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## To the Chair and Members of the Central Area Committee

#### NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

#### Funding 2023:

Funding proposals totaling €276,482 has been approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board. 2023 projects approved to date are listed under the relevant Sub-Group heading on the attached table **Appendix 1**. The table will be updated on an ongoing basis as further funding proposals are approved. The projects approved in January are as follows:

#### Sub-Group 2 – Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities

#### Career LEAP 2023:

This funding proposal is for the continuation of funding support for the Career LEAP programme for 2023. Training will be provided for up to 30 young adults in the hard to reach category.

#### Enrichment and Therapeutic Opportunities in ASD Classes 2023:

This proposal will provide financial assistance to NEIC schools to provide children who are enrolled in the 5 ASD classes across 3 primary schools to engage in additional enrichment and therapeutic services across three terms of their school year.

#### TY Work Experience, Employer Relationship - Flash Mentoring Coordinator 2023:

This funding proposal is for the continuation of funding support for the post covering TY Work Experience, Employer Relationship and Flash Mentoring Coordinator for 2023.

#### Sub - Group 3 - Family Wellbeing

#### Belvedere Youth Club 7 - 9 year olds project

Funding from the NEIC will enable BYC to recruit experienced workers to lead programming to the 7-9 year olds age group offering quality service to some of our most at risk young people The posts will ensure BYC engages with the 7-9 year olds, in the area of sports, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, homework support & liaise with other agencies as required for children with additional needs.

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# **NEIC Intercultural Development Report to Central Area Committee February 2023**

#### Hill Street Family Resource Centre: Year of the Rabbit Lunar Celebrations:

Dublin City Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy launched the annual Lunar New Year celebration in Hill Street Family Resource Centre on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. The celebration is led by a group of parents who live locally, and it has grown organically since it started in 2014. All are welcome to take part in this important festive and cultural celebration. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate inclusion and diversity.



#### **Project: 'Making conversations'**

This month, the project *Making Conversation: Mutual Intercultural Learning Through Theatre* kicked off. The project brings together public sector staff and people from different cultures in a neutral space and explores the potential of theatre making as a way to deepen conversations. Through creative dialogue, participants will look at how we can perform our discussions with others and how this can enable creative communication between people and communities. The process will encourage deeper understanding of each other and enhance intercultural awareness.

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### NEIC Sport Recreation & Wellbeing Programme Report to Central Area Committee February 2023

#### **Change for life**

Change for life has kicked off in with 13 different activities being run across 9 locations in the North East Inner City. Change for Life is aimed at adults over 18 to get them moving through a series of taster activities over the course of an 8 week block. This year we have added Walking Football, Aikido, Kickboxing, and Circuit Training, to the usual favourites.



## Walking Football

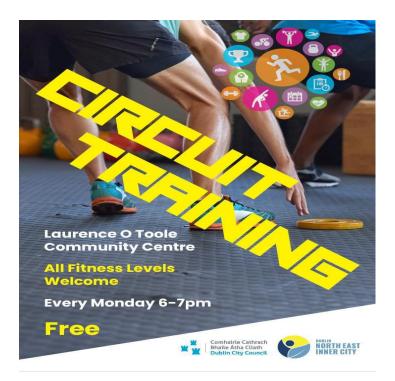
The NEIC hosted its first ever Walking Football match in the North East Inner City. It was in conjunction with the launching of the 2023 Change for Life. It is an easy and enjoyable way for older adults to stay active, have fun and be able to go back to playing football as many have felt they were finished playing football. It is an inclusive game that anyone at any age, female and male can play.





#### **Circuit Training**

We are using St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre to run a fitness class to encourage the people living in the surrounding area to be more active. The fitness class is in conjunction with the launching of the 2023 Change for Life. The circuit training class is been run over an eight week time scale in which it creates a more healthy lifestyle. This will encourage people to continue to stay active even after the fitness class's end. We would really like the centre to add this class to their time table and continue with the class after the eight week.



#### **Aikido**

The NEIC and Dublin Aikido have come together to offer classes to residents of the NEIC. The classes are being held in the Dance Lab on Foley Street. Aikido is a Japanese Martial art focused completely on defensive strategies as opposed to attacking strategies



#### **Kick Start Movements**

After a successful trial in St Vincent's Jnr School we have funded Kick Start Movements to go on and work in 4 junior schools in the area over the course of 10 weeks. Kick Start Movements aim at measuring, monitoring, and improving the basic fundamentals of Walking, running, balance, catching and kicking. While also taking a look at nutrition.



#### **Basketball**

Basketball is continuing to go from strength to strength around the area. The academy is seeing weekly number of over 100 children, while the Trojans club (u14 boys and girls) are playing matches across Dublin weekly. The club launch had been set for February 2<sup>nd</sup> however this had to be postponed due to an illness. We have an additional auxiliary coach working in three new schools in the area, and will look to increase this amount in February.



#### **Kickboxing**

The NEIC together with Fight Club North Strand are pleased to come together to offer a beginning kickboxing class on the North Strand. Dublin Fight Club produce kickboxers at all levels, male and female. The class with the NEIC is being targeted towards adults male and female over 18.



#### <u>FAI</u>

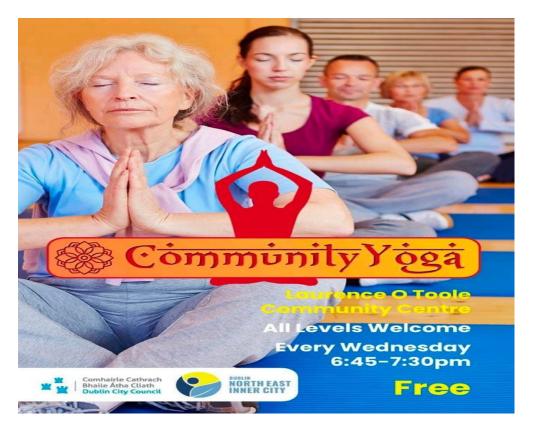
The NEIC and FAI are looking at gaps in the football market around the area. Already the NEIC has committed to supporting a number of Governance / Child Protection / and PDP training courses for all clubs around the area. We are also exploring an auxiliary officer to target late night leagues in Ballybough as well as the one currently running on sheriff St. We are also looking to run a non-competitive weekend football session for u18s who don't want to be associated with the commitment of a club.

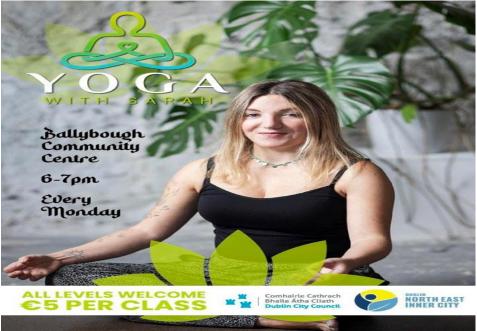


#### **Yoga**

As part of the change for life program it has been great to see the NEIC Yoga Teacher Training Program come full circle. We have managed to get 3 women who have qualified from the

course giving back to the area and running classes. One in Sheriff St, and the other in Ballybough as part of the Change for Life Program. Both classes are seeing excellent numbers





#### Rugby

Working with Leinster Rugby, through Coach Matt Gill we are facilitating rugby across a range of schools. The first secondary school program is being run from Larkin College and working with City Connects. A schedule for 8 primary schools has been organised for the upcoming weeks.





Basketball @ Liberty House

A request from the residents committee in Liberty House about young people wanting a space to place basketball has been facilitated. A Hoop was installed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January after consultation with all stakeholders involved. Plans are in place now to run some taster sessions on the new hoop to encourage more participants.



#### **Governance**

NEIC is running a Governance workshop of February 8<sup>th</sup>. This session is being run for any club or organisation who wish to develop their governance. The session is being facilitated after a request from numerous organisations around the area.

#### **Arkins Dance School**

NEIC was happy to partly support the funding of a bus to the national dance championships in Donegal held on the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> of January.

#### **Hurling in Laurence O Tooles**

After the recent success of St Laurence O'Toole Boys on the GAA pitches last year (Winning the cup in Croke Park!), the NEIC was happy to facilitate the school in a request to purchase hurling equipment for the school to develop their talents.



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#### NEIC Community Arts Programme Report to Central Area Committee February 2023

#### 1: The Lullaby Project

Phase One of the Lullaby Project is now concluding with Hill St. Family Resources Centre in Dublin 1.

Over the past three months highly experienced Creative practitioner, musician and Early Years Arts specialist Eamon Sweeney has worked with families in Hill Street through music in the sharing and learning of Iullabies from different cultures.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> four families performed with Eamon and cellist Malachy Robinson at the 2023 Lunar Festival. The programme is currently under review and the outcomes of this review will determine how the programme moves forward in 2023





#### 2. NEIC Primary School Arts Consultation



On January 18th 2023 a consultation was held with Educators who are working in the NEIC, in Larkin Community College to discuss their needs in relation to the meaningful delivery of arts experiences for children in the classroom. In addition to teachers, the meeting was attended by the Arts Council and the Department of Education. The Educators provided a lot of rich insights into the value of arts in the lives of local children and how they felt meaningful engagement could be supported moving forward.

The outcomes from this meeting will be included in the NEIC Community Arts Strategic Plan that will developed this year.

Copies of the outcomes of this meeting are available on request from <a href="mailto:communityartsneic@gmail.com">communityartsneic@gmail.com</a>

#### **Development of NEIC Community Arts Strategic Plan:**

This January the Community Arts Programme will continue to develop its consultation process with community groups throughout the area. The programme is working with Community Consultant and Facilitator Peter Dorman to identify a meaningful process that will inform the development of the Programme's strategic plan for Community Arts in the area from 2023-2025.

#### **NEIC Primary School Pilot Arts Residencies:**

January saw the resumption of the NEIC Community Arts Pilot Programme of long-term Arts Residencies in Laurence O'Tooles CBS.

Artist Susie Maloney has resumed her Visual residency for 2023-2024 with 5<sup>th</sup> class boys in St. Laurence O'Tooles CBS . https://youtu.be/v-95wHLXmGA

Musician and Early Years specialist Helen Blackmore is delivering her weekly residency with boys in the ASD classes of Laurence O'Tooles CBS.

Additional Residencies will resume in Scoil Chaoimhín and Holy Child Rutland St. in February. Both pilot programmes will continue until June 2023 and a report will be distributed

documenting all findings and outcomes and identifying the progress of participating children.

Conclusion of Early Years Short Term Residencies: Drama in Education expert and Early Years Specialist Joanna Parkes concluded her two Early Years Residencies in Ozanam House and Hill St. DRC in December and January of this year.

In addition to working with the very young children, Joanna facilitated CPD workshops with staff to support their future delivery of the work.



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## **APPENDIX 1**

## NEIC Programme Office – 2023 Funding Proposals Approved to date

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€2,218,750 M of €7.5M )	
Sub - Group 1 - Enhanced Policing	
NO PROPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub-Total	
Sub - Group 2 Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities	
Transition Year Work Experience, Employer Relationship-Flash mentoring coordinator	€66,906
Enrichment and Therapeutic Opportunities in ASD Classes	€18,680
Career Leap 2023	€84,576
Sub – Total	
Sub - Group 3- Family Wellbeing	
Afterschool initiative with 7 to 9yr olds- Belvedere Youth	€106,320
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Sub- Total	€106,320
Sub - Group 4 – Enhanced Community Welling and the Physical Environment	
NO PROPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub - Total	
Sub - Group 5 - Substance Use. Misuse & Inclusion Health	
NO PROPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub – Total	
Sub Group 6 – Alignment of Services	
NO PROPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub – Total	
Overarching Budgets	
NO PROPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub – Total	€276,482