



Date: 2nd November 2022

To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 21st November 2022

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

Halloween

Spooktacular returned for 2022! This Spooktacular event was held in Marino Crescent on Saturday 30th October from 1pm to 4pm. This event included, spooky storytelling trails, face painting, the “big dig”, various children’s entertainers and much more spooky family fun. This event was well attended by the community and local residents. Many thanks to Bram Stoker Café and Marino & Clontarf Residents Association’s for their support with advertising & promotion.



This Halloween, Dublin City Council organised Halloween activities for the Clongriffin / Belmayne area. The event was held in Fr. Collins Park on Monday 31st October from 1-4pm. This event included spooky story telling walks, face painting, walkabout spooky entertainers, pumpkin patch and much more. Many thanks to Clongriffin Residents Association for their support and assistance with promoting this event.



Above, local residents enjoying the Fr. Collins Park Halloween Event.
Photo credit: Tom Honan, Irish Times.

KCCP

The North Central Area supported KCCP with their Halloween celebration on the 31st October in Scoil Eoin Primary School from 3.00 - 6.00pm. Acts funded by DCC included, "Gary the Great's Ghoulish Juggling", stilt walking and Culture Kids Ireland who provided a skeleton contortionist and juggler on the day. KCCP engaged Sound Works to provide the coloured lights for their Halloween disco which was held in the grounds of Scoil Eoin Primary School & which we also paid for.



Trinity Adult Resource Group for Education & Training, Donaghmede (T.A.R.G.E.T.)

We supported Trinity Adult Resource Group for Education & Training, Donaghmede with their Halloween "Barmbrack & Broomsticks" morning tea on Friday the 28th of October which was open to all existing groups in TARGET. The aim of the event was to bring community members into TARGET, to help celebrate this important pagan date and the traditions surrounding it. For some, the event was an opportunity to remember Halloweens of their childhood and for others, it was a chance to chat and connect with friends over "barmbrack and broomsticks"!!



EDENMORE

St. Monica's Youth Resource Centre Club held a fireworks display which was supported by the North Central Area Office & which took place on Monday 31st October at 8pm in Edenmore Park, Edenmore Crescent. The event was a great success and there was a huge turn out on the night.



DERA

The North Central Area Office supported DERA with their free Halloween celebrations in Donaghmede Shopping Centre on Monday 31st October from 12.30pm to 4.00pm. Acts included "Gary the Great's Ghoulish Juggling", "Waffles the Witch Magic Show", "Gary the Great stilt walking" and face painting.

We also supported DERA with decorating their Fairy Garden in Donaghmede Park for Halloween.



We supported the Halloween Kids Disco in Grange Woodbine Club House on 28th of October at 6.30pm to 8.30pm. This event was aimed at children between 3-10 years old.

The following groups were also supported by DCC by giving them goody bags for their local Halloween events.

- KCCP
- DERA
- Rockfield Wellness Community Group
- Artane St. Paul's Youth Club
- Casino Park
- Grace Park Meadows
- Grange Woodbine
- Artane Coolock Family Resource Centre
- Cameron Park Res. Assoc.
- St. Michael's House on Mask Road
- St Michael's House Kilbarrack

Ayrfield Ladies Club

Ayrfield Ladies Club were set up in 2015 and have approximately 110 members and meet in Ayrfield Community Centre every Thursday. They currently have a full complement of member's, however, in the fullness of time they look forward to welcoming new members who are on their waiting list. We supported the Club's outing to My Fair Lady in the Bord Gáis Theatre on the 27th October. A fantastic night was had by all.



River Santry Restoration and Greenway Project Consultations

We worked with and supported our colleagues in the Protection of Waterbodies Office involved with the River Santry Restoration and Greenway Project Consultations, which took place in the North Central Area. Information about the consultations was shared with a large number of environmental and residential groups on our distributions list, with our senior citizen complexes in the Clontarf & Donaghmede LEA's and with local primary and secondary schools. We also worked with Sports Development Officers to get the word out to sporting groups about the consultations. We secured a venue (Grange Woodbine Club House) for the consultation held on 20th October from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.



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