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**To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee**

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

2018 Funding

Further funding proposals were approved by the PIB at its meetings held on 25th July and 29th August 2018. This brings the total 2018 funding approved to €3.29M. A full list of 2018 funded proposals is attached at Appendix 2. Work is underway on delivery of these projects by a range of agencies and this is being overseen by the relevant Board Sub-Groups with the support of the NEIC Programme Office. The new proposals approved are as follows:

Sub- Group 2

- €16,500 Larkin Community College Motorcycle Maintenance Programme Year 2.– (Contribution of €16,500 to total cost of €28,700)

Sub- Group 3

- €75,000 - Swan Youth Service to continue Outreach Streetwork for a further 12 months pending completion work on Integrated Youth Services Framework.
- €41,300 - Early Learning Initiative Phase 2 Restorative Practice Programme for NEIC includes expansion to include a parenting initiative to improve home learning environment.
- €25,000- next phase of Integrated Youth Services project to continue work on developing the online mapping and continuing the process of engagement with youth services.

Sub - Group 4

- €50,000 - To support a range of NEIC arts projects / proposals.
- €12,000 - to fund the communications and marketing campaign for the extended opening hours of Sean McDermott St swimming pool.
- €25,000 - Big Belly Litter Bins - co-fund the installation of 10 large capacity smart bins for selected locations in the NEIC
- €12,000 Co-fund Irish Rail for works on bridge at Store St and Ballybough
- €20,000 North Inner City Folklore Project (2019 Rent and Utilities at Unit 1A, The Forge, Railway St.)
- €60,000 – Swim Ireland staff costs for extended opening hours for Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool for remainder of the trial period (Nov. 2018 – April 2019)
- €40,000 Provision of adult exercise equipment in Diamond Park as an interim measure pending re-development of the Park.
- €39,000 Extension of Ana Liffey Drug Project Assertive Case Management to end 2018

Some updates on other current NEIC projects and funded proposals are as follows:



Lord Mayor of Dublin Nial Ring pictured with the Community Support Vehicle at the Festival of Nations, Mountjoy Square Park on 18th August 2018.

New Garda Community Support Vehicle

Fit out of the new Garda Community Support vehicle was completed and delivered in July 2018. It was presented and demonstrated to the PIB on 25th July 2018. A team has been established comprised of 3 Inspectors and 3 community Sergeants to manage a schedule for deployment of the community support van throughout the NEIC areas and this has commenced. The van has been in attendance at events throughout the NEIC area and is receiving a lot of interest and support from the community.

Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool

With the support of NEIC funding, the partnership agreement between Dublin City Council and Swim Ireland to extend the public opening hours of Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool was launched with a local community event held on site on 10th August. The new partnership arrangement facilitates the opening of the pool 7 days a week with Swim Ireland opening on the days that were closed to the public i.e. Saturday p.m., Sunday and Monday. The new arrangement will be piloted for a 9 month period with a formal review to take place at the end of three months i.e. mid-November. Indications are that there is strong community support for the new opening hours with hundreds of patrons using the pool over the weekend and general feedback is very positive. A further phase of marketing of the extended weekend public opening hours will be conducted when the pool reverts to Dublin City Council's winter timetable which accommodates schools and community groups from Tues. – Fri. incl.

North Inner City Folklore Project

The set up phase of The North Inner City Folklore Project's base at 1A The Forge, Railway Street is now complete. The premises has been transformed into an immersive experience of artefacts and memorabilia that have been donated and collected locally over the past 40 years. Terry Fagan has been the main custodian of this body of archival material which is both specific to the north inner city area and of considerable value to the wider heritage of Dublin. With financial and other assistance provided by the NEIC Programme Office the Project successfully ran a full programme for Heritage Week (18th - 27th August). The official opening of Unit 1A by former Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D. is scheduled for Thursday 13th September. Information on the Project and the collection can be found at its new website www.folkloreproject.ie

Community Events

The programme of NEIC community events has continued over the Summer months. This included small scale local events supported by the Programme Office e.g. Hope Fest and some larger scale events. Ireland's Festival of Nations held in Mountjoy Square Park on 18th August was particularly successful with in excess of 2,000 people enjoying an afternoon of multicultural entertainment with over 30 groups representing different countries and cultures from all around the globe displaying an extravaganza of colour and sounds featuring music, dance, crafts, comedy and food. Planning is currently underway for The Last Picnic event on 30th September and the NEIC flagship event The Big Scream Halloween

Community Festival which will comprise a number of lead in events culminating in the on street finale on Halloween night.



Pope Francis greeting local people outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Another highlight was the community event held for patrons and friends of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and the Lourdes Day Care Centre to mark the historic occasion of the brief visit of Pope Francis to Sean MacDermott Street on 25th August. Pope Francis unexpectedly spent a short time greeting local people before proceeding to the Pro Cathedral. In expressing thanks to the NEIC office for the assistance with the community event Parish Priest Fr. Michael Casey said *“The momentous event of Pope Francis’ visit though brief to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish left a profound effect, a memory that will forever remain. This joyful celebratory story is now part of our Parish community history.”*

NEIC Community Grants Scheme – Round 2

Round 2 of the 2018 NEIC Community Grants Scheme is now open for applications. Full details and guidelines for applicants are available at www.neic.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications is 28th September. A total amount of €100,000 was specified in the 2018 allocation of NEIC funding for a Community Grants Scheme. The grants offered were in the range of €300 to €3,000 and a total of €63,873 was awarded in Round 1 which closed at end April. The balance of the original allocation i.e. approx. €26,000 will be awarded in this Round.

UPDATE ON NEIC FUNDED SPORTS PROJECTS

North East Inner City Canal Adventure Programme

The Canal Adventure Project, based at the Lock keepers cottage at Newcomen Bridge, commenced operations in late April 2018. The Project has run an extensive summer programme for young people in the area through local youth groups and services. In addition the project has also set up two voluntary groups - an adult kayak club and a cottage adventure club for 7-12 year olds. The adult kayaking club currently meets every second Sunday and is looking for new members. The cottage adventure club currently runs 2 nights, Tuesday and Thursdays. One for 7-10 yr olds and the other for 10-12 yr olds. The Club can cater for 12 young people each night.

DCU Sport & Wellbeing Research and Intervention Programme

DCU have carried out initial research in relation to physical activity levels (10 - 18 year olds) in the North East Inner City. Initial testing was carried out in 7 local schools - St. Laurence O'Toole Girls School, St. Laurence O' Toole Boys School, Gardiner Street Girls School, Central Model School, Larkin Community College, O'Connell Secondary School and Mount Carmel Secondary School. Over 200 young people were tested through a number of physical parameters. The study's findings will compare the North East Inner City to national norms. Initial data would indicate that the North East Inner City physical activity levels are below national norms.

As a follow up to this research, DCU will be commencing an intervention study with Larkin Community College starting this September. The study will see over 60 participants partake in a programme that will use physical activity and nutritional interventions with the study cohort to improve physical activity levels and awareness around active healthy living. This study will be funded through Tusla.

Corporate Governance Programme

Most sports clubs within the area have completed the introductory governance workshop and are now being offered bespoke programmes based on their own specific needs.

Activation Programmes for Volunteers (New Activities and Sports Club Development)

A number of FAI coaching courses have been held over the last number of months with the aim of increasing capacity within the local football clubs. Courses rolled out have included workshops in Strength and Conditioning, Goalkeeping, Futsal and Small Sided games. 59 participants took part in the range of courses.

Following on from the successful boxing event under the joint initiative of An Garda Síochána and local clubs boxing earlier this year both members of the local boxing clubs and members of An Garda Síochána have agreed to complete required Child Safeguarding Awareness Courses and Level 1 Coaching badges over the next two months. The idea is to develop this model whereby An Garda Síochána work closely with local boxing clubs as a measure to break down any perceived barriers between them and the community. A further boxing event between a North Inner City Select and an Ulster Select will be held on the 22nd September at the Ringside Stadium, South Circular Road.

Trinity Access Programme

The Trinity Access Programme held a number of sports events during the last schools semester for local schools Larkin Community College, Mount Carmel and O Connell Boys Secondary School. Over 150 young people participated on the programme. The programme highlights the sporting opportunities available within a further education setting level setting and aims to increase both local aspirations towards 3rd level education and ultimately participation levels within the 3rd level educational system.

GAA GPS Programme

The GAA GPS Programme took place in the final school semester. 12 Transition Year students from Larkin Community College were trained up as coaches under the mentorship of Dublin County Board trainers. The students provided Gaelic Games coaching to a number of local schools including the Central Model School, Scoil Chaomhain, Rutland Street NS and Gardiner Street primary school. A summer camp was also held in Larkin Community College during July that attracted attendances of over 70 children per session. Participants of the programme were linked to club opportunities at Scoil Uí Chonaill GAA Club.

Garda Blue Light Fun Run

Following on from the successful North East Inner City Fun Run held in June which saw over 170 participants on the night, a further fun run will be held on the 27th September starting at Sean Mc Dermott Street Church (7.30pm). The run will form part of a series of North East Inner City Fun runs and will be linked to Dublin SportFest.

Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA) Programme for Mothers and Others

The LGFA programmes for Mothers and Others in partnership with Dublin City Council will launch during the week of Dublin SportsFest. The programmes will aim to engage women in the area in a fun and welcoming environment. The initial programmes will launch in Ballybough Community Centre on Tuesday, 25th September, 7 – 8 pm and on Thursday, 27th September 5pm – 6pm at St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre.

Secondment of Michael Daragh Macauley to NEIC Programme Office

Dublin Senior Football Championship team member Michael Daragh Macauley has commenced a 1 year secondment from the Department of Education to the NEIC Programme Office with effect from 01/09/2018 to work with Bruce McDevitt, Senior Sports Development Officer on a range of community sport, recreation and wellbeing projects.

If any further information is required on the NEIC Sports Projects Bruce McDevitt, Senior Sports Office can be contacted directly at bruce.mcdevitt@dublincity.ie Tel. 087125 3231.

Community Engagement Event

Following the successful NEIC Community Engagement events held earlier this year in Larkin Community College and the Community Room at Peadar Kearney House on 17th July 2018 the Chairman of the Programme Implementation Board will hold the next event at Ballybough Court Community Room, King's Avenue on Tuesday 11th September from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

If any further information is required in relation to the above projects please contact the Programme Office directly. General information is available on www.neic.ie

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APPENDIX 1

NEIC Initiative – 2018 Funding Proposals Approved to date (Total €3.29M)

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme (formerly RAPID) Allocation €2.077M (of €2.5M)	
Anna Liffey Drug Project ACMT Pilot Project (to end 2018)	€139,000
North Inner City Folklore Project (incl. 2019 Rental of 1A)	€50,000
2018 Community & Family Events	€300,000
NEIC Community Grants Scheme	€100,000
Lourdes Day Care Centre Extension and alterations	€300,000
FAI Late Night Leagues	€100,000
Irish Rail Bridges clean up (co-fund)	€37,330
Reader In Residence Charleville Mall Library	€75,000
Coder DoJo Charleville Mall Library	€35,000
Vantastic Pilot Project - Transportation for Elderly	€15,000
Pilot Barista Training Course	€6,240
Career Leap Course (contribution to ETB)	€24,320
Youth Counselling	€14,000
Community Action Network - Dialogue	€8,000
HOPE - theraputic services	€9,000
Street Art / Murals	€80,000
Shopfront Improvement Scheme	€60,000
Programme Office Activity Costs	€75,000
NICDATF – Drug Awareness Programme for Schools	€25,000
Education Bursary for Childcare Workers	€25,000
CYPSC – What Works Here Hub (Training)	€12,000
Men’s Health & Wellbeing Programme	€22,380
Youth Counselling (YPAR)	€46,000
The Green Ribbon (non-staff costs)	€143,918
Sean MacDermott St. Pool (Extended Hours Pilot Project)	€102,000
Youth Outreach Streetwork (Swan Youth)	€75,000
ELI Restorative Practice Phase 2	€41,300
Integrated Youth Services Mapping – Phase 2	€25,000
NEIC Arts Projects	€50,000
10 No. Big Belly Smart Litter Bins (co-fund)	€25,000
Larkin Community College Motorcycle Maintenance Course	€16,500
Diamond Park, Adult Exercise Equipment	€40,000
Total:	€2,076,988

Department of Justice & Equality €219K	
Garda CCTV (Phase II, 8 no. additional locations)	184,000
Additional pedal bikes and PPE	35,000
Total:	€219,000

Co-funded Dept. Employment Affairs and Social Protection €500K and Dept. Public Expenditure & Reform €500k	
Pilot Social Employment Scheme – 30 posts	€1,000,000

DTTAS / Sport Irl. - Dormant Accounts Fund Allocation €100,000	
North East Inner City Canal Adventure Programme	€25,000
Scoil Uí Chonaill – ‘Cultivating Connections Programme’	€15,000
DCU Sport & Wellbeing Research and Innovation Programme	€20,000
Corporate Governance Programme	€5,000
Activation Programmes for Volunteers (New Activities and Sports Club Development)	€15,000
Trinity Access Programme - (linked to Sporting events)	€20,000
Total:	€100,000