

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Report of the Director of Services, Central and South East

Grand Canal

A meeting was held in January 2020 with Waterways Ireland representatives and Councillors to discuss ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for quarterly interaction between Waterways Ireland and DCC. The latest meeting was held on 19th July 2022 via Microsoft Teams and the next meeting will be held in October 2022.

Portobello Harbour Square

A meeting was held in early September 2021 with Roads Department, City Architects and hotel contractor and other internal departments to discuss arrangements for managing the build and the renovation of the square. Parks and Landscape Services will undertake a comprehensive local consultation around the re-design of Portobello Harbour Square in conjunction with the South East Area Office. The agreed design will then be submitted for approval under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended). A meeting with Councillors was held on 8th February 2022 during which Parks Department set out plans for the proposed public consultation. Áit Urbanism + Landscape were appointed as consultant for the project and two initial public consultation workshops were held on 1st and 8th June 2022 at St. Kevin's Community Centre. Concept designs were prepared by consultants based on the outcome of these workshops and these are on public display at St. Kevin's Community Centre between 3pm and 8pm on Thursday 21st July 2022. Online consultation was open until 19th August 2022. Preliminary Appraisal form has been lodged with the Capital Project Support Office (CPSO).

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase

The final phase of the project includes the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. A preliminary site meeting was held with Road Construction engineers on 14th April 2022. Some surveys of the area have been carried out including a drone survey to assist in the design process. Once the design process has been completed it is proposed to begin work on the project in early 2023. When these works are carried out, further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to complete the project.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. Following that it was proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

**Both of these projects are now listed on the Capital Programme 2021 – 2023 and have been awarded funding from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).*

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28th November 2019 and further required detail was identified by key departments. An invitation to tender for additional services to bring the project to Part 8 was issued to consultants and Mitchell & Associates were formally appointed on 17th November 2021. Preliminary meeting of design team took place on 15th December 2021 and detailed meetings with internal departments were held in January and February 2022. GPR Survey was carried out in January 2022. Second round of meetings with internal departments was held during April/May 2022 and work on finalising the design has commenced. A Road Safety Audit will be carried out before Pre-Part 8 is circulated. Formal Part 8 will be lodged during 2022. Councillors will be briefed before we commence the Part 8 process.

Cambridge Road: An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC. Meetings with Redscape Architects and internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop/meeting on 28th November 2018. Further information was required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal in particular. In 2019 Road Design & Construction Section, E & T Department, agreed to take on the completion of the project to Part 8 stage. Detailed meetings took place between Roads Design & Construction and internal departments with a view to agreeing an overall design before commencing Part 8 planning process. Parks Services Department requested that a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey be carried out prior to Part 8 to identify location of underground services and any impact on tree planting. Drainage Department welcomed the provision of additional greening providing a SuDS benefit and a proposed new surface water main is being considered in conjunction with Irish Water. Agreement of the final design for the road has been delayed as we wait for the NTA to finalise the route for the East Coast Trail (ECT) which will either traverse Cambridge Road or run along part of Cambridge Road from Canon Mooney Gardens to Thorncastle Street. We are awaiting an update on the East Coast Trail before we can make further progress with this matter.

Cabbage Garden & Cathedral Lane

Parks are working with an archaeologist to progress plans for the gym equipment/community garden/play area etc. All works planned for the garden have to be carried out in such a way as to have minimal impact on the ground below, given the former history of the site as a burial ground. Parks advised me this week that they are making progress with this and hopefully we can get approval to proceed from the Department ASAP. New signage regarding the pitch with house rules etc. was erected recently. We are also liaising with a number of local schools who will be using the pitch for the year ahead. Parks will be erected signage shortly regarding the opening hours for both winter and summer.

City Quay

A landscape architect has been appointed to develop a design to enhance the public realm fronting onto City Quay. We are working with City Quay residents in this regard.

Aungier Street Triangle

We are waiting for the Parks Division to appoint a contractor to design and green this space.

Rosary Hall

After receiving extra funding of €240,000 which was approved at the April City Council meeting (as well as €125,000 already allocated) it was decided to retender the entire proposed works. Meetings took place with both main community groups and consultant architects during the summer 2021 to outline and agree the proposed works which included mechanical & electrical works, fire safety works, remedial works and lift replacement. The Area Manager also engaged in meetings with both community groups regarding governance of the facility and a management agreement was finalised in May 2022. A supervisory committee comprising of two members of the football club and two members of the HXVCC and the Area Manager will be established to optimise the use of the facility for the benefit of the community. Tender Documentation was completed and advertised and tenders were received back on Feb 14th. These tenders have been assessed by consultants and it is apparent that construction inflation has led to a significant increase on the previously estimated cost.

A full CPSO appraisal form has been submitted in relation to the matter and it is hoped to include it in list of projects for capital funding consideration. The disposal of the lease was agreed at the South East Area Committee meeting in June and was brought to the July Dublin City Council meeting and approved. As all the requisite monies have not been sourced yet, the preferred contractor will be asked if he will extend the deadline.

Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross

The Age Friendly Committee for Harold's Cross has been operational since early 2020. A draft report was submitted by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in conjunction with Rob Chester, Area Community Officer and it was agreed to progress a number of these proposals funding permitting. In tandem, it is proposed to hold a workshop to further engage with the residents and ensure particularly any elderly resident who was not consulted has an opportunity to contribute to the process and be included. It was agreed to defer the facilitation of a workshop to get the views of the wider community till autumn 2022.

A subgroup under the Housing SPC has been convened to look at the City-wide Age Friendly Strategy. Under this structure, submissions for funding may be advanced, including the Harold's Cross project. It has been agreed by the elected members that further monies (€8,000) will be allocated to this age friendly initiative in the discretionary funding for 2022. IT age friendly tablets have been distributed to residents and have been very well received. Cliff Run Media have supplied over 1000 units to established age friendly projects across the country, the Tablet comes with one year's free WIFI and are dignity proofed to make access as easy as possible.

It is anticipated that when the works are completed on Rosary Hall, that it can play a pivotal role in age friendly activities going forward. Eir have completed the work involved in getting an additional line into Harold's Cross Park to enable Virgin Media to set up the Wi-Fi Hot Spot for the area around the café. A series of sub group meeting have taken place in 2022 including February 11th, 28th, March 16th and April 8th to progress matters and it is hoped to schedule a programme of events to encourage people to participate in. The first Ageing Well Café Meeting took place on March 8th and was attended by about 40 residents with great support from CVCC. There was a good cross section of our older persons. A trip to Russborough House took place on April 11th. An Ageing Well Café Meeting took place on 17th May in McGowans and a full Age Friendly Committee meeting took place on May 5th. The sub-group met on July 15th and the next main meeting will take place in September.

Rutland Grove/ Eamonn Ceannt Park

Meeting took place on 30th January 2020 with traffic engineers, Les Moore from Parks, Area Manager and staff and Cllr. Pat Dunne. It was agreed at the meeting that Traffic Section would look again at the feasibility of putting dedicated parking as per Part 8. Should it be possible to implement, the design would need to be progressed and costed. Leslie Moore has indicated with response to a July motion that he will engage a consultant to review this issue regarding the

Part 8 parking. As an interim measure, planters were installed at the entrance to Rutland Grove to enhance the environment and assist with ongoing illegal parking at the entrance. Regrettably a number of these have been vandalised and a solution is being sought in conjunction with the residents' association.

The presentation of the proposed works at the Parks Depot upgrade took place on May 13th. The consultant outlined the plans to Councillors and community groups and welcomed input into finalising the design. A further meeting took place on June 29th 2021 to update the Councillors and community groups on modifications to the drawings after Parks Section met with the residents' group on June 17th 2021. It has been agreed that laminated drawings outlining the proposed upgrade of the depot would be erected on the depot walls to facilitate a better understanding of the proposals. This has happened.

Work is complete on the footpaths across the open green space as agreed under the Discretionary Funding. A detailed capital appraisal was prepared for tender stage and works on the depot upgrade are scheduled to start second quarter 2022. However, due to construction inflation the cost has exceeded the assigned budget. A report regarding an update in relation to this has been requested for the July Meeting and a decision is expected this month regarding the project.

New trees were planted in the estate at the end of January 2022 and a flyer was distributed to the residents outlining the importance of these trees. A further meeting of the Friends of Eamonn Ceannt took place on Feb 10th. Parks have confirmed small improvements in the park including wheelchair accessible picnic tables and sensory planting in front of playground. Big Belly bin was burned out but will be replaced by two standard bins.

Parks have confirmed that as part of an up-grade to the main Eamonn Ceannt Park entrance from Sundrive road the 'Kissing gate' will be removed from Monday April 4th. The original gate is being repaired and when reinstated will be left half open, should the trial be deemed successful.

A Friends of Eamonn Ceannt meeting took place on May 4th and the next one is scheduled for 22nd September. A meeting took place on June 3th with the Gardaí and local residents' groups in relation to the ongoing parking problems at Eamonn Ceannt Park.

The Crumlin Kimmage Festival took place on July 10th in Eamonn Ceannt Park and it was deemed a great success by locals and all who attended.

We are planning the Crumlin Halloween Mini Festival in Eamonn Ceannt from 12pm to 4pm on Monday 31st October 2022.

Choice Based Lettings

We expect to advertise some more units under this scheme shortly.

CCTV Benbulbin Road

Following on from the provision of Discretionary Funding for the installation of CCTV at Benbulbin Road, we have continued to try to progress the matter. Adhering to advice from DCC's Data Protection Office, a letter was sent to the Garda Commissioner's Office on the 11th March 2021. This letter requested written authorisation from the Garda Commissioner for Dublin City Council to install CCTV at the location, which is a public area and not within the bounds of a Dublin City Council complex. The current DCC code of practice for installation of CCTV in public places requires such authorisation from the Garda Commissioner. The office of the Commissioner replied on the 11th May and submitted a number of documents, including An Garda Síochána's Code of Practice for Community Based CCTV Systems. The documents submitted are at variance with DCC's code of practice for CCTV in public places and do not seem to take into account that DCC are installing the CCTV rather than a Community based organisation. Discussions took place with local based senior Gardaí in order to try and

reconcile the differing positions but following further advice from our Data Protection Office further clarity was required from An Garda Síochána. We have now received further communication from An Garda Síochána outlining their position on this matter. Unfortunately, An Garda Síochána have stated that their internal policy/procedures will only allow authorisation of this scheme if it is designated a Community CCTV Scheme. As previously advised designating this CCTV Project a Community Based CCTV Scheme would impose greater responsibility on the local community in relation to their role in consultation, installation, maintenance and management of the CCTV system. In addition, given the proposed location of the CCTV and the serious criminality which takes place there, there is a significant potential for health and safety issues to arise for community representatives involved in such a project. It would also have the potential to increase costs for the project.

We held further discussions with An Garda Síochána in April in relation to this CCTV scheme and while they have not changed their viewpoint they have raised issues in relation to all CCTV schemes which will require further clarification with our own Data Protection Office.

Additionally, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner has recently issued a substantial fine against Limerick City and County Council in relation to the operation of CCTV in its area. This decision is likely to have knock on effects for other local authorities and our Law Department are reviewing the decision to assess its implications for existing and planned CCTV schemes.

St. Clare's Park, Harold's Cross

Dublin City Council have now completed the acquisition of units in this new development. We have acquired 19 units comprising of 11 x 1 bed units and 8 x 2 bed units. The Kimmage/Rathmines area office have completed the selection of applicants and estate management checks on selected applicants for these units. Viewings will commence 1st September and is expected all tenants will be signed up and all units occupied in early September.

Halloween 2022

At the moment we are receiving very few calls in relation to the storage of bonfire materials. However, we do expect this to increase significantly as Halloween approaches. Area staff will increase monitoring of historic sites for storage of bonfire materials and will liaise with local Gardaí, groups and individuals to gather information on storage sites. Closer to Halloween, inspections will be carried out around the area with staff calling to residents and businesses where materials which could be used for bonfires are being left out in accessible, insecure, areas. Preliminary discussions have been held with local Gardaí and we will work closely with the Gardaí to ensure as quiet and peaceful a Halloween as is possible. As in previous years, there will be close co-operation between the Kimmage/Rathmines Area Office and the Ballyfermot Area Office to ensure that, in as much as possible, all bonfire materials will be removed and available resources in both areas are utilised most effectively.

Community Development Report – South East Area

September 2022

Blarney Park Allotment and the Kingfisher Project

The Kingfisher Project continues to develop the site at Blarney Park Allotments and with the completion of the outdoor classroom, all schools in the area have been alerted to the possibility of using the site for education purposes. The project has been awarded funding for two of its projects from the Crumlin Climate Arts initiative for a total of €10,100.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies

We are initiating discussions with a new Event Management Company to deliver the comprehensive series of Tree Lighting Events for Christmas in our Villages. This would entail a return to the format used per-Covid-19, however significant work will need to be done to bring a new company on board in the short timescale now available, we will update further on developments in the next report.

Community Centre/Groups and Projects

We are assisting a large number of groups, projects and initiatives to re-open after the summer break. Many initiatives are planning on full scale programmes of activities, the first time since the Covid-19 emergency ended. As most of these centres cater to our older demographic, we will be monitoring the autumn / winter carefully, and hopefully there will be no requirement to curtail events and activities. A final decision on the holding of the Young at Heart event on the 6th of October will be taken nearer the date.

Crumlin Climate Arts Project

The assessment panel has agreed funding for seven worthwhile projects for a total of €114,670. The projects are Change Clothes Crumlin, Sarah Bracken Mural, Recreate (x2), The Kingfisher Project (x2) and Its All On You. Discussions are continuing with the project leaders on drawdown of funding and project implementation. One project that applied but did not receive funding will be supported directly by the Arts Office (The Wishing Tree).

D8 Community Response

The Bar BQ Tonight eatery on Clanbrassil Street provided essential assistance to our Covid Community Response throughout 2020 - 2021. In conjunction with the Blackpitts Mosque, Organisation of Pakistani Youth in Ireland & the Muslim Sisters of Éire they offer help to those in need including refugees and homeless people and we continue to support their valuable community work.

Environmental Projects/Friends of Green Spaces

Ongoing support is being provided to a range of environmental and eco-friendly projects across the area through the provision of flowers, planter boxes and soil/compost. Projects supported since the last report include the following:

- City Quay
- Elmwood Avenue, Ranelagh
- George Reynolds House Flat Complex
- Irishtown Village
- Leo Fitzgerald House Flat Complex
- Maginnis Square
- Mercer House Flat Complex
- Outside Old Meath Hospital
- Portobello Square
- Ross Road Flat Complex
- The Pumphouse, Irishtown

We received numerous complements from residents and groups across the area on the quality of improvements to our village landscapes with hanging baskets, improved and new planters and other measures to brighten the visual amenity. As the funding for these projects is now almost exhausted we won't be taking on further work until spring 2023.

Halloween Festivals

We are initiating discussions with a new Event Management Company to deliver the large festivals in Eamon Ceannt Park, Brickfield Park and Ringsend, however significant work will need to be done to bring a new company on board in the very short timescale now available, we will update further in developments in the next report.

Heritage Week

The Church of St. John the Evangelist on Park Avenue in Sandymount marked Heritage Week with a wonderful display entitled "Theatrical Entertainments at St. John's Church Hall, Sandymount 1883-1963" which featured amateur dramatic societies and choirs connected with the former St. John's Hall on Park Avenue from its opening in 1883 until 1963, when it was sold.

Mount Anthony 60th Anniversary

The Community Team will be supporting the celebrations of the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the first units of the award-winning Mount Anthony complex in Rathmines. There will be music and food from 2pm onwards on Tuesday the 27th of September, and all are welcome join the fun.

Music on the Green

To complement the outdoor dining at Sandymount Green, we have been providing some Latin jazz guitar music on Saturday and Sunday afternoons courtesy of Robson Rocha and Mario Kozul which has gone down very well.

Older Persons' Musical Garden Parties

Many of our senior residents have been enjoying refreshments and music at care homes and sheltered housing schemes courtesy of our summer music programme. Over 80 of these events took place and are set to continue into September at such locations as Charlemont Court, Beech Hill Court, Stannaway Court and Woodstock Court. These events, organised in conjunction with the local Housing Liaison Officers and centre managers, also serve to showcase the huge efforts of local residents who take such pride in their gardens and communal areas.

Greenore Rostrevor Ladies Group hosted one such garden party in mid-August and they followed that with a wonderful mystery bus tour for over 50 older people which took them to Wicklow Town and Kilkenny for a day trip.

Ranelagh Arts Festival

July and August saw the much anticipated return of Ranelagh Arts' cultural activities at its premises at No. 6 Ranelagh with an exciting summer exhibition of contemporary art works. Their next display will be one of visual arts entitled 'Cultural Natures' which will encompass the themes of culture, climate, connections and community. This exhibition will take place as part of their annual Arts Festival which takes place this year from 17 - 25 September. Festival programme yet to be announced. Please see www.ranelagharts.ie for updates.

Rathgar Ladies Club

The club will reconvene with a musical evening on Thursday the 15th of September at 7.30PM, new members are welcome to drop in to the Parish Centre of the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar.

Rathmines Family Fun Day and Dog Show

The Rathmines Family Fun Day and Dog Show (usually the Midsummer Fair in the Square), will take place on Sunday the 18th of September from 12 – 4.30PM in Belgrave Square Park, Rathmines. This is the first time in three years that the event will occur after the Covid-19 hiatus, and is being run by the Community Team in conjunction with Belgrave Square Residents Association and the Fair in the Square Committee.

Rathmines Youth Initiative

Working with our community colleagues in An Garda Síochána, we completed four diversionary trips for young people from the Rathmines Area (Swan Grove, Rathmines Avenue Flats and other), including fishing trips and a visit to Bray as well as other activities. The

parents of the teenagers, some of whom attended, were delighted at the opportunity to meet other families with young people from the area.

Sandymount Schools' Yeats Day Project

Following on from the Yeats Day celebrations in June, we have sponsored a literary schools project in Sandymount with copies of the book "The Second Man of Sandymount", written by Tony Jordan, distributed to Enable Ireland, Scoil Mhuire, Shellybanks Educate Together School, Star of the Sea and St. Matthews N.S.

Summer Activities (General)

This was the busiest summer season June – August for the Community Teams of both sides of the area. In total we managed, supported or provided advocacy over 150 community events ranging from smaller community music concerts to large festivals in Crumlin and Ringsend. It is very clear that post Covid-19, local events are attracting larger audiences than ever with 200% attendances at many events, and while this is a major success for our local groups and committees, it presents challenges for the Community Team in terms of staffing and crowd safety.

Summer Projects

These projects all took place as planned including, BRU and CLAY Crumlin, Charlemont Summer Project, Ringsend & Irishtown Summer Project, Talk About Youth Project Summer Project, YMCA Summer Project. Hundreds of children and families across the area benefitted from these worthwhile projects and we look forward to supporting them again next year.

Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme

The Tom Clarke Bridge Grant Scheme is expected to be announced shortly. This scheme will offer support to voluntary and community groups/organisations in their provision of community activities, events and projects which benefit those resident or based within the geographical boundaries of the scheme which take in Ringsend, Irishtown and parts of the Docklands, Pearse Street and Sandymount.

Ukrainian Family Supports

Supports continue to be offered to the various groups working with Ukrainian Families across the South East Area. We supported a small number of away trips for families, these were organised by local volunteers on a private basis.

Vibrant Villages Walking Trail Map & Guide

Our Village Walking Trail Map & Guides for Sandymount, Ballsbridge, Donnybrook, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Portobello, Harold's Cross, Terenure and Rathgar are now available to download from the South East Area portal of the Dublin City Council website. The Crumlin and Ringsend & Irishtown Trails will be uploaded there shortly too.

Various / Miscellaneous

Other ongoing initiatives include New-born Knitting, Park Allotments and the Whitefriar Strings Project.

South East Area Community Events – September 2022

3 September – ***Rathmines Youth Group***, trip to Dun Laoghaire

8 September from 2-4pm – ***St. Andrews Resource Centre Senior Care Musical Tea Dance*** featuring live music from Pastimes at St. Andrews Resource Centre, Pearse Street

14 September from 2-4pm – ***Woodstock Court Garden Party*** featuring live music from Pastimes at Woodstock Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Ranelagh

15 September at 7.30pm – ***Rathgar Ladies Club***, Music Evening in Parish Centre

15 September at 7pm – **Charlemont Community Resource Centre** End of Summer Party at paving area behind TK2 Centre, Charlemont Street featuring live music from Angel

17 September from 12-4pm – **Spellman Centre Family Day** at Irishtown Stadium

17-25 September – **Ranelagh Arts Festival** at various venues, Ranelagh

18 September 12 to 4.30pm – **Rathmines Family Fun Day and Dog Show**, registration of Dog entries will be from 9.30am

21 September from 2-4pm – **Charlemont Court Garden Party** featuring live music from Mikey Smyth at Charlemont Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Charlemont Mall

22 September from 2-4pm – **Beech Hill Court Garden Party** featuring live music from Mikey Smyth at Beech Hill Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Donnybrook

27 September at 2pm **Mount Anthony 60th Anniversary**, all welcome

Waste Management /Environmental Services

Public Domain Deep Clean for August 2022

6	Sat	Eblana Villas/ Carlingford Parade/Greenore Terrace/ Hogan Avenue/ Rostrevor Terrace/Albert Court East
7	Sun	Cedar Court, Terenure/The Cloisters, Terenure
8	Mon	Lansdowne Park
9	Tue	Windmill Park/Windmill Avenue
17	Wed	Peter Place / Albert Place West /Harcourt Lane
18	THU	The Crescent, Donnybrook & Donnybrook Plaza , Pembroke Cottages /St. Broc's Cottages, Donnybrook

Graffiti Removal

950 Sq. Metres removed for August

Abandoned Bicycles

36 bikes removed

278 year to date

Weed Control 2022

2nd round of Foamstream treatment started last week in August .



As previously reported the Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub is now live and can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.dcswphub.ie/>

Dublin Sportsfest 2022

Dublin Sportsfest 2022, DCSWP's annual flagship week-long event will once again be delivered to coincide with European Week of Sport in September from 23rd – 30th September. Sportsfest will be promoted across all social media platforms and key information on events will be provided on the Virtual Hub.

Active Cities

As previously reported the Active Cities logo and brand identity has been developed and is now being represented in all DCC/DCSWP communication. The recruitment process for a dedicated Active Cities Officer (local lead for Dublin City) has concluded and the official appointment is imminent. Work is also ongoing in collaboration with the National Active Cities Lead Officer.

DCSWP Swimming Ireland Co-funded Officer

Gearoid Fallon has recently been appointed as the new Co-funded Get Dublin City Swimming Officer (a partnership between DCC /DCSWP and Swim Ireland) Gearoid will be working across the Dublin City Council areas.

The primary reason for this appointment is to coordinate the implementation and delivery of an integrated swimming programme with a view to linking in with and developing interest amongst people from non-traditional swimming backgrounds

Swim Ireland currently implements programmes designed to increase participation in schools, communities and hard to reach cohorts - thereby providing sustainable and long-reaching pathways to swimming for everyone in our communities. While DCSWP Officers have always facilitated swimming programmes in communities, the appointment of Gearoid means there will be a more strategic focus on highlighting the benefits of swimming and delivering specific programmes. Management in DCSWP will also be working closely with Gearoid to establish a work programme and potential for new initiatives which can link in with Dublin City Council swimming facilities.

Sport for Young People Club Small Grant Scheme

Following on from administering the Return To Physical Activity Grant, the Sport For Young People Small Grant Scheme was advertised on 29th June 2022 with clubs afforded three weeks to submit their application. 150 applications have been received and are currently being assessed. The grant scheme is targeted at young people age 10-21 years and provides funding support for clubs in communities for the following,

- Purchase of equipment
- Administrative costs
- Training and coaching courses

Marathon Kids 2022

The Marathon Kids programme commenced in 2019 when Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership teamed up with Athletics Ireland, South Dublin County LSP & Fingal County Council LSP to deliver an eight week programme in schools across the Dublin region.

In its inaugural year Marathon Kids participants came together after eight weeks of hard work and determination to cross the finish line in Morton Stadium and celebrate completing their final mile in style. While Covid-19 posed a serious challenge for the planning and executing of such major initiatives in November 2021 over 3,200 primary school students from the Dublin City area went out into parks, school-yards and pitches to see the challenge through. Marathon Kids 2021 is just one example of how programmes can keep going and thrive even in the most adverse of circumstance. In previous years the programme was targeted at 5th and 6th class level but in 2021 it was expanded to include children in 4th class, thereby extending the reach and teaching more young people about the huge benefits of regular exercise in their lives.

In 2022 Marathon Kids will commence on 12th September and conclude following the Halloween break in November.

Linking with National and International Events

Over the next few weeks DCSWP will be linking on with the following major events. Programmes and initiatives in the South East Area will run in tandem with national and international events across communities and will be promoted across all social media platforms.

Date	Initiative/Programme Name	Lead organisation
Sep - Nov 22 TBC	MarathonKids (see information above)	MarathonKids/ Local Authorities/Local Schools
1st-30th Sep	National Heart Month	
1st-31st Sep	See Change - Green Ribbon Month	
25 th September	Great Dublin Bike Ride	
26th Sep	National Community Walking Day	Get Ireland Walking
23-30 Sep	European Week of Sport /SPORTSFEST 2022 (DCSWP Flagship week-long event)	EU / Sport Ireland / DCSWP
27 Sep - 1 Oct	Positive Ageing Week	Age Action Ireland
26th Sep (during EWOS)	National Walking Day	Get Ireland Walking

Social media platforms and supports:

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

South East Area Core Programme Update:

The following programmes will take place throughout September in the South East Area. These are highlight programmes representing target groups. Full details can be provided by contacting DCSWP Officers or the Palace Street Officer on the contact details provided below. Youth At Risk programmes in the area such as Late Night Leagues will resume following the return to education.

Forever Fit – Older Adults age 55+ years

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – St. Andrew’s Centre
Description of programme activity:	Older Adults multi-sport programme
Partners:	St. Andrew’s and Pearse Street Recreation Centre
Age group:	Age 60+ Years (Mixed)
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Charles Centre, Sandymount every Wednesday from 2.30pm

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit
Description of programme activity:	Multi-Sport exercise classes – Lorcan O’Toole Adult Group, Crumlin
Partners:	Lorcan O’Toole Centre Crumlin/Kimmage
Age group:	Age 55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Wednesdays 3pm-4pm. Ongoing

Thrive – Adults With Mental Health Difficulties

Name of Programme:	Chair Fit
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit classes for people with mental health difficulties
Age group:	Over 55
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Thursday 11am Swanlea House Rathmines

Thrive – Adults with mental health difficulties

Name of programme:	Football For All
Description of programme activity:	DCSWP Officers are currently engaging with the Spellman Rehabilitation Centre to deliver a football tournament targeted at adults undergoing treatment/experiencing mental health difficulties. The tournament will take place on Saturday 17 th September from 12pm in Irishtown Sport & Fitness Centre.
Partners:	Spellman Centre, Ringsend/FAI
Age group:	18 +years
Gender:	Mixed

Other Programmes:**Health Improvement in the Community**

Name of programme:	D6 Holistic Health
Description of programme activity :	Holistic Mental Health & Exercise programme for people experiencing mental health difficulties (referral only)
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Swan Leisure Wednesdays. Time and Date TBC

Name of programme:	Men On The Move
Description of programme activity :	Older Adult programme aimed at male participants.
Partners:	HSE
Age group:	Male Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	St. Joseph's Parish, Terenure every Tuesday from 8pm

Schools/Youth At Risk

Name of programme:	Schools
Description of programme activity:	After-school fundamental skills programmes.
Age group:	Primary Schools
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Harold's Cross NS every Thursday from 1pm.

Women In Sport

Name of programme:	Get All Girls Active/Women in Sport in the SE Area
Description of programme activity	Try Tennis programme.
Partners:	Bushy Park Tennis & Padel Club
Age group:	Women age 18+ years
Gender:	Female
Date/time and location:	TBC

DCSWP South East Area Co-Funded Programmes:

Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football and Rowing Officers are currently re-engaging with schools and clubs following the return to education. A full co-funded report and citywide area report will follow in September.

Ongoing Training for 2022:

- Online Safeguarding Training to support compliance in local clubs and organisations Safeguarding 2 & 3 continues to be delivered on an on-demand basis.
- Disability & Inclusion and Autism in Sport training programmes delivered in partnership with CARA.
- First Aid/PHECC (pre-hospital emergency care training for adults in the community).

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