

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

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**Report of the Director of Services, Central and South East**

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**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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 via Microsoft Teams and the next meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 3pm.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Online consultation was open until 19<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Preliminary meeting of design team took place on 15<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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**

We are waiting for Parks to complete the mapping of the works we intend to complete in the garden; namely the gym equipment, the community garden and the play area. Parks advise that the mapping is progressing, however, it is not yet complete. Stakeholders are frustrated by the lack of progress. The football pitch is being widely used by local schools during the school term.

We are planning a Halloween event in the garden and details will be circulated ASAP.

### **City Quay**

We are awaiting designs from a landscape architect to enhance the public realm at City Quay. We are liaising closely with local residents on this project.

### **Aungier Street Triangle**

Contractors have been appointed to green the triangle at Aungier Street and this work is expected to commence in the next few weeks.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 Area Committee meeting in June and was brought to the July council meeting and approved. As all the requisite monies have not been sourced yet, the preferred contractor has been asked if he will extend the deadline and to outline the uplift sought.

### **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 with this, 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 until 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. An Ageing well Café Meeting took place on 17<sup>th</sup> May in McGowans and a full Age Friendly Committee meeting took place on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The sub-group met on July 15<sup>th</sup> and a main meeting took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. A trip was organised to the National Stud on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept and was attended by a large group.

### **Rutland Grove/ Eamonn Ceannt Park**

A meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. The consultant outlined the plans to Councillors and community groups and welcomed input into finalising the design.

A further meeting took place on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2021 to update the Councillors and community groups on modifications to the drawings after Parks Section met with the residents' group on June 17<sup>th</sup> 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 completed 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 was requested for the July SEAC 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Parks have confirmed small improvements in the park including wheelchair accessible picnic tables and sensory planting in front of playground. A 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' was removed from Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>. The original gate is being repaired and when reinstated will be left half open, should the trial be deemed successful.

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

A Friends of Eamonn Ceannt meeting took place on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> including several updates in relation to Halloween.

A Crumlin Halloween Mini Festival is planned for in Eamonn Ceannt from 12pm to 4pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

### **Choice Based Lettings**

A two bed unit in Rathmines Avenue was recently advertised under this scheme and it is expected that a one bed unit in Crumlin Road flats will be advertised 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 Commissioners 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 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. Further communication from An Garda Síochána outlining their position on this matter stated that their internal policy/procedures will only allow authorisation of this scheme if it is designated a Community CCTV Scheme. 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 2022 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.

The latest update from DCC's Data Protection Office indicated that discussions are ongoing between the Local Government Management Agency and An Garda Síochána and no clarification on the issues outlined above is forthcoming as of yet.

### **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 completed the selection of applicants and estate management checks on selected applicants and viewings commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> September. 16 of tenants have now been signed up and are in the process of moving in. Following viewing 3 applicants refused offers on the basis they were unfamiliar with the Harold's Cross area and wished to remain living in their current locations. Viewings have now been arranged for 3 further applicants following the receipt of clear estate management reports.

### **Halloween 2022**

There has been an increase, as expected, in calls in relation to the storage of bonfire materials. However, activity remains low at the moment. Area staff will continue 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. Further 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.

### **Halloween 2022** **Allotments**

Our Allotments at Blarney Park, Herbert Park and Ringsend Park continue to deliver fresh food as well as social, mental and physical benefits to our plot holders.

Improvement works are due to take place at Herbert Park Allotments shortly which will include the replacement of 75m of fencing, painting and gate maintenance.

Seven plots were returned this year at Ringsend Park and have been allocated to those on the waiting list. Applicants are not currently being accepted for waiting lists due to the high numbers already on them.

The Kingfisher Project at Blarney Park Allotments has been supported with some 'specimen' planting to enhance the visual space of the educational space. A natural pond, seating (tree trunks), and all weather canopy have also been installed. This innovative project is gaining interest well beyond the area, with numerous groups and similar projects expressing an interest in the initiative.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies**

Discussions continue with a new event management company to deliver our comprehensive series of Christmas tree lighting ceremonies for Christmas in our villages. Full details will be contained in the November report. Among the issues that will need to be addressed is the potential impending energy shortage this winter, and the increased cost of event management services.

### **Community Grant Scheme 2022**

Over 120 applications were received from groups in the South East Area. Assessments of the grants was carried out by the Community Teams with the total available funding for the community grants coming to €63,500.

### **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:

- Hogan Place
- Mercer House Flat Complex
- York Street Apartments
- The Cloisters (Maple Drive)

The planter boxes on Kevin Street have had to be relocated to nearby New Bride Street due to flowers/shrubs being continually taken from them.

A new hanging basket project is underway in Sandymount Village in partnership with local businesses. To date, over 30 hanging baskets have been provided.

Funding is now exhausted for the provision of planters, we will be assessing requests for new or re-furnished units for Community Plan with a view to restarting in spring 2023.

### **Halloween Festival 2022**

In partnership with the local communities, the Community Team are currently involved in the organisation of Halloween Festivals in Brickfield Park, the Cabbage Patch, Eamon Ceannt Park and Ringsend/Irishtown to encourage young people to enjoy Halloween safely and to alleviate pressure on the community and policing bodies over that period.

Dockers & Demons returns for its 6<sup>th</sup> year to Ringsend, Irishtown and the Docklands, promising all sorts of ghoulish goings on. Full programme to be announced shortly – see [www.dockersanddemons.com](http://www.dockersanddemons.com)

Many more tricks and treats are planned at flat/housing complexes including Markievicz House, St. Andrew's Court, Boyne Street, Leo Fitzgerald House, Hanover Reach, Conway Court, City Quay, Whelan O'Rahilly House, George Reynolds House and Glovers Court; organised by local residents with strong support from the Community Team. See events listings below.

There also be events for the wider community including a Bushy Park Halloween Market and a Halloween tea dance in the Evergreen Club. We will also support events for groups working with autistic children, and we will have some Halloween parties in our care communities.

Demand for local events for Halloween is at an unprecedented high, with up to twenty events planned within a three day period as well as the major festival events noted above.

### **Ranelagh Arts Festival**

The Ranelagh Arts Festival took place from from 17-25 September with a diverse and hugely impressive programme of comedy, theatre, visual art, music, dance and more taking place at the festival tent at Mountpleasant Park and other locations in the village.

### **Rathgar Children's Book Festival**

The Rathgar Children's Book Festival will return on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October from 10am to 4pm. There will be a large range of activities in the village with the aim of encouraging reading and literacy amongst young people.

### **Rathmines Family Fun Day and Dog Show**

This hugely successful event took place on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September in Belgrave Square Park. Thanks to the fantastic work of the Belgrave Residents' Association and various other local volunteers, the park was packed with local families and the exceptional number of young children living in the area was noteworthy. Over 170 dogs were registered for the dog show, a record for this event.

### **Ringsend Active Retirement Association/Get A Life Over 55s**

Fifty members of Ringsend Active Retirement Association and the GALS/Get A Life Over 55s Groups will be enjoying a trip to Newry on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October; with the coach due to depart from St. Patrick's Church at 10am.

### **Various/Miscellaneous Ongoing**

Supports for ongoing initiatives include new born knitting, Digges Street Football Pitch Whitefriar Strings Project, BRU Crumlin, the Evergreen Club, Men's' Shed projects and arrange of smaller groups across the area.

### **South East Area Community Events – October 2022**

**NOTE: Events for October/Halloween are continuing to be organised. Full listings will be emailed to all Councillors in early October.**

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm – Music in Merrick House with the Hampton Duo

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm – City Neighbourhoods Prize giving, Hogan Suite Croke Park

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10am – Ringsend Active Retirement Association/Get A Life Over 55s Groups to Newry

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> of October from 10am to 4pm – Rathgar Children's Book Festival

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October – Combined Men's' Shed Trip to Russborough House

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm – Halloween Tea Dance, Evergreen Club Terenure

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to 4pm, Bushy Park Halloween Market (Events 12 -3pm)

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm – St. Andrews Court Halloween Party

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm – Orwell Healthcare Halloween Party

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm – Boyne Street Halloween Party  
Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October from 3-5pm – Leo Fitzgerald House Halloween Party  
Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October from 5-7pm – Hanover Reach Apartments Halloween Party  
Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm – Involve Autism Halloween Party  
Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm – Orwell Queen of the Peace Halloween Party

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October from 12 to 4pm – Brickfield Park Halloween Mini Festival  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October from 12 to 4pm – Crumlin Halloween Mini Festival (Eamon Ceannt Park)  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October from 1-3pm – Conway Court Halloween Party  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October from 3.30-5pm – City Quay Halloween Party  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October from 6-9pm – Markievicz House Halloween Party  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October from 6-8pm – Glovers Court Halloween Party  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October from 5.30-8.30pm – The Cabbage Patch Cauldron, The Cabbage Patch Park, off Kevin Street/New Street  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – Dockers & Demons Festival Night  
29/30/31 October - Halloween Parties will be taking place at local housing/flat complexes in the Ringsend and Irishtown areas as part of the Dockers & Demons Festival

### **Waste Management /Environmental Services** **Public Domain Deep Clean for September**

#### **September**

- Merlyn Road/ Drive, Ballsbridge
- Temple Road, Dartry
- Baggot Lane
- Mount Drummond Avenue/ Square / St Clare's Terrace
- Darley Street /Ashworth Place/ Fitzgerald Street /Mount Drummond Avenue /Place

### **Graffiti Removal September**

#### **September**

350 SQ M removed to mid Sept.

- To be completed Mid October.
- Traffic Calming measures still pending.

### **Abandoned Bicycles**

321 year to Date

### **Weed Control 2022**

Contractor engaged to do cutting back of overgrowth W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> October

- The Drain, Ringsend
- Washerwoman's Lane, Rathgar
- Marks Lane (Off Pearse Street)
- Orwell Road (Hill beside Kiosk)
- Dodder Walkway





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/>

### **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 has concluded and Carmel O'Callaghan has been appointed as the local lead for Dublin City. Carmel will work in collaboration with the National Active Cities Lead Officer. Further information will be provided in upcoming reports.

### **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 and updates on programmes will be provided in upcoming reports.

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with clubs afforded three weeks to submit their application. 150 applications have been received and are currently being assessed/processed by DCSWP. The grant scheme is targeted at young people age 4-21 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class level but in 2021 it was expanded to include children in 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> September and conclude following the Halloween break in November. Sport Officers have successfully engaged with schools in the South East Area with regard to participation in the 2022 programme.

<https://marathonkidsireland.ie>

## 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	MarathonKids (see information above)	MarathonKids/ Local Authorities/Local Schools
11th- 17th Oct	Fit For All Week	CARA
8th November	Social Inclusion Week ( DCC Inclusion & Integration Week)	DCC social inclusion Unit
10th October	World Mental Health Day	DCSWP
19th November	Men's International Health Day	
3rd December	International Day of Persons With Disabilities	
5th December	International Volunteer Day	
18th December	International Migrants Day	

### Social media platforms and supports:

- Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub: [www.dcwspub.ie](http://www.dcwspub.ie)
- Email: [sports@dublincity.ie](mailto: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 October 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.

#### 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 St. Recreation Centre
Age group:	Age 60+ Years
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Charles Centre, Sandymount every Wednesday from 2.30pm

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – Lorcan O'Toole
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:	All
Date/time and location:	Lorcan O'Toole centre every Wednesday from 3pm.

<b>Name of Programme:</b>	<b>Chair Fit</b>
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit classes aimed improving mobility and balance for Older Adults
Age group:	Age 55 + years
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Every Monday from 11am in Harold's Cross Parish Centre.

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	<b>Forever Fit Fitsteps Dance Programme</b>
Description of programme activity:	Older Adult Dance & Fitness programme
Age group:	Age 55+ Years (Mixed)
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Harold's Cross NS every Tuesday from 8.30am

### Thrive – Adults with mental health difficulties

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Football For All</b>
Description of programme activity:	DCSWP Officers continue to engage 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 <sup>th</sup> September from 12pm in Irishtown Sport & Fitness Centre.
Partners:	FAI/Spellman Centre
Age group:	18 +years
Gender:	Mixed

### Health Improvement in the Community

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>D6 Holistic Health</b>
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 Centre every Wednesday.

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Men On The Move</b>
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/Sport Inclusion & Integration

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Inclusion &amp; Integration After-School Programme</b>
Description of programme activity:	After-school programmes. This programme is targeted at children with special needs and aims to improve motor skills in both a fun and active environment.
Age group:	Primary Schools
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Harold's Cross NS every Thursday from 1pm.

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Inclusion &amp; Integration Zumba Programme</b>
Description of programme activity:	Zumba classes targeted at adults with intellectual disabilities delivered in partnership with St. Michael's House
Age group:	18+ years
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Harold's Cross NS every Thursday from 1pm.

### Women In Sport

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Women's Try Tennis Programme</b>
Description of programme activity	Introductory Tennis programme
Partners:	Bushy Park Tennis & Padel Club
Age group:	Women age 18+ years
Gender:	Female
Date/time and location:	TBC

### Change For Life - Underactive Communities

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Change For Life</b>
Description of programme activity:	Pilates programme targeted at underactive adults. Aiming to improve strength and flexibility
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Evergreen Centre, Terenure every Thursday from 7.30pm

### DCSWP South East Area Co-Funded Programmes:

Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football and Rowing Officers continue to engage with schools clubs, community groups and programmes related to the Youth At Risk core DCSWP programme e.g.: Late Night Leagues. Any specific queries on programmes can be sent to [dee.oboyle@dublincity.ie](mailto:dee.oboyle@dublincity.ie)

A full report will follow on co-funded activities in October.

### 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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