

Date: 29th November 2022

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

Meeting: 12th December 2022

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

Inclusion & Integration Week 2022

Inclusion & Integration Week ran from 7th-14th November 2022 and the following initiatives and groups were supported

CRC

We supported the CRC by funding tickets for the Wild Lights Dublin Zoo experience on 10th November. The CRC choose Wild Lights at Dublin Zoo as their event for Dublin's Inclusion and Integration week as Dublin Zoo is fully accessible and their adults with sensory disabilities had shown a keen interest in attending. These events are advertised widely across many platforms, however, they can be expensive for their users and the support of DCC's North Central Area enabled them to attend this inclusive event.

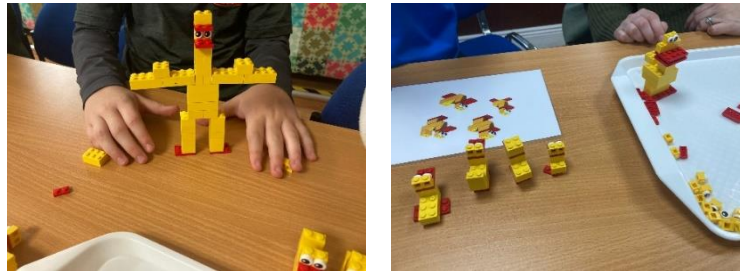


Cupán Tae Memory Cafe

The Cupán Tae Memory Café meet on the second Wednesday of every month in Naomh Barrog. We supported an aerobics class for the members of the Café on 9th November. The feedback from the attendees was fantastic as unfortunately, many of the attendees would not be able to travel to an exercise group.

Artane Coolock Family Resource – Autism Friendly Lego Workshop

The North Central Area supported a Family Lego Session for neurodiverse families. Registration for the free event was on 12th November. This funding paid for 20 families with children with autism to have a workshop with Lego master Jessica Farrell. It was a fantastic afternoon which comprised of 2 sessions with 10 families attending each session. It was a great success and families could have both child with autism and their other children with them for time.



St. Paul's Knitting Group

We supported an Open Day for St. Paul's Knitting Group which took place on the 8th of November. This amazing group of ladies meet every Tuesday morning in the Parish Hall adjacent to Paul's Church, Ayrfield, Dublin 13. The group knit baby clothes for premature babies in Holles Street, knit for the baby boxes provided by Féileacáin and knit blankets for St James' Oncology Ward Crumlin.



St Paul's Youth Club, Artane

The North Central Area supported St. Paul's Youth Club with the resurfacing of the new astro pitch that went in week commencing 14th November. St. Paul's Youth Club caters for children between 6 -16 years and currently have approximately 150 members. The Youth Club is open four nights a week and are open to new members.



Community First Responders Course

We facilitated a Community First Responders Course together with Helping Hands Edenmore in St. Monica's Youth Centre on Saturday 26th November. Three fantastic volunteers from Community First Responders Ireland gave up their time to train local residents in Edenmore and the surrounding areas, staff members from Edenmore Shopping Centre and members of Coolock Garda Station. There was very positive feedback from all who attended and we hope to expand on its success 2023.



The Community team for the Clontarf & Donaghmede LEA's continue to support all community and residential groups and clubs and are currently supporting groups with local Christmas events for their areas.

Sheila Duffy

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