

Central Area Office
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**To the Chairperson and Members of
The Central Area Committee.**

GDA Report – September Area Committee

GDA Labour & Learning Forum

- Construction resumed on the site a number of months ago to build the Central and East Quads. These are due to be completed in 2020, at which time approximately 10,000 DIT students will transfer to the Grangegorman Campus. Significant employment opportunities on this project are likely to emerge from early 2019 and are expected to peak around Autumn 2019.
- In June, a well-attended Apprenticeship Information Morning was held on the Grangegorman Campus to bring young people and their support organisations from the local and surrounding areas together with Grangegorman contractors who were in the process of recruiting apprentices. It is hoped that this will be the first of a sequence of similar events.
- Over the summer months the Local Business Register has been updated in line with GDPR requirements. The Register is part of a commitment to support local businesses in Dublin 7 and 1, and is used to identify suitable local providers of supplies and services to the Grangegorman Development Agency (GDA) as well as being made available to DIT and other GDA stakeholders. The Register is also made available to contractors working on the Grangegorman Development to encourage them to support local businesses where possible.
- GDA are working with the Grangegorman Area Based Childhood (ABC) Programme as members of the ABC Steering Group to roll out programmes for children and families in the area. A substantial community consultation is taking place to identify a suitable successor programme to the current ABC initiative when it comes to an end in December 2018.
- GDA have also been working with Grangegorman Public Art to roll out Pre-Texts, an innovative ‘train the trainers’ creative skills programme, in the neighbourhood. Partly funded by Dublin City Council, Pre-Texts is aimed at teachers, trainers, youth leaders, artists and community activists and focuses on literacy, leadership and citizenship. The programme has been developed by Professor Doris Sommer of Harvard University who delivered it at Grangegorman, the first time this ground-breaking programme has been delivered anywhere in Europe.

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