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

## **NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT**

### **ALLOCATION OF 2019 FUNDING**

On recommendation of the Budget Sub-Group a further round of projects was approved by the Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019. This brings the total 2019 funding allocation to date to €4,928,614 (of €6.5M). The full list of approved projects / programmes is set out on Appendix A.

The latest round of funded proposals, totaling €125,664, are as follows:

- **BITCI (Business in the Community Ireland) Summer Work Placement Programme €9,363** - Management and co-ordination of 20 paid summer work placement positions for NEIC Leaving Cert students.
- **Fighting Words CLG - €5,000** (Co funding) to provide provides free tutoring, mentoring and publishing in creative writing for children, young adults and adults with additional needs. The target is to work with an extra 1,000 children from the north east inner city and to recruit more locally based volunteer tutors.
- **St. Louise's Day Nursery, North William Street - €6,636** Investment in Baby Room to enable participation in the DCYA NEIC Pilot Childcare initiative for Children Under 24 Month
- **Jigsaw (National Centre for Youth Mental Health) - €50,000** Fit out costs for new premises at Summerhill.
- **The Oasis Centre, St. Laurence Place East - €54,665** Interim funding for appointment of General Manager pending funding of this post by HSE in 2020.

In addition to above it has been requested by Sub-Group 3 (Creating an integrated system of social services) that an allocation of €705,000 be set aside for further projects emanating from Sub Group 3 on the understanding that more detailed proposals will be put forward for consideration by the Budget Sub Group and by the PIB

### **Additional Garda resources for Liberty Park / Railway St. and environs**

As reported to the March meeting, policing of Liberty Park and environs has been identified by Sub Group 1 (Tackling Crime and Drugs) as a strategic priority for 2019 and a funding proposal in this regard has been approved by the Programme Implementation Board in the sum of €370,000.

Despite some previous interventions the area continues to create significant policing challenges and has generated much negative commentary. In order to address these

challenges, Sub Group 1 believes a constant policing presence in this area is necessary to counteract drug dealing and anti-social behaviour. It is estimated that the cost of providing a daily visible uniformed policing presence of two members of An Garda Síochána is €370,000 for the remainder of this year 2019. These monies will be ring-fenced for this specific Operation and a robust monitoring system will be put in place by An Garda Síochána. The new arrangements will be put in place in the immediate term.

### **Stop open drug dealing in Liberty Park !**

The enhanced policing arrangements at Liberty Park will co-incide with the initiation of a specific project which has emerged from the NEIC Executive Leadership Course which took place in University of Limerick in late 2018/early 2019. The project proposes a focused multi-agency approach to tackling the open drug dealing and knock-on negative impacts on the quality of life for local residents and loss of amenity value of the park itself. It envisages a number of Governance & Policy, Place Based and Behavioral & Cultural solutions. The implementation of this is currently being costed and will be brought to the NEIC Board for approval.



### **Drugs Related Intimidation (DRI)**

Arising from the recommendations of the Drugs Related Intimidation conference 'Lives Without Fear – What Works', which took place on the 18th June 2018 in Croke Park, the Programme Implementation Board has approved the appointment of a dedicated resource to focus on a clear action plan to tackle drugs related intimidation in the North East Inner City. The project was the subject a tender process publicly advertised with a closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. No submissions were received, however there were some expressions of interest seeking an extension of time for submissions and this was agreed. The revised closing date is 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### **OTHER UPDATES**

#### **NEIC COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2019**

Following approval of €100,000 funding the 2019 NEIC Community Grants Scheme (Round 1) is **now open** for applications and is being promoted across the Community Development sector. As in 2018, in order to facilitate seasonal proposals, the Scheme is being run in two rounds Round 1 Spring/Summer with a closing date of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and Autumn/Winter to be advertised in Sept. The purpose of the Scheme is to financially support North East Inner City communities in delivering their own projects locally to benefit the defined NEIC area. Priority will be given to applicants that can be linked to delivery of actions and recommendations contained in the Mulvey Report. For the 2019 Scheme it has been agreed to focus on two priority themes i.e.

- Theme 1.** *Environmental awareness and improvement*
- Theme 2.** *Active Living, Recreation and Wellbeing*

Both themes are relevant for both Rounds 1 & 2. The Guidelines and application forms are available via [www.neic.ie](http://www.neic.ie) or by contacting the Programme Office [neic@dublincity.ie](mailto:neic@dublincity.ie)

## NEIC Social Media Strategy

Please like and follow NEIC Facebook  [www.facebook.com/dneic/](http://www.facebook.com/dneic/) and Instagram  [www.instagram.com/neic\\_dublin](http://www.instagram.com/neic_dublin)

The Programme Office, working with Together Digital, is currently implementing a social media strategy in an effort to raise the profile of the NEIC including promoting community and sporting events, opportunities in training and education, and the wide range of new initiatives and supports. Recognising the importance of communications and outreach, the Programme Office hopes to focus on the many positive aspects of this area and it's strong and vibrant community

## Sean Mac Dermott St. Swimming Pool

With the support of NEIC funding, the 9 month partnership agreement between Dublin City Council and Swim Ireland to extend the public opening hours of Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool has been underway since mid-August. The agreement is now in its final three months (concluding in mid May). The partnership arrangement facilitates the opening of the pool 7 days a week with Swim Ireland providing public swimming, classes and other family water activities on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Dublin City Council continues to accommodate a range of local schools, clubs and community groups Tues. – Fri.

The 6 month review of the partnership arrangement has seen a falloff in total user numbers from 2844 in the first 3 months to 1993 (-851) in the period Dec. – Feb., however other statistics have improved with 56 children currently in learn to swim lessons (up from 33) and an average of 40 adult users p/week (up from 33). A further round of promotional activity is now underway for the final three months of the trial period. In the meantime, discussions will continue between Dublin City Council, NEIC and Swim Irl. regarding the future beyond the trial period.



**Seán MacDermott Street Swimming Pool**

**Now Open to the Public SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY**

Family swims  
Inflatable sessions & Swim discos  
Specialist group and 1-2-1 lessons and swim training for Adults and Children  
Mindfulness Yoga sessions  
Hydro-HIIT & Aqua-Fit classes

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## NEIC Sports & Wellbeing Programme 2019

A sum of €170,000 is allocated for the 2019 Sports & Recreation Programme. A comprehensive report on the current status of delivery of this Programme is attached at Appendix 2.

### Measuring the Impact of the North East Inner City Initiative

Following the appointment of *Just Economics Research Ltd.* Phase 1 of measuring the impact of the NEIC Initiative is underway. This phase will involve conducting workshops to develop cost-effective evaluation methodologies that are practical to implement and accessible to stakeholders. The first workshop took place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Just Economics will present their report by mid Q2 and this report will form the basis for the research phase which will be tendered separately in 2019. It is anticipated that the evaluation project will be completed in Q4 2019.



### NEIC Newsletter No. 4

The 4<sup>th</sup> NEIC Newsletter Spring /Summer 2019 has been published and circulated to all households in the NEIC area.

If any further information is required in relation to the above projects please contact the Programme Office directly [neic@dublincity.ie](mailto:neic@dublincity.ie). General information is available on [www.neic.ie](http://www.neic.ie)

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**APPENDIX 1**  
**NEIC Initiative – 2019 Funding Proposals Approved to date**

<b>Department of Rural &amp; Community Development Community Enhancement Programme (formerly RAPID) Allocation (€4.9M of €6.5M)</b>	
<b>Sub-Group 1 Tackling Crime and Drugs</b>	
Anna Liffey Drug Project ACMT Project (to end 2019)	155,000
Garda Surveillance Vehicles and Equipment	50,000
Drugs Related Intimidation RFT	100,000
Liberty Park and environs – Additional policing	370,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€675,000</b>
<b>Sub-Group 2 Education Training &amp; Employment</b>	
Career LEAP	36,480
JUST (Jesuit University Support Training)	7,770
Social Enterprise RFT	25,000
Reader In Residence (Charleville Mall Library – co fund with DCC)	37,500
Digital Skills Project (Charleville Mall Library – co fund with DCC)	17,500
BITCI Summer Work Placement Programme	9,363
Fighting Words (co-funding)	5,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€138,613</b>
<b>Sub-Group 3 - Creating an Integrated System of Social Services</b>	
Youth Training Bursary (Inner City Renewal Group)	10,000
Non-violent Resistance Training	4,500
Afterschools Research (YPAR)	15,840
Youth Leadership Training (YPAR)	6,600
Mens Health & Wellbeing Programme (Larkin Unemployed Centre)	44,760
Increase YPAR Capacity by 2.5 days a week	51,000
St. Louise's Day Nursery	6,636
Jigsaw (National Centre for Youth Mental Health)	50,000
The Oasis Centre	54,665
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€244,001</b>
<b>Sub-Group 4 – Improving the Physical Landscape *</b>	
Community Events	300,000
Sport & Wellbeing Programmes	170,000
Arts Projects (incl. Street Art)	100,000
The Green Ribbon	150,000
Public Domain Improvements	150,000
Greening Strategy Implementation Phase 1	350,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€1,220,000</b>
<b>Sub-Group 5 Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Services</b>	
Homeless Case Management Team	390,000
Drug & Alcohol Response Team	346,000
Residential Stabilisation Programme	430,000
NEIC Co-ordinator (for Sub-Group 5 Projects)	70,000
Monitoring and Evaluation	55,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€1,291,000</b>

<b>NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups</b>	
Programme Office direct operational and administration costs	100,000
Programme Management (incl. Community engagement, PR & Comms.)	60,000
Programme Evaluation	100,000
Social Employment Fund	1,000,000
Community Grants Scheme 2019	100,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€1,360,000</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL ALLOCATED TO DATE IN 2019</b>	<b>€4,928,614</b>

\* *Note: Sports & Wellbeing; Arts and Community Events projects fall within the remit of Sub-Group 4 and will be managed by Dublin City Council*

## Appendix 2 - NEIC Sports and Wellbeing Report

### North East Inner City Canal Adventure Programme

The Canal Adventure Project commenced operations in late April 2018. The Project ran an extensive summer programme for young people in the area through local youth groups and services. Local groups and schools will again be offered programmes on the canal at a subsidised rate for 2019.

In addition, the Adventure Project have also set up voluntary groups - a cottage adventure club for 7-12 year olds and an adult kayaking club. 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. Each night they can cater for 12 young people.

The adult kayaking club currently meet every second Sunday and are looking for new members. This year the Adventure Project will be running a 5-week beginner course for adults after Easter and are offering places to adults who live closest to us for just €20 to complete the course. The course will run on the evenings of Tuesday April 23rd & 30th, May 7th & 14th and a full day river trip on Sunday May 19th. Once completed the participants can continue kayaking with the club on a regular basis.



Members of the Adventure Project enjoying the local Royal Canal Amenity

### DCU Sport & Wellbeing Research and Intervention Programmes

DCU continue to engage with the NEIC Sports team, recently completing an intervention study with Larkin Community College. The study aims to show the benefit of targeted physical activity programmes with young people. The results of the study are expected

shortly. DCU also assisted with all physical fitness assessments through the 'Change for Life' Programme and are looking at assisting with further research in the area to help with baseline data and to aid evidence based data with programmes going forward.

### **Corporate Governance Programme**

Sheriff YC have continued with corporate governance training and are currently undergoing a bespoke programme that meets the club's needs. Further governance training will be offered all sports clubs over the coming months.

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

Activation programmes continue for all volunteers and potentially new volunteers in the area. Courses will be provided in Child Safeguarding, Disability Inclusion, Football, GAA, Boxing and Rugby over the next few months.

### **North East Inner City GAA Academy**

The North East Inner City GAA Academy in association with AIG continues with over 40 young people partaking in Gaelic Games every Wednesday at 5pm in Larkin Community College. The programme has added on a Fundamental Coaching Course for parents attending to add to the sustainability of the programme.



Michael Darragh Macauley with Paul Mannion (Dublin Gaelic Football Team) with John Gillick (AIG) and participants of the NEIC GAA Academy

### **Late Night Football Activity**

A number of programmes continue through the sports coordinator (Neil Keoghan). Late night activities continue in St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre (Monday and Friday Nights), Hardwicke Street (Thursday Nights) and Ballybough (Wednesday Nights, Friday Nights, Saturday Afternoons). The activities aim to attract young people into positive activity in late evenings.

### **Football Activity**

The Noel O Reilly League for Youth Services / Groups has been ongoing through the start of 2019. The League provides regular football activity for young people (10-12 Years) in the North East Inner City. Sean Youth Services, Belvedere Youth Club, East Wall Youth Service,



St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre and PARC (Pearse Street) are taking part in the league.

### **Basketball Programme**

Basketball for young people continues in Larkin Community College on Saturday mornings and has targeted primary school boys and girls in the area (8- 12 year olds). Over 25 young people are in regular attendance and the programme aims to grow over the new year.



- *Participants warming up at the Basketball Academy on Saturday mornings in Larkin Community College*

### **Scoil Uí Chonaill GAA Club**

The club continued their ongoing work in the North East Inner City with excellent progression shown in 2018.

Direct coaching in the area has led to significant increases in participation levels for the club. Inner city involvement within the boy's section increased by 54% and the girls section by 133%. The work of the clubs GPO coupled with the time and effort of the club's volunteers (approx. 10-12 cars picking up children from NEIC) collecting and dropping the children to games every weekend has yielded significant results to date.

The club have organised transport to training with pick up points and the NEIC schools for training on Monday and Wednesday nights. Scoil Uí Chonaill have increased their footprint

in the inner city with training in Larkin College on Monday and Wednesdays, O'Connell's school on Tuesdays and East Wall on Fridays.

Scoil Uí Chonaill have established a NEIC committee with three of the five members from the area.



Scoil Uí Chonaill Under 12 Hurling League Winners

50% of the team and two of the three Mentors from North Inner City.

### **Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA) Programme for Ma's**

The LGFA programmes 'Gaelic for Ma's' programme continues every week in Ballybough Youth and Community Centre (Tuesdays 7pm -8pm) and St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre, Sheriff Street (Thursdays 5pm -6pm). The Ladies commenced internal matches with Ballybough and Sheriff Street winning a game each. A deciding game is due to be arranged shortly! The Ladies will continue to train with the aim of creating a Gaelic for Ma's team in conjunction with Scoil Uí Chonaill which takes place through the second half of the year.



- *Participants from Ballybough and Sheriff Street partaking in Gaelic for Ma's on Common Street MUGA*

### **Rugby Programme**

North Wall Lions continue to prosper with regular activity every Monday at St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre under the guidance of Community Rugby Officer - Stephen Maher and Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Officer – John Sweeney. There are over 40 participants playing weekly tag-rugby in the area. The aim of the programme is to eventually merge the group into regular full contact rugby.

### **Garda Fun Run / Walk**

The Garda North East Inner City Fun Runs continue each quarter with the latest run having taken place through the 'Monto' area of the North East Inner City. Over 70 participants took part in the most recent event which took place on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March.



- *Participants at the start of the Garda Fun Run Walk on Saturday ,23<sup>rd</sup> March on Sean Mc Dermott Street*

### **Aquafit**

Aquafit classes under the guidance of Swim Ireland Participation Officer Carol Finlay proved hugely popular under the Change 4 Life Programme. Classes continue every Monday 11am -12pm, Tuesday 8pm -9pm and Wednesday 3pm-4pm in St. Laurence O Toole Recreation Centre. Classes are €5 per session.

### **Change 4 Life Programme**

Unprecedented number of people signed up to the recent 'Change 4 Life 'programme in the North East Inner City. Over 350 people signed up to the programme which ran for over 6 weeks in the local area.

A huge selection of activities were offered, thanks to a great team of people in the area including the Dublin Sports and Wellbeing Officers, the North East Inner City Initiative, Dublin City Council Sports and Recreation Centres, Home School Liaison Officers, DCU, the

HSE, ICON, Swim Ireland, the LGFA, Parkrun, North Wall CDP, Co-Funded Officers, a host of top instructors and great local volunteers.

A number of groups haven continued on with their activities in the area which include classes in Yoga, Dance, Boot camps, Walking Groups, Gaelic 4 Ma's.

Parkrun / Park walk continues in Fairview Park every week (9.15am). It is free and is open to all adults.



**Yoga Class at St. Laurence O Toole Recreation Centre.** Classes have continued every Monday 6pm - 7.30pm St. Laurence O Toole Recreation Centre and Wednesday 5pm - 6.30pm at St. Laurence O Toole's Boys School

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