



MANAGEMENT UPDATE

1. STRATEGY AND POLICY

EVENTS AND FILMING

Over the coming months the Events Unit intend to tender for the following services

1. Establishment of a cascading framework of Event Consultants to act as advisors to Dublin City Council for outdoor events.
2. Tender for event programming, production, and promotion services for the Bram Stoker Festival.
3. Tender to carry out lighting improvement works to the x12 lights in Smithfield Square.

PARKS, BIODIVERSITY AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES

Proposed Burial Places Strategy 2021

A synopsis of the Proposed Burial Places Strategy was presented to, and noted, by the Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation SPC, in May 2021. The synopsis was not since formally updated, but key actions were progressed. The table below highlights an update of the key proposed actions (Section 3.2 of the BPS);

	Project/Actions	Output/Delivered to date
1	Provide Columbarium Walls - Donnybrook Graveyard Pilot Project	Pre- Part 8 application process completed, Part 8 to be submitted in Q4 2021
2	Conservation of High Cross, St. Canice's Church Graveyard	Conservation Management Plan underway (CMF 2021 grant funded)
3	Prepare Conservation Management Plans	Conservation Management Plans are underway for 4 sites at; Merrion (Bellevue), St. Canice's, St. Nicholas Within and Bluebell Cemetery (CMF grant funded)
4	Devise a volunteer & community engagement programme	<i>Discussions underway on how to best progress this</i>

5	Heritage Interpretation & Wayfinding plans	(Outline) Interpretation Plan are underway for 3 sites; Huguenot Cemetery in Merrion Row, Cabbage Garden and the Jewish Cemetery, in Ballybough (CMF 2021 grant funded)
6	Resources - Dedicated admin. Resource & bespoke technology	<i>Discussions underway on how to best progress this</i>
7	Baseline ecological surveys	<i>Discussions underway on how to best progress this</i>
8	Management & Maintenance	<i>Discussions underway on how to best progress this</i>
9	Jewish Cemetery (Ballybough) Conservation	Initial enabling/conservation works due for completion in Q4 2021
10	Implement a landscape scheme for St. James's Graveyard	<i>Ministerial Approval has been granted for these landscape works proposals. No dedication funding allocation to date</i>
11	Apply for grants	DCC successfully applied for 9 no. CMF 2021 grants relating to historical burial places

It is envisioned that Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services will continue to progress the proposed actions and source funding streams to deliver the Burial Place Strategy.

Dublin City Play Strategy 'Pollinating Play' 2021 - 2025

A report and final draft of the Dublin City Play Strategy 'Pollinating Play' 2021 – 2025 was presented at the City Council Monthly meeting held on the 6th September 2021. Subsequently the Report No. 233/2021 of the Assistant Chief Executive (R. Shakespeare) - Dublin City Play Strategy 2021- 2025 was considered and successfully adopted.

HUGH LANE GALLERY

Hugh Lane Gallery is open and welcoming visitors to our range of vibrant exhibitions while adhering fully to Covid guidelines.

LIBRARIES

Dublin City Libraries has continued to adapt, pivot and re-imagine its services during the course of 2021, in response to changing conditions and in consultation with library users.

During the course of the Pandemic our approach to service delivery adapted in response to the prevailing conditions. We moved fully online and more recently to a hybrid model as restrictions lifted. In practice this means supporting library users to access our services in a way that suits them. Currently patrons can visit the library to borrow, use study spaces, public PCs and printing facilities, as well as browsing with access to Newspapers, magazines and socially distanced soft seating. For those library users not in a position to visit the branch in person, barrier free access to online resources continues, as well as our home delivery service in cooperation with the Dublin Volunteer Centre.

2021 has seen the development of some new and innovative approaches to the delivery of library service, including the introduction of an online chat service 'Ask a Librarian', the first library series of outdoor events for children and families, 'Inside Out' and the introduction of the first public library locker in Ireland, an electronic lending cabinet based in Drimnagh.

DUBLIN CITY SPORTS & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

DCSWP STRIDE strategic vision 2017 -2020:

Work has now commenced on an interim strategy. The intention is to put this in place to bridge the gap until a new strategy is launched to run parallel with the next year's new City Development Plan.

Interim strategy survey circulated to staff and submitted by 16/10/21. The survey results are currently under review.

Governance in Sport Code:

The Working Group are currently working through the principles of the code and liaising with the DCSWP Advisory Board and Governance Sub-Committee where necessary. They are on track to meet the end of year target for compliance.

2. INFORMATION RELEVANT TO SPC

EVENTS AND FILMING

Dublin Winter Lights 2021

- The lighting festival will run from 14th November to January 1st 2022
- The theme for 2021 is "Dublin's Winter Wildlife"
- The number of artists involved in Dublin Winter Lights has doubled to eight, to create bespoke artwork for lighting projections on the buildings.
- A Childrens Art Competition has been launched by the Lord Mayor of Dublin and entries will be projected onto Barnardo Square during the lifetime of the lighting festival.
- New sites for this year include The Liberties and Merrion Square Park. The projections and installations around the city will be promoted in the form of two separate walking trails.
- As part of Dublin Winter Lights 2021, the Events Unit have eliminated all fossil based diesel generators. Instead where main power is not available Dublin Winter Lights will use Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel. HVO is made from 100% renewable waste materials and results in up to 90% reduction in CO2 emissions, up to 86% reduction in particulate matter, up to 30% reduction Nitrogen Oxide emissions, is odourless, and biodegradable within 51 days.

Christmas at the Castle, Dublin Castle (in partnership with OPW)

- The event runs from 8th – 21st December
- There will be a mixture of craft, food and beverage stalls, music, and entry into the Castle.
- Entry is free and ticketed with four time slots per day.

New Years Festival (in partnership with Fáilte Ireland)

- Six events are set to take place over two days in the City Centre on 31st December 2021 and 1st January 2022.
- 31st Dec

- New Years Matinee Show, Dublin Castle (Family Event)
- Countdown Concert with Midnight Moment, Dublin Castle
- New Years Eve Street Party, Stephens Green South
- 1st Jan
 - New Years Afternoon Dublin Castle (Family Event)
 - Music in the Square, Meeting House Square
 - New Year's Day Concert, Dublin Castle

PARKS, BIODIVERSITY AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES

Successful Community Monument Fund (CMF) 2021 Applications

The Community Monuments Fund is a National programme to provide investment in Ireland's archaeological heritage and support climate resilience for monuments in local authority and those in private ownership. This funding is assessed and administered by the Local Authority heritage professionals and is intended to assist in the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments.

Dublin City Council Archaeology Conservation and Heritage Section, in tandem with Parks Department, prepared, processed and was awarded nine Community Monuments Fund (CMF) grants under the three funding streams. Eight of the projects are led by Parks, one is led by the City Archaeologist with the support of Parks and Finglas Area Office. A tenth project (Drimnagh Castle) is community led, with guidance from the Archaeology, Conservation and Heritage Office. The sites supported in Dublin City 2021 include a medieval castle, a post medieval church and several historic graveyards.

The work allocated funding must be assessed and certified by a Local Authority heritage professional and drawn down by mid-November 2021. All ten projects are currently underway and on track for completion. The allocation to the ten Dublin City projects, originally valued at €309,937, has since been increased by €30,000 to a total of €339,937, of which the Drimnagh Castle grant is €43,308.

The nine projects pertinent to Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape and Archaeology Section are outlined in the table below. The projects are separated according to the three CMF funding streams as follows: (1.) Conservation works/repairs (2.) Conservation Management Plans (3.) Interpretation and Access.

Project Title/Location	Str.	Project Deliverable
Clontarf Graveyard Church	1.	Conservation works to the church ruins
Donnybrook Graveyard Boundary Walls	1.	Conservation of the Boundary wall
St Nicholas Within	2.	Conservation Management Plan (report)
Merrion (Bellevue) Cemetery	2.	Conservation Management Plan (report)
Bluebell Cemetery	2.	Conservation Management Plan (report)
St Canice's Graveyard	2.	Conservation Management Plan (report)
Jewish Cemetery, Ballybough	3.	Interpretation Strategy & Audio-Guide
Huguenot Cemetery, Merrion Row	3.	Outline Interpretation Strategy & Audio-Guide
Cabbage Garden	3.	Outline Interpretation Strategy & Audio-Guide

The Conservation Management Plan for St Canice's Graveyard Finglas is of particular note, due to the significance of the site and the scope of the research. The project is managed by the City Archaeologist, supported by DCC Parks, Survey and Conservation professionals and the Historians in Residence. The consultant team is broad and multi-disciplinary and there has been early public engagement including a public online lecture, as well as in-person meetings on site with elected representatives and local interest groups.

Assessing and managing the grant funding and associated projects requires substantial DCC professional and administrative resource input from both the ACH Section of Planning Property and Economic Development and Parks CRES. This work includes preparation and assessment of grant applications, procurement and management of specialist consultants, overseeing project delivery, and the assessment and certification for the drawdown of grants by local authority heritage professionals. Extensive support is given by local authority heritage professionals to community led projects. Engagement with the National Monuments Service and the CMF team of the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government and with the local authority heritage professionals is ongoing throughout the process.

HUGH LANE GALLERY

Education

<http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures>

<https://twitter.com/TheHughLane>

<https://www.instagram.com/thehughlane/>

<https://www.facebook.com/thehughlane/>

Sunday Afternoon Tours

We are delighted to resume our regular Sunday afternoon tours for the public. The first tour will be on Sunday 7th November at 2.15pm. These tours are led by the various professional Art Historians from our panel who focus on highlights from our exhibitions over the 50 minute tour. They are free of charge with full adherence to Covid guidelines.

Traveller Collection publication and website launch on 11th November 2021, 1pm at the Hugh Lane Gallery

To celebrate the launch of the publication, *Traveller Collection at the Hugh Lane Gallery* and to mark the launch of the website TravellerCollection.ie Rosaleen McDonagh, Martin Collins, Thomas McCarthy and Séamus Nolan will present a short description of their experience of work being carried out between Traveller organisations and National institutes to collect preserve and interpret the material culture of Irish Travellers.

Exhibitions

Treaty Centenary Exhibition

Studio & State: The Laverys & the Anglo-Irish Treaty, is a collaboration between Hugh Lane Gallery and the National Museum of Ireland. It will take place at **Collins Barracks from 24th November 2021 to 27th November 2022**. Both exhibitions feature paintings by John and Hazel Lavery, notably of the Treaty signatories. Conservation treatments to these works have been completed in preparation for the exhibitions.

LIBRARIES

Dublin City Libraries will shortly commence the process of drafting a new Strategy to underpin the development and delivery of library services to children. Details of the ways in which stakeholders can contribute to the development of the strategy will be shared in due course.

DUBLIN CITY SPORTS & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

Sport Ireland has secured additional exchequer funding for 2021 to support sporting organisations with the impact of COVID-19, one of which is a Small Grants Scheme to cover costs associated with COVID-19 and reopening. These include insurance, overheads, Covid consumables etc...

Through this funding stream Local Sports Partnerships are encouraged to operate a local scheme for small clubs and community groups (similar to the national club scheme). These local schemes can offer financial support to community groups & clubs who may not be affiliated to a national organisation or recognised governing body, but who do provide a vital local service.

A maximum of €1,500 can be provided to each small club or community group. The grant scheme is scheduled to be run in Q1 2022 with all grant monies paid by end of Q2 2022.

NOTE: Local clubs affiliated to an NGB should apply directly to the respective NGB for support as this will be available under scheme 3 and the Indoor Sports Fund under scheme 5.

We plan to present an initiative - The '**Active Cities**' agenda – to the SPC in the early part of 2022 once the local Active Cities Officer (ACO) for Dublin City has been recruited.

DCSWP continue to observe any and all Covid-19 public health restrictions as we near a return to resumption of full programme & service delivery.

Online/Social Media Supports:

- Twitter: [@dccsportsrec](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec)
- Facebook: DublinCitySportandWellbeing
- Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)
- Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub: dcwsphub.ie

ARTS OFFICE

Lunar New Year

Following in the noting of the draft report at the last SPC. The City Arts Office is developing a programme for late January. A new consultative committee including all communities celebrating Lunar New Year is being formed.

Update on Feasibility Study for a temporary 500-seater venue

A scoping document for this study was commissioned from OBFA Architects and Landmark Productions. It is estimated that the cost of the study will be in the order of €30K and a tender is currently being prepared to be issued in January 2022.