

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

North Inner City Community Report October 2020

Dublin Docklands Forum

The Dublin Dockland Forum is an agency that works with many of the companies based on either side of the Liffey to encourage participation in community activities for employees.

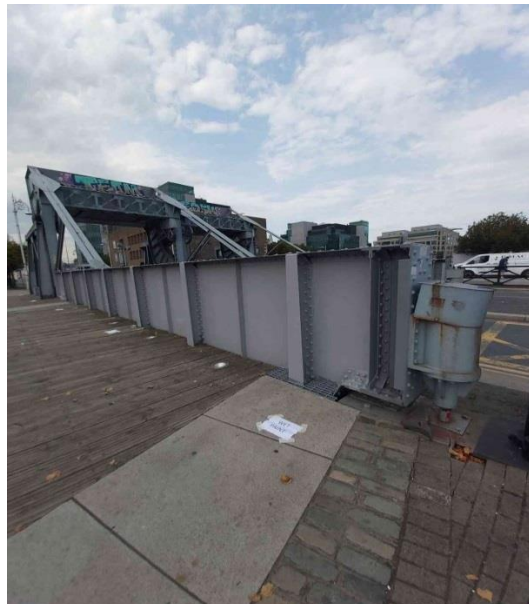
This group has been involved in many projects including the painting of the bridge at the Grand Canal Dock in Ringsend.

The Central Area Office has developed a relationship with this organisation and is developing opportunities for more projects north of the Liffey in 2021.

The Forum held one of its annual volunteer days on the 18th September. With financial assistance from the Area Office, they completed anti-graffiti work on the two “Scherzer” Bridges at Custom House Quay and North Wall Quay.

Despite the challenges of “Covid 19”, over fifty Volunteers from Citi Bank and “Epic” The Irish Emigration Museum at the CHQ Building took part in this exercise.

Discussions are ongoing through DCC Planning Department to further enhance the appearance of the two bridges by painting murals on these structures.



Henrietta House

The Area Office is continuing its work with local residents groups to enhance the gardens in their various complexes.

Pictured opposite is the rear garden that has been disused for many years. The residents with assistance from Area Staff have made progress in renewing this space. A garden shed has been purchased and new shrubbery is due for planting in the very near future.



Five Lamps Arts Festival

The Five Lamps Arts Festival is due to launch on the 21st October. The festival usually takes place in the Spring but was delayed due to Covid. The festival will include on line concerts and performances as well as exhibitions in venues such as CHQ.

The full programme can be found at www.fivelampsarts.ie The festival is grant aided by DCC through the Community Grants and Tom Clarke Bridge Fund.



The Cauldron @ Smithfield

The Cauldron of Smithfield Festival is an annual large-scale series of events that engages young people and families in the greater Smithfield and Stoneybatter areas and beyond. It provide a genuine alternative to bonfires, fireworks and general anti-social behaviours that are associated with that time of year.

Due to the on-going Covid 19 restrictions, we have made the decision to take THE CAULDRON OF SMITHFIELD festival online.

The festival will have a fantastic line up of incredible performers which will be recorded in advance in Smock Alley Theatre and live-streamed on Halloween Night.

The 3 hour broadcast will feature video submissions and interviews from local participants behind-the-scenes footage from workshops, interviews with locals, positive messages from local young people and a whole range of performances including Local Dance Groups, Singers, Hip Hop artists, Storytelling, Theatre, Animations and much more.....



There will be a big focus on engaging young people in various creative and performance workshops in the weeks leading up to Halloween. Many of these performances will be featured as part of the online broadcast.

We will be launching a comprehensive marketing campaign to promote all of our activities and ensure maximum engagement from the local community and encourage people to stay safe at home on Halloween Night and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

Health and Safety is of paramount importance to the organisers. Activities will only take place as long as we can be assured that they can be executed safely and within the safety guidelines recommended by the HSE at that time. Please visit www.thecauldronofsmithfield.com for more details.

Mud Stock On line Music Festival



The poster for the Mud Stock Online Music and Arts Festival features a vibrant, colorful background with a pattern of vinyl records and musical notes. The title 'Mud Stock' is written in a large, white, bubbly font with a red outline. Below it, 'Online Music and Arts Festival' is written in a smaller, white font. The text 'An Eclectic Mix Of Big Band/Spoken Word/Jazz/Folk/Rock' is displayed in a white, cursive font. At the bottom, there is a white silhouette of a garden with various plants and flowers. The poster is flanked by logos for 'Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Atha Cliath Dublin City Council' and 'NORTH EAST INNER CITY'. The central text reads 'MUD ISLAND ::COMMUNITY GARDEN::'. At the bottom, it says 'Join us on Facebook & YouTube from 8pm on September 26th & 27th Please donate to support garden events at <https://paypal.me/mudisland>'.

Mud Stock online Music Festival was streamed on the 26th and 28th September. The festival was produced by Area Office staff in partnership with the Mud Island Community Garden. It featured artists and groups who either live, rehearse and perform in the Dublin 1 and 3 areas. The line-up included a wide range of music including concert bands, folk, rock and spoken word.

The festival was recorded in accordance with level 3 restrictions for Covid 19.

The festival was co funded by the NEIC Task Force and the Councillors Discretionary Fund

As of the 2nd October the first episode has been seen over 2,500 times with the second episode exceeding 3,000 views. The production team continue to promote the project and viewer numbers are expected to grow significantly.

The footage can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_TMvxGv0lxdYQrTKDL_iTg/videos

www.facebook.com/mudstockfestival



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