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To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 18th July 2022

Item No. 4F

**DONAGHMEDE LEA & CLONTARF LEA - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM UPDATE FOR
THE
JULY MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

DONAGHMEDE LEA

Clongriffin

On 3rd June, the community team and the Environmental Liaison Officer met with representatives from the Clongriffin Residents Association to look at possible locations for planters at the entrance of the estate. It was agreed that one tiered planter would be placed at the entrance and 5 square planters down the central median. Gannon Homes have given permission to proceed.

Project Creation POP

Project Creation POP was a research event held on 15th June in All Hallows (DCU) in co-operation with Dublin City Council. The event was attended by Donaghmede Ladies Club and Grange Woodbine Seniors who contributed to the project with their experiences of older age.

The aim of the project is to bring different generations together through creativity and intergenerational learning. The Project partner countries include, Italy, Spain, Finland and Slovenia.

We look forward to supporting this and similar partnerships between Dublin City Council and Dublin City University, in conjunction with groups who promote active ageing in the North Central Area.



Planters

The Community team in conjunction with Public Domain arranged for the two planters on the corner of the Malahide Rd and the Kilmore Road to be planted with summer bedding and they will be maintained by residents from Pinebrook Estate.

CLONTARF LEA

Killester Blooms Community Garden

The Community team are delighted to support this initiative which is being funded from the 2022 discretionary budget. Amazing enhancements including storage, a water butt, new signage and raised bedding has been installed in the garden. We have supported the group by purchasing gardening equipment so they can continue to enhance the area. On the 7th of June we met with representatives from Killester Blooms Community Garden regarding the installation of the mural in the grounds of the green open space. At the meeting the topic of seating was raised and we were advised they are undecided as to whether they should have seating in the park as they are afraid it could encourage anti-social behaviour. This is a great collaborative initiative between the local community and the North Central Area.



WW1 Memorial Garden – Killester

The Community team met with representatives of Killester WW1 Memorial Campaign on the 9th of June. They are looking to create a memorial garden in Abbeyfield, Killester in honour of the Irish WW1 ex-servicemen who lived there and in recognition of the Killester Garden Village (Abbeyfield, Middle Third, The Demesne and The Orchard) which is the largest ex-servicemen housing scheme in Ireland. Sketches of the proposed Killester Memorial Garden were sent to the Community Team on the 25th of June and are now with Parks for consideration.



Planters Donnycarney West

The Community team arranged for the 10 containers in Donnycarney West to be planted with summer bedding plants. Some of the metal straps were missing on the poles and new brackets had to be purchased and installed to secure the planters.



Faoin Spéir Rockfield Park – 18th June 2022

The Community team were delighted to support Faoin Spéir, Rockfield Park, which was held on 18th June. There was storytelling, local bands, family friendly yoga classes and many other activities on the day. The event was enjoyed by all ages and was a huge success.

Mobility & Fitness Programme – The Tuesday Club

The Community team together with John Sweeney, Sports Officer supported a new Mobility & Fitness Programme for The Tuesday Club Fairview Marino. The first class was held on Tuesday the 21st of June at 2pm. Approximately 30 seniors attend the class and it was enjoyed by all.



CRC

The CRC in Clontarf were gifted the “Sight Savers Sensory Show Garden” from “Bloom in the Park”, which included a fantastic bounty of plants, textured tiled wall panels, a water feature and timber columns that can be made into seating/shelter.

The North Central Area Office was approached to see how we could assist the CRC with the transport, re-installation and landscaping costs, as the CRC do not have the funds to cover these large expenses. The North Central Area agreed to pay the transport costs for all the materials and plants from “Bloom in the Park” to the grounds of the CRC and arranged for a large number of the plants be transported from the CRC to DCC’s nursery in St Anne’s Park, so they can be maintained until they are ready to be replanted in the new garden in the CRC.

The local area office have had numerous meetings with the CRC to see how the community team can support them bring this initiative to life and it is hoped that we will be able to get the garden installed before the children come back to school in September

Dublin City Council Opens Community Grants 2022

Dublin City Council opened up the application process online for the Local Area Community Grant Scheme on 22nd June. In order to provide a more user friendly and efficient process, an online portal for the local area grants scheme has been developed to allow for an online applications. This portal will be open for one month **from 22nd June and will close on 22nd July 2022**

The online application can be accessed via the link below

[Dublin City Council Local Area Community Grants 2022](#)

We have also forwarded all information regarding the grant to all groups on our community distribution list (approximately 140 groups/associations).

Cameron Park Street Fest

The Community team supported the Cameron Park Street Fest which was held on 26th June. Their goal was to have a community day out where the older residents of the estate and new families had a space to meet and get to know each other. Despite the unpredictable Irish weather, a great day was enjoyed by all.



Sister Sheds Fitness in St. Anne's Parks

Sister Sheds in partnership with Dublin City Council, commenced the first of a 6 week programme on Wednesday 29th June at 6pm in St. Anne's Park. The programme is open to women aged 18 years and up. Forty one ladies turned out for the opening session.



Summary

The community team are happy to engage with local groups both formal and informal, to support community projects and initiatives.

We remain committed to advocating on behalf of the residents of the North Central Area, whether that involves dealing with central or technical departments in relation to making improvements in their area, or acting as a liaison for more supports.

We continue to work with our Sports colleagues on a collaborative basis to bring events and initiatives with a sporting theme to individuals and groups of all ages.

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