

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Community Development Section Report

SEPTEMBER 2017

- Sept 1st:** Tour of Glasnevin Cemetery (as Gaeilge) 12noon
Sept 2nd: Launch of Terenure Walking Trail 12noon
Greenlea Road Family Fun Day 2pm
South Hill Family Fun Day 2pm
Sept 5th: Dance for Life – restarts 11pm Evergreen Centre
Sept 7th: City Neighbourhood Awards South East Area – 6pm Civic offices
Sept 8th: Cinema on the Green – Sandymount – dusk
Sept 9th: Brazilian Independence Day 1pm
Sept 12th: Let's Walk & Talk visit to Airfield – meet outside Barge Pub 2pm
Sept 14th: Parent & Toddler Group re starts 10-12pm (Evergreen Club)
Sept 15th: Let's Walk & Talk tour of Airfield (as Gaeilge)
Meeting House Square - 12noon
Sept 16th: Terenure Family Fun Day 1-4pm (Bushy Park)
Sept 17th: BADRA Harvest Festival 1-5pm (Dodder Walkway)
Sept 21st: City Neighbourhoods Dublin Citywide Awards Night
Croke Park 6pm
Sept 22nd: Culture Night – Various activities throughout South East Area
Canalophonic Festival – Details TBC
Sept 23rd: Let's Walk & Talk visit to Airfield – Dropping Well 2pm
Sept 28th: Galway Girl – Rathgar Ladies Club 7.30pm (St. Patricks Hall)
Sept 27th
– Oct: October: Ranelagh Arts Festival – Full details to follow

Weekly Activities:

- Every Tuesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street
 - Every Wednesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in Spanish** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street
 - Every Thursday at 2pm - **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at Sandymount Green
 - Every Thursday from 3-5pm – **Knitting Classes** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
 - Every Friday at 11am - **Let's Walk & Talk as Gaeilge** walking group, meeting at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar
 - Every Friday at 11am - **Let's Walk & Talk in French** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street
 - Every Saturday from 11-4pm – **Terenure Village Market** at Bushy Park
 - Every Saturday at 2pm - **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at the car park of the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown
- In addition to the above a number of weekly events continue to take place as part of ongoing community work.

Older persons' activities, weekly walks, (yoga, knitting club weekly events) Friends of Green Spaces, allotment links etc

Friends of Green Spaces:

Specific work and projects in:

Beech Hill, Dunville Avenue, Heskin Court, Macken Street, Magennis Square, Northbrook Avenue, Pearse House, Ringsend, Verschoyle Court and York Street.

Company Volunteer Clean-up Projects Day in Verschoyle Court and St. Patrick's School garden in June.

Tidy Towns and Dublin City Council City Neighbourhood Competition support with village cleaning flowering and greening through main plant sales and direct work in Donnybrook, Harold's Cross, Lansdowne Park, Palmerston Park, Rathmines, Ranelagh, Terenure and Sandymount.

The main judging has taken place but we are encouraging all residents to keep cleaning, tidying and greening the key villages.

The 2018 grants process will begin soon and notification will issue to all councillors and residents' groups in the South East Area.

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Environmental Services Unit Report

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition 2017

The category winners for the South East Area were announced on Tuesday 7th September at a function in the Wood Quay Venue. The city-wide award winners and runners up will be announced in Croke Park on Thursday 21st September.

Weed Control

The second round of weed control throughout the South East Area has now been completed.

Events

- Culture Night 2017, Friday 22nd September
- Canalaphonic Festival, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September
- Great Dublin Bike Ride, Sunday 24th September
- ARC Cancer Support Torch of Hope Walk, Sunday 8th October

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Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Southern Campshires Flood Protection Scheme

The contractor moved on site on 23rd October 2014. The works are being carried out by the Office of Public Works (OPW) and various sub-contractors and supervised by various consultants for different aspects of these works. The Southern Campshires Project is substantially complete from a flood protection point of view in that outstanding flood barriers can be installed on a temporary basis prior to a forecast tidal flooding event. Outstanding minor works are programmed to be installed over the next six months.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 12th July 2017. It was agreed to commence a pilot Canal Warden scheme with Waterways Ireland. Canalaphonic Festival will take place this year on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September in Rathmines and Portobello. A full programme of events will be advertised shortly. An Event Management Plan (EMP) has been prepared and pre-event meetings have been arranged. This year the festival is very kindly sponsored and supported by: South East Area Office, Clancourt Group, McGarrell Reilly Group, Green properties, Dublin City Council Arts Office, Dublin City Council Events Section, Fáilte Ireland and Waterways Ireland. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on Wed 6th September 2017.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January 2015 South East Area Committee. The Part 8 was approved at the meeting of the City Council on 9th January 2017. Implementation works will commence with re-alignment of the bring centre. Waste Management Section has issued a tender document and works will commence in Sept 2017. Consultation was carried out with three local primary schools in relation to providing a nature play area in the woodland area. Tender has now been issued and works should commence in September /October 2017 on site.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

The Part 8 was approved by the City Council in July 2015. The playground has now been completed. Other elements of the Part 8, including bird garden, planting, works to pond edging and island will be carried out later in 2017.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

A draft Local Environment Improvement Plan was put on public display for consultation for a period of 6 weeks from 18th January 2017 until 28th February 2017 and 39 submissions were received. The final Local Environment Improvement Plan, taking all submissions into consideration, was adopted at the June South East Area Committee. Work will begin on preparation of Part 8 application in relation to Library Square and Cambridge Road later in 2017.

Terenure 2030

In 2016 six new lamp standards were provided in the village along with cycle parking and

new litter bins. A further five new lamp standards have now been identified and Public Lighting Section has been instructed to cost, order and install in 2017.

Charlemont

Construction of the new homes has progressed well and is nearing completion, it is expected that the handover will be in mid-October 2017. The Project Office continues to liaise with the residents and the various agencies involved. Dublin City Council recognises that we are moving into a very busy and demanding phase of the project and we would hope to make the transition as smooth as possible for everyone involved.

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Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Report

Beat the Street

Beat the Street is an innovative walking and cycling initiative designed to get young people and communities moving by turning a town / city into a giant game. Last year 865 schools across the UK and Northern Ireland were involved in the programme which saw more than 300,000 people participating. From 13th September to 1st November 2017 Beat the Street is coming to Dublin and will be rolled out in 51 schools, primarily across Dublin South Central & South East Areas.

The aim of the programme is to inspire people to make small changes to improve their physical activity levels and health by encouraging walking or cycling as a way of getting from place to place e.g. to and from school. Beat Boxes will be placed throughout these areas that enable participants to tap with cards or fobs in order to score points and win prizes. The further the distance travelled the more points accumulated. Prizes include All Ireland Hurling and football tickets, World Cup Qualifier Moldova vs. Ireland soccer tickets, vouchers for lifestyle sports up to €500 and other prizes such as signed sports memorabilia.

Beat the Street's fun competitive element not only allows schools to compete against each other – it also encourages the whole family and neighbourhood to get involved meaning parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, streets etc. can form teams, climb to the top of a leader board and be crowned winner of the competition. Cards / fobs for the programme will be available to the general public from early September 2017 in Dublin City Council libraries and Sport & Fitness Centres – specific locations are listed on www.beatthestreet.me/dublin.

This initiative is being delivered by Intelligent Health (the creators of Beat the Street) on behalf of the Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, Dublin City Council, Healthy Ireland, the Dormant Accounts Fund and Sport Ireland. For more information on Beat the Street, the Dublin City Engagement Manager, Helena McColgan can be contacted by email at helena.mccolgan@intelligenthealth.co.uk or by phone on 0044 7825 630 544.

Great Dublin Bike Ride

This fantastic event, supported by DCSWP, takes place on Sunday 24th September and comprises of a 60k or 100k cycle around north Dublin, finishing to great fanfare in Smithfield Square. It is open to cyclists of all abilities and any of our Sports Officers who are delivering a Bike for Life Course in their area will have the opportunity to obtain free registrations for the participants involved.

Men on the Move

This is a free physical activity programme aimed at adult men who have been inactive for a sustained period and want to get back to exercising and improving their fitness levels. It involves twice weekly exercise sessions made up of a combination of aerobic, strength & flexibility components.

The 12 week programme will run in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Terenure Road East, on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and also in the Evergreen Centre, Terenure Road North, on Thursday evenings at 7pm. This programme is a joint initiative between the HSE Health Promotion & Improvement Officer, David Phelan, and the local DCSWP Sports Officer, Michelle Malone. For further details or to sign up please contact David on 222 7734 / 087 652 5001 or david.phelan6@mail.dcu.ie

Couch to 5K

A 0 – 5K running programme is taking place with staff of St. Vincent's Hospital in partnership with the hospital's Health Promotion Office. There are 2 groups currently participating every Tuesday afternoon - one at 4.30pm and the other at 5.30pm. Participants will then be encouraged to attend their local park run.

Bike for Life

A Bike for Life 8-week Beginner Course is taking place every Thursday evening at 7pm in Terenure. The programme will run until the middle of October with participants also taking part in the Great Dublin Bike Ride in late September. The programme is aimed at adult novice cyclists who want to improve their skills and fitness.

Forever Fit

Chair fit classes will start on Tuesday 14th September at 10.30am in the Enterprise Centre, Terenure. Classes are aimed at older adults in the area and will run for 6 weeks.

Yoga with Headways

Yoga classes for adults with acquired brain injuries will take place in Headway Ireland's facility in Sandymount for an 8-week run. Classes can contribute towards an improvement in the participant's mobility & range of motion and also help increase confidence levels.

Sports & Fitness Markievicz

Learn to Swim: Monday 18th September sees the return of children's swimming lessons. Classes will take place each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 3.15pm & 4.15pm.

Aquaphysical Classes: Sports & Fitness Markievicz proudly announce the roll out of these classes, the first fitness centre in Ireland to do so. Taster sessions will run on Tuesday lunchtimes & Wednesday evenings from 12th September for 2 weeks.

Sports & Fitness Irishtown

Charity Event: A 'Kettlebell Mile' walk for charity will take place on the running track between 1.30pm & 4.30pm on Saturday, October 7th.

Football

Sprog Soccer: This initiative for 4 – 8 year olds takes place every Friday morning in Sports & Fitness Irishtown (currently 60 participants) and every Wednesday at 9.30am in YMCA Aungier St (currently 80 participants).

Club Development: A Player Development Workshop will be held in Cambridge Boys FC Clubhouse on Saturday 16th September for local coaches in the South East Area.

Men's League: Ongoing every Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm in Ringsend Park.

Football for All: This programme is aimed at young people with learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities and takes place in Irishtown Stadium on Fridays 5pm – 6pm. There are currently 15 participants.

UEFA Grassroots Week takes place during the last week of September and the FAI / Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Development Officer will be organising soccer festivals and school visits throughout the week, aimed specifically at increasing female participation.

FARE: Since 2001, UEFA has forged a close partnership with the FARE network, which comprises groups and bodies working against intolerance and discrimination across the continent. FARE 'Action Weeks' (October 5th – 19th) aim to spread the 'Say No to Racism' message. The FAI / DCSWP Development Officer will be working with the FAI's Intercultural Department to deliver Classroom Sessions to two schools in the South East Area as part of this programme.

Rugby

Our Leinster Rugby Development Officer has now re-commenced Primary & Secondary School Programmes in the South East Area. The Primary Programme consists of weekly tag rugby sessions and is aimed at 4th, 5th & 6th class pupils. Sessions will run until mid-October.

The Secondary Programmes (targeting both boys & girls schools) will commence with tag sessions for TY students, eventually leading to full contact 7 or 10-a-side matches. This transition will occur once participants have familiarised themselves with the rules, skills & tackling technique etc. required to be able to play the game in a safe manner.

The Leinster Rugby Development Officer hopes to run a Metro blitz in early October, date & venue tbc.

Rowing

Get Going... Get Rowing

This initiative, jointly supported by DCSWP, Sport Ireland, Healthy Ireland, Active School Flag & Trinity College, has been successfully rolled out for a number of years by Rowing Ireland's Leinster Women's Development Officer, Michelle Carpenter. This is a 4/6 week school's programme for girls (second level). Rowing Ireland provide rowing machines and a community coach to the schools.

A Transition Year Programme gives students the opportunity to get on the first step of the coaching ladder and enables them to be involved in a youth leadership role, working in a fun and interactive environment with younger students and hence, bringing value to the school.

Olympic Values Education Programme (accompanies above programme)

Students will be taught values such as fair play, respect, dignity etc. through rowing. Get Going ... Get Rowing will be the first programme in Ireland to roll this out. School's partaking in this include-

- *Presentation College, Terenure*
- *Our Lady's School, Templeogue Road, Terenure*
- *High School, Rathgar*

Taster Sessions

As part of European Week of Sport (Sept 23rd – 30th), a number of 'on the water' taster sessions will be delivered at various locations. These sessions will be open to anyone of any age who wishes to try their hand at rowing.

Boxing

The Boxing Development Officer for the area has now commenced the rollout of a five week 'Startbox Bronze' programme in the following schools:

PRIMARY

- *St. Louis National School (76 students, mixed; 3 sessions per week)*
- *City Quay National School (49 students, mixed; 2 sessions per week)*
- *Star of the Sea Boys' National School (60 students; 2 sessions per week)*
- *Scoil Chaitríona, Baggot Street (30 students, mixed; 1 session per week)*

TRANSITION YEAR

- *Marian College (64 students, boys; 2 sessions per week)*
- *Good Counsel (75 students, mixed; 3 sessions per week)*

- The Boxing Development Officer will also be working with Roslyn Park College and the Spellman Centre (for people with addiction issues) between September and Christmas.

Cricket

Our Cricket Development Officer is liaising with DCSWP Sports Officers in the area to plan programmes for the period September to Christmas.

School coaching visits will re-commence in late September

Provincial cricket sessions start back in early October on Friday nights from 5pm - 9.30pm in North County Cricket Club, where we have a number of players from the South East Area involved in these sessions. Players are between 10 and 18 years of age.

Older Adults' Sports Day

DCSWP's annual Older Adult Sports Day will take place on Wednesday, September 27th, in Trinity College. Sports Officers from across the city will bring groups along to the event, who in turn will compete in various activities in a fun & positive environment.

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