

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Report of the Director of Services, Central and South East Areas

Grand Canal

A meeting was held in January 2020 with Waterways Ireland representatives and Councillors to discuss ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for interaction between Waterways Ireland and DCC. The latest meeting was held on 2nd February 2023.

Portobello Harbour Square

Ait Urbanism + Landscape were appointed as consultant for the project and two initial public consultation workshops were held on 1st and 8th June 2022 at St. Kevin's Community Centre. Concept designs were prepared by consultants based on the outcome of these workshops and these were put on public display at St. Kevin's Community Centre between 3pm and 8pm on Thursday 21st July 2022. Online consultation was open until 19th August 2022 and a large number of submissions were received. Preliminary Appraisal form has been lodged with the Capital Project Support Office (CPSO). Provision has been included in the Parks 2023/24/25 draft Capital Programme for the re-design and development of Portobello Harbour Square. Parks Department made a presentation to the December 2022 South East Area Committee. Next stages: continue non-statutory consultation with local stakeholders with emphasis on Children, Youth / Young People; engage in Pre Part 8 consultation with internal departments; develop the Part 8 planning package based on this feedback and continue survey work.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase

The final phase of the project includes the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. A preliminary site meeting was held with Road Construction engineers on 14th April 2022. Surveys of the area are being carried out including a drone survey and GPR Survey to assist in the design process. Once the design process has been completed it is proposed to prepare a tender for works to car park area in 2023. When these works are carried out, further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to complete the project.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. Following that it was proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

**Both of these projects are now listed on the Capital Programme 2021 – 2023 and have been awarded funding from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).*

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all

stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28th November 2019 and further required detail was identified by key departments. An invitation to tender for additional services to bring the project to Part 8 was issued to consultants and Mitchell & Associates were formally appointed on 17th November 2021. Preliminary meeting of design team took place on 15th December 2021 and detailed meetings with internal departments were held in January and February 2022. GPR Survey was carried out in January 2022.

A second round of meetings with internal departments was held during April / May 2022 and work on finalising the design has commenced. A meeting was held with local businesses to finalise servicing arrangements for traders on Fitzwilliam Street in November. A public information meeting to present the designs to the community was held on Wednesday 7th December 2022 in Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre which was well received. Some areas to be reviewed before commencement of Pre-Part 8. A Road Safety Audit is currently being carried out. As part of the Part 8 process design boards will be put on display in Ringsend Library to keep the community informed. Pre-Part 8 drawings will be circulated in March 2023. Councillors will be briefed before we commence the formal Part 8 process.

Cambridge Road: An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC. Meetings with Redscape Architects and internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop / meeting on 28th November 2018. Further information was required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal in particular. In 2019 Road Design & Construction Section, E & T Department, agreed to take on the completion of the project to Part 8 stage. Detailed meetings took place between Roads Design & Construction and internal departments with a view to agreeing an overall design before commencing Part 8 planning process. Parks Services Department requested that a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey be carried out prior to Part 8 to identify location of underground services and any impact on tree planting. Drainage Department welcomed the provision of additional greening providing a SuDS benefit and a proposed new surface water main is being considered in conjunction with Irish Water. Agreement of the final design for the road has been delayed as we wait for the NTA to finalise the route for the East Coast Trail (ECT) which will either traverse Cambridge Road or run along part of Cambridge Road from Canon Mooney Gardens to Thorncastle Street. We are awaiting an update on the East Coast Trail before we can make further progress with this matter.

Cabbage Garden & Cathedral Lane

We are liaising with the Sports Section with a view to arranging additional sports activities for children in the vicinity of the Cabbage Garden. Our Community Team are also talking to the Sports Section regarding a proposed football competition which will be held in May.

We are also hoping to have a public meeting towards the end of March so Parks can outline their plans for the next few months.

City Quay

We are awaiting information from Traffic regarding an extended parking scheme for City Quay. We need progress on this before we can progress the City Quay public realm improvement which local residents are keen to see being delivered. Meeting has with arranged with local residents regarding Elizabeth O'Farrell Park.

Choice Based Lettings / Allocations

No units are currently being advertised under this scheme but we do expect to advertise further units shortly. We have also been advised by Allocations that we can now let units in Senior Citizens complexes under this scheme.

CCTV Benbulbin Road

Following on from the provision of Discretionary Funding for the installation of CCTV at Benbulbin Road, we have continued to try to progress the matter. Adhering to advice from DCC's Data Protection Office, a letter was sent to the Garda Commissioners Office on the 11th March 2021. This letter requested written authorisation from the Garda Commissioner for Dublin City Council to install CCTV at the location, which is a public area and not within the bounds of a Dublin City Council complex. The current DCC code of practice for installation of CCTV in public places requires such authorisation from the Garda Commissioner. The office of the Commissioner replied on the 11th May 2021 and submitted a number of documents, including An Garda Síochána's Code of Practice for Community Based CCTV Systems. The documents submitted are at variance with DCC's code of practice for CCTV in public places and do not seem to take into account that DCC is installing the CCTV rather than a community based organisation. Discussions took place with local based senior Gardaí in order to try and reconcile the differing positions but following further advice from our Data Protection Office further clarity was required from An Garda Síochána. Further communication from An Garda Síochána outlining their position on this matter stated that their internal policy / procedures will only allow authorisation of this scheme if it is designated a Community CCTV Scheme. Designating this CCTV Project a Community Based CCTV Scheme would impose greater responsibility on the local community in relation to their role in consultation, installation, maintenance and management of the CCTV system. In addition, given the proposed location of the CCTV and the serious criminality which takes place there, there is a significant potential for health and safety issues to arise for community representatives involved in such a project. It would also have the potential to increase costs for the project.

We held further discussions with An Garda Síochána in April 2022 in relation to this CCTV scheme and while they have not changed their viewpoint they have raised issues in relation to all CCTV schemes which will require further clarification with our own Data Protection Office.

Additionally, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner has recently issued a substantial fine against Limerick City and County Council in relation to the operation of CCTV in its area. This decision is likely to have knock on effects for other local authorities and our Law Department is reviewing the decision to assess its implications for existing and planned CCTV schemes.

The most recent update from DCC's Data Protection Office indicated that discussions are still ongoing between the Local Government Management Agency and An Garda Síochána and no clarification on the issues outlined above is forthcoming as of yet.

Former Fr. Lar Redmond Hall, Keeper Road, Drimnagh

This community hall has been vacant for many years and Housing Development Section is proposing to redevelop the site for housing. The site will be developed by Respond Housing and the draft proposal is to build 20 older persons' units on the site. The proposal is at an early stage and information days were held in Dolphin's Barn Library on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th January. The comments and suggestions made at these information days are now being collated and discussions are ongoing in relation to finalising a planning application.

Waste Management / Environmental Services

Community Clean

Equipment deliveries: 33

Collections done by Waste Management: 52

Graffiti Removal January 2023

Camden Street / Wexford Street cleared - 35 Shutters in total.
264 m² removed from assorted locations.

Abandoned Bicycles February 2023

12 removed.
50 tagged for removal.

Joint Policing Committee

A steering meeting is scheduled for 9th March, to set the agenda for the first 2023 JPC meeting on 30th March 2023.

A presentation will be made on **Drug Related Intimidation** at the March meeting.

Rosary Hall

After receiving extra funding of €240k which was approved at the April City Council meeting (as well as €125k already allocated), it was decided to retender the entire proposed works. Meetings took place with both main community groups and consultant architects during the summer 2021 to outline and agree the proposed works which included mechanical & electrical works, fire safety works, remedial works and lift replacement.

The Area Manager also engaged in meetings with both community groups regarding governance of the facility and a management agreement was finalised in May 2022.

A supervisory committee comprising of two members of the football club and two members of the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HXVCC) and the Area Manager will be established to optimise the use of the facility for the benefit of the Community.

Tender documentation was completed and advertised and tenders were received back on February 14th. When these tenders were assessed by Consultants it was apparent that construction inflation has led to a significant increase on the previously estimated cost.

A full Corporate Project Support Office (CPSO) appraisal form has been submitted in relation to the matter and it has been included in list of projects for capital funding

The disposal of the lease was agreed at the Area committee meeting in June and was brought to the July Council meeting and approved.

Final further work in relation to the agreed Protocol for Management of the Building was agreed late last year and the Lease signed.

Although the requisite monies have now been sourced and the preferred bidder has been contacted it has not proved possible to proceed currently due to Procurement requirements.

It is now proposed to retender the works in the coming fortnight.

Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross

The Age Friendly Committee for Harold's Cross has been operational since early 2020. A draft report was submitted by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in conjunction with Rob Chester, Area Community Officer and it was agreed to progress a number of these proposals, funding permitting. In tandem with this it is proposed to hold a workshop to further engage with the residents and ensure particularly any elderly resident who was not consulted has an opportunity to contribute to the process and be included. It was

agreed to defer the facilitation of a Workshop to get the views of the wider community till autumn 2022.

A subgroup under the Housing SPC has been convened to look at the City Wide Age Friendly Strategy. Under this structure, submissions for funding may be advanced, including the Harold's Cross project.

It has been agreed by the elected members that further monies (€8k) will be allocated to this age friendly initiative in the discretionary funding for 2022.

IT Age Friendly tablets have been distributed to residents and have been very well received. Cliff Run Media have supplied over 1,000 units to established age friendly projects across the country; the tablet comes with one year's free WIFI and are dignity proofed to make access as easy as possible.

It is anticipated that when the works are completed on Rosary that it can play a pivotal role in age friendly activities going forward.

Eir have completed the work involved in getting an additional line into Harold's Cross Park to enable Virgin Media to set up the Wi-Fi hot spot for the area around the café.

A series of Sub group meeting have taken place in 2022 including February 11th, 28th, March 16th and April 8th to progress matters and it is hoped to schedule a programme of events to encourage people to participate in.

The first Ageing Well Café meeting took place on March 8th and was attended by about 40 residents with great support from HXVCC. There was a good cross section of our older persons.

A trip to Russborough House took place on April 11th.

An Ageing Well Café meeting took place on 17th May in McGowan's and a full Age Friendly Committee meeting took place on May 5th.

The sub group met on July 15th and a main meeting took place on the 20th September.

A trip was organised to the National Stud on Tuesday 27th September and was attended by a large group.

An event took place in McGowans on 7th December and was very well attended

Further monies has been set aside in the Discretionary Fund this year for the HX Age Friendly Initiative.

Rutland Grove / Eamonn Ceannt Park

Meeting took place on 30th January 2020 with traffic engineers, Les Moore from Parks, Area Manager and staff and Cllr. Pat Dunne. It was agreed at the meeting that Traffic Section would look again at the feasibility of putting in dedicated parking as per Part 8. Should it be possible to implement, the design would need to progressed and costed.

Leslie Moore has indicated with response to a July motion that he will engage a consultant to review this issue regarding the Part 8 parking. This has not happened to date

As an interim measure planters were installed at the entrance to Rutland Grove to enhance the environment and assist with ongoing illegal parking at the entrance. Regrettably a number

of these have been vandalised and a solution is being sought in conjunction with the residents' association.

Work was completed on the footpaths across the open green space as agreed under the discretionary funding.

A detailed capital appraisal was prepared for tender stage and works on the Depot upgrade and was scheduled to start last year. However due to construction inflation the cost has exceeded the assigned budget. An update in relation to this is expected shortly

The Crumlin Kimmage Festival took place on July 10th in Eamonn Ceannt Park and it was deemed a great success by locals and all who attended.

A Crumlin Halloween Mini Festival took place in Eamonn Ceannt from 12pm to 4pm on Monday 31st October 2022 and received very good feedback from the community who attended.

A 'Friends of Eamonn Ceannt' meeting is took place on 15th December in the pavilion in Eamonn Ceannt Park.

The next meeting has been schedule for March 30th again in the pavilion, Eamonn Ceannt Park.

Community Development Report – South East Area

Below is a list of events, activities and projects supported by the South East Area Community Development Section:

Age Friendly

A host of activities and events ranging from musical tea dances to talks to bingo nights are on offer across the area during March – please see events listings below.

Allotments

Annual licences for allotments at Blarney Park, Herbert Park and Ringsend Park are in the process of being granted to all plot holders. With so few allotments becoming available and current waiting lists so long, we will not be accepting new applications for 2023, as per 2022.

The Kingfisher Project at Blarney Park continues to receive our support, the new apiary design is finalised and the common walkway is being refurbished with railway sleeper sides. The Oversight Group which meets every month now has a dozen members focussed on education, resource / infrastructure management and scientific study. School tours will commence in March, a pilot visit by a local school was very successful. Another Bee Keeping Course for Kingfisher Project members is planned for the spring. There are ongoing issues with parking at the site entrance, we have written to Crofton Motors and asked them to tell their staff not to block the gated entrance; we will be monitoring the issue for the next few weeks to track any improvement.

Cooking for Freedom / Methodist Centenary Church

Cooking for Freedom is a refugee-led project which aims to support those living in direct provision through access to cooking facilities. Those living in direct provision generally do not have access to cooking facilities and must eat whatever is provided at the centres which may not always be culturally appropriate. This project aims to give people access to kitchens, ingredients and necessary equipment. Currently, the group has access to two kitchens in Dublin 1 as well as the kitchen at Wesley House / Methodist Centenary Church on Leeson

Park in Ranelagh 2 - 3 times a week. We are providing the group with some initial funding and are trying to see where other kitchens may be available for use in our area.

Commencing Sunday, 19th March at 7pm, the Methodist Centenary Church / Wesley House will also be opening its doors for a weekly intercultural social evening where various nationalities can meet with Irish people, practice their English, have a coffee or pizza and have a game of Badminton or Table Tennis. This initiative follows recent walks / hikes involving international students and will receive strong support from our team going forward.

Crumlin Clean-up Group

The group is as active as ever with local clean ups and various plans for improvements to the Crumlin area. We are assisting the newly constituted Heritage and History Group to apply for a heritage grant.

Evergreen Club

The Evergreen Club is fully open following the upgrade work carried out on the electrical services and the new entrance doors. The enhanced lighting in the hall is a huge improvement on the old units, and the addition of up to date health and safety standards will assist with ensuring the future of the premises.

International Women's Day

This year's International Women's Day programme at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre will again feature the exhibition, "*244 Reasons to end Gender Based Violence*", which was produced by the local youth service in tribute to women who have lost their lives to male violence since records began in 1996.

Dublin City Libraries will be providing a *pop-up library* at the Centre from 3 - 4pm that day, which will feature a variety of books from Irish female authors.

To conclude, the Community Centre and Youth Service will be running an *International Women's Day Table Quiz* that evening at 7pm.

Also in Ringsend and in conjunction with our Libraries Outreach Team, there will be a talk that day at 2pm at the CWYMS Hall by one of our Historians in Residence, James Curry, on Joe Moran's Ringsend Plaza sculpture "*The Door*", which also highlights the issue of domestic abuse against women.

Kimmage Business Group

At a meeting of the group local businesses attending highlighted a number of issues, the principal one being the threat posed by Bus Connects. The arrival of some new business in the area was noted (Grian Café on the corner etc.). The group will work with the community team on upgrading the planters in the village and installing the annual hanging basket programme. The need for a Community Notice Board was highlighted and the group were delighted with the first ever Kimmage Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony last year, and look forward to supporting the event again this year.

Men's Shed Groups

The community team continues to support our Men's Shed groups focusing on their social programmes and activities that will bring the existing and new members together. We are assisting with a social event for some local sheds planned for the 6th April (details TBA) and will assist the Crumlin Men's Shed attend the annual dinner and entertainment run by the Crumlin Bowling Club on the 3rd of March.

Mount Drummond Estate

We are assisting the local residents to replant the grotto space in Mount Drummond Estate. This work is carried out annually by a lovely group of residents who keep the small grass area clean and tidy throughout the year.

Portobello St. Kevin's Heritage Talks

The series of monthly local history talks at St. Kevin's Community Centre on Bloomfield Avenue continues on 14th March with *Dublin's Historic Core: Christ Church Cathedral and Temple Bar to Dublin Castle and Cork Hill*; an illustrated slide talk which will incorporate discussion on Georgian buildings, guild chapels and guildhalls, bookselling in 17th century Dublin, duelling, gambling, literature and a visiting troupe of performing fleas! These talks, organised by Portobello Tidy Towns with support from our Team, are given by Arran Henderson, a graduate in Art History who has written extensively on art and visual culture for numerous publications as well as running the *Dublin Decoded* walking tour business.

Ranelagh Arts

The Ranelagh Arts Festival will take place in May this year and will incorporate the *Ranelagh Film Festival* (RFF) which will be hosted at the Stella Cinema in The Devlin Hotel. The festival is now inviting entries under the Best Documentary, Best Short and Best Narrative Feature categories. Further details can be found at www.ranelagharts.ie

A large focus of the centre this year is on the development of new plays and a number of new works from local writers have already been identified. The centre will be helping with script development, in-house readings and support from theatre professionals with the aim of nurturing emerging directors and actors.

Also in the planning is the *Ranelagh Arts Young Artist Competition & Exhibition*, aimed at local schools to encourage young people to get involved with the arts.

Sandymount Community Centre / You Must Believe in Spring

Following the successful launch of the Sandymount Culture Programme in February with *The Importance of Being Oscar*, March 3rd will see Sandymount Community Centre host a concert from the Emilie Conway Jazz Trio. *You Must Believe in Spring* will celebrate spring as a season of hope, change and new love and feature Emilie Conway on vocals, Johnny Taylor on piano and Barry Donohue on double bass performing music from the Great American Songbook.

The Sandymount Culture Programme is supported by our Community Team and Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Association, and will offer theatre, poetry, music and more on a near monthly basis. It will be free admission to all events with a donation box left at the door to support future activities at the centre.

St. Patrick's Week Celebrations

A number of events and activities for all ages will take place over the week – see event listings at the end of this report for details.

Beyond the city centre, Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Club are organising a parade celebrating both St. Patrick's Day and the club's heritage within its local community. Meeting at Sandymount Green at 11am, the parade will meander through the villages of Sandymount, Ringsend and Irishtown before finishing at the GAA Clubhouse at Sean Moore Park where there'll be live music from Ringsend balladeers, The Pullovers, and much family friendly entertainment on offer until 2pm.

We will also continue to support the distribution of care packs to those who are vulnerable in the community over that holiday period, in partnership with Ranelagh Community Response,

St. Andrew's Resource Centre Senior Care and Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre. Dublin City Libraries are also kindly providing us with 100 Quick-Read books for the care packs.

St. Patrick's Week Tricolour Rose Intergenerational Project

Following the success of a similar project for Valentine's Day, tricoloured roses will be distributed to older and vulnerable people in the community (often by young people) during St. Patrick's Week in partnership with the Talk About Youth Project, Ranelagh Meals on Wheels, community centres and residents' groups. The idea behind this initiative is to remind older and vulnerable people that there is care in the local community and that neighbours are on hand to help. This initiative will continue in partnership with more groups / centres at Easter.

Talk About Youth St. Patrick's Week Programme – An Irish Welcome

This dynamic Pearse Street based youth service has a full programme of activities under the theme of inclusion planned in the lead up to St. Patrick's Day, which will include arts & crafts, a pre-St. Patrick's Day party, games, costume making and a Kahoot Quiz. Up to 100 young people will be involved in these activities.

Miscellaneous

Other ongoing projects / activities include Friends of Green Spaces Environmental Projects (60+), Tidy Towns, Newborn Knitting, Whitefriar Strings Project, planter / hanging basket projects and Vibrant Villages Walking Trail Map & Guides.

South East Area Community Events – March 2023

Wednesday, 1st March at 1pm – ***Spring Music Concert*** at Merrick House, Terenure.

Thursday, 2nd March at 4.30pm – ***Going Wild in the Garden Talk*** with Eanna Ní Lamhna at Milltown Parish Centre for Milltown ICA.

Friday, 3rd March at 7.30pm – ***Crumlin Bowling Club Annual Dinner*** with Entertainment.

Friday, 3rd March at 7.30pm – ***You Must Believe in Spring featuring the Emilie Conway Jazz Trio*** at Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue.

Saturday, 4th March from 11 - 4pm – ***Re-opening of Bushy Park Market*** with Children's Entertainment from 1 - 3pm.

Monday, 6th March at 2pm – ***Spring Music Concert*** at Orwell Healthcare, Rathgar.

Tuesday, 7th March at 1.30pm – ***Spring Music Concert*** at Eastwell Ladies Home, Rathmines.

Wednesday, 8th March – ***'244 Reasons To End Gender Based Violence' Exhibition*** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre for International Women's Day.

Wednesday, 8th March from 3 - 4pm – ***International Women's Day Pop-up Library*** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre.

Wednesday, 8th March at 2pm – ***Talk on 'The Door' Sculpture*** by James Curry at CWYMS Hall (opposite Ringsend Library), Ringsend for International Women's Day.

Wednesday, 8th March at 7pm – ***International Women's Day Table Quiz*** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre.

13 - 17 March – **Talk About Youth Project St. Patrick's Week Programme – An Irish Welcome**, Pearse Street.

Monday, 13th March at 8pm – **St. Patrick's Week CY Bingo Bonanza** at CWYMS Hall (opposite Ringsend Library), Ringsend.

Tuesday, 14th March at 2.30pm – **'Celtic Stories' History Talk** at Donnybrook Parish Centre for Donnybrook Active Retirement Association

Tuesday, 14th March at 8pm – **'Dublin's Historic Core: Christ Church Cathedral and Temple Bar to Dublin Castle and Cork Hill' History Talk** at St. Kevin's Community Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello.

Wednesday 15th March at 11am – **Crumlin Active Age** social event at Lorcan O'Toole GAA Club.

Wednesday, 15th March at 7.30pm – **Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Association AGM** at Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue.

Thursday, 16th March at 2pm – **St. Patrick's Week & Mothers' Day Hooley** with Pastimes at St. Andrew's Resource Centre for St. Andrew's Senior Care, Pearse Street.

Thursday, 16th March at 3pm – **Spring Music Concert** in St. Marys Parish Hall, Crumlin.

Thursday, 16th March at 7pm – **Rathgar Ladies Club Musical & Social Evening**.

Thursday, 16th March at 8pm – **GALs St. Patrick's Week Party** with Mikey Smyth at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre for the Get a Life Over 55s Group.

Friday, 17th March at 11am – **Clanna Gael Fontenoy St. Patrick's Day Parade**; departing from Sandymount Green.

Friday, 17th March at 12.30pm – **Clanna Gael Fontenoy St. Patrick's Day Family Event** at Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Clubhouse, Sean Moore Park.

Sunday, 19th March at 7pm – **Intercultural Social** at Wesley House / Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park, Ranelagh (weekly).

Monday, 20th March at 8pm – **Mother's Day CY Bingo Bonanza** at CWYMS Hall (opposite Ringsend Library), Ringsend.

Thursday, 30th March at 2pm – **Crumlin Senior Citizens** Social event at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall.

Please note that events can be subject to change.

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Update **2023 – Linking in with National Events & Initiatives**

The primary goal of DCSWP is to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in sport and physical activity regardless of age, gender or ability. In 2023 DCSWP continues to align the planning and delivery of programmes with national and international events. This strategic approach helps maximise promotion of the service, adds momentum to local programmes and initiatives and ultimately increases reach across communities in Dublin city.

Please see below highlight programmes for March 2023. New initiatives / programmes in April will be reported on in the next report.

Change For Life 2023

Continues in the South East Area (see programme report below).

Lord Mayor's 5 Alive 2023

As reported on in the January update The Lord Mayor's 5 Alive continues in 2023. Please refer to the January report.

Women in Sport

DCSWP's Get All Girls Active (GAGA) initiative is dedicated to providing opportunities for women of all ages and abilities to become involved in sport and physical activity and to increasing the visibility / representation of women in sport. In 2022 Ellen Keane and Kellie Harrington were appointed as DCSWP ambassadors to promote and celebrate female sporting achievements. While female focussed programmes are delivered throughout the year, GAGA will take on a strategic focus in March by running in tandem with Women in Sport Week (7th - 13th March). DCSWP Sport and Co-funded Officers have commenced planning – in the South East Area officers will be working closely with Youth Services to deliver programmes that promote women in sport throughout the week.

Active Cities / Health Improvement

Please see previous report. Schools across the city, including those in the South East Area, continue to be supported through the DCSWP Active Cities / HSE Playground Stencil Programme.

School's Cross-Country

The school's cross country citywide programme (age 8 - 12 years) has commenced and DCSWP is working closely with Parks & Landscape Services to facilitate the citywide main event in John Paul Park, Cabra on Wednesday 1st March. Track and field training sessions to continue in schools in the South East Area in the lead up to the event.

All DCSWP highlight programmes will continue to be supported by social media channels and the DCSWP Virtual Hub. See below:

- Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub: www.dcwsphub.ie
- Email: sports@dublincity.ie
- Twitter: [@dccsportsrec](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec)
- Facebook: [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing)
- Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)

South East Area March Highlights

The following programmes will take place until end of March 2023 in the South East Area. These are highlight programmes representing all target groups. Details of certain programmes remain in the tentative / TBC stage.

Change For Life - Underactive Communities

Name of programme:	Change For Life Couch to 5k Terenure
Description of programme activity:	8-week programme aimed at adults looking to take up running in a safe environment. Participants build strength and stamina over and 8 week period after which they complete a 5k run/jog/walk.

Age group:	Adults
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Continues from Terenure Village car-park every Monday at 6.30pm.
Name of programme:	Change For Life Couch to 5k Harold's Cross
Description of programme activity:	8-week programme aimed at adults looking to take up running in a safe environment. Participants build strength and stamina over an 8 week period after which they complete a 5k run/jog/walk.
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Continues from Harold's Cross park every Wednesday at 6.30pm.
Name of programme:	Change For Life Ringsend / Irishtown
Description of programme activity:	8-week General Fitness & Wellbeing Programme
Age group:	16+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Irishtown Stadium

Name of programme:	Change For Life Ringsend / Irishtown
Description of programme activity:	Guided Hillwalking Programme with local groups in the South East area in partnership with Ballyfermot Outward Bounds Adventure Centre
Age group:	18+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Various locations including Bull Island and designated routes in the Dublin Mountains.

Name of programme:	Change For Life Couch to 5k Brickfield / Crumlin
Description of programme activity:	Couch to 5k Walking/Jogging programme
Age group:	18+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Brickfield Park. Times and dates TBC

Forever Fit – Older Adults age 55+ years

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – St. Andrew's / Pearse Street
Description of programme activity:	Older Adults multi-sport programme
Partners:	St. Andrew's and Pearse St. Recreation Centre
Age group:	Age 60+ Years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Charles Centre, Sandymount every Wednesday from 2.30pm

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – Lorcan O’Toole, Crumlin
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit
Partners:	Lorcan O’Toole centre Crumlin/Kimmage
Age group:	Age 55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Lorcan O’Toole centre every Wednesday from 11am.

Name of Programme:	Forever Fit Harold’s Cross
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit classes aimed improving mobility and balance for Older Adults
Age group:	Age 55 + years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Harold’s Cross Parish Centre every Monday from 11am

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit Terenure
Description of programme activity:	Older Adult Dance & Fitness programme aimed at improving mobility and improving fitness levels.
Age group:	Age 55+ Years (Mixed)
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Evergreen Centre, Terenure every Tuesday at 11am

Thrive – Adults with mental health difficulties

Name of programme:	Mindfulness Programme
Description of programme activity:	Yoga programme aimed at adults with mental health difficulties.
Partners:	Clonskeagh Day Care Centre
Age group:	18 +years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/Time and Location:	Clonskeagh Day Care Centre every Thursday at 12.30pm

Name of programme:	Mindfulness & Exercise Mental Health Programme
Description of programme activity:	Yoga programme aimed at adults with mental health difficulties.
Partners:	Pearse St. Rehab Centre
Age group:	18 +years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/Time and Location:	Pearse St. Rehab Centre every Monday from 2pm.

Health Improvement in the Community

Name of programme:	D6 Holistic Health
Description of programme activity :	Holistic Mental Health & Exercise programme for people experiencing mental health difficulties (referral only)
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Age group:	Adults

Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Swan Leisure Centre every Thursday from 12 noon.

Name of programme:	D4 Tai Chi
Description of programme activity :	Older Adult programme aimed at adults aged 55+ years experiencing mental health difficulties.
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Irishtown & Ringsend Centre every Wednesday from 10.30am

Name of programme:	Men On The Move Terenure
Description of programme activity :	Nutrition & Mental Health Workshops aimed at men age 55+ years
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Date/time and location:	St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Terenure every Tuesday from 7pm and the Evergreen Centre, Terenure every Thursday from 7pm

Youth Fit – Young People at Risk Age 10-24 Years

Name of programme:	Youth Fit Swimming
Description of programme activity :	Swimming Programme
Partners:	South East Area Youth Services and DCSWP's Get Dublin Swimming Co-funded officer
Age group:	10-17years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Markievicz Swimming Pool every Tuesday from 4pm

Name of programme:	Youth Fit Rugby
Description of programme activity :	Secondary School Female Rugby Programme.
Age group:	13-17years
Gender:	Female
Date/time and location:	CBS, Westland Row every Wednesday from 3pm.

Name of programme:	Youth Fit Mid-Term Programmes
Description of programme activity :	Mid-Term Outdoor Programmes
Age group:	10-17years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	CBS, Westland Row every Wednesday from 3-4pm

Name of programme:	Youth Fit Clay Youth
Description of programme activity :	Multi-sport drop-in programmes in partnership with Clay Youth Services

Age group:	13-18 years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Throughout March. Details TBC

Sport Inclusion & Integration (Citywide inclusion & integration programmes (citywide - programmes include participants from the South East Area))

- Sport For All Visually Impaired Indoor Rowing programme in partnership with Vision Ireland and DCSWP Co-funded Rowing Officer every Tuesday from January to March (age 10- 18 years),
- Sport For All Table Cricket (adapted cricket) programme in partnership with Enable Ireland, Sandymount and DCSWP Co-funded Cricket Officer every Wednesday from January to March (age 10-18 years).
- Sport For All Accessible Powerboat wheelchair programme in partnership with various organisations. Facilitated by DCC East Wall Water Sports Centre (all ages commencing January. Dates TBC and delivery tide dependant).
- Inclusive Volleyball programme in partnership with Bravo Volleyball Club (LGBTQ+) every Tuesday from in Inchicore Sports & Fitness Centre from January to March.
- Learn 2 Cycle programme for young people with additional needs looking to start or improve cycling skills in Ballyfermot Sports & Fitness Centre every Friday from January to March (age 4 – 18 years).

DCSWP South East Area Co-Funded Programmes:

Athletics in the Community

Couch to 3/5k and walking programmes continue in the South East area in partnership with Co-funded Athletics Officers. Officers continue to engage with schools in the Daily Mile and Marathon Kids programmes.

Boxing in the Community

The South East area Boxing Development Officer continues to deliver the Startbox programme in local schools and engaging with local clubs and groups in coaching/leadership and education programmes.

Cricket in the Community

- The DCSWP Cricket Development Officer continues to deliver and support citywide inclusive programmes and engage with local schools (St. Matthews NS, Star of the Sea) in softball cricket sessions every Thursday from 11am.
- U 15 Team Training sessions continues every Friday from 3.30pm in Merrion Cricket Club (mixed).

Football in the Community

The Football Officer in the South East Area continues to deliver the following programmes;

- PDP1 UEFA Refugee Course every Wednesday and Saturday in Irishtown stadium (16+ years, mixed).
- PDP 1 Introductory Coaching Course every Wednesday and Saturday in Irishtown stadium (16 + years, mixed).

- PDP 1 Introductory Coaching Course every Thursday in CBS, Westland Row aimed at Transition year students (mixed).
- School sessions will take place in St. Christopher's National school every Friday and St. Matthew's NS every Tuesday over the next period.
- The Youth Mentoring project is aimed at teenagers aged 15 - 18 years (mixed) and is a partnership project between DCC / DCSWP / Google and local South East area clubs / groups. The programme will be delivered on an ongoing basis in 2023. Full details TBC.
- The Kick Start to Recovery Football programme supports people age 16+ years in the local area who are recovering from addiction. The programme is delivered every Wednesday in Irishtown on an ongoing basis.

Rowing in the Community

The secondary school Get Going, Get Rowing indoor and on the water programmes continue in secondary schools including those in the South East area.

Rugby in the Community

Tag rugby in-school sessions continue in the following South East area primary and secondary schools:

- Sandford Park (Mixed)
- Scoil Chaitriona (Mixed)
- The Teresians (Female)
- St. Conleth's (Mixed)
- St. Matthew's NS (Mixed)
- Star of the Sea (Male)
- Rugby Development programme continues in Marion College every
- Coaching programmes aimed at Club Development

Swimming in the Community

As previously reported, DCC / DCSWP appointed a Co-funded Swimming Ireland Development Officer in 2022 to increase opportunities for everyone in our communities to get involved with swimming and enjoy the benefits of water based physical activities. Work around maximising the use of indoor and open water facilities continues along with plans to increase lifeguarding training.

Training for 2023

- Safeguarding 1,2 & 3
- Health & Safety (administrative & DCC Sports & Fitness Centres)
- First Aid Training
- PHECC Training
- Disability & Inclusion in Sport training programmes delivered in partnership with CARA.

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