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Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure  
and Recreation SPC  
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## MANAGEMENT UPDATE

### 1. Strategy and Policy

#### DUBLIN CITY SPORTS AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP



#### ➤ **Dublin City Council Sports Plan**

New plan to align with the City Development Plan & National Sports Policy  
Final Draft to feature 2 separate but inter-related documents:

- Sports Infrastructure Strategy
- Sports Provision & Programming Strategy (including review of DCSWP)

#### **Purpose**

- A common vision for improving sport and recreation provision and participation across Dublin City
- The actions that must be taken to achieve this vision
- The role Dublin City Council and other organisations will play

#### **Factors to be Considered**

- A diverse & growing population
- Changing landscapes, lifestyles and societal behaviours
- Economic benefits & financial sustainability
- Environmental sustainability
- Health benefits of physical activity - particularly for specific populations
- Accessibility to sport and physical activity for all
- Expanding success measurement & indicators

#### **Timeframe**

- Appointment of consultant in progress
- Strategy team to be in place by Q1 2023
- Strategy to be completed by November 2023
- Expected budget of €125k plus vat

## **Delivery of DCSWP Programmes**

DCSWP Sport and Co-funded Officers (Athletics Ireland, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Health Improvement, Rugby, Rowing and Swimming Ireland) Officers continue to work closely with community groups, clubs, schools and services in the delivery of multi-sport programmes aimed at core target groups across communities. Core target groups include older adults, underactive communities, schools, ethnic minorities, mental health groups and people with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities, youth at risk - young people age 10-24 years)

### **Governance in Sport Code:**

The Sport Ireland Governance Code for Sport is a code of practice for good governance of sport organisations in Ireland. It covers all National Governing Bodies and Local Sports Partnerships throughout the country. The Code is structured by 5 guiding principles, each of which has 3 sub-principles. Within these lie a total of 75 recommended practices that act as a checklist to ensure organisations have a comprehensive and robust system of governance in place. It covers areas such as strategy development, procedures & policies, financial operations, performance indicators, reporting, ethics, transparency, communications, health & safety and effective Board functionality. DCSWP continues on the journey towards adopting the Code and hopes to be in a position to publically declare compliance in the next 6-12 months.

### **Online/Social Media Supports:**

- Twitter: [@dccsportsrec](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec)
- Facebook: [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing)
- Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)
- Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub: [www.dcwspub.ie](http://www.dcwspub.ie) (see above)
- DCC Corporate Website: Dublin City Council: [www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure/dublin-city-sport-wellbeing-partnership](http://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure/dublin-city-sport-wellbeing-partnership)

## **EVENTS**

A report has been issued to the members of the Dublin City Council Arts & Culture SPC recommending the use of minimal ticket pricing for public events.

## **HUGH LANE GALLERY**

Hugh Lane Gallery is open and welcoming visitors to our range of vibrant exhibitions while adhering fully to Covid guidelines. Visitor numbers are very positive, at 95% of PreCovid figures.

## **SPORTS AND RECREATION**

Work continues on the development of The Dublin City Sports Plan. The Plan will include a strategic review of sports policy, programming & infrastructure, commenced in January 2023.

## **ARTS OFFICE**

A draft Interim Arts Plan and a condensed Review of Arts Grants is attached.

A new Toolkit for Arts Infrastructure and an Arts Infrastructure policy has been requested by the Artists Workspaces Subcommittee..

## **LIBRARIES**

Once again Dublin City Libraries are taking part in Ireland Reads - a campaign to get the whole country reading in the lead up to a national day of reading on Saturday, 25 February. Irish libraries have teamed up with publishers, booksellers, authors, and others for the campaign, which is part of the government's Healthy Ireland programme and aims to celebrate reading and all the benefits it can have for wellbeing and enjoyment. A number of well-known campaign ambassadors are on board to help promote the campaign, including Marian Keyes, Joe Duffy, Colm Tóibín, Rick O'Shea, Liz Nugent and more. There will be lots of 'Ireland Reads' initiatives and events in libraries throughout February in the build up to Saturday, 25 February.

A new **national public library strategy** will be launched in March. The new strategy will be the successor to 'Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities' which has overseen much progress in the public library service in Ireland over the past 5 years.

## **2. Information relevant to SPC**

### **DUBLIN CITY SPORTS AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP**

#### **Active Cities**

The Active Cities National Project was launched in November 2022. The project focuses on the needs of people living, working or visiting the city who are unable to achieve recommended levels of physical activity. The project supports those from under-represented and under-served communities who face the largest barriers to participation.

The Dublin Active City lead continues to work closely with DCSWP sport & physical activity programmes, initiatives and events.

It is expected to officially launch the Dublin City Active Cities programme in early 2023

#### **National and International events**

DCSWP continues to link in with major national and international sport, health and physical activity events in order to maximise promotion of the service. Programmes and initiatives in 2023 will run in tandem with national and international events across communities and will be promoted across all social media platforms.

<b>March 2023</b>	
Mon 6th - Fri 10th March	Women in Sport Week/ GAGA (Get All Girls Active)

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women's Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	European Action Week Against Racism
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Down Syndrome Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Hello How Are You Mental Health Day 2023
<b>April 2023</b>	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Lord Mayor's 5 Alive DCC/BHAA 4Mile Race St Anne's Park, Raheny
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	World Autism Awareness Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	World Health Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	National Workplace Wellbeing Day
24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> April	National Active School Week 2023
	Easter Initiatives /Camps Co -Funded programmes
<b>May 2023</b>	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Bike Week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> May	National Volunteering Week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	European Public Health Week

## **HUGH LANE GALLERY**

### **Workforce Plan**

Hugh Lane Gallery is progressing with recruitment of Critical Vacancies in the Workforce Plan.

### **Current Exhibitions**

*Reconstructing Mondrian*, is an inspired exhibition based on John Beattie's filming of Mondrian's reconstructed Paris Studio (1921-1936). The installation features a cinematic moving image projection, with a new series of hand printed large format photographs.

### **Forthcoming Exhibitions**

*Living with (Paint)ing* by Richard Gorman **9<sup>th</sup> Mar-20<sup>th</sup> Aug** Curatorial selection and layout of works in progress. Design and catalogue in production stage.

Andy Warhol *Three Times Out* **4<sup>th</sup> Oct- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024**-loans secured and Transport eTender in progress.

**Recent Acquisitions.** A display of recent acquisitions has been installed to showcase some of the gallery's recent donations and purchases. It includes works by Grace Henry, Gillian Ayres, Mick O'Dea, Stephen McKenna, Rodney Dickson and Diana Copperwhite.

### **Education**

Our *Make and Be* programme is one that particularly welcomes international participants and encourages participants to speak in the language that they feel most comfortable with and are led by artists from international backgrounds. Since the programme's initiation in 2022, we

have worked with Iranian artist Nasrin Golden who worked with diverse communities while artist Anca Danila led workshops with families from the Romanian Community. In spring, we are engaging with families and artists from the Ukrainian community.

Accessibility programmes: In addition to our online audio description programme for people with a visual impairment which have been taking place since 2020, a pilot programme for families whose children are neurodiverse is in development with arts practitioner Jody O'Neill and artists from our panel. Monthly guided tours for people with a hearing impairment are taking place from March led by our guides with equipment sourced from Arts and Disability Ireland.

<http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures>

<https://twitter.com/TheHughLane>

<https://www.instagram.com/thehughlane/>

<https://www.facebook.com/thehughlane/>

## **EVENTS**

### **Dublin Winter Lights**

Dublin Winter Lights Report is now available and has been circulated to all Dublin City Council elected members

Link: <https://dublincity.sharefile.eu/d-s575ac931b00a4206996e8ada05b5c040>

The ticket sales for Dublin Winter Lights Merrion Square Park after the deduction of hosting fees and credit card charges amounted to €47,695.79

As communicated to members in December 2022, the proceeds will be used to design, develop, and construct, a mobile sensory unit for use at Dublin City Council run events. The estimated costs are thus

Description	Amount €
Trailer mount towable Sensory Room with integrated lighting, sound and sensory features	€28,750.00
Estimated Maintenance/Replacement Parts/Secure storage for 3 years	€6,600.00
Total Cost	€35,350.00
VAT 23%	€8,130.50
Total Cost	€43,480.50

The remainder of the ticketing proceeds of €4,215.29 will go to the Dublin City Council Events Community Fund (subject to approval by Arts and Culture SPC).

### **Red Bull Formula 1 Event**

The Red Bull Formula 1 event took place on the Northside of the Dublin Docklands on Sun January 15<sup>th</sup>. A total of €15,924.40 in ticket sales will be donated by the event organisers to the Dublin City Council Events Community Fund (subject to approval by Arts and Culture SPC).

## Events Community Fund

Description	Amount €
Red Bull Formula 1 ticketing proceeds	€4,215.29
Dublin Winter Lights ticketing proceeds	€15,924.40
Current Total	€20,139.69

## ARTS OFFICE

The Department of Tourism Culture Sports Arts Media and the Gaeltacht are in negotiation with Dublin City Council to draw down Capital funding to facilitate safe temporary use of 7/8/9 Merchants Quay, The Former Eden Restaurant building and privately owned buildings at Artane Place.

## LIBRARIES

Dublin City Library and Archive are continuing with the creation of a combined research service dedicated to the history of Dublin. Special focus on continued collaboration with [Enrich Europeana+](#) (through the [Dublin Transcription Project](#)), ingest of historic digital collections to the [DRI](#), collaboration with Beyond 2022 team ([Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland](#)), new collection development and the creation of skills/training experiences for school, under-grad and post-grad students.

### **Dublin UNESCO City of Literature**

The Shortlist for the **Dublin Literary Award** will be announced on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and the winner will be revealed on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at the International Literature Festival Dublin. The 2023 **One Dublin One Book** programme of events will be launched by Lord Mayor Cllr. Caroline Conroy on 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Hugh Lane Gallery. This year's chosen title is The Coroner's Daughter by Andrew Hughes and there will be an exciting programme of free events throughout April, including talks, discussions, music recitals, walks and more. [www.onedublinonebook.ie](http://www.onedublinonebook.ie)

[Gaeilge ag an Leabharlann. Bain triail aisti with Irish language events at the library to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge 1-17 March. In May libraries will partner with IMRAM to bring Irish language children's authors to branch Libraries.](#)

**Charleville Mall Library** has reopened after a short period of closure for essential improvement works, including the provision of a new public disabled toilet and universally accessible front entrance.

Construction work on the new Public Library in **Finglas** is continuing with an expected completion date in Spring 2023.

### **Update on the City Library, Parnell Square**

The appointment of a multi-disciplinary Design Team for the Parnell Square Project has been announced.

Following a detailed tender process, the team will be led by Aecom Ireland and is made up as follows:

- Cost Consultant/Project Manager Aecom Ireland
- Architect Hawkins Brown Architecture
- Structural and Civil Engineer- Aecom Ireland
- Building Services Aecom Ireland
- Acoustic Engineer AWN Consulting
- Fire Safety Engineer Jensen Hughes
- PSDS Chris Mee

The programme for completion of the detailed design works is approximately one year with a commencement date in early 2023. The project will then go to tender, which will take in the order of seven to eight months. Construction of Phase 1 is expected to be completed in 2027. The appointment of the Design Team along with the on-going demolition and site clearance works, which are nearing completion, mark an important milestone in the delivery of this project.

The scope of design works for the Parnell Square Project Phase 1 includes detailed design of the City library, design review and necessary redesign of the proposed works at the Hugh Lane Gallery and proposed works to the Georgian houses numbers 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 and complete renovation design to house number 27 Parnell Square North. The design brief also includes tender analysis, construction supervision and handover to client.

Demolition works on the existing Amharclann building, which began last November, are continuing.

### **SPORTS AND RECREATION**

#### **Departmental Capital / Other Projects:**

Sports & Recreation have carried out a thorough review of the Sports Capital Programme within the context of funding, significant inflation, availability of professional services, supply chain delays and compliance with strict procurement procedures. Please see below update on current significant projects and realistic timeframes for development and delivery.

<b>Sports &amp; Recreation Projects</b>	<b>Progress / Current Status</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Part 8 withdrawn – to allow maximisation of space for anchor tenant	Tender package for accessibility works to issue Q1/23  Revised design being developed for new Part 8 for other works.
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Gym/Façade Improvements	Tender documents being prepared	Tender to issue Q 1/23

Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Part 8 application complete	Construction tender documents to be issued Q1/23
Donore Community Centre	Tenders received for Design Team	Tenders received. Contract awarded to Design Team in Q1/23. IPB insurance have a financial interest in this project.
Northside Swimming Pool	Surveys complete	Ongoing - Options to be reviewed, presented to Area Committee and stakeholders generally and scope of works agreed. Q1/23
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Construction Tender Documents issued	Works commenced February 2023
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Tender package complete	Tender documents received and being assessed, tender to be awarded on completion of assessment Q1/23
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Tender submissions received	Contract awarded with works to commence early 2023

#### DCSWP Ongoing Projects

- Strategic Review
- Governance Code
- Local Health & Safety Statement

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
<b>Change For Life 2023</b>	Programme runs in tandem with RTE's Operation Transformation.	Programme commenced January 2023.
<b>Active Cities</b>	Official Dublin Local Authorities launch took place on 7 <sup>th</sup> November.	Active Cities Officer (Dublin City) to continue engaging with DCSWP.
<b>Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Road Race Challenge 2023</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> year of challenge. DCSWP working with Lord Mayor's Office. Details TBC.	Confirmation of races and information on registration etc. to be shared on DCC/DCSWP communication platforms.
<b>DCSWP Calendar of Events</b>	Developed to align with major national and international initiatives to maximise impact of ongoing local programmes.	<b>January 2023 Highlights</b> -Change For Life (see above) -Local 3-5k Coach to Parkrun programmes (including launch of Podcast) -National OT Walks -Schools Cross Country



<b>DCSWP Social Media supports</b>	<b>DCC:</b> <a href="https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure">https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure</a> <b>DCSWP Hub:</b> <a href="http://www.dcswhub.ie">www.dcswhub.ie</a> <b>Twitter:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec">@dccsportsrec</a> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing">DublinCitySportandWellbeing</a> <b>Instagram:</b> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing">@dublincitysportandwellbeing</a>	Internal and external promotion of DCSWP programmes and events ongoing.
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