



## **MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

### **1. STRATEGY AND POLICY**

#### **ARTS OFFICE**

A draft of the Interim Arts Plan scheduled for public consultation in 2023 will issue in December 2022. The five priorities identified in the plan are Diversity and Inclusion, Supporting the Artist, Arts Infrastructure, Community, Young People. It will be available for the February SPC.

A new Arts Infrastructure Policy to be written has been agreed by the Artists Workspaces Committee.

A draft Creative Ireland Programme has been presented to ACAG.

#### **SPORT AND RECREATION**

Work continues on the development of The Dublin City Sports Plan. The Plan will include a strategic review of sports policy, programming & infrastructure, commencing in January 2023.

##### **DCSWP STRIDE strategic vision**

New strategy to align with the City Development Plan & National Sports Policy

Final Draft to feature 2 separate but inter-related documents: 1. Sports Infrastructure Strategy and 2. Sports Provision & Programming Strategy (including review of DCSWP)

#### **LIBRARIES**

A new **national public library strategy** will be launched in December 2022. The new strategy will be the successor to '*Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities*' which has overseen much progress in the public library service in Ireland over the past 5 years.

#### **PARKS**

The Dublin City Parks Strategy (2019-2022) is currently under review with an updated report due to be prepared for publishing in 2023. The strategy presents a comprehensive report on Park Services resources and services, establishes key policy and defines actions to be

undertaken as part of the strategy’s vision of growing towards a greener and more liveable Dublin city.

The new strategy will present an update with emphasis placed on parks, city greening, cemeteries, civic decoration, allotments and art in parks. The update will use the latest 2022 census data to assess key relationships, such as the unit area of parks for the city population and its spatial distribution.

To commence public engagement with the strategy review a public questionnaire will be made available soon through the City Council’s website. This will comprise of questions to determine people’s attitudes and opinions to our resources and services. In addition, we will also focus this year on progress made on actions described under the current strategy report to determine what has been achieved and what actions will be carried forward to the new strategy.

In the new year the strategy will be reviewed and updated on a chapter by chapter basis with the objective of having a draft issued for public consultation in August 2023. Following public feedback a final draft strategy will be presented to the SPC in November 2023 with publication of the strategy report expected by December of that year.

SPC members are now invited to make submissions on the parks strategy review.

## 2. INFORMATION RELEVANT TO SPC

### SPORT AND RECREATION

#### **Departmental Capital / Other Projects:**

Sports & Recreation have carried out a thorough review of the Sports Capital Programme within the context of funding, significant inflation, availability of professional services, supply chain delays and compliance with strict procurement procedures. Please see below update on current significant projects and realistic timeframes for development and delivery.

<b>Sports &amp; Recreation Projects</b>	<b>Progress / Current Status</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Part 8 withdrawn – to allow maximisation of space for anchor tenant	Accessibility works to be implemented ASAP Part 8 not required.  Revised design being developed for new Part 8 for other works.
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Gym/Façade Improvements	Tender documents being prepared	Tender documents finalised and to issue.
Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Part application complete	8 Construction tender documents to be issued January 2023.

Donore Community Centre	Tenders received for Design Team	Tenders received. Documents being reviewed contract should be awarded in Q4/2022
Northside Swimming Pool	Surveys complete	Ongoing - Options to be reviewed, presented to stakeholders and scope of works agreed.
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Construction Tender Documents issued	Tenders received and the successful contractor to be appointed in Q4/2022 and works to commence early 2023
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Tender package complete	Construction documents issued and works to commence in Q1 2023
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Tender submissions received	Contract awarded with works to commence early 2023

### **DCSWP Virtual Hub**

The Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub is now live and can be accessed by clicking on the link : <https://www.dcswhub.ie/>

### **Linking in with National and International events**

DCSWP endeavours to link in with major national and international sport, health and physical activity events in order to maximise promotion of the service.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Initiative/Programme Name</b>
November 2022 (week 1 Date TBC)	Marathon Kids Finale
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

## **LIBRARIES**

### **Library Promotional Campaign**

This November Dublin City Libraries are inviting Dubliners to lose themselves in the library as part of an awareness and footfall campaign on social media and on the street. The campaign kicked off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November with a specially commissioned 3D art installation by artist 3DJoeandMax. The artwork was on display for one day only at the junction of Henry Street and Liffey Street, inviting the public to experience the magic of books and libraries.

The campaign will continue throughout November with competitions and a focus on why everyone should join their local library.

A **Prison Library Review Steering Committee** has been established to lead on the implementation of recommendations made in the 'Review of Prison Libraries in Ireland'. Work is underway on drafting a Service Level Agreement which can be tailored for different prison sites according to local needs, and the setting up of local working groups to develop a strong partnership between prisons and local public library authorities.

**Charleville Mall Library** closed temporarily from Friday the 28th October for essential improvement works, including the provision of a new public disabled toilet and universally accessible front entrance. The library will re-open in January 2023.

**Dublin UNESCO City of Literature Network** has expanded to include a representative from The Abbey Theatre, Museum of Literature Ireland, Children's Books Ireland, Trinity College Dublin and Publishing Ireland. The network meets three times a year to share and promote information on literary programmes and initiatives in the city.

**Dublin City Libraries Readers' Morning** takes place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Printworks, Dublin Castle. There will be lively chat between Niall McMonagle and authors John Banville, Sinead Crowley, Michelle Gallen, Laura McVeigh and Damien Owens between 10.00 and 1pm.

The City's second **My Open Library** branch will launch at Raheny Library in the coming weeks

Construction work on the new Public Library in **Finglas** is continuing with an expected completion date in Spring 2023.

## **EVENTS**

### **Lighting Upgrade of the Samuel Beckett Bridge Complete**

5800 new LED units have been installed on the Samuel Beckett Bridge. Each LED unit contains x6 LEDs (Red, Green, Blue), producing over 200 increments of light, allowing 12 million channels of control. The new lighting system will allow for more defined animation, improved colour saturation and contrast, larger and brighter points of lights/pixels, resulting in improved light resolution and deeper images which will allow lighting artwork on the bridge to be more defined and visible much earlier in the day than before. The average power consumption of the new lighting system on the Samuel Beckett Bridge is 1000W, equivalent to a standard domestic iron.

### **Attendance at FOCUS London trade event (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December)**

Dublin City Council in partnership with [Screen Ireland](#) will be represented at the [FOCUS London Event](#). The trade event, attracts thousands of production professionals from across the creative screen industries worldwide – including film, TV, advertising, animation and game. The purpose of attending is to showcase Dublin City as a prime and suitable location to do business for the audio visual industry.

### **Dublin Winter Lights (mid Nov – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Dublin Winter Lights will return to Dublin City Centre with a programme designed for Dubliners of all ages. Highlights for this year include;

1. A walking trail of 16 sites of lighting projections and installations across the city centre.
2. A new dedicated Dublin Winter Lights website.
3. An enhanced energy management plan to include rechargeable battery packs and generators running on hydro treated vegetable oil.

4. A Children's Story book, based on the Dublin Winter Lights walking trail, to encourage and create interest amongst the younger audience.
5. A Dublin Winter Lights Children's Art competition, that is being facilitated through DCC Libraries, Area Offices, and corporate social media handles. The winners of the art competition will have their artwork on the front of the Lord Mayor of Dublin's Christmas cards.
6. Creation of bespoke imagery, projections, and installations, by eight professional artists.
7. A marketing campaign to encourage citizens from the Dublin suburbs, and Leinster area to visit Dublin city centre.
8. The return of the Merrion Square Park event on December 1st. The event this year will be bigger with more lighting content.
9. Christmas FM will be broadcast in Georges Dock and Merrion Square Park, while the lights are switched on, to create a more festive atmosphere for visitors.
10. The Merrion Square Park event will include for the first time relaxed performances and a sensory pod onsite for visitors who identify as neurodiverse, or any visitor who might benefit from a more relaxed environment.

### **Christmas Markets**

Dublin City centre is buzzing with locals and guests to the city eating, drinking, and shopping in the lead-up to Christmas and New Year's. And now, several Dublin Christmas Markets are going to give the city a real Christmassy boost!

As one of the most popular events for Christmas time, the Christmas markets around the city have changed the city's festive landscape. And for 2022, the Office of City Recovery in Dublin City Council is working alongside market operators and traders in Dublin city to bring this extra offering to the city for the winter season.

With the most beautiful Christmas trees, food, lights and atmosphere, here are just a few of the markets you need to visit:

#### **Henry Street/Mary Street Christmas Market**

The Henry Street/Mary Street Christmas Market, a great tradition in the city, will be operating from 24th November this year, with the Lord Mayor officially launching the annual Market on 3rd December.

Families have graced Henry Street up to Christmas Eve for their Christmas gifts every year before the pandemic. This year's reopening in the heart of the city is a Christmas gift in itself, as the atmosphere can't be found anywhere else in the world.

With over 40 stalls with great Christmas present ideas and the old Dublin banter in full swing, 2022 is bringing back the feel of a traditional Dublin Christmas to the Henry Street and Mary Street area.

*Operating from November 24<sup>th</sup>*

#### **Christmas at Moore Street**

Moore fun, Moore crafts, Moore music, Moore food, Moore bargains - only at Dublin's oldest market on Moore Street!

The historic area of Moore Street has been revitalised this year. This Christmas, you'll find an area that's always evolving, with a vibrant colourful mixture of old and new. And

if you're looking for a unique Christmas gift, then look no further than Moore Street Christmas Market.

Traders from small independent businesses will be selling all kinds of goods, from artisan soy candles, and handmade jewellery, to painted crafts and tote bags, original wood board ornaments, baked goods, natural skincare products, inclusive sizing sportswear, vintage clothing and more.

### **Temple Bar Food Market**

Meeting House Square in Temple Bar has one of Dublin's oldest food markets - the Temple Bar Food Market.

Running every Saturday on Meeting House Square, local and independent traders offer customers a selection of high-quality goods.

The Temple Bar Food Market takes place every Saturday 9.30am to 4pm

### **Temple Bar Book Market**

A bookworm's haven in the heart of the city!

The book market takes place every Saturday from 10:30am-5pm at Barnardo Square.

### **Designer Mart Cows Lane Temple Bar**

The Designer Mart Cows Lane takes place every Saturday from 10.30am – 5pm.

### **Christmas at the Castle (Dublin Castle, 8<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> December)**

*Christmas at the Castle* attracted 275,000 visitors in its first year in 2019, and 110,000 in 2021. This year, it is hoped the event will attract some 300,000 visitors over 14 days.

The event is a European-style traditional Christmas market consisting of over 20 craft stall holders to the Upper Castle Yard along with a range of food and drink providers. Evening music performances will be held in the Spiegel-style tent to create a festive atmosphere.

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

## **HUGH LANE GALLERY**

Hugh Lane Gallery is open and welcoming visitors to our range of vibrant exhibitions while adhering fully to Covid guidelines. Gallery visitor numbers are 10% higher than last month, which is 91% of pre-Covid figures.

### **Workforce Plan**

Hugh Lane Gallery is progressing with recruitment of Critical Vacancies in the Workforce Plan.

### **Current Exhibitions**

***Eva Gonzales is what Dublin needs*** in collaboration with National Gallery, London; Opened at the National Gallery London, on 21 October, and continues to until 15 January 2023. It

received very positive reviews from the Evening Standard, The Times and The Financial Times. The catalogue is available in the HLG bookshop.

**Recent Acquisitions.** A display of recent acquisitions has recently been installed to showcase some of the gallery's recent donations and purchases. It includes works by Grace Henry, Gillian Ayres, Mick O'Dea, Stephen McKenna, Rodney Dickson and Diana Copperwhite.

**Studio & State: Laverys and the Anglo-Irish Treaty**, a collaboration with the National Museum of Ireland, has been extended at Collins Barracks to 8 January 2023.

Current Exhibitions are listed on: <http://www.hughlane.ie>

## Education

**Hugh Lane Gallery and Create Commission 2022-2024** Hugh Lane Gallery and Create are partnering to offer a significant opportunity for collaborative/ socially engaged artist(s). By facilitating wider participation, collaborative arts expand and diversify public engagement with the arts, enriching its contribution to society. In keeping with both Hugh Lane Gallery and Create's commitment to principles of equality, diversity and inclusion, we sought through an Open Call <https://www.create-ireland.ie/the-hugh-lane-gallery-and-create-announce-a-major-commission-opportunity/> expressions of interest from artists who are from minority ethnic backgrounds and/ or have lived experience of displacement and/or are shaped by histories of intergenerational migration. Candidates may self-identify as Traveller, Roma, refugee, migrant or otherwise through lived experience and/or second generational memories. The commission is open to artists based in the Republic of Ireland. The commission is aimed at professional artist(s) who are interested in developing or consolidating their collaborative/ socially engaged arts practice. Artist(s) should have a track record and experience of working in the field of collaborative/ socially engaged arts practice. The commission runs from November 2022 for 12 to 14 months and has a budget of €50,000 in total. The successful artist will be announced in November 2022.

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

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