

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

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

Community Development Section Report

- Sep 27–Oct:** Ranelagh Arts Festival – Facebook: Ranelagh Arts Festival for full details.
- Oct 1st:** Ranelagh Community Dog Show at Dartmouth Square from 12-2pm. Registration from 10am.
- Oct 4th:** Verschoyle Court Social History Project at 11am.
Mount Drummond Social History Project at 3pm.
- Oct 6th:** Bimís ag Siúl agus ag Caint – Tour of Clondalkin Round Tower. Meet at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar at 11am.
- Oct 7th:** Latin American Children’s Day at Archbishop Byrne Hall, Synge Street from 2pm.
- Oct 8th:** Ranelagh Children’s Garden Party at Mount Pleasant Square from 1pm
Bath Avenue Harvest Festival from 2.30 - 5pm.
- Oct 11th:** Verschoyle Court Social History Project at 11am.
Mount Drummond Social History Project at 3pm.
- Oct 26nd:** Pearse Street Halloween Sing along afternoon at St. Andrew’s Resource Day Care Centre at 2pm.
- 27 - 31st Oct:** Sandymount Halloween Pumpkin & Scarecrow Festival
Ringsend Halloween Festival – Dockers & Demons.
- Oct 27th:** Closing date for applications for the Dublin City Council Community Grants Scheme 5pm.
Terenure Halloween Tea Dance at the Evergreen Centre 2 - 4pm.
- Oct 28th:** Terenure Halloween Market, Bushy Park from 11 - 4pm.
- Oct 29th:** “Souls of Donnybrook” for Sunday 29th October. Consisting of: Halloween costume parade and competition for all ages, dance display from local Youth Club, Remembrance finale for all “Souls of Donnybrook” and a dusk tour of local Donnybrook Graveyard by local historians as a preamble to Souls event.
- 27-31st Oct:** Sandymount Halloween Pumpkin & Scarecrow Festival Ringsend Halloween Festival.
- Oct 31st:** Donnybrook Halloween Sing along Afternoon at Parish Centre, Church of the Sacred Heart 2.30pm.

Weekly Activities:

- Every Monday from 2 - 3.30pm – **Maxwell Court Art Classes** at Maxwell Court, Rathmines.
- Every Tuesday at 11am – **Dance for Life** dance classes for older people at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- 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 10am – **Parent & Toddlers’ Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- 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 area did very well in the City Neighbourhood Awards, we eagerly await the Pride of Place and Tidy Towns Results, but we are encouraging all residents to keep cleaning, tidying and greening the key villages.

2018 Community Grants:

The Community Grants Application Forms for 2018 are now available.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 27th October 2017 at 5.00PM.** Applications received after that date cannot be accepted.

Applications should be returned to:-

**Dublin City Council
Community and Social Development Section
Block 3, Floor 1
Civic Offices
Wood Quay
Dublin 8**

Claims that any application form has been lost or delayed in the post will not be considered, unless applicants have a Post Office Certificate of Posting in support of such claims.

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Environmental Services Unit Report

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition 2017

The city-wide award winners and runners-up were announced in Croke Park on Thursday 21st September. A list of winners was emailed to south east area councillors.

Tidy Towns 2017

Tidy Towns results were announced in late September and all of the entrants in our area improved their marks year on year over the last four years, as detailed below. Sandymount topped Category B.

	Category	2014	2015	2016	2017
Donnybrook	B	243	253	263	276
Ranelagh	C	-	230	234	249
Sandymount	B	269	274	279	289
Temple Bar	D	274	276	279	283
Terenure	E	279	284	286	292

Pride of Place Awards 2017

Terenure is the nomination from the south east area for this year's all-Ireland Pride of Place competition and the results will be announced in December.

Events

- Bram Stoker Festival 27th to 30th October
- SSE Airtricity Dublin Marathon, Sunday 29th October

Halloween

The South East Area will work, in conjunction with the Gardaí where necessary, to tackle issues as they arise over the next few weeks up to and including Halloween, which this year falls on the Tuesday after the bank holiday Monday. Some bonfire material has already been collected in the South East Area and the area will continue to be monitored. Safety campaigns will be promoted by the Gardaí, Dublin City Council (DCC) Fire Services and DCC Media Relations.

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Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Charlemont

Practical completion for French Mullen House is scheduled for mid October 2017. Dublin City Council Project Office continues to communicate with the residents and the neighbours.

Canon Mooney

A small amount of exterior works for this phase should be completed in the coming weeks. We are in the process of engaging a contractor to carry out extensive roof works.

Crampton Buildings

The new lease for Crampton Buildings will be in front of city council on 10th October. The Law Department has been instructed to complete the acquisition of the courtyard.

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 6th September 2017. It was agreed to commence a pilot Canal Warden scheme with Waterways Ireland. Canalaphonic Festival took place on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September in Rathmines and Portobello and was a great success. This year the festival was 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 in October 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 awarded tender 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. Tenders have now been returned and works should commence in Sept/Oct 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 planning 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.

GB Shaw House

A copy of the lease has been received and the Law Department is examining the conditions contained in the lease and the implications for any works that we need to undertake. Conversations have taken place between libraries and city architects who are examining the resources required to deliver the project.

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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 United Kingdom and Northern Ireland were involved in the programme, which saw more than 300,000 people participating. Launched on 13th September and running until 1st November, Beat the Street is currently 'live' in Dublin and has been 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 are 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 are available to the general public 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 (DCSWP), Dublin City Council (DCC), 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.

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 is currently running 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 Health Services Executive (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 6525 001 or david.phelan6@mail.dcu.ie

Couch to 5K

There will be a number of Couch to 5K programmes running in the South East Area during October and November. Two of these sessions will take place in Ringsend Park and Herbert Park respectively. The participants are local parents that will meet after dropping off their children to school. It is envisaged that they will take part in the Remembrance Run on Sunday 12th November in the Phoenix Park (free entry provided) and also continue to participate in local Parkruns which operate every Saturday 9.30am.

A similar programme is also taking place with staff of St. Vincent's Hospital in partnership with the hospital's Health Promotion Office. There are two groups currently participating every Tuesday afternoon - one at 4.30pm and the other at 5.30pm.

A further programme has also commenced in Ranelagh. The runs are open to the general public and set off from Ranelagh Village. Again, it is envisaged that participants from both these groups will take part in the Remembrance Run on Sunday 12th November in Phoenix Park (free entry provided) and also continue to participate in their local Parkrun.

The programmes are a partnership between the DCSWP Sports Officer, local schools or organisations, Parkrun and Athletics Ireland.

Dance for Life

Dance classes for older adults take place at the Evergreen Centre in Terenure every Tuesday at 11am. Classes are €4 per session and a great way to meet new people and keep fit.

Forever Fit

Chair fit classes will continue every Thursday morning at 10.30am in the Enterprise Centre, Terenure. Classes are aimed at older adults in the area and run for 6 weeks.

Two further Forever Fit programmes will operate each week in the Ringsend / Irishtown area. The programme involves a range of physical activities for older adults. Activities may include Go for Life Games, Tai Chi etc.

The programmes are run as a partnership between the DCSWP Sports Officer and the Active Retirement Groups.

'Give it a Try' Rugby

There will be a *Give it a Try* Rugby Programme in Trinity College during October. The aim of the programme is to encourage new students and local women over 18 to get involved in rugby. The programme is run in partnership between the IRFU, Trinity College and the DCSWP Sports Officer.

Thrive

Thrive is a programme geared towards engaging people with mental health difficulties. The programme will link with participants from Headway Ireland and introduce Yoga over eight weeks so that participants can gain a basic understanding. Classes can contribute towards an improvement in the participant's mobility & range of motion and also help increase confidence levels.

Halloween Camp

A Halloween camp will operate in Irishtown Stadium from Tuesday 31st October until Friday 3rd November. The camp will cater for up to 80 young people aged between 6 - 12 years. The days will comprise of an FAI Soccer Camp from 10am - 1pm and a multi-sports session from 1pm - 3pm. The camp is a partnership between the local FAI / DCSWP Development Officer, DCSWP Sports Officers & Irishtown Stadium.

Sports & Fitness Markievicz

Learn to Swim: Children's swimming lessons have recommenced. 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! Classes take place on Tuesday lunchtimes & Wednesday evenings. Please contact the centre directly for more details.

Pilates: New classes now taking place every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Please contact the centre directly for more details.

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 Augier Street (currently 80 participants).

Club Development: A Kick Start Course for local coaches will be held on October 13th & 14th in Irishtown Stadium.

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.

Soccer Sisters: A six week intro programme for girls from St. Brigid's Primary School.

Rugby

Our Leinster Rugby Development Officer has now recommenced 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.

The secondary programmes (targeting both boys' & girls' schools) will commence with tag sessions for TY students, eventually leading to full contact seven or ten-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.

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

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 (for people with learning difficulties) and the Spellman Centre (for people with addiction issues) up until Christmas.

It is planned to host weekly fitness sessions for a teenage girls group and also a young men's group aged 18 - 25 years that currently engage with the local youth service. During the planning stages of the programme, participants decided that boxing would be the activity of choice. It is planned to use the facilities at St. Andrew's Resource Centre and link in with the IABA / DCSWP Boxing Development Officer. The programme will run as a partnership between the DCSWP Sports Officer, St. Andrew's Resource Centre, local youth service and the IABA / DCSWP Boxing Development Officer. It is an aim of this programme that participants may link with 'the Ringer' Boxing Club, which was recently established.

Cricket

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

School coaching visits have re-commenced in Star of the Sea B.N.S. and St. Matthew's National School, Sandymount.

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.

Our annual Dublin City U12 and U14 Cricket Camp will be taking place on the 1st and 2nd of November in North County Cricket Club from 10am - 4.30pm, where we have participants from all Dublin City areas combined.

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