

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

8th June 2021

Community Development Section North Inner City

80th anniversary of North Strand Bombing

A series of events were organised to mark the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the WW2 bombing of the North Strand in 1941. A local committee was formed and worked closely with the Area Office, Commemorations Committee and Library Service to mark the occasion.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin and The German Ambassador took place in the wreath laying ceremony at the monument to the victims at Marino College. They then went on to view a community led exhibition of the events and an exhibition of materials curated by the Library Service.

Additional activities included:

- The Production of new video material by the Local Community Commemorations Group and the Libraries Service.
- 28 Miniature boats were constructed and launched into the canal each bearing the name of one of the deceased.
- 3,000 contemporary newspapers were reproduced and distributed around the area.
- The monument at Marino College including the cobbled walk ways were cleaned in advance of the anniversary.
- A live streamed concert by the Dublin Concert Band.
- Search lights over North Strand on the evening of the 31st.

This project was supported and funded by the Area Office, the NEIC and the Library Service.



Frankfurt Cottages:

Staff from the Area Office have been in contact with the Residents Group, An initial clean-up has been carried out. Small planters will be installed to assist with parking prevention. The

group will be supplied with paint to allow them to clean up walls in their area. They have been assisted in applying for a NEIC grant and upcoming community grants.

Music for cocooning:

Our music for cocooning programme has commenced again at 6 locations each week.

- Tom Clarke House
- Brendan Behan Court
- St Lawrence O'Toole Court
- Aughrim Court
- Barbra Ward Community Centre
- Eastwall Community and Sports Centre

A new percussion programme is being trialled at the Barbra Ward Centre off Clonliff Road. The project be extended if successful.



North Strand planters / Mud Island / Ballybough Pride of Place

The Area Office has provide assistance for the building and planting of new planters for Mud Island Community Garden, East Wall Community Garden and the Ballybough Pride of Place group, all of whom maintain planters in the public domain.

Additional half barrels have been provide to Mud Island for positioning at the traffic lights at the North Strand.

Pictured opposite is Paul Redmond from the Mud Island Group at the Cloud Café, North Strand.



NASCADH CDP Community Clean up:

NASCADH organised a ten day clean-up for the East Wall area during the month of May. This clean-up was supported by the Central Area Office who provided cleaning equipment and removed a considerable amount of rubbish.

Gardiners Street Church:

The Area Office has assisted volunteers working with Gardiners Street Parish to replace the plants in their planters in front of the Church.

Mountjoy Square Mural

The North East Inner City (NEIC) initiative in conjunction with the Creative Ireland and DCC Arts and the Area Office have come together to create a mural to celebrate diversity in this area.

The installation of this mural is the culmination of a whole community effort. It was created *for the community by the community*. Larkin Community College, Bradog Youth Service, and CASPr after schools service have been involved at all stages of the project helping shape, build, and edit the image over a number of months (all over zoom calls) until they felt it was an image that properly represents them and was inclusive for everyone living in their area.



The painting was led Fionnuala Halpin and team but ably assisted by over 50 youths from Larkin, Bradog, and CASPr over a period of 5 days.

The project has been nominated and won a Garda Youth Award for how it has brought together member of the community.

The project was funded by the NEIC and Creative Ireland through the Social Inclusion Unit.

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