

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

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

Community Development Section Report

Events

- **Saturday 6th April (All day)** - Terenure Men's Shed Trip to Belfast and the Titanic Exhibition.
- **Monday 8th April at 4pm** - Music & Theatre ("A Galway Girl") at Mount Anthony Community Room, Ardee Road for Rathmines Men's Shed & local community.
- **Tuesday, 9th April from 10 - 1pm** - Nature Tours with Éanna Ní Lamhna at Belgrave Square for St. Louis Primary School and St. Louis High School.
- **Tuesday, 9th April at 2pm** - Let's Walk & Talk visit to St. Michan's Church. Meet outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street.
- **Wednesday, 10th April from 10 -2pm** - Nature Tours with Éanna Ní Lamhna at Belgrave Square for Kildare Place National School and St. Mary's Junior School.
- **Monday 15th April 2.45pm** – Evergreen Club AGM, Terenure.
- **Tuesday 16th April 7.30pm**, Terenure Residents Association AGM, St. Josephs Parish Hall.
- **Friday 12th April from 2 - 4pm** - Terenure Easter Tea Dance at the Evergreen Club with a visit from the Easter Bunny.
- **Saturday 13th April from 11 - 4pm** - Bushy Park Easter Market with the Easter Bunny, Egg Hunt and Face Painting.
- **Wednesday 17th April at 3pm** – Greenore / Rostrevor Easter Party with live music from Past Times at Greenore Community Room, off Macken Street.
- **Thursday 18th April from 10 - 12pm** - Parent and Toddler Group Easter Party with Easter Fun & Treats and the Easter Bunny at the Evergreen Club, Terenure.
- **Thursday 18th April at 2pm** - Pearse Street Easter Party with live music from Past Times at St. Andrew's Resource Centre Day Care Centre.
- **Saturday 20th April at 1pm**: Easter egg hunt, Donnybrook Tidy Towns – At Donnybrook plaza.

- **Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday**
 - Dawn – Interfaith Celebration at Sunrise – Sandymount Strand.
 - Easter Egg Hunt with Sandymount Tidy Towns – Sandymount Green 11.30am.
- **Friday 26th April at 11am** - Let's Walk & Talk Irish language group visit to St. Michan's Church. Meet at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar.
- **Saturday 27th April - Dublin Clean-up Day**
The four Dublin local authorities together with An Taisce, Clean Coasts, National Spring Clean, Canal Clean-up groups and the Dodder Action Group are coming together on the 27th April for the biggest ever clean-up to take place in Dublin. Please register by visiting www.dublincommunitycleanupday.ie **Dublin Community Clean-up Day#KeepDublinBeautiful**
- **Saturday 27th April at various times** - Annual Dublin Community Clean-up Day at various areas throughout the South East Area.
- **Saturday 27th April at 2pm** - Let's Walk & Talk visit to 14 Henrietta Street Georgian Townhouse Museum. Meet at the car park next to the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown.
- **Saturday 27th April 7.30pm** - Terenure Men's Shed / Evergreen Club 'Full Monty' Fundraiser for Prostate Cancer at Terenure Rugby Club.
- **Sunday 28th April at 4.30am** - The Dawn Chorus with Éanna Ní Lamhna at Dartmouth Square, Ranelagh.
- **End April dates TBC** - On Street Photography Exhibition in Rathmines from local colleges and schools.

Community Grants

All 2019 community development grant applications have been processed and the grants are currently being sent out to all successful applicants.

Vibrant Villages Greening Projects & Tidy Towns

Identifying and confirming projects for 2019. Plans for spring and summer connections. Tidy Towns: meetings continuing through spring and applications being developed.

Vibrant Villages Walking Trails and Maps

Ongoing weekly walks ongoing in April.

Age Friendly Cities

Plan of activities and development for older persons being developed for 2019. Age Friendly Alliance for south city meeting to be held in late March for an update and main new strategic alliance. Reviewing activities in older persons' complexes and connection with liaison officers.

Allotments

All allotments licences are currently being renewed and lapsed licences allocated to new people on list. Improvements are being made to the infrastructure for the allotments.

National Community Day Bank Holiday May Weekend 2019

In 2018 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Mr. Michael Ring, TD, announced the launch of a National Community Day, to be held for the first time on the May bank holiday weekend 2019. Minister Ring said, "National Community Day is a celebration of the great spirit of community that exists throughout the country and an effort to facilitate people who

share communities to get together, get to know each other and deepen the sense of community in their area. As part of this initiative Street Feast has moved its annual Street feast day to Sunday 5th May. Check out what is happening in your local village or contact www.streetfeast.ie for more details.

Weekly Activities

- Every Monday from 11am - 1.30pm – **Verschoyle Pottery Club** at Verschoyle Court Community Room.
- Every Monday from 2 - 4.30pm – **Verschoyle Art Group** at Verschoyle Court Community Room.
- Every Monday from 7 - 9pm – **Verschoyle Drama Group** at Verschoyle Court Community Room.
- 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 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 Wednesday at 2.30pm – **Knitting Circle** at Verschoyle Court Community Room.
- Every Thursday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers 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 Circle** 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 from 11 - 4pm – **Bushy Park Market**.
- Every Saturday at 2pm - **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at the car park of the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown.

All Information correct as time of publication but are subject to change.

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Environmental Services Unit Report

Public Realm Enhancements

Granite bench reinstated on Drury Street.

BIDs / Dublin Town

Purple Flag assessment 29th March.

Proposal for spending additional funding allocated for locally based waste management initiatives in South East Area.

- Dog foul enforcement patrols.
- Installation of dog poo bag dispensers.

Events

Handel's Day, Fishamble Street, Saturday 13th April 2019.

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Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 26th March 2019. The Canal Ambassador Scheme pilot is running well. Plans are being prepared for the canal element of the Dublin Community Clean-up Day on 27th April 2019 in conjunction with the four Dublin Local Authorities and Waste Management Section DCC. The Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI) Dublin Branch Boat Rally will take place in early May. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on 23rd April 2019.

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 13th September 2018. Works to construct the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the bowling green have commenced on 19th November 2018 and will open shortly. This will constitute phase 2 of the works. Works to re-align the bring centre are ongoing and should be completed soon. Internal landscaping, boundary treatment and the car park area will be addressed in phase 3 during 2019.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

A contractor was appointed by Parks Services to upgrade the paths in the park and to address the drainage issues at the Chelmsford end. These works are now complete. Replacement of park benches is planned for 2019.

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) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7pm in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Submissions will be accepted from the public until 19th April and a revised design will be drawn up in conjunction with internal departments.

Cambridge Road: (Redscape Architects) An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC on Thorncastle Street. Meetings with internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop / meeting on 28th November 2018. Further information is required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal and it is expected to proceed with the Part 8 process once these issues have been addressed.

Terenure Village

Proposal to screen recycling bins in car park on Terenure Road North was examined in partnership with Terenure 2030 / Tidy Towns and Waste Management Services and will be carried out in 2019. Dublin Canvas has been asked to create a design.

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 17th September 2018 and one third party submission was received during the appropriate period. The proposal was approved at the meeting of Dublin City Council in January 2019.

O'Carroll Villas

We have received a landscaping proposal for O'Carroll Villas and a meeting is being arranged with residents and Councillors to discuss.

Mercer Street Play Area

The Mercer Street Play Area was installed in the last few days; Housing Maintenance have been requested to paint the fencing surrounding the play area.

Cabbage Patch

A meeting is being arranged for the middle of April to discuss the outcome of the public consultation on the Cabbage Patch and to consider the next steps.

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DCSWP HIGHLIGHT EVENTS & PROGRAMMES APRIL – MAY 2019

THE LORD MAYOR'S 5 ALIVE CHALLENGE 2019

The 2019 Lord Mayor's 5 Alive concluded on Saturday 30th March with the BHAA Dublin City Council four mile race on Saturday 30th March. The 5 Alive challenge is a partnership programme between Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership and the Lord Mayor's Office. The Challenge is now in its seventh year and has encouraged hundreds of people to take up regular exercise over the past six years. Over 400 people signed up to participate in this year's challenge with successful participants completing all races or substituting a missed race for one of the city's Parkruns which take place free of charge in five locations every Saturday in the city. The 5 Alive continues to be a huge success for DCSWP and the participants' achievements will be acknowledged in a celebration night in City Hall on Friday 26th April from 6pm.

CHAMPIONS DAY 2019

The Champions Programme is a core programme targeted at adults with intellectual, physical and sensory disabilities. The programme aims to promote inclusion and encourage participation through the delivery of multi-sport initiatives. Champions Day 2019 takes place on Tuesday 14th May in Ballyfermot Sports and Fitness Centre and Thursday 16th May in Cabra Parkside. The aim of the event is to provide taster sessions in various sports and provide a pathway to DCC facilities and existing local clubs. Activities confirmed to date include tennis, rugby, tai chi, frisbee and table cricket. Details of ongoing Champions programmes are outlined in the next section.

NATIONAL FIT FOR ALL WEEK 2019

National Fit for All week will take place from 5th – 11th May 2019. In partnership with Riccy's Youth Service, Irishtown stadium will host a National Fit for All event. Dates and times TBC.

NATIONAL ACTIVE SCHOOL WEEK

National Active School Week takes place from 7th – 10th May 2019. Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership is currently advising local schools on a range of physical activities programmes and opportunities that are available during Active School Week.

DCSWP CORE PROGRAMMES APRIL - MAY 2019

CHAMPIONS Adults with Intellectual, Physical and Sensory Disabilities

The following Champions rugby programme is ongoing in the area and is delivered in partnership with the rugby development officer:

- **Programme:** Champions Rugby Programme
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Location: Rosalyn College
Participants: Mixed 18+ years

The following Champions Zumba programme is ongoing in the area and is delivered in partnership with Turas, Rathmines:

- **Programme:** Champions Zumba Programme
Dates / Times: Wednesdays 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Location: Turas, Rathmines
Participants: Mixed 18 – 24 years

CHANGE FOR LIFE Underactive - Adults

The Change for Life programme aims to improve the health of local communities by supporting people to become more physically active on a regular basis and adopt a healthier diet. The programme was rolled out from January to March in tandem with RTE's Operation Transformation in 15 locations across the city with over 1000 participants including the South East Area.

Due to its success the following Change for Life programme continues in the South East Area over the next period:

- **Programme:** Fitness For All Classes
Dates / Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8pm
Location: Charlemont Street Community Centre
Participants: Mixed 18+ years

FIT 4 CLASS (CORE) Primary School Children

In partnership with Athletics Ireland, DCSWP ensures each primary school receives a free multi-sports kit and games book suitable for delivering a wide range of fun physical activity sessions and games.

National Active School Week takes place from 7th – 10th May 2019. Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership is currently advising local schools on a range of physical activities programmes and opportunities that are available during Active School Week. An Active School Day will take place in Irishtown Stadium on Friday 10th May from 9am – 4pm.

FOREVER FIT (CORE) Older Adults

The Forever Fit programme is aimed at older adults and focuses on activities to improve balance, increase mobility, strength, coordination and prevent falls.

Details of Forever Fit programmes running in the South East Area during the next six week period are outlined below:

- **Programme:** Chair Fit, Mount Drummond
Dates / Times: Mondays 7pm – 8pm
Location: Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex, Harold's Cross
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga, Ranelagh
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 3pm – 4pm
Location: Woodstock Sheltered Housing Complex, Dublin 6
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Beech Hill Yoga
Dates / Times: Wednesdays 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Location: Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years

- **Programme:** Dance For Life
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 11am – 12pm
Location: The Evergreen Centre, Terenure
Participants: Mixed Older Adults - 55+ years

GO FOR LIFE GAMES Older Adults

The aim of the Go for Life Games is to involve older adults in recreational sport. The emphasis of the games is on participation and fun. The games can be played in singles, pairs and teams and are played in a non-competitive way (as much as possible!) with participants encouraged to umpire their own game.

The programme involves the following three sports:

- **Lobbers** - adaption of Petanque and Boules
- **Flisk** - adaption of Frisbee and Horseshoe Pitching
- **Scidil** - adaption of Ten-Pin Bowling and Skittles

Details of Current Go for Life Programmes currently being delivered in the area are outlined below:

- **Programme:** Go for Life
Dates / Times: Wednesdays 3pm - 4pm
Location: Beechwood Centre, Ranelagh
Participants: Female - 55+ years
- **Programme:** Go for Life – Active Retirement
Dates / Times: Mondays 7pm – 8pm
Location: Mount Drummond Court, Harold's Cross
Participants: Mixed - 55+ years

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.

Teen Gym and Yoga classes will be delivered in the area from March to May as a partnership programme with Ringsend College;

Programme: Teen Gym
Dates / Times: Tuesdays, 10am - 11am and Thursdays 4 - 5pm
Location: Irishtown Stadium
Participants: Mixed - 13-18 years

Programme: Teen Yoga
Dates / Times: Thursdays 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Location: Irishtown Stadium
Participants: Mixed – 13 - 17 years

CO-FUNDED PROGRAMMES APRIL – MAY 2019

BOXING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The **Startbox** Initiative, a partnership between the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP), 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 five dedicated IABA / DCSWP Development Officers via local

schools (primary & transition year (TY) level) in communities across the Dublin city area. Approximately 2,000 young people participate each year in the StartBox Programme.

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.

Details of ongoing Startbox programmes in the South East Area are outlined below:

Bronze Programme

Following completion of the Bronze Programme in February, participants from the following schools have now progressed to the silver program which takes place over the next few weeks:

- St. Patrick's Girls' National School
- St. Patrick's Boys' National School
- Scoil Cathronia National School
- Presentation College Secondary School (transition year)
- Marian College (transition year)
- Roslyn College (transition year)

CRICKET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Cricket Development Officer continues to liaise with Sport Development Officers in the area to organise the delivery of cricket programmes. School coaching visits continue in the following schools during the period;

- Star of the Sea (Wednesdays 1.00pm - 2.30pm)
- St. Matthew's (Wednesdays 11.00am - 12.30pm)
- Santa Maria, Synge Street (Tuesdays 1.00pm - 2.30pm)
- Ranelagh MDS (time and date TBC)
- The Leprechaun Cup (Primary Schools Competition) will be on during this period. Teams from local schools compete on a weekly basis with matches and venues organised with schools a week before each game is due to take place.
- Cricket sessions will be provided in schools in the area seeking their active flag during **Active School Week (7th - 10th of May)**.
- Provincial cricket sessions continue on Friday nights from 5.00pm - 9.30pm in North County Cricket Club; a number of players from the South East Area are involved in these sessions in particular players from the Sandymount / Ringsend area. Players are between 10 - 18 years of age.
- The annual Dublin City U12, U14 and U17 Girls Easter Camps will take place at St. Columbus College from 10am - 5.30pm from the 15th-18th April. Participants attending from the South East Area will be from the Sandymount / Ringsend area.
- The annual Dublin City U12, U14 and U17 Boys Easter Camps will take place at North County Cricket Club from 10.00am - 17.30pm from the 23rd - 26th of April where we have participants from all Dublin City areas. Participants attending from the South East Area will be from the Sandymount / Ringsend area.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The sprog soccer programme which is aimed at 4 - 8 year olds continues in Sports and Fitness Irishtown every Friday at 9.30am with 60 children participating, the YMCA, Sandymount on Wednesdays at 9.30am with 80 children participating and in St. Catherine's sports centre, D8, on Mondays with 20 children taking part.

The football men's league is ongoing on Monday's and Wednesday's in Sports and Fitness Irishtown from 6pm to 8pm.

The Football for all Programme continues in the area over the period. The initiative is aimed at children with learning difficulties and physical disabilities. The programme is delivered in Irishtown stadium on Saturdays at 10am with 10 to 15 children attending each week.

A Girls' Easter Soccer Camp will be delivered in Irishtown stadium from April 15th to 18th from 10am to 1pm.

An Easter soccer / multi-sport camp will be delivered over the next period in conjunction with DCC sports officers for children aged 6 to 14 years from April 23rd to 26th

A weekly soccer academy programme will be delivered in Pearse House Recreation centre on Saturdays from 9.30am to 11am for children age 4 to 6 years old.

A PDP 1 coach education course will be delivered on Saturday April 13th in Irishtown stadium for beginner coaches.

ROWING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Get Going... Get Rowing

Following the February mid-term break the Get Going Get Rowing Programme commenced in a new set of schools across the city. On-the-water taster sessions were provided to demonstrate the pathway from the rowing machine to the water and encourage students to participate in the '*Splash and Dash*' event which takes place on Thursday 9th May in Grand Canal Dock, Dublin.

- Rowing students continue to 'virtually' row around the world. Team members participating in the initiative are from all corners of the globe. Students are encouraged to clock up the metres to get the team all the way around the world.

RUGBY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The following rugby programmes will take place in the South East Area over the period:

- Rugby programmes will be delivered in St. Brigid's girls' primary school, Ballsbridge for students 9 - 12 years on Wednesday afternoons. The programme will conclude with an inter-school blitz. Details TBC.
- Rugby programmes will be included in a multi-sport Easter camp from 23rd – 26th April in Irishtown stadium. The camp is aimed at 7 - 12 year olds (mixed). Activities will be delivered by the local Rugby Development Officer in the area.
- In partnership with rugby clubs in the area, the Rugby Development Officer will deliver an Easter Girls' Rugby camp on Friday 26th April from 9.30am – 2.30pm. The camp is aimed at females aged 10 - 16 years and will take place in Donnybrook Rugby Club.

FURTHER DETAILS

For details or queries on any of the programmes / initiatives outlined above please contact Dee O'Boyle, DCSWP on 222 5433 or email: dee.oboyle@dublincity.ie

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