

Date: 2nd February, 2023

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

Meeting: 20th February 2023

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



The Stardust Walkers club meet every Tuesday in the Stardust Park, at 9.40am (pictured above).



The Artane /Whitehall LEA Community Development Team in collaboration with Dublin Fire Brigade presented Whitehall Active Retirement Association with optical smoke alarms (pictured above).

Work Plan for 2023

- Event planning for year ahead.
- Review of last year's events and seeing if we can come up with better solutions.
- Contacting groups to see what support they need and advising them.
- Updating our databases.
- Booking of hall & quotes for caterers for Valentines event which is taking place on Wednesday 22nd February.
- Working on encouraging new groups to formalise.
- Checking with the Sports Development Section and any other section to see if they are holding any event that they need our groups to know about.
- Supporting Environmental groups in the run up to City Wide Clean ups and City Neighbourhood competitions and providing them with spring bulbs and plants.
- Working with Age Friendly initiatives.
- Working towards a joint volunteer night for later in the year with both North Central Community Development teams.
- The Men's Shed like many of our senior groups are rebuilding their groups after Covid. At present, we have 3 Men's Sheds in the Artane/Whitehall L.E.A. and they are Priorswood Men's Shed, Skelly's Lane Men's Shed and Beaumont and District Men's Shed. There are approximately 100 members. These groups organise trips to places of interest e.g. Museums, Art Galleries, Kilmainham Gaol, and Richmond Barracks.

Community Officer, Hugh Flanagan looks after these groups, he assists them to hold quizzes, discussions and has organised speakers to attend the Men Sheds. The talks include a range of topics from men's health, historical, entitlements under the social welfare system are a few examples of talks which took place in 2022.

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