCC through the Hugh Lane gallery will purchase the Harry Clarke archive and where will the monies come from for this acquisition.”

Action:

Reply to the Motion to be circulated to all members.

5. Re-establishment of Sub Committees

The Chair sought nominations for chairpersons of:
Commemorations Sub Committee
Art and Cultural Advisory Group
Sports Sub Committee.

Cllr. Vincent Jackson was proposed and seconded as Chair of Commemorations Sub Committee.

Cllr. Aine Clancy was proposed and seconded as Chair of the Art and Cultural Advisory Group

Cllr. Séamus McGrattan was proposed and seconded as Chair of the Sports Sub Committee.

Some members raised the issue of procedures in relation to nominating Chairs before the Committees were established.

Cllr. Freehill, Chair. asked all members if they had objections to this issue. The majority of members had no objection.

Action:

A letter will be written to all members of this SPC inviting them to become members of the above committees. Secretariat Section to facilitate this procedure.

6. Street Performance Bye Laws

The members welcomed the amendments to the Draft Street Performance Bye Laws.

Action:

The Draft Street Performance Bye-Laws were endorsed by the SPC and agreed to submit to City Council for approval to go to public consultation.

7. Schedule of future meeting dates.

Action:

Agreed

8. Breviate of Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Special Committee Meeting held 29th September 2014.

Action:

Noted

9. Breviate of Markets and Casual Trading Sub Committee meeting held on 15th September 2014.

Action:

Noted.

10. A.O.B.

Cllr Flynn requested that a report on the status of the City Arts Building on Bachelors Walk be brought to the next meeting.

Action:

Bring report on the status of the City Arts Building on Bachelors Walk to the next meeting.

**Councillor Mary Freehill
Chairperson**

Dated: _____



Dublin Mountains Partnership



The Dublin Mountains Partnership

Objectives of the DMP:

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To develop both a **strategic plan** and an **action plan** for managing recreation in the Dublin Mountains based initially on **publicly owned land**.

To secure the **resources** to deliver this agreed plan.

To implement the plan over **ten years** (launched 2008).

Current Partners

Coillte – largest single public land owner

Dublin City Council – Bohernabreena reservoir

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council

South Dublin Co. Council

Recreation Users – Dublin Mountains Initiative

National Parks & Wildlife Service – Glencullen

The Agreed DMP Vision

“The Dublin Mountains is a well resourced and well managed area of significant scenic and high nature conservation value that provides a

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High quality recreation amenity and experience;

Breathing space for residents and well informed responsible visitors;

Sustainable economy for those who own or manage the land.”

Key to Success

Considers all the **legitimate concerns** of the key stakeholders

Based on a solid foundation – Memorandum of Understanding

All members **must address problems.**

Requires **full participation in management** for key partners

The DMP is **results focussed** and has real resources to deliver results



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MANAGEMENT UPDATE

DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE

1. KPIs for July-September 2014

- 660,968 items were loaned;
- 664,820 visits were made;
- 244,494 virtual visitors were recorded;
- 1,664 events and exhibitions were recorded at branch libraries;
- 277 school classes visited libraries for cultural programmes and events.

2. Building Works

Kevin St. Library

Works are continuing at Kevin St. Library. The original enabling works contract has been extended to include some construction works, as above, allowing additional time to prepare tender drawings for publication. We now anticipate going to tender in February 2015, with completion and handover due by June 2015.

Raheny Library

The roof replacement works at Raheny Library have been completed. Parks Section has completed the improvements to the garden at the rear of the library, which will be open to the public shortly.

3. The International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award

The 20th International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award was launched by the Lord Mayor on 24th November in Dublin City Library & Archive. 142 books have been nominated by libraries worldwide for the prize. Nominations for the 2015 Award include 49 novels in translation with works by 5 Irish, 37 American, 19 British, 9 Canadian, 9 Australian and 7 Italian authors. All of the novels nominated for the Award are available for readers to borrow from each of the City's public libraries.

The full list of 142 titles is available on www.impactdublinaward.ie. The shortlist will be made public on 15th April 2015 and the Lord Mayor will announce the winner on 17th June.



The Lord Mayor pictured with Chief Executive Owen Keegan, City Librarian Margaret Hayes, and nominated authors Niamh Boyce and Donal Ryan, at the launch of the 2015 Award.

4. New City Library

Following the appointment of the Grafton Architects + Shaffrey Associates as design team, a series of design development meetings have taken place with DCC stakeholders from the Libraries, the Dublin City Gallery the Hugh Lane, and the Arts Office/CRA. The design team will submit a stage 1 report to the Steering group in December and work will continue to bring the project to planning by summer 2015.



More details of the project can be found on www.parnellsquare.ie.

3. Special Projects

The Libraries & Archives Section has received an allocation of €100,000 for special projects as per the budget passed by City Council on 9th November.

The projects to be funded are as follow:

Right to Read Campaign- Supporting Literacy in the Local Authority

A nine-month Reader in Residence programme to deliver activities designed to instil in young children an appreciation and love of reading and, at the same time, giving their parents/guardians an awareness of the positive value of literacy in their children's development. The programme will include opportunities for parents and children to explore and enjoy reading and other literacy activities together.

Lifelong Learning - Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) and Microsoft Academy IT

The purchase and provision of online learning courses for adult learners, including those from migrant communities, providing them with an opportunity to develop employment related skills.

Under the initiative the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) programme allied to Microsoft Academy IT resources will be provided in the Central Library's Open Learning Centre.

Lifelong Learning - Touch Type Read and Spell Online Learning Course

The purchase and provision of a learning programme which assists learners, including those with English as a second language, to develop literacy skills - reading, writing and spelling.

Under the initiative the TTRS (Touch Type Read and Spell) online learning programme will be provided in the Central Library's Open Learning Centre.

Decade of Centenaries – Jacob's Biscuits Archive

The archives of W. & R. Jacob's biscuit factory were accessioned by Dublin City Library & Archive in January 2012.

As part of this project the City Archives will complete the cataloguing of the collection of 300 archive boxes and digitize 1916-related material for publication online.

Dublin in the 20th Century- Bord Fáilte Photographic Collection

Following re-organisation at Dublin Tourism and Fáilte Ireland an approach was made to Dublin City Library and Archive offering the transfer of a significant collection of photographic negatives and slides, with some glass plates, dating from the early 1930s to the end of the 20th century. Approximately one-third of the collections relates to Dublin.

As part of this project the collection will be digitized and catalogued and published online.

Dublin Festival of History 2015 – Children's Programme

The second annual Dublin Festival of History was delivered in September/October. The two previous Festivals have been aimed at adults and this project will see the commissioning of an additional dedicated family & children's programme for the 2015 Festival which will run from 24th September 2015.

5. Commemorations, History & Heritage

Dublin Fire Brigade Logbook for April 1916

Dublin City Archives has acquired at auction a unique Dublin Fire Brigade Ambulance log-book which covers the period of the Easter Rising, 24th to 29th April 1916. The logbook is from Tara Street Fire Station and records hour-by-hour the response of the Dublin ambulance service to those injured in the Rising.

Details are given regarding the call-out of ambulances throughout Easter Week, giving names, addresses and ages of victims with an account of injuries suffered and the name of the hospital to which they were delivered.

Date April 17 1916. Occ day No. B Station.				
A	M	OCCURRENCES	Left	Returned
	10 46	Byrne on leave		
	10 53	Byrne on leave		
	11 22	McCullough's signal arrest		
X	12 5	Ambulance to 72, Bologan Rd. by phone 1450		
	12 33	Acc. returned. Male refused to be removed		
X	12 39	Ambulance to 70, Picketts St. by phone 3182		
X	12 40	Acc. to 20, Beaufort St. by phone 3107		
X	12 41	Acc. to Picketts St. by phone 3182		
X	12 57	Acc. to 10, O'Connell St. by phone 3618		
X	1 5	Ambulance to Grand Canal St. by phone 1450		

The logbook has been scanned as is viewable online at dublincitypubliclibraries.com. Work on transcribing the book will begin in 2015.

The logbook itself is now on display in Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street.

Lectures, Exhibitions & Publications

A total of 419 people attended the autumn City Hall Lunchtime Lecture Series on Dublin and the Great War.

Explore Your Archives is an initiative of the Archives and Records Association and was launched by broadcaster Ryan Tubridy on 12th November in the Society of Antiquaries of Ireland. City Archives is contributing three events to the programme: the exhibition *Letters from the Great War*; a Story Box about researching Parnell Square through collections held here; and a lecture which was given on 15th November by Declan Beatty – ‘Fallen, Lost, Found – the Story of Private Thomas Lawless’ - organised in association with the Dublin Festival of History.

Two publications are underway: the Gilbert Lecture, Séamas Ó Maitiú, *Alleys, annals and anecdotes: a new look at Gilbert's History of Dublin*, is at final proof stage and will be published in January 2015.

The 18th annual Sir John T. Gilbert Commemorative Lecture will be given by Professor Kevin Whelan, of the Keough Naughton Notre Dame Centre, and will be called ‘Dublin as a global city: through time and space’. It will take place on Thursday 22 January 2015 at 6pm.

The final text and images for the book *Thomas Fitzpatrick and the Lepracaun Cartoon* has been sent for design: the planned publication date is 19th February 2015.

The Lord Mayor's Certificate Courses in Oral History and Local Studies continue on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Certificates for the 203/14 courses will be presented by the Lord Mayor on 10th December.

The Dublin Festival of History

The second Dublin Festival of History (www.dublinfoestivalofhistory.ie), run by Dublin City Libraries & Archive, ran from 26th September to 8th of October.

The Dublin Festival of History brings professional historians and writers to the city to engage with Dubliners and visitors on a myriad of history topics. This year's programme featured Alison Weir, Sir Hew Strachan, Charles Spencer, Sir Richard Evans, Professor Mary Daly, Professor David Dickson and many more. Events took place in various venues, including Dublin Castle and branch libraries. A total of 3,700 attended the Festival.

The Dublin Castle talks are being published as podcasts on a weekly basis at dublinfoestivalofhistory.ie.

6. Dublin UNESCO City of Literature

Writers in the Castle

The autumn series of talks in collaboration with Dublin Castle was a great success with all five talks sold out. Speakers in the Chapel Royal included authors Morgan Llywelyn, Martina Devlin, Robert Curran and Andrew Lycett who covered topics such as famous prisoners held in Dublin Castle, Witchcraft in Ireland and Arthur Conan Doyle's connection to the theft of the crown jewels from Dublin Castle in 1907.



Dublin Castle's Ballroom was the very apt setting for 'The Season at the Castle' with social historian Turtle Bunbury and actor Kathy Rose O'Brien. The series ended with 'Resonances' - a beautiful blend of music and readings with actors Rose Henderson and Bryan Murray and the orchestra and singers of the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

Lingo Festival

Ireland's first spoken word festival – Lingo Festival - took place 17th-19th October in venues such as Smock Alley Theatre, The Workman's Club and the Liquor Rooms. The festival featured artists such as John Cummins, Karl Parkinson, The Brownbread Mix as well as The Hero Hour, with Senator David Norris, Aengus Mac Grianna, Rick O'Shea and Donal Ryan talking about their favourite poem. The Poetry Slam, sponsored by City of Literature, was won by performance poet Abby Oliveira.



ISLA Festival

The 3rd annual ISLA Festival - Irish Spanish & Latin American Literary festival took place from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th October. Irish writers Donal Ryan, Hugo Hamilton, Paul Lynch, John Banville and John Kelly took part. The Director of City of Literature was on the organising committee and the City of Literature Office sponsored three of the authors.

Penguin/RTE Guide/City of Literature Writers Day

The winners of the RTÉ Guide/Penguin Ireland/City of Literature short story competition took part in a day-long writers' workshop with established writers and industry experts in Pearse St Library on 5th September. This is in line with the City of Literature policy of nurturing emerging writers.

Krakow Poetry Project

Krakow UNESCO City of Literature has organised a multi-poetry projection project which celebrates poetry from the seven UNESCO cities of literature. Poems from each city of literature are projected on a particular street corner in the city of Krakow for one week each month – a day for each city. Dublin poets who are featuring are Gerard Smyth, Jessica Traynor, John Francis O'Donnell, Enda Wyley and Pádraig Pearse.

2015 Citywide Reading Promotion for Children

***Danger is Everywhere* by David O'Doherty & *illus* by Chris Judge**

The purpose of the Citywide Reading promotion for children is to encourage reading for pleasure and to promote it as a fun 'cool' thing to do. Similar to the Dublin: One City One Book festival, this is the fourth annual citywide reading project for children. The first three were highly successful with very enthusiastic feedback from children and teachers. The project will be organised and promoted across the city through the Dublin Public Library service in association with Home School Community Liaison Service teacher coordinators.

The book chosen for 2015 is *Danger is Everywhere* by David O'Doherty, illustrated by Chris Judge and published by Penguin. Using the quirky humour which appeals to the 9-12 age group, boys and girls will be enticed to read and engage with the book. David O'Doherty is a stand up comedian whose talents will be fully exploited during the campaign, as will those of Chris Judge, the illustrator.

The promotion will be from January to March and, as well as reading the book and talking about it, children will be encouraged to attend associated events in libraries, schools and other venues. There will be a major presence at the St. Patrick's Festival with a tent at the Big Day Out and a standalone event with the author and illustrator.

Multiple copies of the books will be located in the branch libraries around the city and suburbs for use by local schools and individual children. A special effort will be made to encourage reluctant readers in inner city schools to engage with the book.

7. Events and Programming

Start Your Own Business

Six talks were held as part of the autumn Start Your Own Business programme at the Central library – a total of 284 participants attended.

Essential Skills for Jobseekers

During October four branches, Ballyfermot, Coolock, hosted a series of workshops aim at helping jobseekers further their career dedicated to helping jobseekers further their career. The talks focused on three key components of the job search process; 'How to Create a CV', 'The Online Job Search', and 'How to Prepare for an Interview.' The 12 sessions attracted audiences of 90, with the workshops at Ballyfermot and Coolock Libraries drawing the most consistent figures.

Area Based Childhood Programme

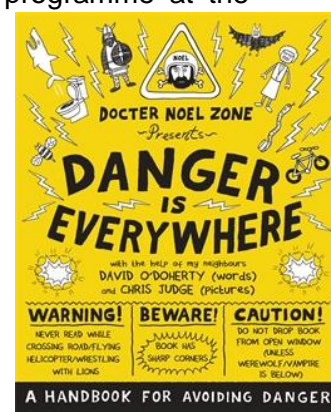
A proposal led by the Dublin Institute of Technology under the national ABC programme (Area-based childhood) was successful in reaching funding approval. The libraries are a partner in the project and will focus on hosting 'Doodle Den' literacy after school interventions which aim to encourage literacy work at home and build links with the local library.

Lifelong Learning

'Touch Type Read and Spell' learning software is being piloted at the Central Library aimed at learners registered on the National Adult Literacy Agency's distance learning service. The programme will be promoted more widely in 2015 once the pilot has concluded and been reviewed.

Children's Art in Libraries programme – in co-operation with the Arts Office

'Journey', an Arts Office commissioned dance performance for 10-15 year olds, took place in Ballyfermot Library between 20th and 23rd October. Each performance lasted about 40 minutes and played to an audience of 25-30 people. The performances were part of a pilot programme to see if dance programmes would work in library spaces.



Children's Book Festival

Children's Book Festival is a nationwide celebration of children's books and reading, held every year during the month of October. During this year's Festival our branch libraries hosted 44 events attracting audience figures of 1,850.

The Festival afforded authors, storytellers, cartoonists an opportunity to meet with avid young readers and some aspiring writers to share their love of books and reading. Among the featured authors to visit our branches this year for class visits were Judy Curtin, Erika McGann, Nicola Pierce and Brian Gallagher.

We also hosted some afterschool events including animation workshops with Alan Nolan and creative writing workshops with Debbie Thomas.

Among the events were 'Stories from around the world' with storyteller Aideen McBride and puppet show 'The Mice and the Elephants' both of which attracted large audiences.

A special event, organised with Children's Books Ireland, and co-ordinated through contact from our branch libraries, was held at Liberty Hall on Wednesday 15th October. Dav Pilkey, of *Captain Underpants* fame, performed to a devoted (and screaming) audience of 410 children.

Maths Week

Maths Week Ireland involves colleges, museums and libraries and seeks to promote awareness, appreciation and understanding of maths through a range of events and activities.

Four branch libraries hosted events from 11th to 19th October including Andrew Jeffrey's *Original Mathegaic Show* and *Bubblyz the Clown Fun Maths Show*. The branches hosted 7 individual events with 338 in attendance.

Month of the Elephants

Libraries partnered with Dublin Zoo to celebrate the arrival of three new born baby elephants during October, hosting workshops from staff at the zoo education unit. An elephant themed booklist was created and delivered to branches who arranged colourful and imaginative book displays. An online blog was also created. The Mobile Library service also participated at an external outreach event at Barnados' Square on 18th October as part of the 'Where Elephants Roam' event.

Science Week

The aim of this celebration of science is to promote the relevance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) to our everyday lives. Extending beyond its week-long national promotion of 9th to 16th, our libraries are scheduled to host 65 events right through the month of November.

Engaging and interactive workshops from Readiscovery Ireland, SEAI, and Invent Lab Roadshow form part of our eclectic and stimulating programme of events.

A particular highlight was the visit of NASA astronaut Greg Johnson to Ballyfermot Library on 13th November. Hosted in partnership with Science Foundation Ireland, Greg hosted two sessions, a morning session for 120 children and a lunchtime talk for 60 adults, all enthralled and spellbound by his fascinating presentations.

Dublin Book Festival

Six libraries hosted schools' programme events as part of Dublin Book Festival on 13-14th November with 158 children attending the sessions. From a creative writing workshop, to Irish language songs and rhymes and a fun poetry reading, the events allowed authors and readers to come together and share their love of words and books.

Christmas Events

Branches are facilitating a range of events and activities in the run up to Christmas, including storytelling sessions and arts and craft activities, film clubs, and carol sessions performed by local choirs.

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ARTS OFFICE

Launch of the City Arts Plan.

The City Arts Plan will be launched by The Lord Mayor on December 9th at the Abbey Theatre. The venue has been chosen to highlight the emerging Cultural Quarter around The Lab at Foley Street that includes The Oonagh Young Gallery, Dance house, Artists' Studios at James Joyce Street, The Talbot Gallery and Fire Station Studios. These organisations are now being facilitated by the Arts Office to work alongside businesses and residents in developing the area as a destination and a great place to live and work.

Implementation of the Arts Plan

- Dublin City Council Community and Social Development Service are working with The City Arts Office to enhance existing local arts programming through pilot arts projects in Dublin City Council community centres. Three such projects to begin in 2015.
- Business to Arts is working with The City Arts Office to develop a philanthropic fund for Arts in Education.
- New criteria have been agreed with those arts organisations that are in receipt of annual Revenue funding from Dublin City Council to clarify the role they will play in achieving the priorities of the Arts Plan.
- New 'culture-led' initiatives are strengthening area development in the emerging cultural quarter around the Arts Office at Foley Street. Working cooperatively with the area office, Dublincity and most importantly local residents, these initiatives add to and enhance a cluster of organisations that include The Lab, Dance house, The Oonagh Young Gallery, artists' studios on James Joyce Street, Firestation Studios and The Talbot Gallery. The Central Area Office has met with City Arts Officer to help coordinate and support these objectives.
- Dublin Culture Night now plays a key role in National Culture Night and an important partnership for this annual national cultural showcase is ongoing between Dublin City Council and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
- Arts organizations, non arts stakeholders, artists, and young people will coalesce to examine practice and provision needs for arts education and learning in the city to inform the Education and Learning Policy Statement for The City Arts Office.
- Partners at local level will support children and young people's access to the arts, with a focus on a strategic Local Arts in Education Partnership.

The Development of an Education and Learning Policy Statement for the Arts Office.

In line with the Arts Plan we are developing an Education and Learning Policy Statement. The first strand of this research is education and learning policy in relation to children and young people. How can Dublin City Arts Office support young citizens' democratic access to quality arts experiences, appropriate to their age, ability and cultural tradition? How does the City Arts Office support the community of artistic practice developing authentic and meaningful arts practice with children and young people?

Maintaining a balance between meaningful arts and cultural experiences for children and young people alongside pro-actively developing structures for systemic integration of the arts into schools and non formal learning spaces requires strategic leadership at national and local level. Targeted resources should potentially align with the national and local developments in the arts and education (formal and non formal) arena. The policy statement will build on work currently being carried out, developing resources and partnerships that support children and young people's access to the arts, with a focus on a strategic Local Arts in Education Partnership

DCC/CDYSB Youth Arts Partnership: Film First



Phase one of *Film First* is complete with 50 young people (from Rialto, Ballyfermot, Inchicore, Pearse Street, Crumlin, Donnycarney, Cabra, Stoneybatter and Kilmore West) having taken part in drama and film workshops in three locations across the city. Through a process of application and final workshop assessment by November 26th, 12 young people will be selected to go forward to the next phase of devising and rehearsal,

leading to a short film production with a professional team of film makers.

Children's Art in Libraries



The Children's Art in Libraries Autumn programme is well underway. Children have participated in workshops and performances exploring storytelling and puppetry, visual arts, animation, music, architecture, gaming and contemporary dance. *Journey*, the new dance commission (pictured) played to capacity school audiences in Ballyfermot library. A showcase and networking event is to be held December 16th, in Pearse Street library, to an invited audience of artists, arts programmers, educators

and librarians from the greater Dublin region and nearby counties.

MusicTown



Following a call for proposals, over 40 applications have been received for participation in next year's MusicTown festival, alongside key large-scale events. Proposals will be assessed by the Arts Office and three expert externs and will present to an Advisory committee. A Steering Group from the stakeholders of MusicTown has been formed to oversee the programme.



Our 15th year of **Opera in the Open** proved to be yet another successful season, drawing large audiences from both home and abroad while animating the amphitheatre every Thursday lunchtime during the month of August. This year we celebrated the tercentenary of Gluck's birth and the cast from Opera in the Open were joined by members and former members of the DIT Conservatory of Music of Drama during some performances. There were four performances in total:

7 th August	<i>Orphée and Euridice</i> by Gluck
14 th August	<i>The Magic Flute</i> by Mozart
21 st August	<i>La Rondine</i> by Puccini
28 th August	<i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia</i> by Rossini

Opera Christmas 2015

Following on the success of last year's Opera in the Open at Christmas, there will be a special Christmas performance of Humperdinck's Fairy Tale Opera, *Hansel & Gretel* on the 18th December at 1pm in the John Field Room of the National Concert Hall. Tickets are currently on sale through the NCH box office.

The LAB Gallery's recent exhibition, *Quaternions Quest* was the result of a successful collaboration with artist Aisling O'Beirn and Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies/Dunsink Observatory.



We hosted a range of events for children and adults exploring mathematics and arts during Space Week, Science Week and Maths Week. The exhibition looked at William Hamilton's discovery of Quaternions and the artist made sculptural objects and an animated film in her attempts to understand the equations and make those understandings accessible to a new public. Events included poetry readings, artists' talks, walks, workshops with Montessori children and schools and university visits.



Our new exhibition, the Grand Scheme by Vera Klute opens on the 27th November and includes kinetic sculptures, tapestries and a 6 metre high film projection in the space. The exhibition will also host our inaugural Saturday Family Club with Magic Carpet Storytelling in the gallery on 13th December.

Arts Funding 2015

The annual Arts Funding Opportunities for 2015 opened for applications on Saturday 27th September 2014. The deadline for applications was Monday 10th November 2014 at 5pm. The number of applications received within this timeframe was 207. There were four late applications, which under the guidelines, will not be assessed for funding.

Valid applications will now be initially assessed by the four Arts Officers, Sheena Barrett, Sinead Connolly, Jim Doyle and Liz Coman. They will then be sent to two external adjudicators and two Councillors for assessment. Final decisions will be sent to Council for authorisation in the January 2015 Council meeting.

The LAB Gallery in Partnership with The Ark, a Cultural Centre for Children “A Winter Studio”

The LAB Gallery/Dublin City Arts Office is a space for visual artists to make and show new work. The Ark, A Cultural Centre for Children, is a unique, purpose-built cultural centre for children aged 2-12. Both organisations have come together to design a visual experience for schools and families looking at the theme of winter. The Winter Art Studio is a fun and creative experience that enables schools and families to engage with and create visual art together. Groups will meet our professional studio artist. You will be encouraged to explore and interpret a number of winter-themed contemporary Irish artworks.



Artworks include the loan of art work from artists associated with The LAB Gallery (Gabhann Dunne, Maria McKinney, Vanesa Donosa Lopez, Maggie Madden, Paul McKinley and the collection of Mason, Hayes & Curran and The Ark.

Public Art

Wide Open Opera presented five new short operas with music by Brian Irvine and text by John McIlduff as part of the Dublin City Public Art Programme. The five operas are inspired, and one involved a community choir. The operas called "*Things We Throw Away*" were inspired by the lives of real people in the city and the short moments that would normally go un-noticed. The idea was to capture the life and the poetry behind these almost inconsequential episodes. The operas were performed in public places as 'pop up' events in Dublin on Friday July 4th and Saturday 5th 2014 with a finale where all five were performed on Dame Court on Saturday evening. It is estimated that over 2,000 people attended the various performances, there was extensive press coverage of the operas.



Things We Throw Away



Beyond Pebbledash

Beyond Pebbledash is an installation, book and engagement programme which explores how we design and plan for future living in the city. The project is a partnership between Dublin City Council, Redrawing Dublin and the National Museum of Ireland, and involves departments and sections in Dublin City Council, including planning, architects, heritage and public art. The Public Art Manager has devised an Engagement with Architecture Programme which was awarded funding from the Arts Council. This will take place throughout the project with seminars, lectures, an 'urban party' and an extensive engagement programme for teenagers delivered by architects and artists.

Dublin 1 Cultural Cluster

The area formerly known as the Monto has seen the development of significant cultural infrastructure over the past number of years. There is a history of strong artistic work in the area. Much of this work is developmental in nature, building artists and audiences over the long-term. A great deal of this work happens within the studio and/or classroom setting. Our next step is to find ways to bring this busy community together, to discuss how we can work together, highlight the range and quality of work happening in Dublin 1.



Update re **JobBridge** - Interns currently in CREATE and Graphic Print Studios. Further opportunities in Temple Bar Gallery and Studios advertised with additional positions in Fishamble and Gallery of Photography due to be advertised by end of year. All reports to date from 3rd party organisations and interns very positive.

The Bid for the European Capital of Culture 2020

Robert Palmer one of the key authorities on the application process for ECOC a former Director of two such designations, and a former Chair of the E.U. adjudication panel visited Dublin City Council to meet with the Assistant Chief Executive and to offer key advice.

Confirmation has been received from the EU that having held the designation previously is no barrier to receiving it for the second time.

The formal application process has yet to be announced but is thought to be imminent. Contact has been made with the Department of Arts Heritage and Culture and they are aware of our intention to bid.

All research points to some simple key principles. Underpinning all these is the necessity to begin with the legacy Dublin City Council wish to leave after each stage of the bid application, short listing and designation.

1. **The whole City must bid** therefore the whole City must be engaged in the bid process. Identifying a building and making a 'bid headquarters' inviting all citizens and their organisations from all areas of City life to visit and debate the bid. Working in local areas to host meetings and engagement is key to the process.
2. The Arts are critical but the bid must be about the **Culture's ability to transform all areas of City life** from Housing to Economic Development to Tourism

3. **The bid must be led by young people** and their vision of ‘Dublin’s new story’ they can be mentored and supported by the older generation but not dominated by them.
4. The developing Cultural Quarter at Foley Street and the planned Cultural Quarter at Parnell Square are key components of the bid as that will demonstrate ‘**culture led development**’.
5. The bid should not simply be given to a very expensive bid team. A mechanism must be developed to **have extensive and inclusive public participation**.

Report on 15 Bachelors Walk (formally the Grapevine Arts Centre T/A City Arts

Process for 15 Bachelors Walk

The Arts Office aims to review and enhance the Vacant Spaces Scheme during each new application process and in the case of 15 Bachelors Walk it has attempted to reflect the value of the building and to reflect learning.

The goal for Bachelors Walk has been to find an applicant who is not only capable of meeting the criteria, but also of developing a proposal which may work in parallel with the priorities of the new Arts Plan.

To that end the main additions to the process for 15 Bachelors Walk are:

- An information day, at which the City has outlined the priorities of the new Arts Plan including a Questions and Answers session.
- The provision of a more detailed profile of the building, including copies of the DCC Property Management Report and the Architects report.
- Enhanced criteria to reflect the priorities of the new Arts Plan.

Open Call

The open call has been sent to everyone on the Vacant Spaces list, over 200+ emails, the Arts Office newsletter, 4882 subscribers (the call was the first article on the newsletter) as well as a number of press contacts, arts centres and cultural institutions in Dublin and social media sites. The Open Call and process time table has been tailored to ensure as many opportunities for engagement as possible while maintaining continuity. This includes the facilitation of additional information sessions and viewing days subject to demand as well as increased time for informal inquiries. It should be noted that as per the agreement with DAHG and the Arts Council this building must be held in Arts and Cultural use for ten years.

Action to date - 15 Bachelors Walk

Information Sessions

Due to demand the Arts Office held two information sessions for Bachelors Walk on Friday afternoon the 14th November. Although over 100 people had pre booked and a request was made for confirmation of attendance, only 40 people overall attended the sessions.

Viewing Day

The Viewing Day is set for the 21st November and will run from 11am to 7pm. This will be re-promoted during the week prior and, depending on attendance, another Viewing Day may be held on the 28th November. Attendance at the Briefing Day is not a prerequisite for attending the Open Day.

Schedule of Action

- Viewing day – 21st^h November 2014 (possible additional day 28th)
- Application deadline – 18th December 2014
- Adjudication process – January 2015
- Offer to successful applicant - January 2015
- 11 month letting agreement – February 2015 - January 2016
- Licence issued (3 – 5 years) – February 2016
- Report and Annual review of service - January each year
- Three year review of licence fee – January 2019
- Review and end of tenure - January 2021
- The above procedure has operated for all other buildings in the scheme to date and was approved by the Property Section.

Adjudication process for 15 Bachelors Walk

As noted the final decision will be made directly in relation to the criteria. In line with current best practice two independent adjudicators with relevant experience, a member of the Arts Office and a representative from the Planning Department will review the applications. On completion a recommendation will then be made to the City Arts Officer and to the Assistant Chief Executive for approval. If approved a temporary letting agreement for 11 months will be issued while the Planning Department prepare the Licence for issue. The full Licence will then go to City Council and, subject to acceptance, it will be issued to the successful applicant.

Vacant Spaces Scheme - Process Background

The core aims of the process for the Vacant Spaces Scheme is to try and ensure it is as open transparent, fair and robust as possible. The process reflects the City Councils need to ensure that the most suitable and competent applicants are chosen, through a process that can withstand scrutiny, as well as offering the opportunity for the most professional and creative response from the applicants.

Access to the Vacant Space Scheme.

To ensure transparency and access to all, the Vacant Spaces Scheme has an open call and viewing day for the building. This is followed by a competitive application process, the submission of application forms, short listing, and an adjudication process, judged against set criteria, and aided by independent professional advice.

Criteria

The criteria are assessed in terms of the quality of response given and assessed in competition with all other applications. The criteria include:

- Previous experience or displayed an understanding of, buildings management commensurate with the needs of the property
- Track record in the provision of arts/cultural services
- Previous experience in an arts/cultural organisation
- Strong attempt at quality Arts and Cultural Practice
- Proposal attempts to work in parallel, or meet the priorities of the new Arts Plan.
- Submission of a budget and an understanding of the financial implications involved
- Shown a capacity to fulfil the wider obligations of the licence
- Has the applicant satisfactorily indicated how they will address the buildings issues highlighted in the Property Management Report and the Architects report.

11 months letting agreement

While ensuring a rigorous process is maintained the issue of a short term letting agreement increases the speed of access to the property for the applicant. This also allows the City Council to cede responsibility for the buildings management, maintenance, insurance and security, at the earliest possible opportunity.

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EVENTS AND TOURISM PROMOTION UNIT



The primary role of the Events Unit is to manage the use of Dublin City public spaces for festivals, events, and commercial activity such as filming, photography and product merchandising/sampling. Our main objective is to facilitate use of public spaces in a variety of innovative, socially inclusive and family friendly ways. These spaces are available for the use and enjoyment of residents, workers and visitors to enhance their experience of the city. We aim to promote the use of public spaces through a year-round programme of festivals and events that bring social, cultural and economic benefits to the city and help to grow tourist and local visitor numbers.

We are involved in a wide range of events across the city and provide support in many ways by direct funding, in-kind support such as use of public domain and council venues, event liaison services and promotion / publicity of events using our channels.

The highlights of the Events and Festival calendar for the remainder of 2014 are:

NYF DUBLIN – <http://www.nyfdublin.com/>  @nyfdublin



The 2014 New Year Festival will take place over three days – from 30th December 2014 until 1st January 2015. Following discussions with Fáilte Irl. in early 2014 and the success of the New Year Festivals 2011-2013, it was agreed to maintain the Fáilte Irl. / Dublin City Council partnership approach to deliver a Dublin New Year Festival. The annual cash contributions committed by the partners is €200,000 (excl. VAT) by Fáilte Irl. and €100,000 (excl. VAT) by Dublin City Council. These cash contributions will be supplemented by in-kind support, in the case of Dublin City Council it is estimated that in-kind support to the value of €100,000 will be granted to the Festival, including use of public spaces, promotional activity and waiver of some fees and charges.

A procurement process led by Fáilte Irl., with Dublin City Council representation, resulted in a new contractor Holohan Leisure being appointed to programme and deliver the New Year Festival via a Concession Agreement (between Fáilte Irl. and Holohan Leisure) for a three year period to February 2017. Dublin City Council's annual funding will be transferred directly to Fáilte Irl. to fund the Festival in accordance with the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding.

The festival will include participative events such as the NYF Arts Trail, NYF Spoken Word Festival, NYF Food Village, NYF Music Trail and Festival of Luminosity – these will take place from 30th – 31st December. On New Year's Eve, families can join in the Procession of Light from St. Stephen's Green to Dublin Castle, a creative, theatrical performance that will be both interactive and inclusive. The Countdown Concert in College Green / Dame Street will feature Kodaline, along with special guests, James Vincent McMorrow and Walking on Cars playing to a live audience of approximately 12,000 to ring in the New Year. A new addition to the programme for this year is Resolution Day. On New Year's Day, Dubliners and visitors will be encouraged to take steps to get fit and active by joining in the Resolution Day fun run or taking part in a programme of outdoor and indoor activity which will take place throughout the City.

DUBLIN AT CHRISTMAS <http://www.dublinatchristmas.ie/>



As in previous years the Events Unit teamed up with Dublin Town to develop a co-ordinated programme of festive Christmas activity in the city centre.

The programme included a number of public Christmas Tree lighting events in the City Centre including Grafton St., Henry Street, Smithfield and the main public event on O'Connell Street on 30th November when the Lord Mayor of Dublin switched on the Christmas Tree lights. This annual event was attended by an estimated 4,000 people who enjoyed a wonderful evening of entertainment from The Army Band, the National Children's Choir, Olympia Panto characters, Halleljah Gospel Choir, violinist Vladimir and lots of on-street festive family entertainment.

ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Christmas Market on St. Stephen's Green is an initiative of Dublin Town (formerly Dublin City BID) that was formally launched by Brian Hayes, Minister of State at the Office of Public Works (OPW) in May 2014. Research carried out by Dublin City BID demonstrated that Christmas markets have proven successful in attracting significant visitor numbers into city and town centres in Ireland and abroad encouraging people to shop and absorb the city centre festive spirit. It is estimated that the St. Stephen's Green Market, running since mid-November until 23rd December, will attract a footfall in excess of 600,000, generating an additional €20m for the city centre economy and creating 150 seasonal jobs.

The infrastructure for the Market is located primarily on OPW property on St. Stephen's Green North with permission granted to the Market Operator, Milestone Inventive Ltd., by the National Historic Properties Section of OPW. As the impact of the market affects the public domain under the control of Dublin City Council the Events Unit offered to assist OPW using our established procedures to co-ordinate the inputs of a range of statutory agencies with the objectives of facilitating the safe operation of the market while minimising the disruption and impact on others city stakeholders

The highlights of the Events Calendar in the latter half of 2014 were:

BRAM STOKER FESTIVAL 2014

www.bramstokerfestival.com/

The third annual Bram Stoker Festival took place citywide from 24th – 27th October. A Dublin City Council initiative in partnership with Fáilte Ireland the 2014 festival programme had approximately double the number of events compared to last year. From large scale spectacle to intimate performances in unusual spaces and a whole range of sell-out film and literary events the festival delivered a range of over 40 events for Gothic believers young and old. The highlights included a highly visible and successful series of outdoor/public space events including Goth V Zombie dance off, Zip wire at Wolfe Tone Square, the Shapeshifters Ball, 8 literature events, 2 Irish film premieres and a varied family programme culminating with a Macnas performance enchanting a public audience of 8,000 in the City Centre on the final night of the festival. Bram Stoker Festival 2014 was the most successful to date with in excess of 42,000 attending the events.



Dublin City Council specifically requested that the Irish language be incorporated where possible in marketing of The Bram Stoker Festival. Irish language versions of the Bram Stoker Festival poster were used where possible with 50% reading 'Bram Stoker Festival' and the other 50% reading 'Féile Bram Stoker' The hash tag #croínaféile was adopted, to be used alongside #BiteMeDublin. This appeared on all printed materials – programmes, A3 posters and A4 posters. Tweets were posted as gaeilge by @bramstokerdub utilising #croínaféile and Irish language tweets posted by @dubcitycouncil and @events_DCC were retweeted. Irish language media were targeted, specifically promoting the 'Dracula as Gaeilge' performance.



MACNAS: The Summoning
Scene on Henry Street during performance by acclaimed, award-winning international performance and spectacle company MACNAS on the closing night of the Bram Stoker Festival 2014.

The Bram Stoker Festival was programmed and produced by Big House Productions and Marketing and Communications services were provided by Limelight Communications. The total cost of the Festival was €255,000 with contributions from Fáilte Irl. €90,000; Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht €10,000; and DublinTown €5,000. The Media Marketing and Public Relations post event report compiled by Limelight Communications conservatively estimates the festival advertisement value equivalent (AVE) at €666,000.

Planning for the 2015 Bram Stoker Festival will commence with a tender for professional services to be publicly advertised before year end.

PETS IN THE CITY <http://www.petsinthecity.ie/>

The inaugural Dublin City Council Pets in the City event took place on Sunday 9th November 2014 in Smithfield Square. This was the first such event produced on behalf by Dublin City Council by Limelight Communications. This free event proved to be a popular one particularly with families. There was a steady stream of visitors throughout the day with an overall attendance of approx. 2,500. Some members of the public came with their animals and others came along to view what was on display. The DSPCA King of Paws training team hosted a dog show and dog agility workshops as well as offering micro-chipping and pet health advice. There was a reptile corner, world of birds, aquarium and a small animal farm complemented by children's talks and entertainment. *Pets in the City* attracted significant media coverage and provided opportunities for visitors to get up close and personal with an array of animals (like the young man in the accompanying photo which appeared in the Irish Times on 10th November.



The event cost approx. €15,000 to produce. It is considered to represent good value for money and based on the success and popularity of this inaugural event consideration will be given to developing *Pets in the City* as an annual Dublin City event.

Irish Times 10/11/2014 – Kyran Sheehan from Celbridge with a royal python at the Herpetological Society stand at the *Pets in the City* family event
Photo: Alan Betson

WEB SUMMIT - Food Summit Herbert Park 4th – 6th November

Dublin City Council's Herbert Park was the chosen location for the 2014 Food Summit for the second year. The Food Summit was developed in association with Good Food Ireland as a part of the Web Summit, the hugely successful technology conference held in the RDS. Over 400 food producers and chefs from across Ireland served artisan Irish food to the 20,000 delegates of the Web Summit over three days from the 4th – 6th November. The Events Unit worked with the Web Summit to prepare for the Food Summit which was an opportunity to showcase Herbert Park to an international audience while experiencing the very best of Irish food and learning about the future of food technology. The Events Unit also supported the Web Summit in planning and facilitating the Night Summit which offered socialising and networking opportunities to the Web Summit delegates in a number of city centre locations.

AIRTRICITY DUBLIN MARATHON – 27th October 2014

The 35th Dublin Marathon took place on Monday 27th October 2014. The Marathon retains its place as a headline on the City's annual calendar of events and Dublin City Council is a strong supporter of the Marathon both in financial and in-kind support. The 35th Dublin Marathon took place on Monday 27th October 2014.



This year saw the highest ever entry of 14,500 competitors - approximately 4,000 of those were international participants from 47 different countries. As usual there was great public support for this event with large numbers of spectators lining the route cheering on the runners. A route change, due to LUAS cross city construction works worked out well due to the careful planning on the part of the organisers working with the relevant Statutory Agencies to devise an alternative. The 2014 Marathon was won by Eliud Too from Kenya in 2 hours 14 minutes and 46 seconds with Esther Macheria also from Kenya the first woman over the finish line in a finishing time of 2 hours 34 minutes and 15 seconds.

2015 EVENTS

TEMPLE BAR TRADFEST – 10TH ANNIVERSARY

<http://www.templebartrad.com/>

“A Festival showcasing the full spectrum of traditional and folk music in some of Dublin City’s most unique venues” Tradfest is Ireland’s largest festival of Irish traditional, folk and celtic music and culture and is Dublin’s only traditional music festival. It will take place 28th January – 1st February 2015. It is unique in that it is an urban winter music festival taking place in January each year during Dublin’s off-peak tourist season. It comprises quality concerts and events in iconic heritage settings in Dublin City Centre including St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin City Hall, House of Lords, St. Werburg’s Church featuring internationally renowned musicians. The 2014 Tradfest attracted 57,000 visitors of which 18,000 were from overseas. The festival generates over 4.2 million euro worth of media coverage and Temple Bar and Dublin City including over €1m worth of overseas media coverage. Dublin City Council is a partner in Tradfest with a financial commitment of €60,000 to the 2015 festival.



The first **IRONMAN Triathlon 70.3** event to be staged in Dublin will take place on Sunday 9th August. Dublin City Council and Fáilte Ireland will be host partners with IRONMAN to bring this world class event to Dublin. The 70.3 mile course will consist of a 2.4 mile swim, 56 mile bike ride and 13.1 mile run incorporating parts of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Dublin City, Meath and Fingal with the finish line located in the Phoenix Park.

The event has already proved very popular with all participant places (2,500 no.) selling out within hours of going on sale on 24th November 2014. Planning is underway in consultation with a range of statutory agencies to finalise the course details following which detailed event planning will commence with the IRONMAN team.
<http://www.ironman.com/triathlon/events/emea/ironman-70.3/dublin.aspx#axzz3KARJqd5X>

FUNDING OF EVENTS AND FESTIVALS 2015

The overall objective of the Dublin City Council Events Unit is to support and facilitate public events that deliver social, cultural and economic benefits to the City. This is a combination of Dublin City Council's own events, partnerships with other bodies who have similar objectives e.g. Dublintown, Fáilte Irl., Temple Bar Company and direct funding to external event organisers through an annual call for proposals process. Recent years have seen once-off large scale events being held in Dublin and these are classed as "special events" e.g. Giro d'Italia, Battle of Clontarf. The Ironman 70.3 Triathlon planned for August 2015 will be classed as a special event and will require significant financial investment by Dublin City Council (approx. €180,000)

Approximately €1.0m in financial contributions is allocated annually through the funding process managed by the Events Unit. A large proportion of this is reserved for long established annual headline events that require public funding on an ongoing basis e.g. St. Patrick's Festival, Dublin Pride, Dublin Marathon, Dublin at Christmas. Approximately €400,000 will be allocated to external events via our Festivals and Events funding process. Applications for funding will be publicly advertised in January 2015.

While no events budget has been specifically allocated to 1916 Commemorations at this point, this will form an element of our events programme for that year and finances will be allocated accordingly. It is anticipated that in many cases existing programmes will be adapted to focus on the Centenary.

CITY LAMP POST BANNER PROMOTIONS



The Events Unit manages the contract with Civic Media Ltd. for use of public lamp post banners throughout the city for advertisement and promotion of festivals, culture, arts, sporting events and activities taking place in the City that are of general interest to the public including the City Council's own events.

The lamp post banners are a popular, highly visible form of advertising and they have been used for 64 different events and festivals in 2014. Revenue raised from advertising of external events is used to fund the production of banners for Dublin City Council's own events.

With effect from Oct. 2014 all banners advertising events that Dublin City Council delivers or supports will be produced double sided with Irish and English versions. Banners for events that we have no direct involvement with will have a mandatory "cúpla focal" included on one side in the standard "wave" design on the bottom of the banner as standard practice.

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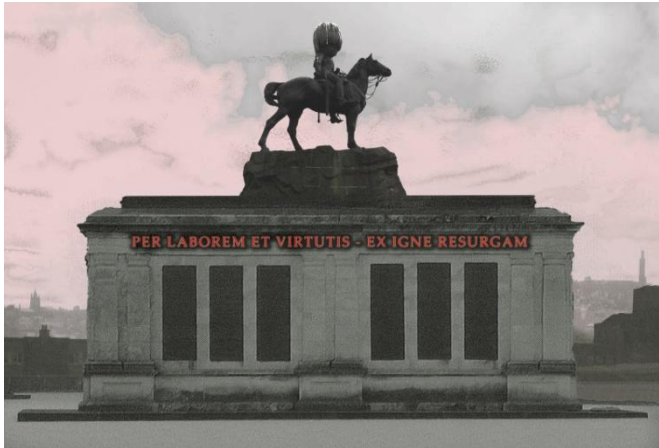
Phoenix Rising: Art and Civic Imagination

Éirigh an Fhéinics: Ealaín agus Samhlaíocht Cathartha
6 November 2014 to 29 March 2015

This exhibition, which marks the centenary of the 1914 Civic Exhibition, was opened on 6 November by Lord Mayor Christy Burke. The exhibition includes Vagabond Reviews, Stephen Brandes, Mark Clare, Cliona Harmey, Mary-Ruth Walsh and Stéphanie Nava.

Nava's participation is supported by the French Embassy in Ireland.

A programme of events that explore the city and civic life have been programmed in conjunction with the exhibition. A series of films by Irish and international artists has been programmed on Saturday afternoons from 10th to 31st January.



A Modern Panarion: Glimpses of Occultism in Dublin

19 June to 7 September 2014

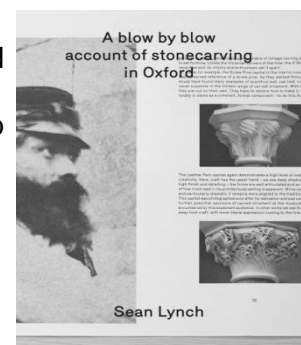
This exhibition featured contemporary artists whose works resonate with ideas central to the belief system of The Theosophical Society. The artists were Derek Jarman, Gunilla Klingberg, Bea McMahon, Richard Proffitt, Garrett Phelan, Dorje De Burgh. The exhibition included loans from the National Library of Ireland and was supported by the Arts Council of Ireland.



Sean Lynch: A blow-by-blow account of stonecarving in Oxford

This exhibition, which was organized at The Hugh Lane in 2013 and toured to Modern Art Oxford, 14th April to 8th June 2014.

We are delighted to note that Sean Lynch has been selected to represent Ireland at the **Venice Biennale 2015**.



Creative Time Summit with Fire Stations Artists Studios

The Hugh Lane collaborated with Fire Station Artist's Studios and the MA in Socially Engaged Art at NCAD to host a live streaming of the Creative Time Summit from Stockholm. Over 30 people attended the event on Friday 14 November which included discussions with Glenn Loughran from NCAD and Vagabond Reviews. Connections have been made to two third-level architecture projects: a drawing exhibition at the Dublin School of Architecture, DIT, from 26 November 2014, and a panorama by students from UCD School of Architecture and IADT National Film School at the former City Assembly Rooms in January/February 2015.

Gallery Surveys

Your Dublin, Your Voice

The gallery participated in Dublin City Council's Your Dublin, Your Voice survey in May 2014 which focused on Arts and Culture. A total of 1,131 valid survey responses were received. The survey covered cultural participation city-wide along with specific questions pertaining to the gallery. A report on the results was prepared by Delve Research and include useful data on why people visit or don't visit the gallery.

93% of respondents were Irish

90% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane is an important part of Dublin's cultural life".

35% of Visitors had never been to the Gallery while 65% had visited the Gallery and 90% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement "It is important for a local authority to spend money supporting arts and culture and artists and art/culture groups."

Here and Now- Arts Council

The gallery participated in the Here and Now survey which was funded by the Arts Council and administered by The Audience Agency. Surveys were carried out from 14th July 2014 to 30th October in museums and galleries across Ireland including National Gallery of Ireland, IMMA, RHA, Crawford, Temple Bar Gallery and Studios Limerick City Gallery and The Glucksman Cork.

Survey of Visitor Demographics showed 47% - between ages of 25-44 and 38% - visitors from outside Ireland & UK.

53% were first time visitors to the Gallery and 26% were regular visitors with

44% visiting on weekdays.

72 % of visitors spent between 30 – 90 minutes in the Gallery.

The name "Dublin City gallery The Hugh Lane" was considered confusing by 44%

And 62% would change the name to "The Hugh Lane"

Specific reasons for visit

- to see a particular exhibition
- Francis Bacons Studio
- Educational classes and workshops
- Sunday concerts
- See impressionists and original collection

DIT Survey

The Gallery is collaborating with DIT on another visitor survey which is due to be finished in early 2015.

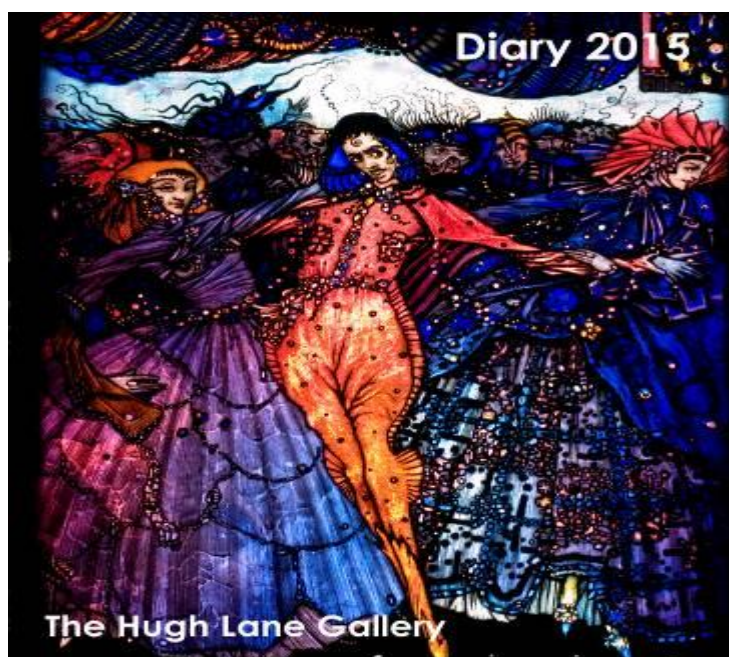
Culture Dublin 1

Culture Dublin 1 is an arts driven group of institutions including Friends of the Rotunda, James Joyce Centre, Irish Writers Centre, Dublin Writers Museum, Hillsboro Fine Art, Darc Space, the Gallery, The Lab, Irish Writers Centre, The Ambassador Theatre and Oonagh Young Gallery . This initiative aims to raise the profile of the cultural institutions in the area and promote collaboration and cooperation between these institutions with a view to enhancing the area and become an increasingly attractive destination for cultural tourists.

Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI)

In September the Gallery submitted its application for full accreditation as part of the Heritage Council's Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). Two MSPI assessors Mr Robert Taylor and Dr Kevin Mason visited the Gallery on 11 November 2014 and met with Barbara Dawson and Jessica O'Donnell. Following their visit the assessors' interim report highlighted the Gallery's *'proud tradition of excellence in terms of its collections and the service it offers to the public. It is clear that this success is in no small measure due to the enthusiasm and dedication of its trustees and staff, who clearly work hard to ensure a strong level of engagement as well as reaching a wider audience through recognised academic achievement. The continuing interest and support of Dublin City Council is also a major contributing factor to the success of the gallery.'* We will know in Spring if we have been successful in achieving full accreditation.

Diary 2015



First Gallery Diary for 2015 with Gill and Macmillan. This magnificently illustrated diary contains more than 55 full colour images carefully reproduced from The Hugh Lane Gallery's permanent and temporary collections. The hardback diary has a week-to-view format, with each week displaying a highlight from what can only be described as one of the foremost collections of Irish and International modern and contemporary art in Ireland. The retail price is €19.99, with a 10% discount on purchases over 100.

Programme of Events

Whizz, Pop, Cut, Chop with St Paul's CBS, Dublin

and artists Beth O'Halloran & Felicity Clear, Sponsored by Chapter One Restaurant

The result will be an immersive sculptural or installation piece which will touch on many strands of contemporary art practice (humble materials, process and practice, loss of authorship etc.) while still being very physical and fun for teenage boys. The core idea being the relationship between nature/food and culture/ presentation and process.

Future City Mural Project with Henrietta Street School, Dublin 1
and artist Kathryn Maguire

How do you image Dublin 100 years from now? What are your hopes for the city in the future? How do you imagine the children of Dublin will be living in 2114?

The mural coincides with an exhibition called Phoenix Rising that will look at the city through contemporary art. Artists have often shaped how we see and experience the place we live.

The children's drawings will be enlarged as a mural in the gallery.

Efforts and Ideals: Prints of the First World War

24th September 2014 – 18th January 2015

The Education section has programmed a broad spectrum of events around the Efforts and Ideals Exhibition, which include; 4 coffee conversations, 4 public Sunday tours, family sketching events, many private and school tours and 6 People's College lectures.

Autumn Drawing and Painting at the Hugh Lane Gallery

10:30am-12:30pm, Saturday 20 September – Saturday 15 November 2014 (no class on 25 October bank holiday) €160

Autumn Life Drawing at the Hugh Lane Gallery

1:00pm-3:00pm, Saturday 20 September – Saturday 15 November 2014 (no class on October bank holiday) €160

16 -week Portfolio Preparation Course

Sundays, 21 September 2014–1 February 2015

(16 weeks excluding 26 October, 15, 21 and 25 December & 4 January)

Class 1: 11.30am–1.30pm, €300

Class 2: 2.30pm–4.30pm, €300

People's College Art Appreciation Lecture Series –started on 4th October and runs for 20 weeks. It is fully booked.

Parking Day 19th September – Education section with artist Elaine Leader turned two car parking spaces into a pop-up Hugh Lane Gallery park for the day and invite passing people to join in and add to the “park”.

Open House 18th & 19th October Free *Open House Workshop* for children of all ages and architectural tours of the building for the weekend.

Friday 19th September 6.30pm-7.30pm

Free *Culture Night Workshop* for children of all ages. Create Contemporary Sculpture inspired by Eva Rothschild's Exhibition!

Children's workshop programme on Saturdays for Halloween, Mid-Term & Christmas

Family Sunday Sketching

Sunday sketching takes place every Sunday from 2-3pm. During these FREE workshops, we explore paintings, sculpture and some of the architectural features of Charlemont House through discussion and drawing

Coffee Conversations resumed in September every Wednesday at 11am with fantastic attendance, fee €5 and included a tea or coffee.

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SPORTS AND RECREATION SERVICES

The budgets for 2015 are now finalised and the services and facilities provided and managed by the Sports and Recreation Section will continue to deliver a strong level of service to the residents of and visitors to Dublin city throughout 2015. As 2014 comes to an end the three stand alone swimming pools at Coolock, Crumlin and Sean McDermott Street are refurbished and reopened and the swimming pool at Ballyfermot Leisure has also reopened and is in great demand. The City Council's Sport Development Officers alongside the co-funded Sports Officers of the FAI, the IABA, Leinster Rugby and Cricket Leinster continue to provide a wide range of sporting and healthy living activities to both young and old. 2015 will bring new challenges. Already we are preparing to extend the Ballybough Youth Sport and Recreation centre by building a new gym. The Markievicz leisure centre will start the process of completely refurbishing and redesigning the changing areas to make them more family friendly. All our community centres will undergo a facelift of their reception areas to make them more welcoming. Following our recent rebranding campaign we are looking forward to increasing numbers using our leisure facilities. Greater usage will bring additional income which will be used to continue the re-investment programme in our facilities. In 2015 we will continue to encourage more active participation by everybody to promote a healthier lifestyle and continue to explore with other sporting bodies possible new initiatives to achieve our aims.

Crumlin, Sean McDermott and Coolock swimming pools.

Following an extensive refurbishment programme the three swimming pools are now reopened with Crumlin swimming pool the final pool to open on the 2nd December 2014. Both Sean McDermott Street and Coolock Swimming pool officially reopened in September 2014.

If you have any further questions or if you wish to enquire about making bookings regarding the Swimming pools please contact Ger Carty at gerard.carty@dublincity.ie or Emma Byrne at emma.byrne@dublincity.ie or for further information regarding booking the Swimming Pool please contact 01 – 2222163. www.dublincity.ie

Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Christy Burke announced details of the Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge 2015. Since 2013, the Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge has supported and encouraged over 350 people to get more physically active and now Lord Mayor Christy Burke is calling on the people of Dublin City aged 16 and upwards to take part in this great personal challenge.

To encourage beginners to take part. Dublin City Councils Sport & Recreation Section will offer support through Meet & Train groups and provide information on local park runs.

CDYSB SPORTS INTEGRATION WEEK

60 young people aged 13-15yrs from 7 Youth Projects in the North Central Area took part in the annual CDYSB Sports Integration Week. This week involved planning, organising and delivering 3 days of competition and an away day for all groups to enjoy new friendships. Over the 4 days the young people took part in league format of competitions in 8 events in 5 venues.

The sports included basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, Olympic handball and athletics events shot putt, javelin, 80 metre sprint, long jump and 400m relay. Facilities used were Le Cheile, St Monica's YC, ALSAA Sports Hall and Irishtown Stadium.

On the morning of the first day all young people and leaders took part in a number of ice breaker games to allow the groups to get to know each other prior to the competition starting. This helps enormously in setting the tone for the 4 day event and creating an environment focussed on fun and fair play with a healthy competitive edge. The event ran from 11am to 4:30pm each day with teams playing in a Round Robin Competition to gather points for winning as well as fair play. On the 4th day all the young people who took part spent the day in Zipit Tibbradden where the overall winners and the winners of the Fair Play award were announced. In a very close competition St Monica's Youth Project was crowned winners for 2014 and Trinity Youth Project took the Fair Play award

BOCCIA:

BOCCIA in the community has started in Ballyfermot Leisure Centre every Saturday from 11.00a.m -1.00p.m. This is an initiative with the sports and recreation officer and volunteers who are representatives of Cerebral Palsy Sport Ireland (CPSI) who give up their free time with no questions asked. They are currently working on a programme package that may see CRC as a partner. The numbers are growing week by week but we still have room for more. BOCCIA is a wonderful game that requires practise. It provides a social outlet and is for all people with a physical disability including those who do not have use of their hands. The balls can be thrown, kicked, pushed with any part of the body or with the use of a ramp, head-pointer etc. Our aim is to grow the sport within communities and provide the opportunities for participants to become a paralympian and represent their country. If you require further information on this please contact Catherine Flood on 087 9449601 or email catherine.flood@dublincity.ie or email Marion Lee mlee@crc.ie.

ST DOMINIC'S HEALTH LIVING WEEK:

Dublin City Council's Sports and Recreation Officers teamed up with St Dominic's Secondary School to help create awareness around the importance of good all over health. The week was jam packed with different ways of getting more active. This was done by introducing the girls to new, exciting and different sports; some of these sports included were Fencing, Tag Rugby, Sports Hall Athletics and Zumba. Every pupil was involved. The programme also contained other elements such as how to deal with stress and expressing their stress through Yoga. The Health Promotion Officer from the HSE and the Smoking Cessation Officer also came to give the girls a talk on the importance of staying healthy. St Dominic's will continue to push health living in their school on a daily basis and keep encouraging their pupils to make the right health decisions. If you require further information on this please contact Catherine Flood on 087 9449601 or email catherine.flood@dublincity.ie

BALLYFERMOT FAMILY FUN DAY:

Ballyfermot family fun day was held in Ballyfermot Leisure Centre on the 1st July. This was a joint initiative run by the Sport and Recreation Officer, Sports Development Officer, Ballyfermot Leisure Centre and Dublin City Councils Community staff. They partnered up with many of the co-funded officers such as the Boxing Officer, FAI and Leinster Rugby. Local clubs played a big part in the day as they came and gave their free time to help make this day sustainable. The idea was that local clubs used this day as a way of show casing their sport and recruiting new members. The day attracted 100s of people of all ages. Other sports on the day included Basketball, Rock Climbing, Golf, Fun and Games, Kiddies Corner, BMXING, Athletics. The day was a great success thanks to all the support it received locally.

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CHANGE FOR LIFE:

The change for life programme for 2015 will begin the week beginning 5th January. The change for life programme is an 8-week programme that targets adults who lead an inactive lifestyle and want to make positive changes to improve their overall health and wellbeing. The programme focuses on motivating and encouraging participants to make healthy lifestyle changes by providing them with specific knowledge and tools to promote positive choices.

The programme will kick off in January with personalised health assessment for each participant followed by weekly weigh-ins and 3 exercise classes. The classes range from; Step Aerobic, Movement to Music, Zumba, Circuit Training and much more. Nutritional advice is also offered over the 8 week period.

The change for life will be held in the following:

South Central areas: Bluebell Community Centre, St Catherine's Sports Centre, Fatima F2 Centre. For more information on this please contact Catherine Flood on 087 9449601 or email catherine.flood@dublincity.ie.

South East areas: Markievicz, and Irishtown Stadium. For more information on this please contact Michelle Malone on 087 6945082 or email michelle.malone@dublincity.ie.

MUN-FUN-RUN

Over 600 people participated in the 4th Annual Mun-Fun-Run which took place in Ballymun on Wednesday the 24th of September. Participants had the option of completing either a 3- or 5-kilometer run which passed through the Coultury and Shangan areas of Ballymun. As in previous years, the event attracted participants of all ages and ability levels, providing the Ballymun Community with a healthy, inclusive event which fostered community spirit. Dublin City Council were the main organisers of the event with support from Trinity Comprehensive School and Ballymun Youth Resource Centre.

POPPINTREE KIDS ATHLETICS PROGRAMME

Free Athletics coaching was provided in Poppintree Park every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for the month of August. The programme catered for 4-7 and 8-12 year olds. Over 20 children attended the programme which included both speed and endurance running and a variety of field events. Feedback was extremely positive.

POPPINTREE PARK PARKRUN

Parkrun is a non for Profit Company that sets up free weekly timed 5K runs with any community that wants one. The runs are held every Saturday at 9.30 a.m. in local parks and are targeted at people who would not be confident enough to enter a traditional race. There is also always a social aspect to every event like a local café that park runners are encouraged to attend post event. Every event is administered by volunteers. The first parkrun in the Dublin City Council district was established in St. Anne's Park, Raheny in September 2013 and attracts up to 300 participants on a weekly basis. The second Dublin City parkrun commenced in Poppintree Park on Saturday the 1st of November, 2014. Dublin City Council was instrumental in getting this event off the ground by providing start up funding, granting access to the park, mapping the route, providing directions and park information on the website and engaging in local advertising. Efforts paid off with almost 100 people participating in the first Poppintree parkrun. It is hoped that the event will continue to attract large numbers every week, will encourage the local community to participant and will increase awareness of the park.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT THROUGH FOOTBALL IN BALLYMUN AND FINGLAS PROJECT FUTSAL NOVEMBER 2014 - JUNE 2015.

For people out of work and who love football, an innovative education programme which has been delivered in Ballymun and Finglas for the past three years offers them an ideal opportunity to combine a return to education awards with the incentive of achieving a collection of football coach education awards.

The Football Association of Ireland has teamed up with Dublin City Council and Whitehall College of Further Education to provide a unique opportunity for people who are unemployed and out of formal education to get involved in an innovative project designed to help them back into the workforce. It's a welcome addition to the landscape in Ballymun and Finglas at a time when the effects of a recession are obvious.

PROJECT FUTSAL is an initiative with the core aim of utilising football as a social inclusion tool in order to facilitate innovative community regeneration. The overall aim of the project is to provide education and work opportunities for young people in the North West area of Dublin and to influence and assist community regeneration via employment and volunteerism.

It primarily involves the development of an education hub, which is an education centre providing an academic year of adult education, personal development, football coaching education and work/volunteer placements. Places on the programme are open to both men and women from the local community.

The main objectives of the programme are to increase participant's employability and/or enhance their prospects of going onto further education. The extensive programme of football activity on each course plays a role in incentivising people to participate in the project.



SUPPORTING PHYSICAL EDUCATION / ACTIVITY IN OUR SCHOOLS 2014

On Wednesday 8th October Dublin City Sports Network, Fingal Sports Partnership, South Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Wicklow Sports Partnership and Kildare Sports Partnership hosted the school's sports information seminar.

The seminar was aimed at Principals and PE teachers with an emphasis on providing ways to encourage secondary school pupils to participate in sport and physical activity within their school setting, particularly those currently inactive or hard to engage. Through a range of presentations and teacher's own case studies, the seminar looked at a number of key issues surrounding the involvement of young people in sport.

The presentations were informative and practical with lots of ideas and initiatives that the teachers were able to bring back and implement in their school. There was also a great opportunity to network with information stands from relevant projects and organisations such as the HSE, Active Schools Flag, An Taisce, National Governing Bodies of Sport, SNAG Golf, YPATH programme and much more.

The seminar was attended by over 120 teachers and principals and some of our key speakers included:

Dr Pete Lunn "Keeping them in the Game" Senior Research Officer, ESRI

Dr Catherine Woods DCU "Why They Do, Why They Don't"

Marie Clonan PE Teacher Margaret Alyward Community College, "I Never Knew I Loved PE"

All participants received copies of the presentations and details of their local sports partnership.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL TEAM UP WITH CRICKET LEINSTER

Dublin City Council will commence a partnership this year with Cricket Leinster that has seen the introduction of cricket school visits and blitzes right across the Dublin City Council region.

The partnership between Dublin City Council and Cricket Leinster has seen schools and youth camps across the Dublin City Council region receive visits from qualified cricket coaches. Ireland Women's Internationals Claire Shillington, Laura Delany, former Ireland men's international Fintan McAllister supported by Ciaran Divney and Kamal Merchant have, since February last, supplied high quality introductory sessions to bring cricket to all in the region.

The scheme will build on the highly successful partnerships already established with both Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council and demonstrates the growing popularity of the sport right across the city. 'Kwik Cricket' blitzes were held in various parts of the city throughout the summer, the first of which was held in May in Irishtown Stadium where close to 100 local children participated in a fun-filled day.

Many schools in Dublin City now partake in the primary schools 'Leprechaun Cup' a hardball competition that takes place during April, May and June each year.

As part of the scheme, the Cricket Leinster coaches have teamed up with the Dublin City Council Sports and Recreation Officers throughout the region to help support their programmes and assist with teacher/staff training courses. The first of these teacher training courses was held last spring at Irishtown stadium. It is intended to utilise the sports centres across the city, in Ballymun, Cabra, Coolock, Finglas, Irishtown and Kilbarrack to assist with the delivery of these courses and to give as many local teachers and sports coaches the chance to offer cricket to their pupils.

To give the programme an added boost, all coaches will be supplied with their own branded 'Cricket Leinster/Dublin City Council' Kwik cricket plastic sets which have just arrived and have been in high demand to date.

To see more about the Cricket Leinster development programmes please visit www.cricketleinster.ie or the Dublin City Council Sports Development Website here <http://www.dublincity.ie/RECREATIONANDCULTURE/SPORTSFACILITIES/Pages/SportsDevelopment.aspx>



Boxing in the Community Proudly Celebrates



**IABA/DCC Boxing in the Community Development Officers
AVIVA STADIUM REPORT: 19th May – 1st August 2014
Compiled by- Paul Quinn, on behalf of the
Boxing in the Community Development Team**

⤴ **Programme Statistics**

- ⤴ 1673 young people attended Aviva StartBox Experience. This included -
- ⤴ 76 Separate Bookings - 65 different groups
- ⤴ 30 National Schools – 1017 young people
- ⤴ 26 Community Groups – 472 young people

(including 1 Exchange Group from Belfast – 15 young people)

- ⤴ 9 Transition Year Schools – 184 young people
- ⤴ Central Area – 593 young people
- ⤴ South Central Area – 314 young people
- ⤴ South East Area – 261 young people
- ⤴ North West Area – 263 young people
- ⤴ North Central Area – 227 young people

LEINSTER RUGBY AND DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

U14's coming from very little or no rugby background to come together as a team and beat an established rugby school to claim Dublin Cup...



Donnybrook stadium was the venue for the conclusion to the second annual DCC team programme, with the focus this year on getting u14's coming from very little or no rugby background to come together as a team and to play one of the more established rugby schools.

In a further development this year the training was broken into north and south Dublin City Council areas who played each other and then came together as a group to face the might of Gonzaga College. The programme facilitated more than 70 kids who received expert coaching from Leinster Rugby community staff, and eventually after a thrilling North V South match which ended 24-24 the squad was brought together that was to face Gonzaga.

The players on both teams were buoyed by the arrival of Jamie Heaslip and Dominic Ryan before the match and the lads were on hand to get photos and to hand out the jerseys to the DCC team, which was greatly appreciated by all involved.

The match got off to a flying start and despite strong early pressure from Gonzaga it was DCC that went into a 14-0 lead, with the centre pairing for the council side running some great lines after the hard work had been done by their forward pack. Gonzaga struck back before the half time whistle and the match continued to be a back and forth battle throughout.

It looked like Gonzaga had snatched a victory with two minutes to go when they scored a converted try to go 22-21 up however the character of the players who hail from all over Dublin City came to the fore, from the restart they forced two knock on's and from the resulting set piece scored an excellent back line try to win the Dublin Cup.

It was a fitting end to an excellent match in which both sides played with intensity, discipline and plenty of skill, great credit must go to the Gonzaga players and coaches. The match was a microcosm of the dedication and effort that all the players who took part in the Dublin City Council under 14 programme showed and it is hoped that, like last year, the majority of players go on to play with clubs in the local area. Last year one player progressed into the metro squads and 75% of the squad played with clubs, this year over 15 players are already after going into clubs during the programme and that number will rise.

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RECREATION CENTRES

North West Inner City (Dominick St, Hardwicke St, Blackhall & Georges Place) Lower Dominic St.

Staff numbers have been increased in the Lower Dominic Street building and this in turn has brought in new customers and increased the usage by the local community.

The Greater Dublin Independent Living (www.gdil.ie) have also managed to secure a temporary workspace in the building. To add to this a brand new Gym has been installed for use by local community.



Hardwicke St Soccer Pitch Upgrade

Due to the success of the Astro Turf in Hardwicke St 10 years ago, we shall be upgrading the pitch in 2015. The staff and local volunteers in Hardwicke St should be commended for the way in which they have assisted in the reduction of anti-social behaviour in the area.



Blackhall Place

We have re-established a local women's group and are also working in tandem with Stoneybatter Youth Service who are now also based in the building.

Collectively across the 4 Centres in NWIC, the following activities will take place:

Primary and secondary school children use the building as a homework club . Young people meet and take part in a variety of activities such as snooker, quizzes, arts and craft, table tennis and computers games.



Volunteer groups deliver a casual training programme in computer literacy.

A Variety of social activities are held once a week.

Local football clubs use our buildings for team meetings etc.



The Centres are used by the local Youth Service and FAS projects.

Stoneybatter youth service use the hall regularly to provide services for 55 local young people and 100 others from the D7 area.

One morning a week a local community group deliver a FETAC Level 5 training programme in Childcare.

A children's disco is organised once a month.



Darndale

Monthly increase of members ongoing in Bodyworks Gym.
32 Passport for Leisure Clients

Due to lack of staff, gym assessment times have been implemented into current staff levels hours.

Various indoor charity events took place and all proceeds went to St Francis Hospice.



A Garda band held a concert for 500 children.

As part of a refurbishment project, a reception area has been installed.



Cherry Orchard Youth & Community Centre

350 children participated in a very successful Summer Project. Cherry Orchard lived up to its annual tradition as one of the biggest Halloween Festivals across the city.

In early 2015 we shall be launching a Play Space for all the Community in memory of our esteemed colleague Ms. Anne O'Brien, former Play Worker for Dublin City Council who passed away in late 2013.

The staff has committed to this project and we look forward to sharing the space with all parties concerned

Ventry Park Cabra

2015 will see full concept proposal of "Ventry Development". Since September 2014, we have been engaging with local residents, user groups and sports clubs with regards to a full scale development in the area. With these proposal submissions we can then form a solid proposal to bring it to a funding application stage.



Ventry Park Open Day
Come along & have your say about developing Ventry Park!
Saturday September 27th
1pm- 4pm

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Dublin City Council



Investing in our staff

In January 2014, we increased our training programme for our entire staff and to date all staff have availed of the staff training initiatives in various ways that will improve their day to day approach in their centres.



Pearse Area Recreation Centre (PARC)

The teenagers room is nearing completion and will be available on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The After School Clubs continue to grow in numbers. With Over 50 children now attending.

150 people took part at the Halloween Festival activities. Food was served on the day and each child received goodie bags.

Football Friday night leagues started on 7th November and will run throughout November.

Despite numbers being small at present, DCC Sports Development Officer and FAI Development Officer along with Local Community Guards continues to promote the night time football around the area.

Cookery classes began on Wed 12th November 8-10pm. There was a good turnout of local women for the class and we hope to make this grow and make it an ongoing activity.

We are currently taking bookings for our Christmas Panto ELF in Bord Gais Energy Theatre. So far we have 20 children booked. Dublin City Council are subsidising this by 50% for those who take part in the activities run by the staff in PARC.

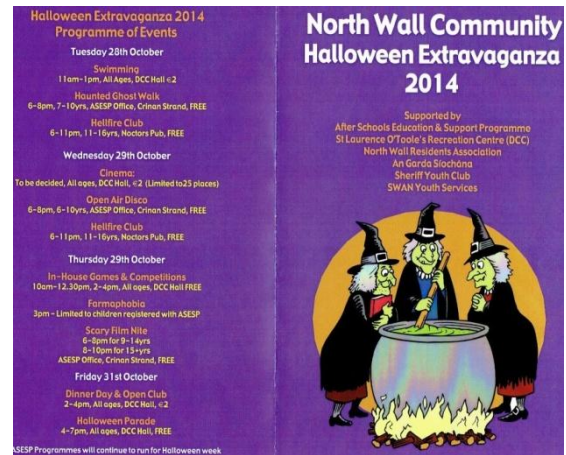
Again to promote our willingness to assist in the community we are working with the local church on City Quay. They are using the centre for a few Sundays between now and early next year to prepare for First Communions.

The Main Hall has been renovated to make it more modern and are working on creating a Teenage Chill out Space in the old Computer Room!



Sherriff St and East Wall Recreation Centres

The Halloween Festival 2014 was a huge success for both centres. All staff worked closely with the community and a trouble free and very enjoyable festival was had by all concerned.



East Wall Recreation Centre raised over €300 for Temple St Children's Hospital as part of their Haunted House in the centre. It is hoped this becomes an annual event and increase the amount for next year and future years!

Due to weather conditions the tennis club has finished until March 15th 2015.

The Tuesday night swim in Sean Mac Dermott St Pool is ongoing.

East Wall Open Day
Come along & have your
say about developing
East Wall Recreation Centre & Playground!
Thursday
December 4th
5pm – 8.30pm

A new healthy cooking class has started Tuesday mornings for parents.

We just completed a National week for children. Events included Trip to Fairview Park, Healthy Eating Days

Our gardening club has started back Wednesday mornings.

We have an opening day and evening booked in for Thursday 4th December.

Our Seniors Christmas party is booked in for Wednesday 10th December.

Our Grotto is now built and ready for Thursday 18th.

Trips to Funderland and Ice skating over the Christmas period.

Halloween Festival

The Halloween festival was a joint venture with groups in the area like Afters, Swan, Sheriff YC, Local committee and Gardaí. It is a week-long of activities in the building and around the area.

We did a Halloween fashion show for the girl's school.

School Play

School play is going back to the building on the 16th of December.

Trip to Cavan Centre in November with 20 kids



On 4th December 6pm, the Christmas tree shall be switched on in Sherriff St!



Bluebell Recreation Centre, Dublin 8

As ever our newest state of the art facility in Bluebell continues to impress with the numbers, usage and diverse groups who use the centre. As preparations are underway for Christmas 2014, we look at back at a very successful Halloween Project!



The staff in Bluebell Youth & Community Centre led the week long Halloween programme for over 75 Children! During the festivities a Halloween Disco was organised in which over 300 children attended and as a finale to the week a trip to Tayto park took place and as usual a very enjoyable day was had.



After School clubs are full to capacity.

Activity room has been painted
Christmas Winter Wonderland is in operation.
Centre bookings are extremely busy at the moment and we have a new Irish Dancing school which started in November

Donore Avenue Youth & Community Centre

In line with the Regeneration of the area, the staff in Donore Avenue have been instrumental in introducing a full timetable of events, facilitation and internal projects to serve not only Dublin 8, but the wider community.

Since the previous SPC:

Yoga class started on Wednesday evenings – going well
Staff availed of Athletics Coaching training in Poppintree Sports Centre.
Manager completed Certificate in Mediation
Duty Supervisor completed a three day Certificate in Managing People.
Upgrade of bowling Mats and competitions (Active Age)
Play in Aid of Console Suicide Awareness – 2nd December
Music Matters and Senior Citizens Choir participating in events in Red Cow Hotel.
Launch of Local Folklore Project to help get a History of St. Teresa's Gardens before it gets demolished.
Christmas Tree Lighting in memoriam of local people who have lost their lives to drug addiction on the 4th of December.
Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner and Dance 5th of December
Senior Citizens Christmas Mass – 8th December
Scoil Treasa Christmas Play 17th December
Children's Christmas activities including Films, Games, and Santa Visit from 15th to 18th of December.

Activities Ongoing from September to Christmas for 5-12 year olds,

Homework & Breakfast Club All week,
Singing Lessons Wednesday, Kids Club Wednesday,
Football Wednesday and Fridays,
Kids Yoga Mondays and Thursdays.

Activities Ongoing from September to Christmas for 13-21 year olds,

Youth Service Activities
Garda Youth Diversion Programme
Hall Sports Thursday Evenings
Drop in Breakfast Thursday mornings
Drop in Pool, Hall and Computer use throughout week



Older Persons Activities include,

Mondays include Men's Shed in the morning, and an Evening Club Night – looking to have Film nights
Tuesdays are Computer Classes, Art Classes and Sewing Classes, with a Ladies Club in the evenings.
Wednesdays afternoons have St. Pauls Senior Citizens Club, approaching their 40th anniversary which we will be supporting.
Thursday is Chair Aerobics
Friday Bowls

Wider Community Initiatives

Coombe Anti-Natal classes three mornings per week.

TD Clinic

STG Regeneration Forum Meetings and Events

Welfare Initiative Facilitation

Numerous Local Residents Association Meetings

Donore Avenue – Happy 10th Birthday

In 2015 Donore Avenue is 10 years old and with that in mind, we are undertaking a face lift of the centre:

Centre to be painted internally in coming weeks

Reception to be opened up to give a more welcoming atmosphere

Upgrade of soft furnishings

Upgrade of Computer Room

Kilmore West Recreation Centre

After a revision of the way in which the centre targets the community the centre is rapidly reaching capacity of space available for groups to use main hall.

10 week program for 6 to 12 years introducing:

- Football with NDSL and staff
- Cricket - over 75 children who took part in cricket and a team has been entered into leprechaun cup sponsored by Kilmore Centre and DCC

New social club for over 55s on Friday night

Mental health group ongoing

Introducing a new basketball group on Monday night.



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COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Community and Voluntary Grants

The 2015 Grants Scheme was open for applications during November. The closing date for receipt of applications was 28th November 2014. A report on successful applicants will be brought to the March City Council meeting in 2015. The total amount of funding available for these Grants in 2015 is €962,000, the same as 2014.

Applications for grants under the East Link Fund 2014 (€123,900) have been received and were approved at Central and South East September Area Meetings. Payment to successful applicants has commenced.

Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC has met once since the last SPC report, the Stage 2 tender process for implementation of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is well underway and is due to close on December 19th 2014, thereafter the sub-committee in conjunction with Dublin City Council will oversee the evaluation process and will make its recommendation to the full LCDC.

Tenderer's to be informed of the outcome of the evaluation process by 9th February 2015.

All documentation arising from LCDC meetings are available on www.dublincity.ie

Public Participation Networks

The PPN was advertised extensively and to-date we have registered over 430 groups. The process is on-going and all not-for-profit community and voluntary, environmental and social inclusion groups operating in Dublin City are being encouraged to participate. A Plenary meeting will be held in the New Year to elect a Secretariat.

For more information: <http://www.dublincity.ie/ppn> or e-mail ppn@dublincity.ie Carmel McCartney: 2222855

Richmond Barracks Project

The Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht confirmed funding to the value of €3.5m for the redevelopment of Richmond Barracks as part of the 2016 Commemoration.

It is proposed to redevelop the barracks as a tourist, education, heritage and community facility.

Expressions of interest were sought for the provision of a Design Team which is a two stage process.

Stage 1 is almost complete, Stage 2 will be initiated in early December 2014 which will invite successful candidates from Stage 1 to make a Stage 2 bid.

Official launch of Richmond Barracks 2016 Commemoration Project



Community Development

Community Support

Community staff continued to work throughout the city encouraging local participation in issues that affect local areas and residents including supporting people to become organised such as residents groups and community groups. Community events, local festivals, family fun days, summer projects, garden parties, street parties, consultations, environmental projects and clean ups are all supported with residents groups, the community/voluntary sector and DCC all working together to ensure their success.

Some highlights across the city were:

South Central Area

D12 Musical Mystery Tour

D12 is an area with a rich tradition in Culture. To build on this we brought together a number of community groups to explore organising a Cultural Event. Our hope would be that this committee will continue to organise and promote cultural activities and build a programme of events for Culture Night 2015. The first event the group organised was the D12 Musical Mystery Tour, which took place in September. Two Buses transported 140 guests to 5 different community venues in the area to sample a variety of musical acts, including an orchestra, rock band, marching band and acoustic session.

D12 MUSICAL MYSTERY TOUR

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VENUE	TIME	ADDRESS
WALKINSTOWN LIBRARY	6.00 - 6.20 PM	PERCY FRENCH ROAD WALKINSTOWN, D12
ST AGNES COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR MUSIC & THE ARTS	6.30 - 7.00 PM	ARMAGH ROAD CRUMLIN, D12 <small>(To rear of St Agnes Primary School)</small>
BRU YOUTH SERVICES	7.20 - 7.50 PM	ST AGNES ROAD CRUMLIN, D12
ST JOHN BOSCO YOUTH CENTRE	8.00 - 8.30 PM	DAVITT ROAD DRIMNAGH, D12
W.S.A.F. COMMUNITY HALL	8.45 - 9.15 PM	MOREAN ROAD WALKINSTOWN, D12







Crumlin Age Friendly Village

The consultation stage of the age friendly village has been completed with feedback given to the community at an open meeting held during November. The main issues raised by residents are regarding community safety/ transport and ease of access around the village. The final report will be completed in December. A steering committee will be identified in the New Year to drive this project.

North West Area

Finglas Senior Citizens Ball

Approximately 300 people attended our annual senior citizens ball in Erin's Isle GAA Club on Tuesday 30th September 2014. It was a great night and enjoyed by all in attendance. As usual demand for tickets was high.



Cyber Bullying Workshop

A Cyber Bullying workshop for 6th class Primary School Children was held in Finglas Youth Resource Centre on Thursday 9th October. The workshop set out to give participants an understanding of Cyber Bullying and how it can be prevented.

The workshop was facilitated by representatives from Comhairle na nÓg. Around 60 primary school children representing 8 schools participated in the event.

Ballymun Intercultural Group

The Community and Social Development Section of Dublin City Council support the work of the Ballymun Intercultural Group and sits on the Intercultural Committee. They organise English Language classes in the Ballymun Civic Centre every Monday night from 7-9pm with morning classes held each Monday from 10-12 pm. This project is run through Failte Isteach with the support of BIG. The group supports initiatives from a variety of interested groups and national associations each year.

North Central Area

This year the North Central area organised three fireworks displays in partnership with three local community groups to provide a safe alternative for Halloween

- **Donaghmede Park:** This was run in conjunction with the Donaghmede Estate Residents Association) with a Fireworks display taking place at 6.45 p.m. Attendance was in the region of 1,000 people and there was good stewarding and local involvement in the event.
- **Kilbarrack:** This was run in conjunction with the Kilbarrack Coast Community Programme KCCP with their Fireworks display taking place at Roseglen Football Pitch at 19.00.
- It was estimated that some 2,000 people were in attendance with good stewarding and participation by the local group who organised children's activities as well earlier in the evening.
- **Edenmore Crescent Park:** This was run in conjunction with the Safety Association for Edenmore SAFE). There was an earlier programme of events held in St. Monica's Youth Club, followed by a parade up to the Fireworks display which took place at 20.15. Again there was good stewarding and an estimated 1,700 people attended. A contractor was sourced and safety statements and events plans were prepared. All three events were monitored by the local community development team on the night and an inspection after the weekend revealed all venues to be in a generally tidy condition.

Edenmore Fireworks



Central Area.

Cavan Centre

The Cavan Centre provides specialised training and development programmes /courses for community groups, particularly from areas with significant social inclusion issues and has been supported for over 30 years by the City Council.

The Centre hosted major event on the 8th November 2014 attended by 200 people to celebrate recent significant developments at the centre including the refurbishment of the sports hall. The Centre caters for in excess of 200 groups annually.

Sean O' Casey Memorial

A Plaque commemorating Sean O' Casey's life and his literary works was unveiled by RTE personality Joe Duffy, at Hawthorn Tce., East Wall, on Sunday 2nd November.

A large crowd marched behind a Piper to and from Hawthorne Tce from the Sean O Casey Community Centre, where a very pleasant afternoon of reminiscences was enjoyed by all.

The event was promoted by East Wall History Group which is supported by the City Council and the East Link Fund.

South East Area

The South East Area Community Team's 'Friends of Green Spaces' initiative recently joined forces with the Ranelagh Arts Festival, to create innovative green pockets in Ranelagh Village. Staff from Dublin City Council, members of the Ranelagh community, local businesses, gardeners and artists have been collaborating to transform and enliven the streetscape, with the aim of promoting creativity, civic engagement and environmental awareness in an urban setting.

Over 300 planting sacks with edible vegetables now adorn street posts and a laneway has been regenerated for use as a cultural space for open mic poetry sessions. A number of old front doors have been reclaimed and been painted by local people as part of an outdoor visual arts exhibition entitled 'Doors Reclaimed'. These doors are now on display in a 'green space' along Ranelagh Road.

Community and Social Development

Social Inclusion Unit

A new Social Inclusion Unit has been set up in Community a Social Development. The role of the unit will be to support DCC's involvement in tackling social exclusion across all services, including the implementation of the Dublin Age Friendly City Strategy, Children's Services and Integration. The aim of the section is to continue the development of the various areas, to link work where possible and to further the roll out of policies, work plans and actions.

Comhairle na nÓg

The Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg AGM took place on Thursday 16th October 2014 when 200 young people aged 11 to 18 from around the city gathered in Croke Park. Through a series of facilitated workshops, young people discussed 3 topics relevant to young people; youth services, cyber bullying and litter.

The theme of youth services was selected by the majority of young people present as the overall issue for the Comhairle members to work on for the year ahead. 42 new members were elected onto the Comhairle committee bringing membership up to 63. At the AGM we also celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, signifying that children and young people have special set rights to keep them safe and protected. To celebrate this we showed a DVD the 4 Dublin Comhairlí made on Children's Rights and the ice-breakers focused on young people's right to play.



On Tuesday 7th October the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Christy Burke launched the booklet “**Be a cyber buddy, not a cyber bully**”. The booklet includes poems, stories, images, tips and links on cyber bullying and will be a resource for all young people. The booklet asks all young people to sign the cyber code and become a cyber buddy. To become a cyber buddy young people are encouraged to never cyber bullying and be aware how they present themselves online and report any cyber bullying they encounter.



Play Development

Local Authority Play & Recreation Network (LAPRN) hosted a Play Training Seminar in September 2014 at the Croke Park Conference Centre, which was attended by over 80 people representing local authorities, health, childcare and educational organisations and focused on the promotion of play in the natural environment. DCC was able to share expertise and learning, ensuring that the Council complies with our obligations in relation to the Child's Right to Play under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child when they attended the National 'Local Authority Play and Recreation Network' (LAPRN)

Mentoring sessions in relation to playwork with staff at PARC recreation centre have continued. This is an ongoing collaborative project between the DCC Play and Recreation Departments, which aims to support the development of an innovative play programme that will assist improving and increasing play opportunities and increase attendance of 4 – 16 year olds in the recreation centres.

Certificates for staff who participated in 'Level 2 Award in Playwork' training programme through EDI (Educational Development International) were received in October 2014. A presentation event is planned for January 2015 during which the 15 staff working in the Dublin City Council Recreation Centres will be presented with their certificates.

The "Runamuck Programme" and The "Fun Inc Programme" are currently being evaluated with the recommendations and proposals to be fed into the 2015 programme.



There is ongoing liaison with community representatives from Clancarthy Road, Killester to develop a 'streetplay' initiative. A proposal, in liaison with TrinityHaus, has been prepared for submission to the National Disability Authority for Universal Design (for older people as well as play). If funding is secured, it will be used to develop a pilot project for street design which facilitates street play.

The 2014 Rospa annual playground safety inspections were carried out during September and October by Rospa. Two bi-annual KPI reports have been completed.



Dublin City Age Friendly Initiative

Since the launch of the Dublin City Age Friendly Strategy 2014 - 2019 on 10th September in City Hall, work has continued on the implementation plan for the strategy. The five Age Friendly Area Alliances are in the process of agreeing their three year Action Plan with Implementation Plans expected in early 2015. Work continues throughout the city on initiatives targeting older people such as the establishment of a 'Men's Shed' in the North Central Area, and the installation of seating in Crumlin Village by the South Central Area Office.

Age Friendly Ireland has commenced a number of initiatives in Dublin including an Age Friendly Hospital Initiative and Age Friendly Community Projects. Beaumont Hospital was chosen to pilot the Age Friendly Hospital Initiative with the assistance of Dublin City Council's North Central Area and Fingal County Council. A walkability study of Beaumont Hospital has taken place and the consultation process has commenced.

Age Friendly Ireland sought applications throughout the country for a number of small local Age Friendly Community Projects. Successful applicants were allocated a planner and a small grant to spend on issues identified. The three applications submitted by Area Alliances in Dublin were successful. These projects are taking place in East Wall, Crumlin Village and Raheny Village and reports with recommendations/actions are due in early 2015. The strategy is available on www.dublincity.ie/agefriendlycity and for further details email dublinagefriendlycity@dublincity.ie

Let's Walk & Talk

Let's Walk & Talk organised 11 bespoke historical walks over the year. In late September and early October there were two historical walks in the Crumlin- Drimnagh area and the North Inner city. Over 200 people attended each of these walks which were very successful. The 12 Monday to Sunday walks continue every week as normal.

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Dublin City Council is leading an EU funded project called AT (Atlantic) Brand. The project is focused on developing new and innovative methods of showcasing various European cities. Funding for the project is provided by Interreg IVB €138,284 and Dublin City Council will contribute €75,000.

Various organisations across the city generally agree that Dublin needs to market itself better and more cohesively in order to compete with other European cities for business/tourism.

Dublin City Council will work with these organisations in a co-ordinated approach in developing a Dublin City brand which has the potential to add significant value to the city and build upon existing accomplishments. It has been agreed to redevelop Dublin.ie into an online city platform, which will showcase Dublin both nationally and internationally under a number of core city themes.

The website will be re-developed with three main areas allowing for an encompassing vision of the city to be told. The main body of the platform will form under the provisional idea of 4 themes, Business/Enterprise, Education, Culture/Tourism and Creativity. The content to explain the city will be developed from stakeholders and will use innovative and creative methods such as blogs, videos, and pictures to showcase the city and engage its audience.

The timescale for the completion of the project is July 2015.

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PARKS AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES

The following highlights some of the less recognised services provided by the staff of the Parks Service

Bull Island and Dollymount Beach

In 2014 Dollymount beach was maintained to Blue Flag standard and additional solar powered showers were installed. These have been very successful and more will be installed in 2015 The Lifeguard Service on North Bull Island, covering the 2014 Bathing Season, from 1st June to 31st August, was involved in various events/ rescues as per table below:

MONTH	RESCUE	RESCUE CRAFT	1 ST AID	LOST CHILDREN	ADVICE GIVEN	ACCIDENT PREVENTION	OTHER
JUNE	3	1	11	2	213	96	5
JULY	1	1	16	5	196	113	4
AUGUST	1	1	20	0	204	68	2
SEASON TOTAL	5	3	47	7	613	227	11

The high level of 'Advice Given' & 'Accidents Prevented' are mostly due to the presence, in large quantities, of 'Lions Mane' Jellyfish this Bathing Season.

First aid ranged from sunburn, trip injuries, minor cuts/abrasions, limb breaks, asthma, insulin shock etc.

Due to the good weather there were higher than usual numbers of people using the beach.

Wristbands for putting a contact number on were supplied to the Lifeguards by the Coastguard Service and were distributed to families with children.



safely etc.

It should be noted that the Lifeguard Service augmented the Dollymount Search and Rescue Service which we operate right through the year.



Advice ranged from tide times, areas suitable for bathing, times of Lifeguard on duty, not to use flotation devices etc.

Accident prevention ranged from ensuring vehicles observed speed limits (up to the vehicle restrictions that were put in place in July), discouraging horseplay, where to swim

The Interpretive Centre, North Bull Island, to the 5th September, had in the order of 7,645 visitors, as per table below. It is open for 14 weekends during the bathing season.

Primary Schools	Second Level	Third Level	Teachers	Others	Weekend Bookings	Outreach	Walk-ins
1,500	1,250	150	90	1,155*	600	900**	2,000*** (approx)

* Some companies such as Yahoo; SalesForce; Ocean Riders and the College of Surgeons provided volunteers to do conservation work on the island and they were inducted in the Interpretive Centre.

**The Interpretive Centre Manager, Pat Corrigan also travelled to present the Discover Primary Science Programme to Teacher Training Colleges and the Central Remedial Clinic.

***All but the 'Walk-ins' were booked in.



Civic Decoration



As part of the decoration of the city, all seasonal flower displays and planters that are placed around the city centre were prepared in the Nursery of St. Anne's Park. Approximately 60 spring tubs and 60 summer tubs are placed in various locations in the city centre. These are maintained throughout the season. In addition other planters and floral

decoration is provided in support of Tidy Towns



154 summer and 119 spring hanging baskets are also installed and maintained in high profile public realm areas including the quays.

Parks Service also carry out maintenance and supply floral displays for the grounds of Christchurch Cathedral and the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street including the maintenance of tubs with spring and summer bedding plants, spring bulbs and supplying cut flowers, foliage and pot plants for the altar for both Christmas and Easter

The provision of flags/bunting/banners etc. to celebrate or highlight events is also an important means of the decorating the City. The calendar below for the provision flags for 2013 illustrates the variety of flags that are flown throughout the year.

Month	2013
January	27 National Flags of the E.U. and 36 Banner flags with E.U. Logo for Irish hosting of E.U. Presidency. (Erected on the 31 st of December 2012.) 28 th – 29 th - All Dublin Municipal Flags are put at half mast for Kevin Heffernan (former player/manager of the Dublin G.A.A. Football Team)
February	1 st - All 24 Flags for the Chinese New Year celebrations erected 28 th - Chinese flags taken down and International Women's day flags erected.
March	8 th - Women's day flags taken down and also E.U. Banner flags removed. On 9 th Green, White and Orange Banner Flags erected on all poles except where the 27 National flags are flying. 12 th - Bunting erected along the Boardwalk. 19 th - 30 Irish Cancer Society flags were put up for Daffodil day. St. Patrick's Day flags were removed to facilitate this. 21 st - Bunting was removed from the Boardwalk. 23 rd - Green white and Orange banner Flags taken down as well as Irish Cancer Society flags.
April	8 th - All 28 E.U. Flags were replaced along the Quays, as well as the Banner Flags on the Northside. 26 th - 30 Gay Theatre Flags go up mostly along Arran Quay.
May	3 rd - 4 Archaeology Conference Flags go up for event in the Civics Offices. 24 th - Gay Theatre Flags taken down. 31 st - 4 Archaeology Flags taken down.
June	21 st - 14 Gay Pride flags erected along Wood Quay and Ormond Quay and 2 on Capel Street Bridge.
July	5 th - All flags to do with E.U. Presidency taken down as well as the Gay Pride flags. 30 Dublin G.A.A. Flags go up. 18 th - 30 Gaze film festival flags went up along the Quays from O'Connell Bridge to Civic Offices. 30 th - 30 Gaze film festival flags taken down and 40 GAA Flags erected for the semi-finals of the Hurling Championship (Clare, Limerick, Cork and Dublin).
September	10 th - Flags from each county erected for the finals in the hurling and the football Championships in Croke Park.
November.	25 th - 12 World Aids Day flags erected
December	2 nd - 12 World Aids Day flags taken down

Christmas Trees

Approximately 41 Christmas Trees have been purchased and erected throughout the City for 2014. The cost of the trees and the time associated with transporting and erecting them is charged out to the Area Offices. Parks Service provide for the bigger trees for O'Connell Street, City Hall, Civic Offices etc.



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CONTROL OF HORSES AND DOGS

The Control of Horses Act 1996 is the primary legislation dealing with the control of horses. In addition the City Council has Bye Laws in place. The current Control of Horses Bye Laws came into effect on 7th April 2014. The main Bye Law provides for the entire Dublin City Council area to be a Control area. This means that all horses being kept in the City Council's administrative area must have a licence. However the reality is that most are not licensed.

The problem with stray horses is increasing in Dublin City and throughout the country. The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine are taking actions to reduce the supply of horses. The demand is from certain disadvantaged areas of the city. It is part of a much larger social problem and needs to be addressed in this context.

Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council jointly tendered for a Horse Seizure Service and Pound facility in late 2013. The successful tenderer was Cantor Equine Limited. The contract commenced on 1st May 2014 and is for a period of one year with the option of extending for a further period of two years subject to performance.

Under the Control of Horses Act 1996 a horse may be seized and impounded on a number of grounds e.g. stray horse, causing a nuisance, etc. The number of horses impounded in the first nine months of this year was 260.

The Control of Dogs Act 1986 is the main legislation for the control of dogs. Subsequent legislation deals with restricted breeds.

CASUAL TRADING

The Second meeting of the new Markets and Casual Trading Sub Committee took place on the 15th September last. Councillor Andrew Montague was elected Chairperson. Staff made presentations on both Casual Trading in the city and the redevelopment of the Fruit and Vegetable market. A proposal to rename the committee the "Markets and Trading in the Public Domain Committee" was passed at the City Council meeting held on November 3rd.

A review of the Casual Trading Bye-laws is currently underway. The proposed amendments will be discussed at the next meeting of the Markets and Trading in the Public Domain Committee to be held on 3rd December 2014.

Christmas trading on Henry Street will commence on 1st December and will continue until 31st December.

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DRAFT STREET PERFORMER BYE-LAWS

Public consultation is ongoing and will end on Friday 19th December 2014. Twenty six submissions have been received to date.

SCHOOL MEALS

Dublin City Council administers a school meal scheme under the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act, 1981. There are currently 183 schools availing of the Scheme providing food to approximately 24,500 school children on a daily basis. The total annual cost of operating the Scheme is €1.3 million. This includes an amount of €125,000 paid directly to participating schools as a contribution towards their administrative costs. 50% of food costs are recoupable from the Department of Social Protection.

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**Commemorative Naming Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on 12th March 2014
2.00 p.m. Members Room, City Hall**

Attendance

Members:

Cllr. Dermot Lacey (Chairperson)
Cllr. Nial Ring
Cllr. Sheila Howes
Cllr. Paddy McCartan
Cllr. Edie Wynne

Officials Present:

Paul Clegg, Executive Manager
Margaret Hayes, City Librarian
Charles Duggan, City Heritage Officer
Maire Kennedy, Divisional Librarian
Coilín O'Reilly, Administrative Officer
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr. Séamas McGrattan
Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan

Cllr. Lacey, Chairperson welcomed the Beaumont Residents Association who made a presentation to the Committee to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Beaumont House – family home from 1764 of Arthur Guinness, Olivia Whitmore and family.

The Residents of Beaumont Woods are anxious to ensure that the history surrounding this area is recognised and appreciated appropriately.

Discussions took place as to what would best fit this type of commemoration and the appropriate location i.e. Catherine McAuley Park, which is DCC owned. Suggestions such as a plaque on a rock or bench was raised. The idea of an information notice giving the relevant history was also suggested.

Funding was also discussed. There is local fundraising in place and also the hope of support from Diageo etc.

The Committee was in favour of supporting this idea.

Wider issues including the restoration of the Ice House to be referred to the local Area Committee.

Action: Discuss with Parks Section for suggestions for plaque/information notice board and report back to Residents Association in due course.
Refer the wider issues including the restoration of the Ice House to the North Central Area Committee.

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 15th January 2014.

Action: Agreed.

2. Matters arising

No matters arising.

3. Dublin City Plaque Scheme – Update

A sample mock up of the plaque and sample material and typeface was demonstrated to the Committee.

The Committee were informed that various stone choices and colours are currently under review. A discussion regarding the Dublin City logo took place.

Action: To decide on appropriate stone and colour for plaque and bring to next meeting.

Discussions on the agreed logo to be confirmed.

4. Plaques/Monuments Proposals:

- Joseph Spooner – Member of the Republican Movement who opposed the Treaty.

Action: It was decided to refer this application for a commemorative plaque to the Commemorations Committee. It was also decided to seek a guidance from the Commemorations Committee regarding how best to deal with the 1916 – 1922 commemorations and how to avoid a plethora of commemorative plaques.

- IUNVA – Update

The IUNVA are now interested in erecting their monument in Collins Barracks on the site around the area of the present National Flag Staff. They are now seeking Government support for their project.

Action: Will keep Committee updated.

5. Review of Policy Document

Following a discussion the Committee agreed to maintain the 20 year rule on commemorative plaques.

Action: Agreed

6. Motion by Councillor Bill Tormey (item in relation to naming of Tara Street Fire Station)

It was agreed that the decision of the City Council in January 2014 in relation to the naming of Tara Street Fire Station would be referred to the Commemorative Naming Committee for consideration and report back to the City Council.

The Committee recommended not to name the fire station after Willie Birmingham as it does not comply with the criteria of the policy document.

Action: Report back to City Council recommendation not to rename Tara Street Fire Station.

7. Rosie Hackett Bridge booklet.

The Committee agreed the Lord Mayor will launch the booklet in Pearse Street Library in late April (which will be just before the official opening of the bridge). The booklet will be accessible in PDF version on the web. It will also be available in libraries. It was agreed that it would be free of charge.

Action: Libraries to organise launch.

Invite family members of Rosie Hackett, Frank Duff, Bram Stoker, Kay Mills and Willie Bermingham.

8. A.O.B.

A tentative date of 7th May 2014 for next meeting if necessary.

**Councillor Dermot Lacey
Chairperson**

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**Arts and Cultural Advisory Group
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 10th March, 2014
8.30a.m. Members Room, City Hall**

Attending: Cllr. Gerry Breen, Barbara Dawson, Ruairí Ó Cuív, Cllr. Pdraig McLaughlin, Siobhán Bourke, Brendan Teeling, Ray Yeates, Jonathan Ekwe, Mary Weir

Apologies: Sarah Tuck, Willie White, John Egan & John Twomey.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday, 13th January, 2014.** Approved.
2. **Matters arising – Action** - Ray to follow up on identifying 3 arts events for media focus this year in consultation with Libraries and the Dublin City Gallery – Hugh Lane.
Action: Barbara Dawson to meet with Laurence Macken and report back to this Group.

3. **City Arts Officer Report.** Ray Yeates presented this Report.

All Dublin's Music Festival very positive response to initiative with some headline performers confirmed for the launch event on April 13th in the Round Room, Mansion House

Protocol re Artists Payments A protocol is required to implement the motion passed regarding payment to artists in an equitable manner. **Action** Barbara to forward information to Ray. **Action:** Ray to prepare draft protocol.

Culture Night – Tender will issue soon for co-ordination services for the provision of Culture Night 2014 for Dublin City.

4. **Draft Arts Plan** - Special meeting proposed of the Group on Monday 24th March to discuss the Draft Arts Plan. **Action:** Jonathan to make necessary arrangements re venue, circulation of document and notification of meeting
5. **Dublin City Gallery – Hugh Lane Report:** Barbara Dawson presented this Report..

Coffee conversations - growing with up to 50 people now attending the events.

Hugh Lane Centenary

Next year is the Centenary of the death of Hugh Lane and Barbara proposed that the city should consider a contemporary visual arts celebration. Promote more focus on what we are already doing. A number of suggestions re commemorative stamps, postcards, diary etc.

Action: Barbara to request inclusion of this item on Agenda for SPC on 26th March.

6. Libraries Report

Brendan Teeling presented the Libraries Report

7. Report on Dublin City Public Art Programme: Ruairí O' Cuiv presented the report.

The following were noted

- The selection of Sandie Purcell to compose the piece for solo Uilleann Pipes to commemorate the **Battle of Clontarf**.
- The launch of **Flood** a per cent for art commission relating to the capital works on flood defence systems along the River Dodder.
- The proposed symposium relating to **Sven Anderson** sound commission is scheduled for 3rd – 4th April.
- This project to provide information on all the **Sculptures in City Parks** will be launched in March.

Luas Cross City

The Lady Grattan Monument and the Stein sculpture by Cliona Cussen are in the process of removal to storage.

Word River by Fergal McCarthy

A meeting was held with the City Engineer, Mary Conway, Planner, The Public Art Manager and the artist on the 26th February. The artist proposed that instead of the proposal to wait for six months (or possible one year) to see how a test patch faded back into the natural patina of the quay walls, that Dublin City Council would give permission to clean the entire walls (on the inside of the quays) at an estimated cost of €24,000 excluding the costs of a barge which might be raised by the artist. It was agreed at the meeting that the matter be referred back to this Advisory Group for a decision on this proposal. It was recommended that if the go ahead for this approach was agreed by the Advisory Group, that a stone conservation expert (approved by the City Architectural Conservation Officer and the City Heritage Officer) would make a report on the methodology and suitability of this approach to both the installation of the artwork and the subsequent cleaning of the quay walls afterwards.

Recommendation:

The Arts and Cultural Advisory Group do not support the proposal by the artist that the stretch of the Liffey Quay walls be cleaned at the end of the art project as the implications for the overall long-term impact on the walls was too great and to clean one stretch of the wall on one side of the river would create a visual interruption of the continuity of patina and character of the granite quays.

8. Proposed schedule of meeting dates for the Group in 2014

SPC dates will have to be chosen first in order for the members to work around dates for the Arts & Culture Advisory Group meeting dates.

9. AOB

A further meeting to discuss the Draft City Arts Plan will take place on Monday 24th March 2014 @ 8:00am in Member's Room, City Hall.

The date for the next Arts & Culture Advisory Group meeting pending until after Local Elections.

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Markets and Casual Trading Sub Committee

Civic Offices, 15th September 2014, 10.00am

Conference Room 19

In Attendance: Cllr. Andrew Montague (Chairperson), Cllr. Janice Boylan, Cllr Jim O’Callaghan, Cllr. Mannix Flynn, Cllr. Aine Clancy, Cllr. Kate O’Connell, Cllr. Ciaran Cuffe, Jim Keogan, Siobhan Maher, Helen Geoghegan, Joe Crosbie, Coilin O’Reilly, Mary McInerney, Brian Ebbs

Apologies: Cllr. Jonathan Dowdall, Cllr. Ray McAdam, Brendan Kenny

	Item		Action
1	Election of Chairperson	Cllr. Andrew Montague was proposed by Cllr. Janice Boylan and seconded by Cllr. Jim O’Callaghan. There were no other nominations. Cllr Montague was elected Chairperson.	
2	Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 st February 2014 were agreed.	
3	Presentation on Casual Trading	<p>Coilin O’Reilly gave a presentation on the operation of Casual Trading in Dublin City Council’s area. Following the presentation a number of issues were raised</p> <p>Sale of confectionary from the Hand</p> <p>The possibility of Sunday trading</p> <p>Illegal trading on Cumberland St, Meath St</p> <p>Illegal sale of tobacco</p>	<p>Event Licences – From the Hand: Get the breakdown between <i>confectionary</i> and <i>other items</i> and advise next meeting. DCC</p> <p>Initiate review of the Bye Laws with particular attention to Moore Street, Cumberland Street and Meath Street. Report to next meeting. DCC</p>

		<p>Selling from prams</p> <p>Trading on lands not in charge of DCC</p> <p>Cleaning streets after trading, disposal of rubbish, waste issues at some trading pitches</p> <p>Impact of ILAC redevelopment on Moore St traders</p>	<p>Contact Area Offices re waste issues DCC</p> <p>Circulate report prepared by James Burke on street trading on Moore St DCC</p> <p>Email link to Casual Trading ByeLaws. DCC</p>
4	<p>Presentation on the Redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market</p>	<p>Jim Keogan gave a presentation on the proposed redevelopment of the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market. Following the presentation a number of issues were raised</p> <p>Noted that DCC have met the Traders a number of times and will continue to do so on all aspects affecting them.</p> <p>The Area Committee agreed to proceed with the Part 8 subject to having the recreational activities facility included. Noted that the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) is now included.</p> <p>Have the local residents been consulted?</p> <p>Traffic issues, both current and arising from the new markets were discussed.</p> <p>Noted that the greater area public realm and traffic management, are not within the remit of this Part 8 however a full traffic audit has been undertaken.</p> <p>Surrounding area in need of regeneration. Noted that the redevelopment of market will provide the impetus for this.</p> <p>Design includes glass wall on Chancery St side thought to be unnecessary for the project, if cost prohibitive should be omitted to advance delivery</p> <p>Anticipate Part 8 to City Council in</p>	<p>Lodge Part 8 Proposal.</p> <p>Report to come back to Area Committee in first inst and to Dec City Council Meeting</p> <p>Full consultation with all stakeholders will be facilitated through the Part 8 process. DCC</p> <p>Review glass wall after procurement process. DCC</p>

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5	Terms of Reference	The updated terms of reference for the committee were agreed.	
6	Report on Branding the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market	Report circulated. Agreed to seek provider and report back to Sub Committee.	Report to Sub Committee. DCC
7	Report and Draft Charter for Dublin City Retail Food Market	Report circulated. Items 7 and 8 should be taken together. Agreed to discuss at next meeting.	Include on Agenda of next meeting. DCC .
8	Report on the Operation of the Market.	Report circulated. Members requested a report on the operation of the London Borough market. Agreed to discuss at next meeting	Include on Agenda of next meeting. DCC
9	AOB	It was suggested that the name of the Sub Committee be amended to the Markets and Trading in the Public Domain".	Include on Agenda of next meeting. DCC
10	Next meeting	The times and days for future meetings was discussed. Agreed to hold meetings on either Mondays or Wednesdays at 10am or at 1pm or at 3.30pm and to request Members to indicate their preference.	Email Members with options. DCC Indicate preferred day and time. MEMBERS

CHAIRPERSON

DATE

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