

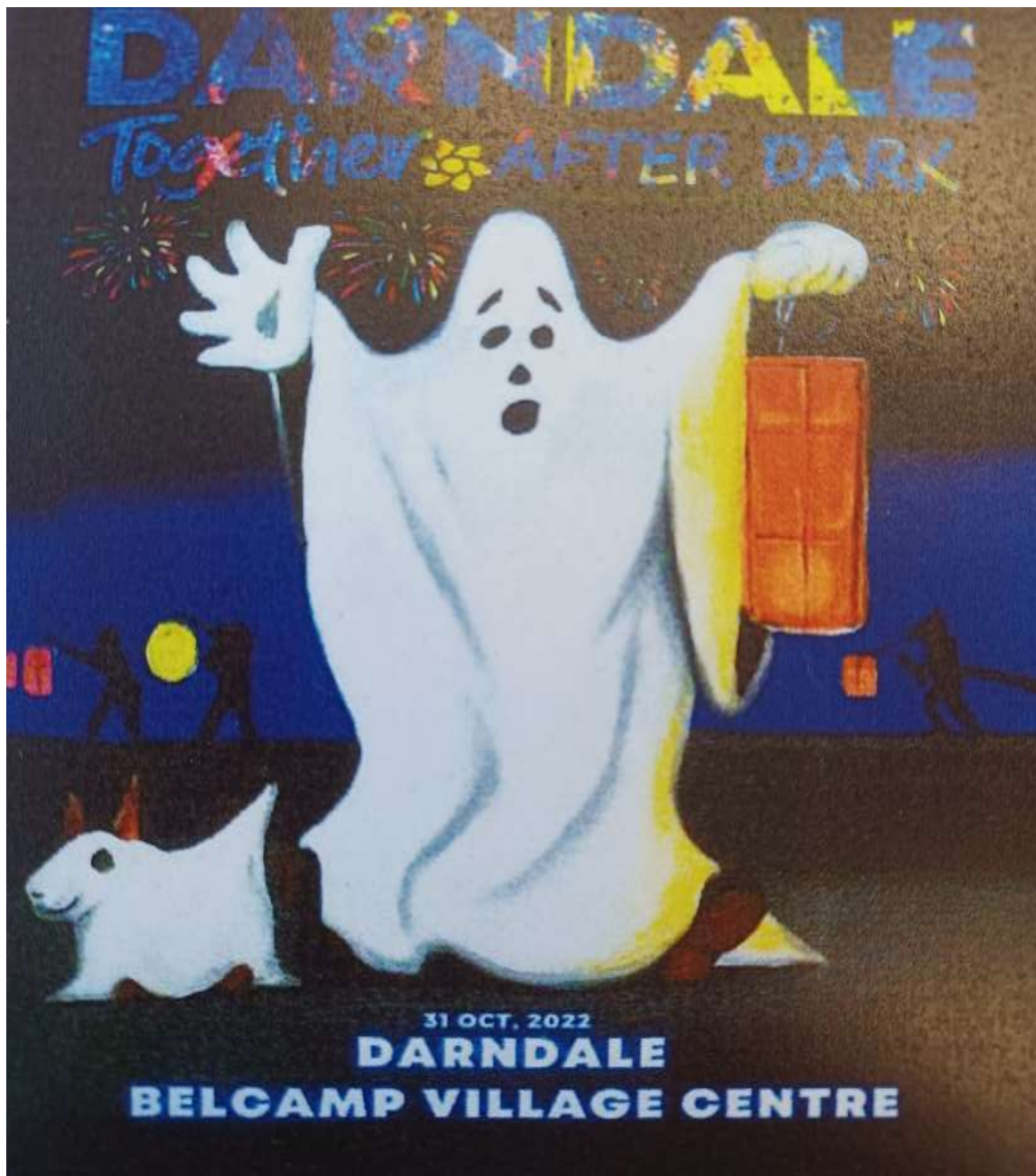
Date: 11th November, 2022

To: **The Chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee**

Meeting: 21st November 2022

**ARTANE/WHITEHALL LEA - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM UPDATE FOR THE
NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

The Artane/Whitehall LEA Community team were involved in the organisation and running of the Darndale Together after dark Halloween Festival. It was a lovely family event & it was great to see parents getting into the spirit of Halloween by dressing up with the children. The rain didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm and the night was a big success.





(Pictured above, Ava Henry with her Mum)

We were delighted to have our boxing gold medallist Ava Henry present to give a speech at the opening of our Halloween Event. Ava has always loved sport. She played soccer for Shelbourne and Gaelic football for Parnells. She started boxing at the age of 9 with Glin Boxing Club. Boxing was her passion and she has won four all-Ireland titles. She was a European schools silver medallist representing her country. This year she went one better by winning the European Junior (U16) lightweight gold medal, whilst captaining the Irish team. Ava is a fantastic role model for children and youth and she has also been involved in local fundraising for her area.



We had a lot of support from the Civil Defence team, who were in attendance on the night. They were a big hit with the children and took part in photos to the delight of the children.



The Artane/Whitehall LEA Community team supported many community groups this Halloween, including ,Woodlawn in Santry, Kilmore in Coolock, Newlife Centre in Darndale, Santry Resource Centre, The homeless Hub on Greencastle Road and Moatview Court Dublin 17.



The Artane /Whitehall LEA Community Team supported Woodlawn Residents Association Halloween Event in the NDSL Centre off Coolock Lane, Dublin 17 (photos below)



The Santry River Restoration & Greenway

On the 17th, 19th & 20th of October 2022, Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council met members of the public, community Groups, local businesses to find out what their vision was for Santry River. The Artane /Whitehall LEA Community team distributed leaflets to local schools and local community groups throughout the area. The Artane/Whitehall event was very well attended.

YOU ARE INVITED TO **SANTRY RIVER** RESTORATION & GREENWAY PROJECT

WHICH ONE IS YOUR SPORTS CLUB/ SCHOOL OR ORGANISATION?

WHAT TO DO?

Santry River Restoration & Greenway is a project to transform the Santry River, its surroundings and to bring more nature, activities and a greenway to the city. It aims to create new places along the Santry River for hanging out, for nature, for play and give you the chance to spend enjoyable time outside. We need your help on this to grab the opportunities for creating cool places!

TOOLS?

- Grab a *pen* and let us know what your imaginary park would look like?
- Show us where your *ideas* could work on the map!
- Show us the *places* you usually spend time with your friends and family!
- Draw some *sketches* and show how creative you are!

Pimp my River Park!

- A Skate Park?
- A Playground in the middle of forest?
- A Water park?
- A sensory garden close to my school?
- How about more fish in the River or a pollinator garden?
- A trail to discover more about animals and birds around us?
- Where to hang out with my friends?
- Can we have an 'outdoor class' workshop theatre?
- Can I grow my own food?
- Can I cycle easily to school?

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