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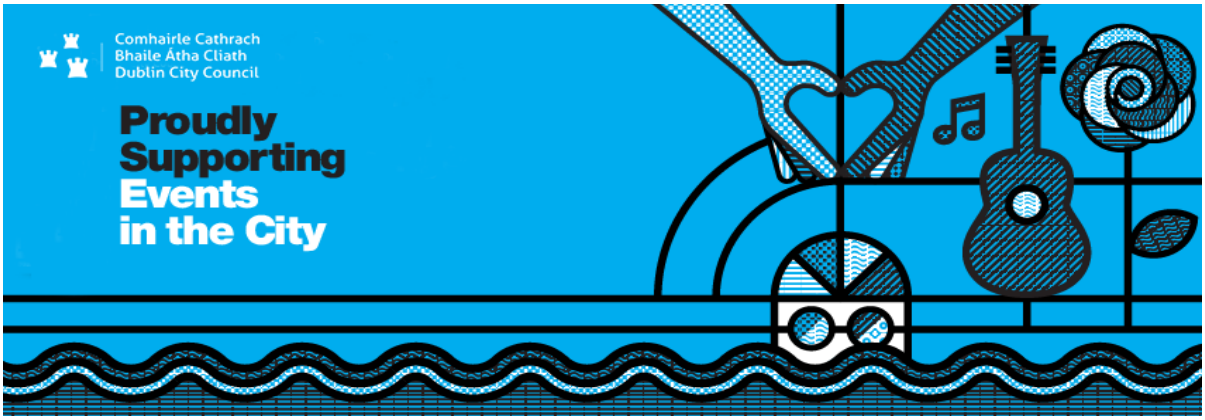
MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT



EVENTS

Women's Hockey Team – Civic Reception

Hockey fans and supporters were given their chance to celebrate with the Irish Women's Hockey Team, following their recent success at the Women's Hockey World Cup and reaching the final. In recognition of this wonderful achievement and the overwhelming national feeling of pride, a special outdoor civic reception in the city centre for the team and their supporters was organised at short notice.

Celebrations began early on Dame Street, with excited fans entertained with music before the arrival of their heroes. Up to 5,000 ecstatic supporters lined Dame Street with flags and banners to welcome the squad and show their appreciation for the jubilant team.

Following a private reception held in City Hall for friends and families, the team were then welcomed onto the stage and greeted with rapturous applause and emotional celebrations. Des Cahill stepped in to compère the event, with proud addresses also given by the Lord Mayor, Minister Shane Ross and other dignitaries. Each of the 18 squad members were then introduced to the crowd and given an opportunity to tell their own unique road to success stories.

Liberties Festival
The Liberties Festival took place from the 18th – 22nd July 2018 in the greater Liberties area. This festival has been in existence for 48 years with the past few years seeing the festival grow with a series of community and family-friendly events, including a multi-cultural and arts programme encompassing visual art, film, dance, comedy, literature and music. Included in this year's festival programme were an outdoor cinema and a Family Fun Day in St. Patrick's Park, both of which were free events.

Dublin Goes Country
The Dublin Goes Country Event took place on 15th July on Smithfield Plaza. This was the first year for this well run event; however, torrential rain meant that the attendance was affected. Unfortunately the weather has a major impact on outdoor events and while the first year was disappointing, it is believed that the event has the potential to grow and develop.

Festival of Curiosity
This year's Festival of Curiosity, which ran from July 19th – 22nd, provided a cultural feast of unique, visual and interactive experiences in Dublin, merging cutting edge technology, design, arts and science in playful, immersive and curious ways. Up to 50,000 people of all ages attended the events across the city centre. The activities included interactive and

immersive experiences, curiosity carnivals, performances, visual art, theatre, film, secret tours, and for the first time an interactive playground on Wolfe Tone Square, designed for young children.

Hotter Than July

Hotter than July is an annual free, family-friendly world music festival, now in its fifth year, which celebrates the cultural diversity in Dublin City. Presented by Improvised Music Company and Dublin City Council, this year's festival returned to Smithfield on July 29th with a jam packed programme of feel-good rhythms and exciting performances of music and dance where large crowds of all ages gathered to enjoy musical acts from across the globe. This year's festival was deemed to be a great success which attracted crowds of up to 5,000 attendees across the course of the day.

Filming Update

A number of national and international productions have been shooting in Dublin, notable commercial content includes Road Safety Authority, Just Eat, Electric Ireland, Focus Ireland, Electric Picnic, Premier League and Cadbury sponsorship.

In production/upcoming productions

Taken Down is produced for RTÉ by Spiral Pictures with funding from the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland and Section 481 is still in production in Dublin city. The series centres on Detective Jen Rooney (Lynn Rafferty) who investigates the violent death of a young Nigerian migrant found abandoned close to a Direct Provision Centre, where refugees wait for political asylum.

Jim Sheridan's, *A Walk Through Dublin*, is a reflective piece looking at parts of Dublin most treasured to the Irish playwright, screenwriter, film director, and film producer.

Sheridan directed two critically acclaimed films set in Ireland which, between them, received 13 Academy Award nominations.

Great House Revival from Amino TV has started production of season two in this very popular design programme featuring Architect Hugh Wallace.

In *Ocean Treks*, Emmy-winning host Jeff Corwin takes viewers aboard some of the world's top cruise ships with this series.

House Hunters International sees home hunters and their realtors check out properties in other countries weighing up the pros and cons of them.

Mighty Cruise Ships is a documentary television programme produced by Exploration Production Inc. in Canada and aired on Discovery Channel Canada.

Upcoming Productions

Cold Courage

This film will start shooting in October and Dublin will play London, in this Irish and Finnish co-production.

Dublin Murders

This crime series, based on the novels by Tana French, will be a British and Irish co-production and will start production in October.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	**Event**	**Location**
8/9/18 to 23/9/18	Fringe Festival	Various Locations
15/9/18	Bluefire Festival	Smithfield
21/9/18	Culture Night	Various locations
23/09/18	Great Dublin Bike Ride	City centre start and finish
23/10/18	Smithfield Food Festival and Busker Fleadh	Smithfield
24/10/18 – 28/10/18	Bram Stoker Festival	Various locations

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PARKS AND LANDSCAPES SERVICES

PARKS CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Plan	Progress/Current status	Next Stage
St. Audeon's Park Phase 1 works	Additional works commenced	Works due to finish November 2018
Liberties (Greening project)	Refurbishment of the Central Median at High Street – trees planted, planting of hedging postponed	Works due to be completed Quarter 4 2018
Le Fanu Skatepark	Construction re-scheduled to commence February 2019	Expected completion date August 2019
Bluebell All Weather Pitch	Construction work commenced July 2018	Expected completion date Oct/Nov 2018
St. James' Graveyard Conservation Project	Preferred bidder selected for work on Phase 1 - Conservation repairs to memorial and wall	Works due to commence end of August 2018 and expected completion date January 2019

Green Flag Awards 2018

Dublin City Council Parks and Landscape Services were successful in retaining all 5 Green Flag Awards in 2018 for the following Parks: St. Anne's, Poppintree, Markievicz, Bushy and The Basin at Blessington Street. This is an international benchmarking standard for Parks and open green spaces. The parks are judged on horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability and community involvement. The photo below was taken on the day of the ceremony and includes two District Parks Officers from the South East and the Central District along with some of the Gardeners who were involved in the preparations this year.

L-R: Joe O'Reilly, Ciaran Farrelly, David Gilthorpe, John Tighe, Brid Conroy, Austin Dillon, Ed Bowden

To be eligible for the Green Flag Awards staff must actively work to reduce weed killer and pesticides and aim for zero usage. By minimising chemicals it is more difficult to control weeds. This is achieved by using salt and vinegar compounds around pavements and mulch around trees and beds. The loss of four large oaks from the park's natural woodland following Storms Emma and Ophelia didn't automatically result in a plethora of fire wood. Dying or fallen trees are made safe but aren't always cleared as branches can be a habitat for wildlife and prunings are used for valuable compost.

The grass isn't always cut, areas are set to grow fallow so plants like clover can flower which can't happen with regular cutting. The Green Flag strategy nurtures pollinator plants of which there are 100 species to support bees in their role as fertilisers. This environmentally sustainable way of managing parks and green spaces is designed to boost diversity and create long term habitats.
Working towards these coveted awards is an all year round effort by staff in the Parks and Landscape Services and maintaining all 5 Green Flags is an achievement they are very proud of.

ST. ANNE'S PARK ROSE FESTIVAL
Dublin City Council Parks and Landscape Services have recently concluded a very successful 2018 Rose Festival, held in the beautiful surroundings of St. Anne's Park. The ever popular festival saw record crowds attending over the glorious weekend of the 14th /15th July. The festival is planned and managed entirely by City Council Staff.

The festival this year included over 50 vendors selling food, gifts, plants, garden furniture, arts & crafts, jewellery, pet care and lots more. Other attractions over the weekend included a children's play area which was run by Dublin City Council's Play Development Team, a Biodiversity Hub, Archaeology workshops, a Big Bear Planetarium and an ECO village with lots of information and daily workshops on Biodiversity, Sustainability, Ecology and Climate Change – all delivered in a fun and informative way. For entertainment music was provided by an eclectic collection of bands delivering a wide range of music to suit all tastes. Back by popular demand to coincide with International Wuthering Heights Day on Saturday was

‘Shambush’, a dance marathon inspired by Kate Bush which was enjoyed by all those who participated. Following the review last year and to cater for requests from the public we provided a mobile ATM machine in the park this year which was very much appreciated by those who availed of it.

Bushy Park Sports Facilities

City Council owned Tennis and Padel courts have seen an increase in activity this summer. The good weather is partly attributed for the take-up but so too is the active management of training programmes and courts by a number of organisations. Their presence is also credited with deterring anti-social behaviour. As part of the Parks and Landscape Capital Programme 2017 – 2020 Four Padel Courts, the first of their kind in Ireland, were developed in Bushy Park. The Padel Federation of Ireland operates this facility on behalf of the City Council to a very high standard. Similar projects that have been developed from capital monies include upgraded tennis courts at Rockfield Park, Herbert Park and St. Anne’s Park.

An aerial view of the Padel and Tennis Courts at Bushy Park

Tree Sculpture

The carving of the Monterey cypress standing at the junction of Watermill Road and James Larkin Road in Raheny is now fully complete. The carving was carried out by Tommy Craggs, who makes a living travelling around the world carving all matter of creatures, animals and figurative works into trees. The finished piece is a major feature in the landscape in this area and is without doubt a talking point for all who pass by.

The sculpture tells a story which relates to biodiversity in the nearby Dublin Bay Biosphere. Looking at the Sculpture you can see three tiers of wildlife – birds at the top, earth-bound creatures in the middle, and marine life lower down. These species can all be found locally in St Anne’s park, in the wildlife sanctuary on Bull Island and in Dublin Bay.

Tommy has become well known in the area, while working on this carving, with lots of people stopping to have a chat and ask him about his work.

The tree is a North side land mark forever on display. It is lit up at night time and has a hard apron set in around it to make it easier for people to get close to the tree to see the finer detail of this beautiful carving.

Tree Sculpture in Raheny, carved by Tommy Craggs

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DUBLIN CITY SPORT AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

Dublin Sportsfest

The inaugural Dublin Sportsfest, which takes place during European Week of Sport (September 23rd – 30th), will be officially launched by the Lord Mayor, Nial Ring, in Irishtown Stadium at 10.30am on Tuesday the 4th of September. High profile ambassadors from various sporting spectrums will be present on the day and during the week itself. The focus of Dublin Sportsfest is encouraging participation across all ages, backgrounds and abilities and, importantly, sustainability. There will also be the added bonus of the chance to showcase DCC's many sport and recreation facilities.

The festival will comprise of a week-long programme of innovative events and promotions across many of DCC's facilities, parks and urban spaces. Our partners include DCC Sport and Recreation Services, Dublin Festival of History (Public Libraries), Cycling Ireland (Great Dublin Bike Ride), parkrun, Junior parkrun, Ireland Active, Sport Ireland, NEIC, and Ballyfermot Youth Service. This is in addition to a host of sports clubs from across the city.
http://www.dublincity.ie/sportsfest

Highlight events for the week include:

Lord Mayor's Liffey Bridge Paddle – Saturday 29th September. Run in partnership with Ballyfermot Youth Service Adventure Centre, this event will consist of a 10k loop paddle starting and finishing in Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club. The route will take participants under many of Dublin's iconic bridges. Grattan Bridge beside the Civic Offices will be the designated turning point.

Dockland's FITFEST @ Grand Canal Quay – Thursday 27th September (National Fitness Day). Run in partnership with Ireland Active, this will be a day of activities promoted by DCSWP as part of the overall Sportsfest promotion and by Ireland Active as part of the National Fitness day initiative.

Sports Stadium @ Dalymount Park – Monday 24th September. The main theme of this event is inclusion to coincide with Social Inclusion Week. Events will be aimed at older adults, School children, migrant groups, people with mental health issues and those suffering with intellectual disabilities. Partners for the event include the FAI and the Bohemians Foundation.

Older Adult Sports Day @DCU – Wednesday 26th September. Our annual Older Adult Sports Day will feature as a key event in Dublin Sportsfest. This is our first year to use the facilities at DCU for the event allowing us to double participant numbers and increase the number of activities on offer.

Glow Sports – Friday 28th September. DCSWP has purchased two glow packs to deliver a number of 'glow events' during the week of Sportsfest and beyond. Glow activities use UV lights to place an increase emphasis on fun and socialization whilst taking part in sport and physical activity. Glow Spin and Dance will take place in St. Catherine's Sports Centre on Wednesday the 26th while Glow football will be held on the evening of Friday 28th September in Cabra Parkside.

Sports History - Saturday 29th September. As part of the Festival of History a talk on the impact of World War 1 on Sport in Ireland will take place in Pearse St. Library.

City Hall Yoga – Monday 24th – Thursday 27th September. Six free classes will take place across Sportsfest week in the City Hall Rotunda.

Girls Fest 5's – Friday 28th September. A 5-a-side tournament aimed at girls born in 2007/8 and 9 will be held in Irishtown in partnership with the FAI.

Sports Cycle Tour – Monday 24th September. This event will give participants the opportunity to visit Dublin's most famous sporting locations via bicycle tour. An historian will travel with the group and give information of historical sporting significance at each location, to include the Aviva Stadium and Croke Park.

Sport for Young People – Small Grants Scheme

One hundred and twelve Dublin City Sports Clubs were successful in our recent small grant scheme. The aim of the grant is to increase participation by young people throughout Dublin City in sport and physical activity. Each successful application received €550.

The Green Scene

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership put together a schedule of activities that took place on green spaces around the city during the summer months. Activities comprised of multi-sport and physical activities targeting various demographics within the community.

Recruitment of New Development Officers

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership believes in an inclusive approach in the delivery of sport and physical activity programmes and services to all individuals across the city. With the recent launches of both Sport Ireland's '*Policy on Participation in Sport by People with Disabilities'* and the National '*Migrant Integration Strategy'*, we believe it is timely to incorporate a more concentrated and dynamic approach to increasing sport and physical activity opportunities and participation amongst this cohort of the population. To achieve this, plans are in place to recruit two new Sport Officers with a specific remit around inclusion for people with disabilities and those from minority backgrounds.
In addition, we have been working with the FAI and Leinster Rugby to recruit new Development Officers with the following specific focus:

Soccer: 3 new FAI Officers have been recruited – 1 Football for All (disability) and 2 x Women's Development.
Rugby: In addition to increasing our Community Rugby Officers from 4 to 5 (one in each administrative area), we have also recruited a City Women's Development Officer.
Finally, we are working closely with **Athletics** Ireland to recruit the first Dublin City Athletics Officer.

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ARTS OFFICE

Permission to Wonder, EU Commission funded Erasmus Plus project
This is a 3-year project funded through the European Union's Erasmus+ programme. It aims to support educators from local arts and education communities to test the Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS) method to enhance learning with visual arts. Dublin City Arts Office, as the lead partner, is responsible for project management of the overall project with five partners from Spain, Finland, the Netherlands, Slovenia and Denmark. The first level of training has taken place with Artists, Teachers and Art Gallery Educators in all 6 participating organisations. Schools and galleries in all the 6 countries have been identified and have begun delivering the VTS method of training. The research method and questions have been agreed and questionnaires and information collection has begun. Dublin City Arts Office has submitted their first report to Leargas, the EU funding agency supporting the project. The response received from Leargas is very positive to this report and is encouraging for the project going forward. The second group project meeting and training will take place in early October in Helsinki, being hosted by the Finnish partner, the Finnish Museum of Photography.

A new City Arts Plan

The Current City Arts Plan expires at the end of 2018 and the Assistant Chief Executive has supported the idea that a new Arts Plan could showcase all of the Arts programmes and funding including infrastructure across all sections of Dublin City Council including but not limited to Libraries, Hugh Lane, Parks Events Unit, Planning and Development and Community Development and the Dublin City Council Culture Company.

Apart from showcasing DCC's significant support from the Arts. the City Arts Plan will set out strategic actions on each art form supported by key stakeholders and deal with the relationship between arts practice, participation by the public and the development of diverse audiences. The expected completion date is April 2019.

DUBLIN CULTURE NIGHT 2018

Dublin's annual nocturnal cultural extravaganza returns Friday 21st September. For it's 13th year Dublin Culture Night will feature a kaleidoscopic programme of the very best of what is intrinsic in us – creativity, storytelling and our unique culture. This Dublin year's programme consists of over 330 venues opening their doors for free between 4pm till late along with an outdoor pop-up performances and bespoke walking, bus and cycle tours of the city.

New additions to this year's list of venues includes:

Bank of Ireland Cultural & Heritage Centre where you can enjoy the 'Seamus Heaney: Listen Now Again' exhibition; visitors to **Dublin Airport** will have the chance to experience talks on the history of the airport and explore the 'Creative Journeys' art installations in partnership with NCAD and Business to Arts; Experience an evening of storytelling and conversation in the beautifully restored **14 Henrietta Street** and discover what life was like in this Georgian Townhouse turned tenement dwelling through a taster tour of the newly opened museum; twice Oscar-nominated **Brown Bag Films** will host family friendly workshops and activities led by their very own Emmy Award-winning Director Marten Jonmark; **Taking Flight** invites families to take part in aerial movement workshops and later witness a spectacular circus arts performance by the Taking Flight group; and one of the first charitable hospitals in Dublin, **Dr Steevens Hospital** (1784), is opening its doors on Culture Night to allow visitors a sneak peak at its outstanding Edward Worth Library and their 'Mystical Creatures' exhibition.

Outdoor Events include the following:

The fun of Culture Night will spill onto the streets of the capital city, with a diverse outdoor programme bringing the magic of Culture Night to a number of public spaces. The Vengabus is coming - Attention Bébé are bringing major party vibes to **Meeting House Square** with a high-octane set of their patented big-band covers of 90s hits. Nestled between Dame Street and Dublin Castle, **Barnardo Square** will be transformed with projections and pop-up performances throughout the evening including a selection of short films from Fís Éireann/Screen Ireland. Buried right in the heart of the civic offices on Wood Quay **The Amphitheatre** open-air stage area will come alive with pop-up performances throughout the evening. Exploring the cultural side of Dublin by foot, bike or bus is made easy with nearly 30 **Culture Night Tours** which include the Dublin Busking Experience, DoDublin Ghostbus Tour, Learning the Liberties and Dublin Ghost Signs Tours, unravelling stories from Dublin's past by looking up at its old signs.

RTÉ Open Air Concert at Collins Barracks

Once again RTÉ partners with Culture Night to deliver remarkable performance and experiences across the evening. The famous, flagship "Dublin Castle gig" is crossing the river this year and it's breaking all kinds of new ground. Between the commanding granite walls of the historic **Collins Barracks**, a gigantic, free open-air concert will bring the very best of Ireland's emerging and established artists to stage alongside the **RTÉ Concert Orchestra**. The concert will be presented by Sean Rocks and broadcast live on RTÉ Radio 1's Arena from 8pm to 10pm. Visitors to Collins Barracks can also have the chance to be part of the studio audience for live recordings of a plethora of arts and culture programmes for RTÉ Radio 1 at the Palatine Room including Sunday Miscellany, Culture Cabinet and some brand new pilot radio programmes.

Transport Partners

Dublin Bus return as a transport partner providing Dublin audiences 4 bespoke free transport between 6pm and 11pm bringing visitors from their favourite cultural quarters. **Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail** is offering 100 family passes for travel on Culture Night and will also be hosting this year media preview tour in the lead up of Culture Night.

The most important point to make about Culture Night is that apart from marketing and street programming it is the Arts Organisations and Artists who give programme and buildings free of charge that form the bedrock of this special night. 'Every night is Culture Night' is a common refrain of Arts organisations and maintaining the goodwill of these organisations is critical to Culture Night's success.

The Dublin City Council Administrative Area remains the most important and largest scale Culture Night nationally and this has continued to grow year on year to from 95 venues in 2012 to 330 venues in 2018 with attendances estimated at 180,000 in Dublin alone.

Visit www.culturenight.ie for full programme details or email info@culturenight.ie for further information.

Exhibitions at the LAB Gallery

Sean O'Rourke, *Cultural Osmosis*, Preview 6th September runs until 4th November

Sean O'Rourke's latest paintings, layered on the rusted metal boards used to board up the windows of derelict flats, consider a city in flux. His work is heavily influenced by the City's flats and streetscape seen through an autobiographical lens, growing up as a young man.

Michelle Horrigan, *Where Does the Law Stand on Leprechauns?* Preview 6th September runs until 4th November.

This exhibition's origins date from 1938, when the artist's aunts, then young children growing up on the foothills of Knockfierna in Limerick, were mistaken one day for fairy folk. Soon, buses of sightseers arrived in the local town, all on the hunt for supernatural phenomena in ditches, behind trees and up on the slopes of the nearby hill. The exhibition will include new film work, sculptures and photography.

Exhibitions at the LAB Gallery for our Autumn programme will tie in with both the Festival of History and Open House Dublin and will feature special events on Culture Night.

Events at the LAB Gallery

28th September – Sass Mouth Dames: Women who ruled Pre-Code Hollywood 1930-34 (Festival of History)
13th October –Open House Junior workshop for families responding to Sean O'Rourke's exhibition

Public Art Report
***An Urgent Enquiry* – A Collaborative Project in Art and Biodiversity**
Following on the success of the *An Urgent Enquiry the* public art commissioning research project funded by the Arts Council under the Invitation to Collaborative Scheme, Wexford County Council, Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council submitted an application to the Arts Council for a full Project Award. The Arts Council informed the lead, Wexford County Council on Monday 20th August that the application was successful. The theme of the application relates to the impact of global warming and climate change on our biodiversity and how it impacts on communities. The approach to the project is to undertake three public art residency commissions which would offer artists an opportunity to work with each county's arts and biodiversity offices, to interact with communities in the area and to work with scientists and environmentalists with a view to creating new work.

Street Art Forum
Following on the motion to the SPC regarding Street Art and the meeting of Cllr Rebecca Moynihan and Cllr Claire Byrne with City Officials from the Arts Office, Planning and Development Department and the Innovation Unit, a Street Art Forum is being held in the Oak Room of the Mansion House in October. This meeting which will be a ticketed event but open to interested parties and the public. It is an opportunity to hear the views of those involved in Street Art and to explore how this form of artistic expression can be supported by the City Council.

Luke Kelly Sculptures
Vera Klute has reported that the carving of the stone for the Luke Kelly Sculpture is well underway. The stone likeness will be transported to Dublin for the next stage which is for the installation of the copper wire which will represent the hair and beard. It is still intended to develop an engagement programme with the community in the Sheriff Street area where the Vera Klute sculpture will be located. Meanwhile, the work of liaising with other DCC Departments continues regarding the placement of the seated statue of Luke Kelly by John Coll. It is hoped that the sculptures will be in place by the end of this year.

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RECREATION SERVICES

The Recreation Service was delighted to have the St Laurence O`Toole Recreation Centre selected to host the launch of the National Sports Policy 2018 – 2027 on the 25th July.

On the day of the launch, a number of sports were organised to show the type of sport that Dublin City Council are currently engaged in including, football, cricket and rugby.
The policy was launched by the Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Shane Ross and Minister of State, Brendan Griffin who engaged in a number of the sports on show.

Putting the Boot into Stigma.
This programme has involved the Recreation staff and sports officers working in the Kilmore Recreation Centre playing football on a regular basis with a Mental Health Group supported by the HSE. It recently culminated with a football match played in Tolka Park and the families of the participants were invited to support their team. There was a great attendance and a hard fought match ended in a 7 to 6 narrow win for the Recreation Service.
This programme will be ongoing

All 12 Recreation Centres held a Summer Project Programme during July and August.
The projects are to get children involved in physical activities and art activities. The programme includes on site activities and trips to beaches, parks, the zoo and Adventure Centres such as Tayto Park, Clara Lara. All the feedback to date from both children and parents has been positive,

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East Wall Recreation Centre
The Recreation Service worked together with local groups and the Recreation Centre Committee voluntary group to bring the Annual East Wall Summer Programme, which this year was the Parade and Community Celebration at the Recreation Centre. The local community brilliantly supports this event every year and this year was no different.

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THE HUGH LANE GALLERY

Niamh McCann - Furtive Tears
4 October 2018 - 6 January 2019
This exhibition will be launched by the Deputy Lord, Councillor Kathleen Boud, on Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

Furtive Tears is a project by Niamh McCann that explores the dynamic relationship between the audience, object and mode of display. In her new installation at the Hugh Lane, McCann brings together the protagonists Edward Carson and Hans Poelzig and the vestiges of their mythologies to portray the internal language of gesture, meaning, inference and allegiance.
The exhibition, over four galleries will be a composite of sculptures, wall drawings, framed paintings and a newly commissioned video-work *Furtive Tears, Salomé's Lament.* Each individual element is autonomous yet presented as one whole; a backdrop or set of kinds, a sum of parts scenario.

Furtive Tears, Salomé's Lament the video work is set in two separate Belfast locations; the wonderfully orchestrated marble rotunda of Belfast City Hall and the Ridge View of Black Mountain. In Belfast City Hall the camera follows and circles on screen around one figure, *Boris*; a man dressed in navy, in sombre double-breasted conservatism. A major element of the work is an original musical composition by composer David Coonan - a tenor voice and cello composition combines the romantic lyricism of Donizetti's *La Furtiva Lagrima* with the modernist spikiness of Straus's *Salomé*. This musical accompaniment will occupy gallery space 19 with a robust sculptural physicality.
Other sculptural pieces are wireframe structures containing and supporting bronze cast masks, neon motifs and in one instance, incorporating plinths and marble supports from the Hugh Lane collection. These works are as much about the mode of display as the object itself.

Culture Night 2018

Citizen Play @ The Hugh Lane

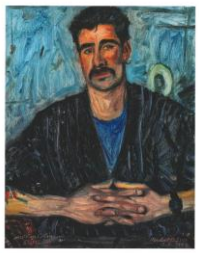
This year on 21 September the Hugh Lane is encouraging visitors to experience the Gallery in a fun, playful and engaging way. A full programme sees speed tours; Visual Thinking Strategies discussions in front of selected artworks; artist-led workshops for families; 'Fleeing the Canon' creative writing for adults inspired by the collection; 'Playing Up' visitor performative interactions with artworks and the gallery space; choral and pop songs by *The Divas Choir*; guitar performances by *Julien&John*; a special screening of the acclaimed *Citizen Lane* film and more. We hope to see you there.

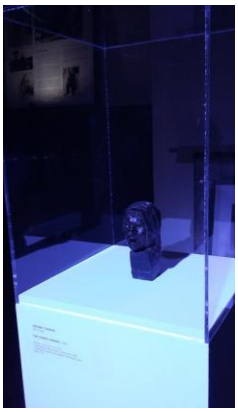
Seamus Nolan: Traveller Collection at the Hugh Lane
Until 23 September 2018

Artist Seamus Nolan was the recipient of the Hugh Lane-Create open call for a socially engaged commission. Working with organisations including Pavee Point, Seamus has been investigating the idea of archive, deconstruct ideas on 'heritage' and engage with both communities of place and of interest, involving Traveller activists and archivists.

Launched during the CAPP *Power and Practice* conference in June Seamus Nolan's 'Traveller Collection at the Hugh Lane' includes 123 volumes on loan from the Special Collections of Ulster University; seven paintings by Mick O'Dea from Pavee Point's Martin Folan Collection; handmade paper flowers by women from Pavee Point's primary healthcare project; and stainless steel objects by Tinsmith James Collins.

The documents which form the Aileen L'Aime collection *Traveller People: A Resource Collection* have been scanned and will be uploaded to a website set up by Seamus Nolan, TravellerCollection.ie. In addition a series on films on Traveller culture are being screened in Gallery 10 and this includes a recording of Rosaleen McDonagh's work 'Oh, Had I the Wings of a Swallow'.





Above: Martin Collins by Mick O'Dea; Right: Street Singer by Jerome Connor.

As part of Seamus Nolan's exhibition, *Street Singer* by Jerome Connor from the Hugh Lane's collection was specially loaned to Pavee Point on 21 June. The work was also a focal point for the CAPP *Power and Practice* Roundtable that day with speakers Seamus Nolan, Eve Olnay, Rosaleen McDonagh and Jessica O'Donnell as well as music and song.

Simultaneously at the Hugh Lane a Roundtable with Barbara Dawson, Helen O'Donoghue (IMMA), Dr Julia Draganovic among others explored the idea of cultural institutions and collaborative practice.

The exhibition is being visited by a number of Traveller groups including women from Pavee Point's primary health project who visited the Gallery to view the exhibition and their own work. On 6 September at 5pm Michael McDonagh, an expert on Traveller history and culture is delivering a talk at the Gallery.

Practical Art Classes for Adults

Creative approaches to engaging with the collection and temporary exhibitions by visitors during practical art courses in the Gallery's Education Space is manifested in a number of ways through our upcoming courses including a day long *Experiment with Filmmaking* course with artist Janine Davidson (Sept); a five week *Sculpture Course* with artists Liliane Puthod and Jane Fogarty (Sept) which will also include ceramics being fired in the kiln at Firestation Artists studios; a 16 week *Portfolio Preparation* course led by artist Elaine Leader (Sept-Jan); and eight week *Life Drawing* and *Beginners Drawing* courses led by Felicity Clear and Beth O'Halloran (Oct-Dec).

Left: 'Sharing Stories' Heritage Week talk at the Hugh Lane

Art History Courses for Adults

Our art history courses for adults exploring modern and contemporary art practice continue to resonate with visitors. Upcoming illustrated lectures series include our four day *Women Artists and the Dublin Metropolitan School of Art course* (now fully booked) taking place in Sept/Oct during Dublin Festival of History; our twenty-four week *Peoples College Avenues into Modern and Contemporary Art* course from-Oct-April; and our four week *Exploring the Collection of Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane* series in tandem with UCD Access and Lifelong Learning taking place in Oct/Nov (now fully booked).

Children and Family Art Workshops

From imaginary landscapes to sculpting a mountain, children and families participating in our classes have explored the wonderful world of nature, through enchanted forests and volcanoes erupting among other things. During these workshops artworks from the Gallery's collection or exhibitions are looked at by the children, and as our Early Years workshops for 1-3 year olds reflect, the positive impact of creativity and being in the gallery space from a very young age, prove that it is never too young to start. A full programme of workshops for children and teenagers is taking place over the coming months including Sunday Sketching (Sept-Dec), IAF Open House Junior (Oct); mid-term *Light and Structure* course (Nov); *Experiment with Photography* (Nov)and much more.

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Hugh Lane Education Fulbright Placement

At the end of July, Lesley McBride our Fulbright scholar completed her ten months placement focusing on building links between the Gallery and community youth organisations in the city. *Uniquely United,* an exhibition of work made during one of these projects with Fountain Youth and inspired initially by the Hugh Lane's stained glass collection, was on view for visitors to enjoy over the summer months. Our Fulbright scholar for 2018-2019 is Kimberly Griffith and Kimberly will be joining the Gallery's education department in October.

Left: Glass Blocks made during the Hugh Lane's project with Fountain Youth in collaboration with NCAD; Right: Launch of the *Uniquely United* display at the Hugh Lane as part of Cruinniú na nÓg with Cllr Greg Kelly.

Film Screenings, Talks and Culture Clubs

A full programme of *Film Screenings*, *Coffee Conversations*, *Basic Talks* and *Hugh Lane Culture Club* visits has been curated to take place over the coming months. Our film screenings are introduced and followed by Q&A led by writer and curator Alice Butler and upcoming highlights include the films *Transformer-Joseph Beuys* and the artist Ane Hjort Guttu's film *Time Passes*. Our monthly *Basic Talks @ The Hugh Lane* series in collaboration with Basic Space continues to offer a platform for the discussion of contemporary art practice by emerging artists as well as bringing new audiences to the Gallery. On Wednesdays our Coffee Conversations discuss selected artworks from the collection and temporary exhibitions and the conversation continues over the tea and coffee served after each artist, curator or art historian led talk. The monthly Culture Club visits in tandem with Dublin's Culture Connects will see participants visit Doireann O'Malley and Niamh McCann's exhibitions; look at work by women artists in the collection and more. On 15 September, a special walking tour between the Hugh Lane starting at Doireann O'Malley's exhibition and ending at Amanda Dunsmore's exhibition *Becoming Christine* at the RHA is taking place in tandem with *Gays About Town*.

Left: Still from the short film *A Study of the Relationship between Inner and Outer Space* (1969, Dir. David Lamelas) being screened as part of our monthly film screening programme in September.

Left: Still from *To the Editor of Amateur Photographer* (Dirs. Luke Fowler, Mark Fell, 2014) being screened as part of our monthly film screening programme in October.

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For full programme details on the gallery exhibitions, education programme and events, please visit:
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DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVE

New City Library & Parnell Square Cultural Quarter

It is intended that Dublin City Council and PSQ Developments will apply jointly to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission for the new City Library at Parnell Square in late September. The design team, led by Grafton Architects and Shaffrey Architects, is currently finalising work on the planning application. Subject to planning permission, and the procurement of contractors, it is anticipated that the construction and commissioning stage of the project will take two to three years.

In advance of submission of the application, a briefing on the progress of the development of the new City Library at Parnell Square and a presentation of the proposed design will be provided to the Arts & Culture SPC and the Central Area Committee in the second week of September.

Dublin City Library Development Plan 2018-2022 The draft Library Development Plan has been delayed and will be presented to the SPC in November, with a view to presenting to the City Council meeting in December.

Commemorations

Dublin Festival of History

The programme for the 2018 Dublin Festival of History was launched by the Lord Mayor on 23rd August. The Festival takes place from 24th September to 7th October and will feature over 140 events taking place in libraries, DCC venues, Dublin Castle, Fingal, and partner venues across the city. All events are free and there is a broad range of history topics on the programme including Dublin Street names, history of shopping in Arnotts and Henry Street, Christy Dignam on the thirtieth anniversary of *Feel No Shame*, as well biographies of Liam Mellows, Cathal Brugha, and Thomas Cromwell. There are also many Decade of Commemorations topics focussing on 1918 such as the Armistice, the sinking of the RMS Leinster, women's

suffrage, the general election and women and war work.

Musician in Residence
The Musician in Residence programme continues with a focus on a young adult band, adult choir in association with the Festival of History and lyric writing workshop for adults on September 21st.

Start and Grow Your Own Business (Autumn Series) begins on 20th September for 6 consecutive Thursday evenings at the Central Library's Business Information Service. Topics include business plan preparation, finance and grants available, essential supports and managing your digital presence to increase sales.

Work Matters at Your Library
A promotional event on 20th September in the Central Library will follow on promotional events in each of the other participating libraries – Ballymun, Ballyfermot, Cabra and Coolock libraries.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library
The second phase of Healthy Ireland at your Library commences in September. The programme will be implemented from September 2018- March 2019. New book stock, eResources and online resources will be made available. These will be supported by an events programme including every branch library. Healthy Ireland at Your Library will be promoted through radio ads in October 2018 and January 2019 and a promotional video will be launched in the autumn.

Dublin UNESCO City of Literature
Murder One Festival - Supported by DCC and Dublin UNESCO City of Literature, MURDER ONE is a unique literary festival weekend at Smock Alley Theatre over 2nd to 4th November, which will be launched at Hodges Figgis book store on September 20th. This festival will be a fun, action packed weekend for lovers of crime and mystery in all its guises. We aim for this to be a landmark festival featuring some of crime writing's biggest names from books, film and TV.

Writers-in-Residence
Authors Declan Burke and Elizabeth Reapy continue to work with 8 writing groups spread around DCPL branch libraries, north and south. Elizabeth is also running a free 'Books on Writing' book club for the remainder of her term this year. Meetings are in Pearse Street library on Tuesday the 28th August at 6:45 discussing Bird By Bird by Anne Lamott, with further ones in Kevin Street library on the last Tuesdays in September and October.

Readers in Residence
The three readers will resume their work with primary schools and some youth clubs and secondary schools of the NEIC area once they are back to school in September, but will also branch out to Ringsend, Kevin street area and some other inner city schools, to begin the process of mainstreaming this service within DCPL. Author events and theatre visits will form part of the format, along with trips to local libraries to make sure children are given every opportunity to become familiar with, to join and make use of this facility.

Storytime Project
This project aims to improve oral literacy in pre-reading children. Having begun in the Northside Partnership area, we extended the project to Ballyfermot Library area, working with Ballyfermot Partnership. 200 children and their parents per year now participate in Ballyfermot, and from September 2018 it will begin in Central Library area, Kevin Street Library area, Dolphins Barn Library area and Cabra Library area.

Exhibitions
'Doing their Bit': Irish Women and the First World War is on display at Civic Offices until 24 August and at City Hall from 27th August to 30th October. Free guided tours are available every Saturday https://dcpla.ie/IrishWomenWW1.

Jacobs Biscuit Factory & Dublin: An Assorted History is on display at Louth County Archives, Old County Gaol, Dundalk, Co. Louth until 7th September. It will then move to Athlone Castle Visitor Centre.

Programming
There are lots of events taking place in libraries & archives in September and October. All events are included in our events calendar on the Council website at http://bit.ly/dcpl-events.

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