



### **Update Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy**

1. Adopt the UNESCO cultural rights of the child charter, and with particular reference to this strategy, Article 31 of the charter which states:  
“States Parties recognize the right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.  
  
States Parties shall respect and promote the right of the child to participate fully in cultural and artistic life and shall encourage the provision of appropriate and equal opportunities for cultural, artistic, recreational and leisure activity”.
2. Perform an Audit on existing strategic educational partnerships in Dublin City Council.
3. Establish a structure and guiding principles for these strategic partnerships in all areas of Education and Culture ;

On Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> at The Oak Room almost of all of the DCC sections dealing with children arts culture and creativity met as part of The Young Dublin Assembly. The keynote speech was given by the Ombudsman for Children and this was followed by short presentations from many colleagues including Libraries, Hugh Lane, Parks, Arts Office, Play Development, Homeless Services, Comhairle na nÓg, Sports Office, Dublin Culture Company and more.

The scale and diversity of the programming involved was impressive and showed that children and their rights to play rest and be creative were highly valued by and form a significant part of the workplan of DCC.

Collaborations are already emerging internally and externally from this conference.

This event formed part of Cruinniú na nÓg the first year of a new initiative by the Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht Creative Ireland Programme supported by R.T.E celebrating children’s creativity nationally which the Dublin City Council Culture Company is co-ordinating in Dublin with 120 events taking part in communities and neighbourhoods throughout the City.

The Arts Office hosted the Monto Cruinniú at Liberty Park, Dance House and The Lab with free workshops and classes for children and families and local children’s dance and drama groups performing in Liberty Park. Area offices and all other City Council sections partnered in over 120 events in Dublin.

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