

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

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

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**Community Development Section Report**

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**November 2018:**

- Nov 7<sup>th</sup>: Launch of 'Smartagers' Christmas Calendar', Evergreen Club, Terenure.  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Misses Liffey at Verschoyle Court 2 - 4pm.  
Visit to Henrietta Street, Greenore / Rostrevor Centre.  
Nov 8<sup>th</sup>: Singalong Afternoon, Milltown Parish Centre 3pm.  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Visit to 14 Henrietta Street, Let's Walk and Talk Irish Group, 11.30am.  
Nov 13<sup>th</sup>: The Woman is Present – play at Donnybrook Parish Centre, 2.30pm.  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup>: Visit to 14 Henrietta Street, Let's Walk and Talk Spanish Group.  
Nov 16<sup>th</sup>: Visit to 14 Henrietta Street Let's Walk and Talk Irish Group No. 2.

All Christmas lighting ceremonies and parties will be sent out in a full Christmas PR leaflet in mid-November.

**Weekly Activities:**

- 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 Tuesday from 3-4pm – **Chair Yoga** at Woodstock Court, Ranelagh.
- Every Wednesday from 11.30am-12.30pm – **Chair Yoga** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook.
- Every Wednesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in Spanish** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- Every Thursday at 10am – **Parent & Toddler 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 2pm - **Let's Walk & Talk in French** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- Every Saturday at 10am – **Parent & Toddler Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- 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 next to the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown.
- **Friends of Green Spaces** Projects at 30+ locations.
- **Allotments** at Ringsend Park and Herbert Park.

**Friends of Green Spaces:**

Specific work and projects in:

Peter Place, Beech Hill, Dunville Avenue, Heskin Court, Macken Street, Magennis Square, Northbrook Avenue, Pearse House, Ringsend, Verschoyle Court and York Street.

Tidy Towns and DCC City Neighbourhood Competition results came in in September and we are supporting villages with improvements on recommendations, helping with winter planting in Donnybrook, Harold's Cross, Lansdowne Park, Palmerstown Park, Rathmines, Ranelagh, Terenure and Sandymount.

Men's Shed's Project: two new projects being developed in Donnybrook and Ringsend

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**Environmental Services Unit Report**

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**Public Realm Enhancements**

The third round of intensive cleaning of the high footfall commercial village areas throughout the South East area has just been completed. This work involved using a low pressure, high temperature steam on the footpaths to remove chewing gum, but also stains and dog foul, the cleaning of street furniture, application of disinfectant on areas where needed, including around bins, and the removal of waste. The work was carried out at night to avoid inconvenience to traders, but also taking into account residents where relevant.

The village areas are listed below:

- Ranelagh Village
- Rathmines Village
- Donnybrook Village
- Sandymount Village
- Rathgar Village
- Ringsend
- Harold's Cross
- Terenure
- Irishtown
- Ballsbridge
- Milltown
- Baggot Street Upper and Lower

**Art on Traffic Light boxes**

22 boxes have now been completed throughout the South East area.

**Autumn Leaf Collection**

Collection of leaves is continuing, both by Waste Management and also by individuals and groups throughout the south east area. To arrange to get involved and to order bags etc. contact can be made by email to: [southeast@dublincity.ie](mailto:southeast@dublincity.ie) or by phone on 222 2362.

**Events**

- Festival of Politics, Temple Bar 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Jonathon Swift Festival 29<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Halloween**

**Dockers & Demons festival:**

Dockers and Demons is a Halloween festival for Ringsend / Irishtown / Docklands which was launched in 2017. The aim and mission of the festival is to forge greater links between the Irishtown, Ringsend and Docklands communities in order to alleviate the pressure during the Halloween period on the community and policing bodies on bonfire night by offering alternative

activities in the lead up to October 31<sup>st</sup> and on the night itself. This project is strongly committed to the inclusion of groups and individuals from all generations and backgrounds including those who are sometimes bypassed in community efforts and can find themselves outside community inclusion projects and social funding structures. Very good success in 2018 with following events programmed and all ran with good turnout and feedback, and good PR coverage on RTE and local media. Gardaí report reduced bonfire build up, less anti-social behaviour and strong community engagement. The festival included:

- Suffragist City - Women and the Vote In Dublin Exhibit & Festival Art Exhibition CMYS.
- Irishtown Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC) & Ringsend Community Services Forum (RCSF) Zombie Disco - Cleann na Gael.
- The Curious Cabaret - Starting at St. Matthew's Church.
- Lantern Making Workshop – RICC, Thorncastle Street.
- Suffragette Walk with DCC Historian in residence Maeve Casserly, Pearse Street.
- Seniors Monsters Ball Tea Dance - Cleann na Gael.
- Pumpkin & Spud Festival - Whelan House, Ringsend.
- Lantern Making Open Workshop: RICC, Thorncastle Street.
- Formal rededication of St. Matthew's Church & graveyard, Irishtown.
- RICC — Halloween Community Camp: RCSF Halloween Various Activities
- ALL HALLOWS EVE, Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- DCC & IFA Halloween Sports Camp 30<sup>th</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- (RCSF) Halloween Pre-parade Party - Spellman Centre.
- Halloween Dockers and Demons II Parade, Ringsend Community Centre.
- Dockers and Demons Street Party and Feast in Thorncastle Street.
- Full details on Dockers & Demons Festival at [www.dockersanddemons.com](http://www.dockersanddemons.com)

Other South East area Projects included:

- Sandymount Pumpkin and Scarecrow festival Awards Night, Christchurch Hall.
- Parent & Toddler Halloween party, Evergreen Club Terenure.
- Halloween Market — Bushy Park.
- All Souls of Donnybrook Halloween Party — Donnybrook Plaza.

### **Cabbage Patch initiative**

We had a key initiative in the Cabbage Patch, Dublin 8 area. A very difficult anti-social spot for some time, Gardaí, DCC staff, local groups from Iveagh gardens, football clubs and St. Patrick's Cathedral worked together.

A zero tolerance to alcohol policy was in place. Gardaí manned the park from 3pm and while the bonfire and fireworks took place the park was closely monitored and it was fully shut at 10.30pm, preventing the annual anti-social behaviour and violence we have seen in the past associated with late night alcohol consumption and keeping the fire going into the night.

We are developing a three to five year plan in this location now to develop an improvement and new community engagement.

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**Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements**

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**Grand Canal Sub Group**

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018. The group and local volunteers are partnering with An Taisce's Clean Coasts unit to facilitate corporate clean ups as part of our Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme. The Canal Ambassador Scheme pilot was launched by Waterways Ireland and training has been rolled out to 20 ambassadors. Waterways Ireland, with support from Fáilte Ireland, is developing a Dublin Canals brand including new website to be launched in spring 2019. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)**

The redesign of Herzog Park is the final element of the Rathgar VIP to be undertaken. The Nature Play Area was officially opened by the Lord Mayor on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Contractor has been appointed by Parks Services to construct the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the bowling green. Works will commence in November 2018. This will constitute phase 2 of the works. Internal landscaping, boundary treatment and the car park area will be addressed in 2019. Works to re-align the Bring Centre should be completed in November 2018.

**Ranelagh Gardens Park**

Cleaning of the main entrance archway to the park was carried out in April 2018. A contractor has been appointed by Parks Services to upgrade the paths in the park and to address the drainage issues at the Chelmsford end. These works will be carried out in October / November 2018.

**Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)**

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. It is now proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

**Library Square:** (Mitchell & Associates) Information is currently being collated and meetings with internal stakeholders are being held ahead of meetings with traders and local residents later in the year.

**Cambridge Road:** (Redscape Architects) An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre on Thorncastle Street. Meetings with internal stakeholders are taking place and draft designs will be brought to another meeting with the public in November prior to commencing the Part 8 process.

### **Terenure Village**

Five additional lamp standards were identified for upgrade in 2017 and were installed in summer 2018. Proposal to screen recycling bins in car park on Terenure Road North is being examined in partnership with Terenure 2030 / Tidy Towns and Waste Management Services as a project for 2018.

### **New Playground at Sean Moore Park**

Community gain funding has been approved to provide a new playground at Sean Moore Park. Consultations took place with local schools and a tender has been prepared to appoint consultants to design a new playground for Sandymount at Sean Moore Park. Pre Part 8 report was brought before the July 2018 South East Area Committee. The Part 8 Planning Application was lodged on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and third party submissions can be made up to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### **Crampton Buildings**

A meeting took place in early October with the Crampton Buildings Residents' Group to discuss a range of issues relating to Crampton Buildings and Temple Bar. Among the items discussed were busking, street cleaning and maintenance issues in Crampton Buildings.

### **O'Carroll Villas**

We are awaiting a landscaping proposal from Housing Maintenance. We will revert to local residents as soon as this is received.

### **Cabbage Patch**

A proposal for CCTV for the Cabbage Patch is being considered at present.

**Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department  
Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Section**

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**Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Report**

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From 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September the first ever Dublin Sportsfest week took place across the city. The week-long event was scheduled to coincide with the European Week of Sport.

The festival itself comprised of a week-long programme of innovative events & promotions across many of the sports clubs resident in the city in addition to Dublin City Council's (DCC) facilities, parks and urban spaces. The purpose of Sportsfest was to bring together the people, the clubs, the sports and the spaces of Dublin in a celebration of sport and physical activity in our City. The focus was on encouraging sustainable participation across all ages, backgrounds & abilities. The vast majority of events & activities across the week were free of charge. The event was also a unique opportunity to showcase and promote Dublin City Council's Sport & Recreation centres and facilities.

Partners in the event included Dublin City Council Sport & Recreation Services, Dublin Festival of History (Public Libraries), Cycling Ireland (Great Dublin Bike Ride), Parkrun, Junior Parkrun, Ireland Active, Sport Ireland, NEIC, Ballyfermot Youth Service and a large number of national & regional governing bodies for various sports. This was in addition to a host of sports clubs from across the city.

A full evaluation of the event will take place over the next number of weeks to fully assess its impact. Feedback will be sought from the various partners that supported and participated across the week and the information collated will be used as a foundation to inform decisions about the future of the event and / or the planning of Sportsfest going forward.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Nial Ring, who officially launched Sportsfest in Irishtown Stadium on 4<sup>th</sup> September and participated in many of the events throughout the week, will host a reception in the Mansion House, Dublin on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, to thank those involved in the events' planning and execution.

**SPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – SMALL GRANTS SCHEME**

Grants were advertised in mid-May via email to clubs and sports contacts, newspaper advertisement and via social media. The deadline for receipt of applications was Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 4pm.

Applications were open to sports clubs and organisations within the Dublin City Area affiliated to a national governing body providing opportunities for young people aged 10 -21 years of age to participate in sport & physical activity.

120 applications were received and 112 were approved for payment. To date payment has been received for 98% of approved applications.

More information can be found at:  
[www.dublincity.ie/smallgrantscheme2018](http://www.dublincity.ie/smallgrantscheme2018)

### **COUCH TO PARKRUN (CORE) Underactive Adults**

Couch to Parkrun participants are encouraged to steadily improve their running ability over an 8 week programme aiming to comfortably negotiate a 5k run at its conclusion.

The following Couch to Parkrun programmes will be delivered by the two newly appointed co-funded Athletics Officers from Athletics Ireland to schools in the area.

- **Programme:** Couch to Parkrun  
**Dates/Times:** TBC  
**Location:** Irishtown Stadium / Herbert Park  
**Participants:** Mixed.

The following Couch to Parkrun programme encourages inactive adults to take part in Remembrance Run in the Phoenix Park on 11<sup>th</sup> November;

- **Programme:** Couch to Parkrun  
**Dates/Times:** Mondays at 7pm  
**Location:** Bushy Park  
**Participants:** Mixed Adults.

### **FOREVER FIT (CORE) Older Adults**

The Forever Fit programme is aimed at older adults and focuses on activities to improve balance, increase mobility, strength, co-ordination and fall prevention.

Details of Forever Fit programmes running from September – December in the South East Area are outlined below.

- **Programme:** Walk and Talk Group  
**Dates/Times:** Thursdays from 22<sup>nd</sup> December for 3 weeks  
**Location:** TBC  
**Participants:** Dublin City Council Community Section
- **Programme:** Chair Fit  
**Dates/Times:** Mondays 7pm  
**Location:** Mount Drummond Court  
**Participants:** Older Adults
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga  
**Dates/Times:** Wednesday mornings 11.30am.  
**Location:** Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook  
**Participants:** Older Adults
- **Programme:** Dance For Life  
**Dates/Times:** Tuesday mornings 11am  
**Location:** The Evergreen Centre Terenure  
**Participants:** Older Adults
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga  
**Dates/Times:** Tuesday afternoons 3pm.  
**Location:** Woodstock Court, Ranelagh  
**Participants:** Older Adults
- **Programme:** Dance For Life  
**Dates/Times:** Tuesday mornings 11am  
**Location:** The Evergreen Centre Terenure



**Participants:** Older Adults

### **GAGA (CORE) Teenage Girls**

The programme is aimed at teen girls and is run in conjunction with local youth services and schools. A wide variety of activities are delivered as part of the programme including dance-fit, fencing, yoga, boot-camp and adventure activities.

The following Zumba classes are being run in the south east area as part of the GAGA programme.

- **Programme:** Zumba  
**Dates/Times:** 5<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> November. Fridays at 11am.  
**Location:** Presentation Secondary School, Terenure.  
**Participants:** Teenage Females.  
**Partners:** Presentation Secondary School, Terenure.

### **GET DUBLIN WALKING (CORE) Underactive Adults**

DCSWP Sport Officers, in partnership with the HSE and DCC Community Section are rolling out a series of walking groups across the city under the banner of 'Get Dublin Walking'.

- **Programme:** Walking Group  
**Dates/Times:** Tuesdays at 9am  
**Location:** Harold's Cross  
**Participants:** Mixed Adults  
**Partners:** Home School Liaison Officers.

### **THRIVE (CORE) Adults with Mental Health Difficulties**

*Thrive* is a referral programme geared towards engaging people with mental health difficulties. This can range from people who suffer with anxiety or depression right through to people who may have suffered an acquired brain injury and need assistance in re-integrating into their communities from a personal independence, social & general wellbeing viewpoint.

The following boxing fitness session is delivered in Drimnagh boxing club each week. Participants with mental health difficulties are invited to attend the sessions to create an easy link to the club while also integrating with the community.

- **Programme:** Boxing (creating links to clubs)  
**Dates/Times:** 25<sup>th</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> November. Tuesday evenings 7pm.  
**Participants:** Male Adults  
**Partners:** HSE, Boxing Development Officer and Drimnagh Boxing Club

### **YOUTH FIT (CORE) Youth at Risk (10-21 Years)**

Youth Fit programmes are multi-sport and fitness initiatives aimed at young people in the area aged 10 years and over.

In partnership with Rugby Development Officers Ken Knaggs and Larissa Muldoon and local rugby clubs, a Metro Rugby League will be delivered for girls aged 10-16. The programme has been extended to run until 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Programme:** Metro Rugby Girls League.  
**Dates/Times:** October – December. Time TBC.  
**Location:** Various schools in the area.  
**Participants:** Females 10-16 years.  
**Partners:** Co-funded Officers / Local rugby clubs

A Youth Fit Badminton School's Programme is being delivered in the area. Details are outlined below;

**Programme:** Badminton School Programme  
**Dates/Times:** Fridays 9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November. 1-2pm  
**Location:** Gloucester Street Hall  
**Participants:** Females 13-15 years.  
**Partners:** CBS Westland Row

### **GREEN SCENE (CORE) Multiple Target Groups**

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership is putting together a schedule of activities to take place on green spaces around the city. Activities comprise of multi-sport and physical activities and target various demographics within the community.

The following Green Scene Inner City programme will take place in November culminating in a late night final in Irishtown stadium;

**Programme:** UEFA Programme  
**Dates/Times:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 5-9pm (Final Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6-10pm)  
**Location:** Irishtown Stadium  
**Participants:** Mixed 12+

### **GENERAL**

In partnership with Athletics Ireland DCSWP has appointed two new co-funded athletics officers to promote athletics across the city and deliver athletics based initiatives and programmes. Updates from the officers will be included in the next area report.

The following citywide one off rugby event will be held in November;

**Event Name:** College Rugby Taster  
**Dates/Times:** 7<sup>th</sup> November. 6-9pm  
**Location:** UCD & Trinity College  
**Partners:** Leinster Rugby

### **FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE**

The following football projects/events will take place in the South East Area in November / December;

- A 'Sprog Soccer Programme for 4 to 8 year olds continues held in Sports and Fitness Irishtown on Fridays at 9.30am with sixty children participating and in the YMCA, Irishtown on Wednesdays at 9.30am with eighty children participating. The programmes is also delivered in St. Catherine's Sports Centre on Mondays with twenty children participating.
- A men's football league continues on Mondays and Wednesdays in Sports and Fitness Irishtown from 6pm to 8pm.
- A club development programme delivering coaching clinics and session will be delivered in the inner south / south east area over the next few weeks.
- The Football for All programme continues over the period in Irishtown Stadium on Saturdays at 10am. The programme focuses on children with learning difficulties and physical disabilities.

- A girl's nursery academy blitz will be held for 4 to 6 year old girls who attend a soccer programme in Irishtown Stadium.
- A soccer academy programme will commence on Saturday mornings in Pearse Street. Times etc. TBC.
- **Girl's development:** will be running girls' soccer sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for girls 8 to 12 years of age in Ringsend.
- **A number of late night** leagues will commence in November for boys / girls for a 4 week period. Details are outlined below;
  - St. Catherine's, Marrowbone lane. From November 12<sup>th</sup> - 8pm to 10pm.
  - Pearse Street from November 9<sup>th</sup> - 6pm to 8pm.
  - Irishtown Stadium from November 9<sup>th</sup> - 6pm to 8pm.
- A homeless street league will be running in St. Catherine's Sports Centre every Friday morning from 11am to 12.30 over the next number of weeks.
- **Schools sessions:** will be running several sessions in the area over the coming weeks aiming to encourage schools into the sport.

## **BOXING**

- The **Startbox** Initiative, a partnership between the IABA and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, represents an ideal way for young people (10 – 17 years) to first engage with amateur boxing, Ireland's most successful Olympic sport. It is delivered by our 5 dedicated IABA / DCSWP Development Officers via local schools (primary & transition year level) in communities across the Dublin city area. Approximately 2,000 young people take part each year.

The programme is structured into Bronze (non-contact), Silver and Gold phases. The first phase focuses on general strength & fitness, method and technique. The Silver Programme consists of higher intensity sessions & limited contact and the Gold Phase takes it on to another level again. The DCSWP / Leinster Rugby Development Officer is currently engaging with schools across the south east area.

For further information on boxing programmes in the south east area please contact the Boxing Development Officer at [Michael\\_carruth@ymail.com](mailto:Michael_carruth@ymail.com).

## **CRICKET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

- The Cricket Development Officer continues to liaise with Sports Development Officers in the area to organise the running of cricket programs for the coming months.
- School coaching visits will be delivered in the south east area in the following schools during this period;
  - Star of the Sea BNS
  - St Matthew's NS
- Provincial cricket sessions are on from October-April on Friday nights from 5.00pm-9.30pm in North County Cricket Club; a number of players from the south east area

involved in these sessions and in particular participants from the Sandymount / Ringsend area. Players are between 10-18 years of age.

### **RUGBY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

For information on local Rugby events/initiatives/programmes please contact the Rugby Development Officer at [ken.knaggs@leinsterrugby.ie](mailto:ken.knaggs@leinsterrugby.ie)

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