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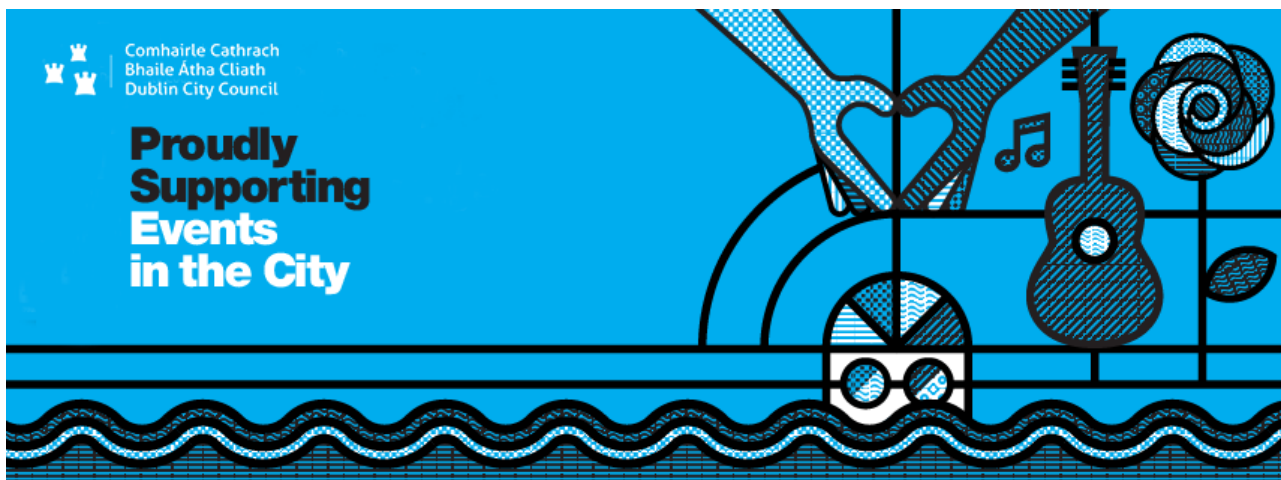
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## MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT

### EVENTS SECTION



### HANDEL'S MESSIAH – 13<sup>th</sup> April



The 275th Anniversary of the World Premiere of Messiah was celebrated on Fishamble Street on 13<sup>th</sup> April by hundreds of avid music fans. Our Lady's Choral Society performed excerpts from Messiah with the Dublin Handelian Orchestra and soloist Peter O'Reilly. The performance was conducted by Proinnsias Ó Duinn.

## CRUINNIÚ NA CÁSCA - 17<sup>th</sup> April



“Cruinniú Na Cásca”, the new National day of celebration, took place for the first time on Easter Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. Thousands attended the many family events and entertainment which took place across four zones in the City - Dublin Castle, Smithfield Square, Custom House Square and St. Stephen’s Green. Dublin City’s extensive programme of events featured musical performances, craft exhibitions, ethnic food stalls, funfairs and much more. The Dublin programme was led by The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, in partnership with Dublin City Council and the Office of Public Works.

## VIRGIN MEDIA NIGHT RUN - 23<sup>rd</sup> April

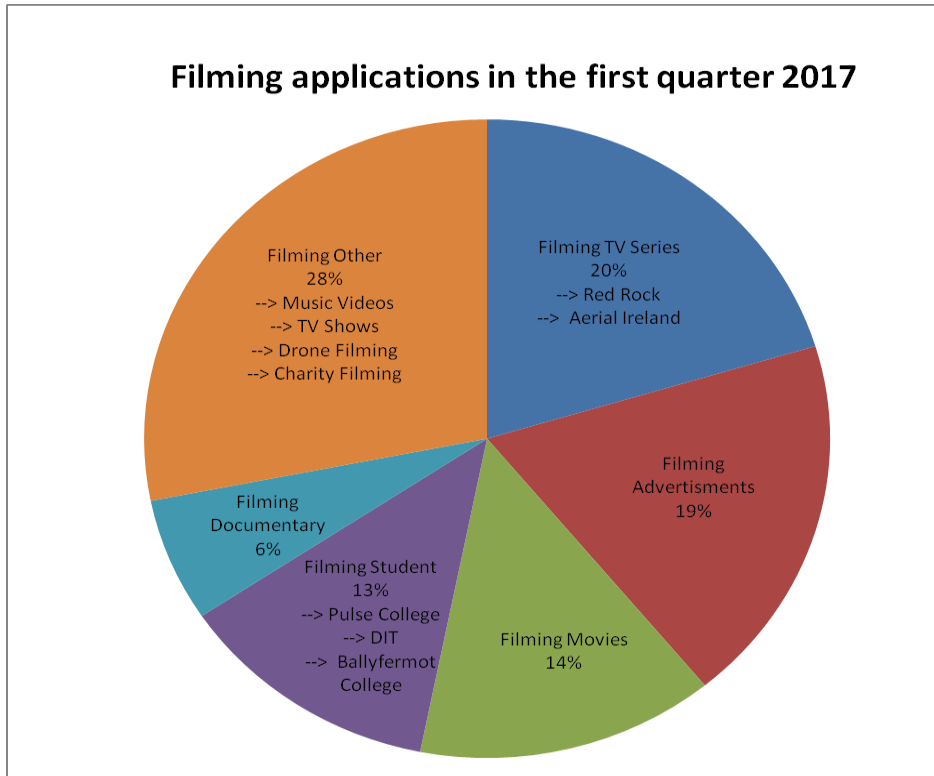


The Virgin Media Night Run, now in its second year, took place on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> April and over 5,000 runners participated in the 10k event. This year’s route covered many of the streets of Dublin’s docklands and also took in O’Connell Street and Marlborough Street.

## LATVIA DAY – 30<sup>th</sup> April

Latvia Day celebration was back for its 6<sup>th</sup> year in Temple Bar, which is an initiative of Temple Bar Company, supported by Dublin City Council. The event celebrates Latvian culture including traditional food, children’s games, song and dance throughout Temple Bar. Traditional music and dance performances took place in Meeting House Square, with an outdoor stage also erected on Essex Street East for music and dance performances. The event attracted approx 1,500 people, mainly families from the Latvian community, along with tourists and anyone living and visiting the City.

## FILMING UPDATE



Type of Filming	Number of applications
Filming TV Series	13
Filming Advert	12
Filming Movie	9
Filming Student	8
Filming Documentary	4
Filming Other	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Description	Location
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Rowing Regata (Rowing Irl)	Rowing Races	Hanover Quay <a href="http://www.getgoinggetrowing.com">www.getgoinggetrowing.com</a>
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Pets in the City	Family Festival	Smithfield Square <a href="http://www.petsinthecity.ie">www.petsinthecity.ie</a>
17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Tri Nation Series	Cricket Events	Clontarf Cricket Club <a href="http://www.cricketireland.ie">www.cricketireland.ie</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Dublin Dance Festival	Dance Festival Event	Citywide venues <a href="http://www.dancefestival.ie">www.dancefestival.ie</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Battle for the Bay/Kite Boarder Cross Tour	Kite Surfing Event	Dollymount/Docklands <a href="http://www.battleforthebay.ie">www.battleforthebay.ie</a>

21 <sup>st</sup> May	Streets of Dublin 5K	5k Run	City Centre route <a href="http://www.athleticsireland.ie">www.athleticsireland.ie</a> <a href="http://www.irishrunner.ie/streets-of-dublin-5k/">http://www.irishrunner.ie/streets-of-dublin-5k/</a>
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Docklands Summerfest	Family Fun Event	Grand Canal Basin and Square <a href="http://www.docklandsummerfestival.com">www.docklandsummerfestival.com</a>
27 <sup>th</sup> May	One Family	Family Festival Event	Smithfield Square <a href="http://www.familyday.ie">www.familyday.ie</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Dublin Port Riverfest	Family Festival Event	Dublin Docklands <a href="http://dublinportriverfest.com/">http://dublinportriverfest.com/</a>
5 <sup>th</sup> June	VHI Women's Mini-Marathon	10k Fun Run	Dublin City Centre <a href="https://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie/">https://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie/</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Dublin Kite Festival	Family Fun Event	Dollymount <a href="http://www.dublinkitefestival.ie/">http://www.dublinkitefestival.ie/</a>
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Dublin Pride	Parade Event	Dublin City Centre <a href="http://dublinpride.ie/">http://dublinpride.ie/</a>

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## **CITY HALL**

Visitor numbers to the exhibition in City Hall reached a record high in 2016 with over 43,296 visitors to the exhibition. The entire exhibition was invigorated to reflect the 1916 Rising. An original proclamation was installed along with the Na Fianna Éireann banner, which was on loan to the City from the Royal collection, an extension to the loan agreement was granted and the banner will remain on display throughout 2017.

### **Listed below is a synopsis of activity throughout the year**

- There were 83 events in City Hall.
- 97 wedding ceremonies in the magnificent Rotunda.
- We had our first music video shoot here in 2016 by an up and coming Dublin Band Vinci.
- Over 5,500 visitors on Culture Night 2016.
- City Hall was illuminated a number of times during the year, for example, Red for Bram Stoker Weekend, World Aids Day, Autism Awareness and Gold for Child Cancer.
- Over 43,296 visitors availed of free entry to our exhibition 'The Story of the Capital'
- During Heritage Week, we held early morning body balance classes in the Rotunda. These were in conjunction with Markievicz Sports and Fitness Centre and were very successful.
- We hosted a press conference to announce Irish Female Boxer Katie Taylor's professional career.
- Photoshoot with Keith Duffy to announce Dublin City Good Citizen Awards.
- Film screening of Charlie Chaplin movies accompanied by live piano.
- Various receptions welcoming delegates to the city including the Social Media Summit.
- Launches, such as the Paralympics Ireland Team for Rio 2016, Be Good Project (EU Project) Smart Cities, Central Bank of Ireland commemorative coins, Pride Festival, Dublin Fashion Festival, Dublin Theatre Festival.
- Celebrations with the Vietnamese Embassy in London.
- Working Class Heroes took place in the Rotunda.
- KLM (Dutch Airlines) launch of new Dublin to Amsterdam route.
- Department of the Taoiseach Europe Day Celebrations.

**From April to December 2017** there are 233 working days. To date we have 115 confirmed weddings and 2 provisional weddings. In addition there are 28 confirmed events booked into City Hall. The venue is becoming increasingly popular for weddings and corporate events.

### **City Hall Café**

The tender for a Licence to operate the Café in City Hall was advertised in late 2016. A preferred bidder was selected and notified. The Café underwent a complete new fit out and officially reopened for business on 27<sup>th</sup> March. A daily menu is available.

The Right Catering Company was awarded the contract and they are also available to quote for any other events in City Hall that may require refreshments / catering. The licence was awarded for a period of one year with the option to extend for a further two, one year periods.

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## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

The working topic for Comhairle na nÓg in 2017 is homelessness, with a focus on youth homelessness. Since their AGM in October, they have been working on developing their topic. They have decided to focus on young people who are in the care system and the challenges they face upon leaving the system at 18. Ideas they have around this are: hosting an awareness day, engaging with organisations that work with and support children in care, creating a video on children in care to put a focus on their experience and establishing a needs charter for children in care. At their next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April Comhairle will be connecting and working with organisations such as EPIC (Empowering Young People in Care), Homeless Executive, Focus Ireland and Túsla.

Comhairle will also be visiting Leinster House on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> April before their meeting starts.

In February members of Comhairle met with Robert Chaskin, Professor and UNESCO Chair for Inclusive Urbanism. He is working on a research project based at the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at NUI Galway. The project focuses on citizenship and civic engagement. Members spoke about their involvement in Comhairle, their thoughts and experience around politics and how they, as young people, form their opinions. Professor Chaskin will be attending the next Comhairle meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April where he will observe how they work as a group.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> April Comhairle members will be meeting with Dublin's Culture Connects as part of their Tea & Chats consultation.

In June and August Comhairle Members along with young people from Jigsaw and Belong To, will take part in the Sail Training Bursary Scheme for 2017. They will partake in the "Maybe Voyage" - two voyages one for 15-17 year olds and one for 18 +. Voyage one is from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June and voyage two will take place from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. This initiative is supported by Dublin City Council.

- This initiative offers the participants the opportunity to overcome fears, push boundaries and take on new responsibilities in a challenging environment.
- The experience promotes self-confidence, enhances self-esteem and develops leadership, teamwork and communication skills with other young people from different backgrounds
- Participants also learn how to set and stow sails, helm the ship tie knots, record the weather and much more.
- It provides an experience that boosts interest in maritime careers and volunteer roles.
- It is an adventure that often has a profound effect on the participant's outlook on life.

30 members of Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg, accompanied by 6 adults, took part in the Team Building exercise in Kippure on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Interfaith Forum**

The Social Inclusion Unit continues to work with the Interfaith Forum on initiatives to promote the principles of the Interfaith Charter. We are supporting an awareness raising seminar on World Refugee Day on 20<sup>th</sup> June in the Wood Quay Venue.

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## **SPORT AND RECREATION**

### ***Facilities***

#### **Sean Mc Dermot Street Swimming Pool Refurbishment**

The swimming pool at Sean Mc Dermot Street has recently undergone much needed internal refurbishments including: retiling around pool area, installation of lockers, upgrade of reception area and new filtrations bowls. After a short closure, the facility is back open for business as usual.

#### **Passport for Leisure Scheme Review**

The Passport for Leisure Scheme available in Dublin City Council Sport & Fitness facilities is currently being reviewed. A full analysis and recommendations report will be presented at the next Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC Committee meeting in July 2017.

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### ***Special Projects***

#### **Redevelopment of Dalymount Park**

The redevelopment of Dalymount Park is an ongoing project. Representatives from the Sport & Recreation Section are liaising with the Corporate Project Support Office on a feasibility study and continue to engage with the 2 Soccer Clubs involved (Bohemians and Shelbourne) in relation to their requirements.

#### **Euros 2020**

In summer 2020 Dublin will host 4 matches as part of the Euros Soccer tournament. The Sport & Recreation Section continue to plan for the event with all relevant stakeholders and UEFA.

#### **Women's Rugby World Cup 2017**

The WRWC 2017 is taking place in August. Dublin City Council is hosting a welcoming ceremony on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 for all 12 teams participating which will be held in the Round Room, Mansion House. A Sport & Recreation Section representative sits on an Advisory Committee for the tournament that continue to plan activities for the run up to and during the event including a fan zone and legacy programmes.

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### ***Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership***

#### **Implementation of STRIDE 2017 – 2020**

As a key action in the STRIDE 2017 – 2020 strategic goal 'Programmes and Services' a core suite of sport and physical activity programmes has been finalised for delivery by all 18 Dublin City Council Sport Officers across the city. Implementation of the programmes will begin in summer 2017 and is designed to target the following groups:

- Primary School Children
- Under Active Adults
- Older Adults
- Adults with intellectual disabilities
- Adults with mental health difficulties
- Youth at risk
- Teenage Girls
- General Community Population

#### Sport for Young People Small Grants

The Sport for Young People (aged 10 – 21 yrs) Small Grant Scheme will be open for submissions from Monday 15th May 2017. Sports clubs and organisations affiliated with a Sporting National Governing Body may apply.

#### Upcoming Events

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date / Time</b>
Go For Life Game (Older Adult Physical Activity Initiative)		
Southside Regional Finals	Sport & Fitness, Ballyfermot	16/05/2017 10am - 1pm
Northside Regional Finals	Cabra Parkside Community Sports Complex	23/05/2017 10am – 1pm
National Finals	DCU, Dublin 9.	10/06/2017 10.00am
Champions Day (Sports day for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities)	Sport & Fitness, Ballyfermot	11/05/2017 10am – 3pm
Schools Rowing Blitz	Hannover Quay	12/05/2017 10am – 4pm

#### Launch of 'The Ringer' Boxing Club

On Tuesday 18th April 2017 'The Ringer' Boxing Club was launched. This is a project that has taken 5 years to come to fruition with our Dublin City Council's Sport Officer, and "Boxing in the Community" Officer for the South East Area playing an instrumental role. The club is on the site of the Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre and is currently housed in a temporary log cabin. There are plans in place to redevelop the community centre in 3 years time which will include space for the boxing club on a permanent basis. Local schools were approached to create a logo which was subsequently designed using elements of 3 different submissions by young girls in the area who received prizes at the launch. Currently there are 80 young people signed up to join the club.





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## **PARKS AND LANDSCAPES SERVICES**

### **Green Flag Awards 2017**

The Parks & Landscape Services have made submissions for 2017 to retain the Green Flag Awards in 5 City Parks – Bushy, The Basin at Blessington Street, St. Anne’s, Poppintree and Markievicz. There is a lengthy and detailed process involved in submitting the supporting documents required for assessment and it is hoped we will retain all 5 Awards this year.



**City Council Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, District Parks Officer, Gardeners and General Operative Staff who have been working towards retaining our Green Flag Awards for 2017**

### **Annual Playground Inspections:**

All City Council playgrounds are formally inspected annually by Play Services Ireland. At the recent Parks Administration Operations meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> April Mel Campbell from Play Services Ireland presented the findings of the Annual review. Following on from this report key actions will be immediately addressed and a schedule of work will be put in place to carry out all other recommendations during the coming year.

The following sites have been identified as a priority for upgrading to ensure the continued development of high quality standards for DCC new and existing play facilities.

Albert College Park	Bushy Park	Brickfields Park	Cherry Orchard Park
Coultry Park	Eamonn Ceannt Park	Fairview Park	Herbert Park
Johnstown Park	Mount Bernard Park	Ringsend Park	Silloge Green

## Play Development



### **Dublin City Play Plan 2012 - 2017**

The review of the Dublin City Play Plan is currently underway. This review will inform the subsequent development of an Implementation Strategy for Play Plan from 2017 onwards.

### **1916 Commemorative Play Garden**

Following an assessment of 5 locations in the city centre, St. Audoen's Park has been selected as the preferred site for the creation of the 1916 Commemorative Play Garden. Elements of Action, Landscape Architects and Róisín de Buitléar, artist, have been appointed to work in collaboration with DCC internal design team to develop the preliminary inception, feasibility and design stage of the project. The proposed design concept was presented and approved by the overall '1916 Play Garden Steering Committee' at a meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Completed detailed drawings and tender documents are currently being prepared and are due to be completed by the end of May 2017. Engagement with key stakeholders at local level has also commenced in order to consult with and inform the local community regarding this initiative. The project is a joint initiative between the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and Dublin City Council.

### **Supporting DCC Homeless Unit**

Following the official opening of 'Respond House Family Hub' DCC Play Development Officer is working closely with Project Manager and Parents/Children and Young People in developing a consultation process that will allow key stakeholders to be involved in the design and content of the indoor and outdoor play facilities planned for this project.

### **Central Placement Service in Parkgate Hall**

As part of ongoing development of this service DCC Play Development Officer is working closely with Project Manager and other staff onsite to ensure that this facility includes child-friendly and playful elements that are available to clients who require this service.

### **Outside the Box Outdoor Play Project:**

Development works on the final two sites for this project are due for completion soon.

*Cherry Orchard Playground:* The development of a play garden is due to be developed as an annexe to the existing playground which will provide play opportunities for children and young people to play in natural environments

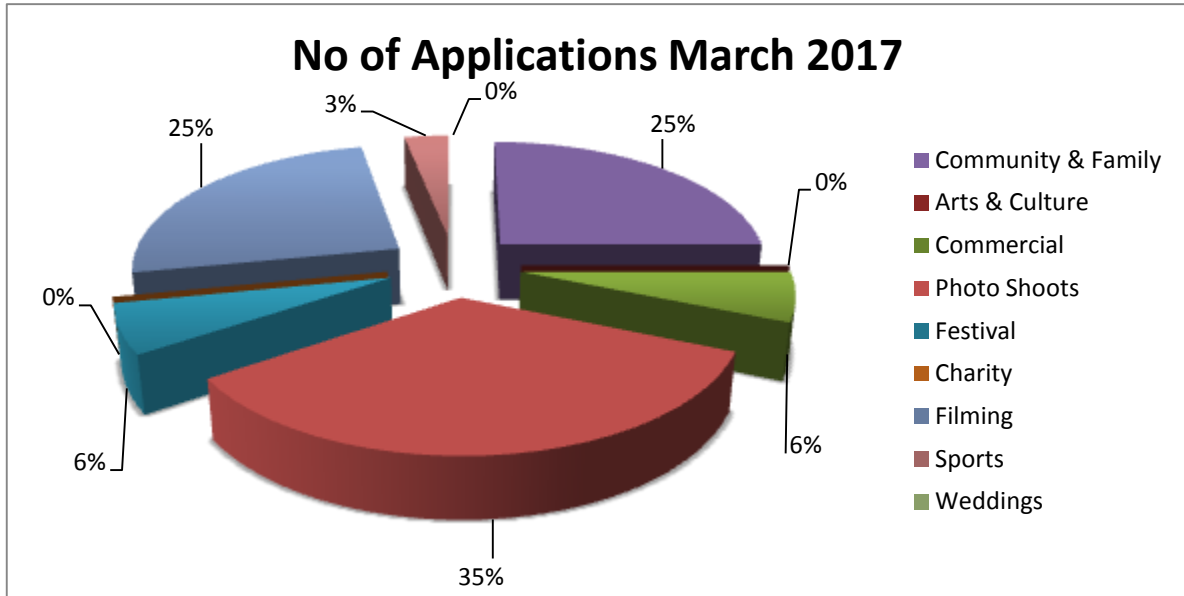
*St Theresa's Gardens:* The development of a natural play area is due to be developed as part of the regeneration of this site. The proposed space will provide alternative play opportunities provided within standard fixed playgrounds to support children and young people to play within natural landscapes.

### **National Recreation Week**

In collaboration with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs DCC Play Development Officer provides practical support in administering the *National Recreation Week Grant* which is available from April 2017. The closing date for the grant is 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017.

### Events in the Parks:

Events in the Parks are very popular, in particular Filming and Photo-shoots. All events must be pre-booked through our Admin Unit and any licence requirements must be strictly adhered to.

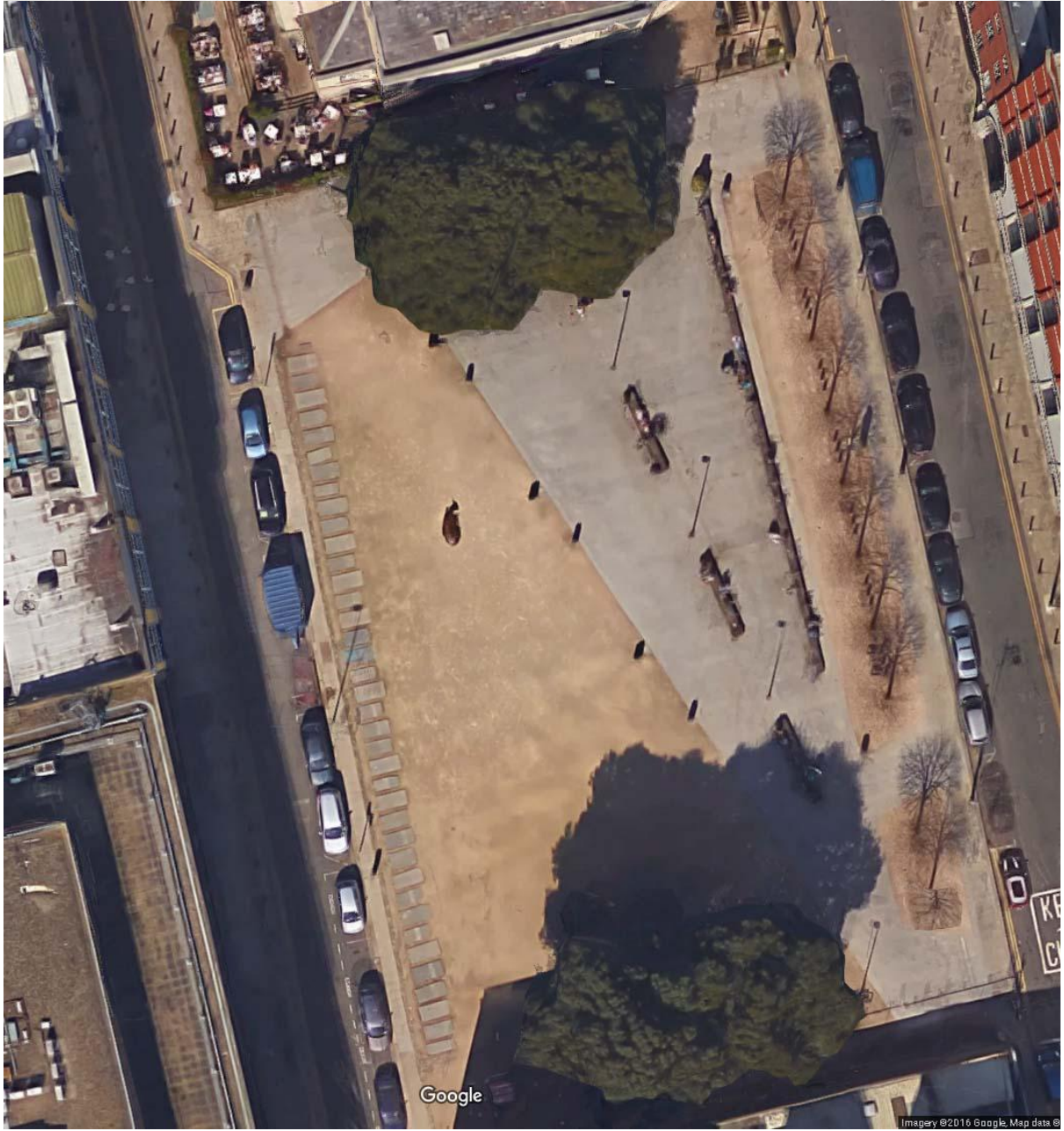


### **Wolfe Tone Park renovation / Greening of Park and Public Realm**

Wolfe Tone Park was originally an important cemetery first developed in the early 1700's. At the end of the 1880's it was converted to a public park. The enclosing railings were taken down in 2000 when the park was redeveloped. There are approx 160 headstones in the park with 120 stacked against the boundary wall on the southern end and 40 laid recumbent in the ground along the western flank. This was never a proper solution for the safeguarding of the headstones. They tell the story of the history of the site and a lot of them have been damaged in the last 17 years as they are badly located.

As part of the redevelopment, a proper solution for the safeguarding and presentation of the headstones has to be developed. The first step is to complete an inventory of the headstones with a detailed condition report which will also include a list of recommendations.

The following photos show the row of headstones along the wall and also an aerial view.



## Parks Capital Projects

Plan	Progress/Current status	Next Stage
Redesign of the <b>Peace Garden</b> , Christchurch	Currently processing the high level of submissions received	Draft report will be prepared
Upgrade of <b>St. Audeon's</b> Park & Grounds	Currently assessing tenders	Recommend and appoint Contractor
<b>Bushy Park &amp; Rockfield Park:</b> Tennis Court upgrade	Tender assessed and contractor selected	Work to commence
Renovation/Greening of <b>Wolfe Tone Park &amp; Public Realm</b>	Report presented to City Council meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Awaiting recommendations from conservationists
<b>St Anne's Park:</b> Conservation works on Follies	Retendered – tenders due back in by April 21st	Assess Tenders
<b>Portland Place Park</b> (upgrade)	Contractors on site	Completion in May
<b>Mountjoy Square:</b> Implement Conservation Plan	Part 8 stage – waiting for approval	Draft report to be prepared
<b>Weaver Park: ( new park )</b>	Contractor on site	Works to progress
<b>Bridgefoot Street ( new park )</b>	Workshop with Community to be held late April	Bring forward plans for new park
<b>Temple Bar Square redevelopment</b>	Business and Residents workshop held in early April	Plans to be drafted and submitted
<b>Temple Bar Pilot Projects</b>	Business consultation has taken place. Residents consultation to take place last week of April	Plans to be brought forward
<b>Blind Quay – refurbishment of this Area</b>	Surveys of the area have been completed and the Tender for re-design has gone out, due end April	Assess tenders
<b>Glover Court – greening project for Flat complex</b>	Initiation of pilot project for environmental enhancement and greening of Glover Court	Agree project plan
<b>St. Audeon's Park -</b> Development of New 1916 Play Garden	Meet with relevant stakeholders to agree the design brief	Tender for contractor.

## Dublin Bay Biosphere Conservation and Research Strategy 2016 – 2020



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The Biosphere Co-ordinator and Biodiversity Team continue to deliver on the objectives contained in the above Plans and Strategies including the delivery of educational and awareness activities and events, holding regular meetings of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership and continued liaison with the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

### **Representation at EURO Man in the Biosphere Conference 2017**

The City Parks Superintendent along with the Biodiversity Community Facilitator and the Corporate Communications Officer from Dublin Port Company attended the 15th international EuroMAB 2017 UNESCO conference in the “Biosphere Bassin Dordogne” France. It is held every two years to network the 302 Biosphere Reserves consisting of 36 countries across Europe, USA and Canada.

The delegation from Dublin City Council presented the ‘*Embrace the Nature*’ Comhairle na nOg Video at the plenary session and chaired the workshop on Urban Biospheres which showcased the *Brent Goose Ambassador Project* as a best practice example of Biosphere branding. Dublin Bay Biosphere will host this event in 2019.

Staff from the Parks & Landscape section were invited to participate in the Easter Sunday broadcast on RTE Radio One ‘Mooney Goes Wild’ show to report on the Biosphere.

### **Biodiversity Unit - Recent Events:**

The Dodder Gathering - (March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>). This initiative was a collaboration between Parks, the Local Authority Water Communities Office, the Water framework Directive Unit and the Dodder Action group.

An information exchange and networking morning was held between experts and professionals working on the Dodder and representatives from twenty community groups who are active from source to sea along the Dodder.

Presentations on issues of concern and interest requested by community were explored.

A free family friendly space exploring the natural wonders of the river Dodder took place over the weekend and included:

- Displays by the Dublin branch of the Irish Wild Life Trust
- An interactive session on identifying and recording river birds by BirdWatch Ireland
- Information on Invasive species by experts from Invas Biosecurity
- A demonstration on fly-tying and angling on the river by the Dodder Anglers

## Fun at the Dodder Gathering



River walk and pond dipping – thanks to OWLS, the children’s nature charity



A display on Dublin Bay Biosphere and the City's Biodiversity

Outdoor educational activities were held with a total of eight schools, primary and secondary, exploring biodiversity, water quality and the community initiatives to protect the Dodder





### **National Tree Week**

An exhibition was staged in the Civic Offices Atrium from March 6<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate National Tree Week. This included an interactive display on Native Irish Trees and information on how to identify trees by their winter buds and twigs.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Location / Time</b>
May 1 <sup>st</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dawn Chorus display	Atrium – Civic Offices
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Wellfest	Herbert Park
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Dawn Chorus	St. Annes Park Midnight – 7.00a.m
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer in St. Anne's 10k	St. Annes Park
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Harold's Cross Dog Show	Harold's Cross Park
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Pawsativity Dog Event	Merrion Square
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Battle of The Bay	Bull Island
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Battle for the Bay Biodiversity Village	Dollymount Strand
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian Family Day	Merrion Square

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## **DUBLIN CITY GALLERY THE HUGH LANE**

### **Visitor Numbers:**

The gallery welcomed 16,2561 visitors in March 2017, this figure is down on 18,834 visitors to the gallery in the same period in 2016, which were elevated due to the increased footfall associated with the Centenary, however visitor numbers continue to perform well.

### **Capital Programme**

Tenders for the Design Team to carry out the refurbishment of the Gallery's 1930's wing in 2018 were reviewed on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and a preferred bidder has been selected. The next stage is appointment of the Design Team.

### **Community Based Artists Collectives Project with CREATE-CAPP**

A socially engaged commission, under the umbrella of Collaborative Arts Partnership Programme (CAPP - a transnational programme, co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union ) and jointly funded by Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane and Create, has been awarded to Seamus Nolan.

This very significant commission attracted forty-one applications from across the CAPP network of partners. It will run from 2017 to 2018 and sets out to encourage meaningful and in depth engagement with communities of place and of interest as well as the distinct architectural, socio-political and cultural landscape of the North Inner City of Dublin. Seamus Nolan's proposal to investigate the idea of archive, deconstruct ideas on 'heritage' and engage with both communities of place and of interest, involving Traveller activists and archivists, stood out in terms of concept and imaginative power.

A group made up of traveller and settled participants of diverse background and areas of interest, will begin a series of encounters and conversations, whereby basic notions of representation and community building are interrogated. A common language of equivalence is utilized to explore both material and embedded collections in relation to cultural representation and performance.

### **Creative Ireland – Creative Dublin**

As part of Crinniú na Cáisce, the gallery opened on Easter Bank Holiday Monday. A free Easter themed sketching workshop was held on the day.

## Exhibitions



ANNE MADDEN: Colours of the Wind - Ariadne's Thread  
1<sup>st</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Opening reception: 31<sup>st</sup> May 18:00

*'Anne Madden is an artist who is acutely responsive to site and the traces of humanity, as well as to the unfolding drama of new scientific discoveries'.*

Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane is delighted to present *Colours of the Wind Ariadne's Thread*, a new exhibition of works by Anne Madden.

Anne Madden's six decade career has continually sought an understanding of the natural order and through her art attempts to uncover realities that exist but are unseen. The exhibition explores themes that have a mnemonic effect linking us to the heritages of long ago while at the same time alerting us to the unfathomable magnitude of the Cosmos.

Catalogue: A fully illustrated catalogue with essays by Brian O Doherty and Yvonne Scott accompanies the exhibition.

A full programme of events, artist's talks and a film screening of RTÉ One's Anne Madden – *Painter and Muse, Mind the Gap*, 2006 will accompany the exhibition. (Dates may be subject to change).

### **Gallery events:**

Coffee conversations: every Wednesday at 11am, fee of €5 includes coffee.

For full programme details on the gallery exhibitions, education programme and events, please visit:

[www.hughlane.ie](http://www.hughlane.ie)

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## ARTS OFFICE



**MusicTown** April 7 – 17<sup>th</sup> celebrated our rich music heritage and contemporary artistic expression through 10 days of packed events covering all genres of music from opera to hip hop, chamber music to electronica and beyond. A new addition to the programme was the inaugural Dublin Choral Festival which saw American choirs mix with local Irish choirs under the baton of David Brophy to packed and appreciative audiences in St. Patricks Cathedral. Overall audience figures for the festival reached approx. 12,000 over the course of festival and attracted very strong print and broadcast media coverage.



**International Literature Festival Dublin:** May 19 – 29. Dublin gets set to celebrate its historic and contemporary connection with literature by welcoming some of the biggest stars from the literary stage to the city this May. Celebrating words, language, literature and reading of all genres, ILFDublin will feature over 60 events in over 18 venues across the Capital City over nine days; from readings, discussions, interviews and debates to workshops, masterclasses and performances. Historically renowned for bringing the best Irish and international names to Dublin, this year's festival features a stellar line-up of writers including *Susie Orbach, Patrick McCabe, Ruby Wax, Elizabeth Strout, Colm Tóibín, Lisa McInerney, Richard Dawkins, Sally Rooney, Will Self, Madeleine Thien, Dušan Šarotar, Raja Shehadeh, Bettany Hughes, Dorit Rabinyan and Richard Ford*; poets *Michael Longley, Leontia Flynn, Kerrie O'Brien, Paula Meehan and Peter Wawerzinek*; journalists *Patrick Cockburn and Mary Fitzgerald*; filmmaker *Xiaolu Guo*; historian *Avi Shlaim*; and economist a *Yanis Varoufakis*. Previously announced participants include Norwegian crime writer *Jo Nesbø* and acclaimed producer, director, author and actor *Werner Herzog*. In a special post-festival event on June 11<sup>th</sup> ILFDublin delighted to welcome Man Booker prize winner Arundhati Roy (pictured). For further information on its extensive programme visit [www.ilfdublin.com](http://www.ilfdublin.com)

## The LAB Gallery



*Trying to behave*, a solo show by artist Theresa Nanigian in The Lab, Dublin from 6<sup>th</sup> April until early June, is part of the *just a bit extraordinary* tour. The tour, initiated by the Highlanes Gallery together with The LAB and Limerick City Gallery, is comprised of 'three chapters' in which the artist has chosen an equal number of idiosyncratic groups, loosely aligned to a particular stage in psychosocial development, to serve as her muse in exploring the expression of identity across the lifespan. The exhibition in The LAB consists of photographs taken at tea-dances at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, as well as, a short video projection of dancers from the Macushla Dance Club at DanceHouse, Dublin.

## Cruinniú Na Cásca: Free events in The LAB on Easter Monday



Complementary to the exhibition and as part Cruinniu na Casca celebrations, the Arts Office presented Off the Walls, a dance celebration in the LAB Gallery spilling out onto Foley Street. Responding to the large scale photographs filling the ground floor gallery, CoisCéim BROADREACH I showcased a new performance by young people and older people aged 50+ alongside an invitation to the public to join in and practise a few new moves!

On the same day the Arts Office presented the Nigerian Carnival production of William Butler Yeats' 'The Only Jealousy of Emer' originally staged on the Tenement Museum site on Henrietta Street as part of ILFDublin 2015 and supported by Yeats 2015. Part of the Cuchulainn Cycle of five plays about the life and death of the mythic Irish hero, 'The Only Jealousy of Emer' continues Yeats' experiments with Japanese Noh theatre as a way of bringing onto the stage demons, ghosts and supernatural events. The production was recreated in The Lab with the original Nigerian cast and audiences followed the production into different Studios in The Lab on Foley Street. Designed by Robert Ballagh and directed by Ray Yeates.

## Dublin's Culture Connects

### Dublin's Culture Connects is about connecting:

- **The National Neighbourhood** connects our citizens to their communities, to artists and to cultural institutions;
- **The Fundraising Fellowship Dublin** connects community groups and arts organisations to expertise to help them build capacity in the area of marketing and fundraising;
- **The Cultural Audit and Map** connects our visitors, our planners and our residents to the assets of the city and neighbourhoods;
- **The EU Lab** connects Dublin's ideas and innovations to Europe to partner on delivery and applications for EU Funding programmes, for the benefit of all.

### 1. Dublin's Culture Connects : The National Neighbourhood

Dublin's Culture Connects has worked on developing 8 core initiatives as part of the National Neighbourhood project. They are: Around the Table – Central Area; Alight! – South East Area; It takes a Village – North Central Area; Press Play – North West Area; Ships Passing in the Night – South East Area; The Passion Project – South Central Area; (Y)our Story – South Central Area; Out of the box – citywide.

In total	Quantity
Artists engaged on the projects	53
Other creative & cultural administrators who also worked on the projects	44
Community Groups involved	86
Representing Core Participants of	1,064
Dublin villages involved with the projects	29
Artistic Workshops held	300
Public events at National Cultural Institutions, in neighbourhoods and in public Libraries	49
Visits to Cultural Institutions with groups	92

Dublin City Council's initiative Dublin's Culture Connects received significant media coverage locally.

The last couple of weeks have seen The National Neighbourhood feature across media platforms as activities and events came to fruition.

### 2. Call out to Councilors and community groups in relation to the development of a 2017 National Neighbourhood engagement programme

Please suggest any community groups in your area that you would like to take part in the engagement process. Our community engagement will continue into 2017 in a number of ways, one of which is Tea & Chats. By visiting and listening to citizen groups in their community, on their home ground, it is possible to have honest conversations where people feel comfortable talking about their concerns and ideas. The ideas discussed at these sessions will be starting points for all the National Neighbourhood projects for 2017 and some of the groups also become involved in the projects themselves as they are developed. Contact [partnerships@dublincultureconnects.ie](mailto:partnerships@dublincultureconnects.ie)

### **3. The Cultural Audit and Mapping Project**

The Cultural Audit is underway as part of the Dublin's Culture Connects programme, and is identifying and recording information on the city's culture, spanning arts, heritage, sport, recreation, food, the environment, science and more. An online 'map' will be developed (hosted on Dublin.ie) to give residents and visitors a sense of what's at the heart of the city's many communities as well as providing information on cultural things to do; along with a resource to Dublin City Council and other policy makers to plan how they will support culture in Dublin.

This project requires the continued cooperation of a cross section of Dublin City Council departments for it to be realised.

### **4. Call out to community and cultural organisations for 9th May event**

Dublin's Culture Connects has arranged an opportunity for Local Community Organisations to attend and participate in an 'Introduction to Marketing' seminar. So far 65 Community groups and small cultural companies have registered to attend.

An Introduction to Marketing for Community Organisations will take place on Tuesday 9 May 2017 - 6.00pm-9.00pm at Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council, Dublin 8. The seminar designed to discuss, develop and enhance skills in the area of marketing for local and community based organisations. Open for everyone – please share the information. Secure a space by emailing: [info@dublinscultureconnects.ie](mailto:info@dublinscultureconnects.ie)

### **5. Fundraising Fellowship Dublin**

Four Cultural organisations were selected to participate in the Fundraising Fellowship, Dublin programme. Each of the selected organisations Helium Arts, Fishamble: The New Play Company, Temple Bar Gallery + Studios (with the exception of Dublin Theatre Festival) have now recruited a Marketing & Fundraising or Fundraising Fellow to participate in a training and mentoring programme. The formal training programme (which lasts 24 months) will begin in June 2017.

Each cultural organisation will be partnered with a local community organisation to develop their marketing and fundraising skills through a 12-month training programme. We are now launching an open call and application process for local community and cultural organisations to participate – please share the information - contact [info@dublinscultureconnects.ie](mailto:info@dublinscultureconnects.ie) for more information.

### **6. EU Lab**

The EU Lab, with 3 submissions made and 3 projects in the pipeline, will now begin a review phase, and in May 2017 it is intended to go to tender to continue the EU Lab project. It is intended that more cross-departmental engagement across economic and social development, planning, tech, arts, culture and enterprise will be developed internally within Dublin City Council and also with potential EU partners to advance further application opportunities.

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## **DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVE**

### **Statistics for first quarter 2017**

Visits to branch libraries	464,354
Items loaned	564,693*

\*Provisional figure as some data not yet available.

### **Creative Ireland**

At the request of Department of the Taoiseach/Creative Ireland a dedicated consultation session for the Dublin North East Inner City Area was held on 12<sup>th</sup> April. A third, open session, will be held in Wood Quay venue on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Libraries took part in the Cruinniú na Cásca event on Easter Monday, with the mobile library, book doctor, and puppet show, at Dublin Castle.

### **Dublin North East Inner City Taskforce – Readers-in-Residence**

Three readers have been appointed and have begun work. Two readers are working in primary schools in the area, with eight visits happening per reader per week, and a waiting list of classes to be involved as the year progresses.

One reader is working with youth clubs and has taken groups on field trips to launches, libraries, museums etc. The feedback so far has been very positive and the surveying of classes and teachers has provided useful information.

### **Projects - Update**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress/Current Status</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
Proposed New City Library, Parnell Square	Site investigations works commenced on site on 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 and are continuing, as are remedial works.	Site investigation works to be completed.
Kevin Street Library – Refurbishment	Construction works began on 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 and are continuing. A tender for furniture/fit-out was published on 18 <sup>th</sup> April with a closing date of 29 <sup>th</sup> May.	Completion of works/handover.
Library Management System	Following completion of the Implementation phase on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, a review of system parameters and performance, and required enhancements has begun. This national project is led and managed by Dublin City Council.	Review of system parameters and performance, and required enhancements.



Commemorations programme 2017 – historians-in-residence	Following completion of Garda vetting, the historians-in-residence project began on 25 <sup>th</sup> April with an introductory session for all the historians and library & archive's staff.	Commencement of programme.
Creative Ireland	Public consultation workshops held and a further workshop planned. Cruinniú event held.	Holding of third workshop; Collating of material for Creative Ireland activation plan.
Dublin North East Inner City Project – Readers-in-Residence programme	Three readers have been appointed and have begun work.	Work to continue; Interim reports due in June.
Dublin North East Inner City Project - CoderDojo programme	Co-ordinator selected and appointment being finalised.	Co-ordinator to take up position in May.

### Dates/Events for your Diary

Event	Location	Date / Time
<i>Bealtaine Festival</i> celebrating creativity as we age. Thirty-nine events have been arranged to offer new experiences to be creative and to enjoy music, film, and literature in local library venues.	Branch library network	Month of May
Emma Donoghue will read from her first children's book <i>The Lottery's Plus One</i> at a special event for schools.	Liberty Hall	9 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>The photograph staging of the book</i> - Books in Life is an exhibition of photographs by Jean-Marc which show how books hook, transform, challenge us, and ignite our imaginations.	Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street.	18th May at 6.30pm
Gulliver's Travels - an action packed spoken-word adventure for a younger audience, written and performed by award-winning <i>Knights of the Borrowed Dark</i> author Dave Rudden and musician Jerry Fish.	Smock Alley Theatre	25th May

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date / Time</b>
<i>Age Friendly Over 55s Open Day</i> in co-operation with Central Area Office	Central Library, ILAC Centre	31 <sup>st</sup> May, 1pm-5pm
Man Booker Prize-winner Paul Beatty will read from his novel <i>The Sellout</i> .	Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street.	7 <sup>th</sup> June.

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