

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

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

2021 Funding

A further round of funding proposals totaling €211,230 was approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 29th September 2021. This latest round of approvals brings the total amount to €6.4M of the overall €6.5M allocated by the Government to the North East Inner City Initiative for 2021. All 2021 projects approved to date are listed under the relevant Sub-Group heading on the attached table **Appendix 1**. The table will be updated on an ongoing basis as further funding proposals are approved. The projects approved at the September Board Meeting are as follows:

Sub-Group 2 – Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities

Doodle Den - €51,000

Doodle Den is an after school children's literacy programme, which is delivered to children in a fun interactive manner, children are referred to the programme by their teachers and a strong emphasis is placed on parental engagement. The Doodle Den Programme is run in 3 schools in the NEIC area – St Vincent's Boys National School, St Vincent's Girls National School and Scoil Chaoimhin. The programme is delivered to groups of up to 15 children during 3 sessions per week. There are 6 parent sessions per year and 3 family sessions, which allow the parents and family to support and promote literary development in the home.

Early Learning Initiative - Educational Guidance for Second Level Schools - €50,000

National College of Ireland - ELI's *Educational Guidance* programme is a project-based learning programme targeted towards 5th and 6th class students in primary school. The programme's aim is to raise awareness among students and their parents of the necessity of having a third level education. *Educational Guidance* was delivered in three secondary schools (Mount Carmel Secondary School, Marino College Fairview and Larkin Community College) and one youth service (Belvedere Youth Club). The second-level programme builds on an existing programme that has been delivered successfully in primary schools for several years, with second-level students working in a more self-directed way to explore career pathways that they are interested in.

The programme consists of 6 in-class lessons delivered by the teacher, students complete a research project on a particular career, which are judged by corporate volunteers & provide feedback on students' projects. Students also have the opportunity to attend *A Day in the Life* Careers Event as part of secondary schools, teachers or Guidance Counsellors act as the lead on the delivery of the programme in their schools while ELI hold responsibility for programme coordination including: design and distribution of programme manuals, teacher training and resources, establishing links with local businesses, coordinating events, recruitment and training of corporate judges, and evaluation.

Sub-Group 3 – Family Wellbeing

Brighter Futures Restorative Practice- €43,000

Early Learning Initiative – National College of Ireland is proposing funding for Community Action Research - Cycle 4: which aims to develop a long-term restorative practice strategy that will sustain the progress to date and embed restorative practices within organisations, homes & communities across the NEIC. A key goal is to ensure that each organisation has an in-house restorative practice champion, who can encourage the organisation to train, mentor and support their colleagues to implement restorative practice in their work with children, young people and their families

Youth Services Network Mental Health Awareness Workshop - €7,230 (Emerging Needs)

Youth Services Network which comprises of Belvedere Youth Service, SWAN youth service, LYCS, Ballybough youth service, Adventure Sports Project, Crinan youth services, Brad Og youth service have identified the need for a mental health awareness workshop to be held for young people residing in the NEIC catchment area. Workshops will be delivered over 6 weeks in conjunction with the NEIC youth services by a Psychotherapist who has experience delivering mental health workshops to young people.

Sub-Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse & Inclusion Health

Initiative to reduce & prevent drug-related deaths –€30,000

93 drug-related deaths were recorded in the NEIC between 2012-2017. Funding of €30,000 is sought to develop and implement a drug death related prevention initiative for a period of 1 year. An NGO with relevant expertise will be commissioned to deliver the initiative.

The initiative will prepare and implement a plan to reduce drug-related deaths in consultation with service providers, people who use drugs and families.

Sub Group 6 - Alignment of Services

Belvedere Youth Club Funding- €30,000

Belvedere Youth club (BYC) are seeking funding of salaries for two youth workers to continue providing a service for the remainder of 2021. BYC is a vital service and the funding will allow workers deliver a service and meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable young people within the community. The funding for the Youth Workers post was previously from corporate fundraising which has diminished significantly BYC they are hopeful it will return post pandemic.

Greening Strategy Update:

The following updates have been provided by the Parks & Landscape Services Department.

Gloucester Place Road Re-alignment and SUDS Pilot Project.

Design Complete and Construction Tender pack has been issued to the Landscape/Minor Civils Framework and was received back on the 6th of August. Tender assessment is now complete and contractors appointed and awaiting construction program and traffic management plans. Work to be completed during quarter 4 2021.

Oriel Street Plaza/Pocket Park

Design Complete and Construction Tender pack has been issued to the Landscape/Minor Civils Framework and was received back on the 13th of August. Tender assessment is now complete and contractors appointed and awaiting construction program and traffic management plans. Work to be completed during quarter 4 2021.

Beresford Central Median

Design Complete and Construction Tender pack has been issued to the Landscape/Minor Civils Framework. Tender assessment is now complete and contractors appointed and awaiting construction program and traffic management plans. Work to be completed during quarter 4 2021.

Memorial Road/Amiens Street Traffic Island (Bus Aras)

Design Complete and Construction Tender pack has been issued to the Landscape/Minor Civils Framework and was received back on the 13th of August. Tender assessment is now complete and contractors appointed and awaiting construction program and traffic management plans. Work to be completed during quarter 4 2021.

Dorset Street Central Median – Phase two

Tenders returned and contract awarded. Due on site in October. Awaiting construction program and traffic management plans.

Suicide Plot - Biodiversity Garden

Complete and under current maintenance of contractor

Sackville Place Biodiversity Garden

Contractor appointed and works are on going.

O'Connell's Secondary School Greening Grant (Outdoor classroom)

Contractor appointed and Polytunnel installed. Raised beds and benches installed.

Clonmore Road Residential Street Greening

All site investigations complete. Concepts drawings currently being prepared and consultation will commence with residents as soon as possible and dependant on Council and government Covid regulations.

Buckingham Street

At Landscape Architects currently carrying out a feasibility study and concepts for a proposed new street design and linear park for Buckingham Street. It is anticipated that this project will be ready for presentations in Quarter 4.

Poplar Row (Minor Central Median)

Concepts prepared and quotes received. Works will commence shortly.

Eastwall Recreational Centre/Park

We already have concepts for this project based on layouts prepared within the NEIC Greening Strategy document. The next stage is to initiate public consultations and workshops to get residents and local feedback. It is anticipated that the consultation phase will commence before year end (dependant on Covid regulations)

Annesley Avenue

Tenders returned and contract awarded. Due on site in October. Awaiting construction program and traffic management plans.

Fourth Road

Tenders returned and contract awarded. Due on site in October. Awaiting construction program and traffic management plans.

Covid 19 public health restrictions have had an impact on the timeframe of some of the above projects, however, focus is now on keeping pace to work towards delivery or substantial completion of all 2021 funded projects before year end.

No formal discussions have yet commenced on potential 2022 projects to be presented to the NEIC Board for approval in due course. Many factors will be taken into account in the selection of projects but the intention is to keep in line generally with the [NEIC Greening Strategy 2018-2026](#)

The projects will include some residential greening initiatives and public representations in this regard will be taken into account.

Roma Mediation Programme

Joy Eniola NEIC Intercultural Development Coordinator launched a Roma mediation programme. It was introduced as a response to the need for culture language support for the Roma community. The training programme has been developed in consultation with Roma women, groups with expertise in the field and a qualified trainer.

The programme commenced in September and will run for the 15 weeks twice weekly with 10 participants from the Roma Community.

The ambition for the programme is that the participants will have the capacity to assist Roma people living in the NEIC to assimilate into the Irish Community. Workshops and formal group sessions will aid in this training.

NEIC Programme Office said Bon Voyage to Michael Darragh McCauley one of the key drivers of the NEIC Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme. Michael Darragh leaves to go travelling and all in the NEIC programme office and the community wish him well in his travels.

NEIC Sport Recreation & Wellbeing Programme Report to Central Area Committee October 2021

Adult 'Re-activation' Activities

'Operation Reactivation' provided a suite of healthy activities throughout the summer months. Activities which were delivered through Dublin City Council, the North East Inner City Initiative and a number of local organisations in Dublin City Council parks included Tai-Chi, Capoeira, Yoga, Boot camps, GAA for Mas and Afro Brazilian Dance taking place across the North East Inner City.

The programme took a recess during September with planning currently under way to deliver a new programme through October and November which will utilise the easing of restrictions for indoor activities. The programme primarily targets Adult Women in delivering activities of interest to them.



Afro Brazilian Dance at Liberty Park

Youth Sports Network and Forum

Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative facilitated a wide range of Sport and Wellbeing activities over the summer months through Youth Services and After Schools Programmes.

Groups that worked with the locally co-funded sports officers include Ozanam House, The Foundation Project, CASPr, ASESP, Swan Youth Service, Belvedere Youth Club, Ballybough Youth Service, East Wall Youth Service, Bradóg Youth Service and the Adventure Sports Project.

Activities included Gaelic Games, Football, Basketball, GAA, Rugby, Swimming, Kayaking, Sailing and Boxing. Capoeira and Ju-Jitsu classes were also delivered through the Five Lamps Arts Festival. This facilitation will continue throughout the autumn months.

Gaelic Games

Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative continue to support club development within the North East Inner City. This has included the development of Gaelic Games within the area with Scoil Uí Chonail GAA club providing opportunities for Juveniles in the area from 4 years of age right through to opportunities at Senior Level. They currently have 70 children (Boys and Girls) from the North East Inner City attend their Nursery at O' Connells School every Saturday morning (with strong links to local schools), with a further 70+ players registered to their Juvenile Section (8 – 18 years) within the club. The club have also developed 10 coaches from the area in recent years.

Basketball

Basketball has developed greatly within the area in recent years with over 50 young people regularly attending weekend basketball sessions at Aldborough Place MUGA (Multi – Use Games Area) throughout the summer months. The area recently held a 3 v 3 tournament in Mountjoy Square which highlighted the popularity of the sport. Dublin City Council through the North East Inner City Initiative is currently finalising an agreement with Basketball Ireland and Trinity College, Dublin – that will see a Basketball Officer develop the game within the area.



3 v 3 Basketball at Mountjoy Square

New Partnerships in NEIC

SARI – Sports Against Racism Ireland

Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative have continued to develop new partnerships within the area. Over the summer months the North East Inner City hosted Sport against Racism Ireland (SARI) 'Football for Unity' Programme which had over 300 participants partake in football activity across the area.



Young men from the North Wall area taking on a SARI select in the 'Football for Unity' Programme

New Football Teams

Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative continue to support the development of new teams in the community particularly for girls. Sheriff YC have developed 4 new girls' teams and Stella Maris Fc 2 teams over the last year. Sheriff YC have also commenced playing their small sided games on the two MUGA's managed by St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre bringing football back into the local community.



Sheriff YC Girls – playing their first ever home game at St. Laurence O' Toole MUGA

Ex Well Medical Programme

Chronic illness is more prevalent in lower socioeconomic groups and in the elderly. Ex-Well Medial is a social enterprise which offers structured exercise programmes in community settings. Ex-Well in partnership with Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative developed a programme for GP Referrals to the Ex Well Medical Programme. The programme was piloted in March 2021 in NEIC. It provided opportunities to participants to exercise in a safe environment while ensuring they were undertaking appropriate activity. These partnerships will continue to be developed over the autumn months.

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APPENDIX 1

NEIC Programme – 2021 Funding Proposals Approved to date (October 2021)

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€6.4M of €6.5M)	
Sub-Group – Enhanced Policing	
Operation Cribbage (Additional Policing resources for Liberty Park & Environs)	€370,000
Domestic Violence and Child Protection - Training for Practitioners	€1,600
Training Bursary – Understanding and Responding to Domestic Abuse (Dundalk IT)	€5,600
Sub-Total	€377,200
Sub-Group 2 – Maximizing Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities	
School Principals Network – MA in Education (Special Option Poverty and Social Inclusion in Education) – Yr 2 of study for teachers who commenced the course in 2020	€42,900
Adult & Community Education Strategy for NEIC (co-fund with CDETB)	€12,750
Nurture Room Training for NEIC Primary Schools	€6,675
ICRG (Inner City Renewal Group / Eastside & Docklands Local Employment Service) Bursary 2021	€10,000
Childcare CPD Training Bursary	€41,200
O’Connell’s Primary School – Arts & Wellbeing room	€16,556
Career LEAP Programme	€79,697
P-Tech	€103,600
Doddle Den	€51,000
Educational Guidance	€50,000
Sub-Total	€414,378
Sub-Group 3 – Family Wellbeing	
Service Provision for 7 to 10 year olds (Belvedere Youth Club)	€48,764
Under 18s Mental Wellbeing Therapeutic and Counselling Support (YPAR) (3 months)	€97,750
Community Case Management	€325,000
Parenting Programme Co-Ordinator (via Tusla)	€60,000
Ozanman House – 8 Week parenting programme	€5,000
NCI Restorative	€43,000
Sub-Total	€579,514
Sub-Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment	
NEIC Greening Strategy (Phase 2 : 2021-2023)	€545,000
Community Events Programme 2021	€325,000
Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme 2021	€200,000
Community Arts Programme 2021	€155,000
Intercultural Development Co-Ordinator Yr. 2	€60,800
The Green Ribbon Environmental Project	€146,000
Rutland School Re-development	€900,000
Sub-Total	€2,331,800

Sub-Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health	
Recovery Coach Internships	€16,400
Recovery Café (Recovery Academy of Ireland)	€55,000
HOPE – Recovery Case Manager	€21,000
Community Aftercare Programme for released prisoners	€90,000
Initiative to reduce & prevent drug-related deaths	€30,000
Sub-Total	€212,400
Sub-Group 6 – Alignment of Services	
Swan Youth – Detached Youth Outreach Programme	€150,000
'City Connects' Primary Schools Support Programme (Revised from previously approved figure of €367,951)	€314,680
NEPS / HSE – Multi Disciplinary Team supports for primary schools	€405,777
YPAR 0-5 Early Years Research	€34,100
BYC Two youth worker posts	€30,000
Sub-Total	€934,557
NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups	
NEIC Social Employment Fund – maintain existing 55 places	1,000,000
Programme Office Costs 2021	260,000
Emerging Needs Fund	250,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Priority Technology Needs of Schools for remote learning €96,760</i> ○ <i>Transitional Roma translation Service for NEIC Schools €24,000</i> ○ <i>LYCS Temporary Accommodation contribution €10,128</i> ○ <i>Hill Street Family Resource Centre – 0-6 equipment - €1,760</i> ○ <i>Lourdes Daycare Centre Kitchen Equipment - €5,392</i> ○ <i>The Oasis Centre, Counselling and Mental Health Supports – €12,250</i> ○ <i>Sensory toys for children - €5,029</i> ○ <i>Minor outside work - €5,405</i> ○ <i>Outdoor classroom - €7,260</i> ○ <i>Outdoor space upgrade - €8,758</i> ○ <i>Kitchen installation - €4,973</i> ○ <i>Outdoor play equipment - €4,423</i> ○ <i>Replacement Fridge -€2,116</i> ○ <i>Outdoor classroom construction – €4,570</i> ○ <i>Network Upgrade - €4,979</i> ○ <i>CASPr –Refurbishment of Shower -€8,140.00</i> ○ <i>BYC Mental Health Awareness workshop – €7,230</i> 	
Community Grants Scheme 2021	100,000
Sub-Total	€1,610,000
TOTAL	€6,459,849