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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 **€3,123,724** 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 March are as follows:

Subgroup 1**Acts of Compassion Ministries - Voice of New Communities Drugs & Alcohol Network: €7,000**

To provide a link for marginalised community residents to engage with Community Gardaí on matters of crime, citizenship, policing and more.

Subgroup 2**Translation Support Services: €20,000**

Providing translation support to pupils/students and their parents, to improve their inclusion and participation in education and their dealings with Principals, teachers and HSCL teachers which may otherwise be impacted due to a lack of English language.

Subgroup 3**The Decider Skills programme training: €4,500**

An evidence-based body of work, based on CBT and DBT therapies with four key modules: developing distress tolerance, mindfulness, emotional regulation and interpersonal effectiveness.

Subgroup 4**D-Light Funding Application: €21,855.00**

To hold a number of events over 2023 to engage the community in a positive way through Art.

Subgroup 5**Career's EDGE employment programme: €15,000**

For people in recovery from addiction, it provides a focused programme of supports to enhance employment prospects and to bridge the gap between rehabilitation/treatment and mainstream educational and employment opportunities.

Access to community-based services for refugees and migrants: €110,000

To enable a funding call to support community-based groups to improve access to their services by refugees and migrants through additional work hours, interpretation services, peer workers expenses etc.

Over-arching budget:

Programme office budgeted €220,000

Community grants budget approved €104,000

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NEIC Greening Strategy Update Report to Central Area Committee April 2023

Diamond Park - on site - Park opening at the end of May, The Park itself is near fully complete and we are now moving into the public realm works that surround the Park itself. Plan is to start with a number of soft opening with local stakeholders (Schools, Cllrs, local business's etc.) through April.

1. Cross Care Community Centre - on site – Final works are awaiting the last frost to install the new surfacing, approx.. 3 weeks times.
2. James Joyce Street park - on site
3. Green Walls on Commons Street – Tender returned and Peter O'Brien Landscapes are appointed to carry out the works.
4. Customs House Quay – Currently circulating proposals through DCC departments for internal review
5. The North East Inner City Greening Strategy URBAN TREE TRAIL – We are experiencing a lot of vandalism of the trees in open spaces at the moment and we are having to repair and replace damaged/failing trees and protect them. This is a new challenge as part of the strategy and has delayed the trail as we don't want to direct the public to dead or missing trees. I am hoping this is a temporary challenge and I am hoping to roll out this project over the summer months. I am currently researching the best way to present this project. Either through digital or physical markers.
6. Mountjoy Square Park Refurbishment - Part 8 research and engagement underway
7. East Wall Recreational Centre – Park Refurbishment – Consultant tender issued
8. Railway Street - Inter departmental consultation stage
9. Community projects -working with the Ballybough Pride of Place group and other local groups to implement green infrastructure projects. Meetings to be organised through the summer months, in the form of informal walkabouts through the general area, to discuss concerns/challenges and opportunities going forward.
10. DCC Housing - building on success of Liberty House & Ballybough House, it is proposed to implement a number of greening projects in collaboration with DCC housing
11. Street Tree Greening interventions in collaboration with residents on:
 - Summer Street North
 - Russell's Street
 - Portland Street North
 - Portland Place

- Campbell's Row & Lane
- Belvedere Avenue
- Sherrard Street Lower
- Sherrard Avenue

Tender issued for a Consultant to carry out public engagements and carry the projects through to stages 1-5

12. Tender also issued and awarded to a topographical and GPR survey contractor to carry out all the required investigations.
13. Buckingham Street - Progress Feasibility Study – Ongoing
14. Store Street & Plaza - Consultation & Design – Tender issued for investigation works
15. Adopt a tree Project - Ongoing
16. Summer Street Greening Feasibility Study – Tender Issued for both consultant and investigation works.
17. Urban Forestry - Work with land managers to develop temporary urban forestry in derelict sites. Ongoing.

Gareth Toolan

Dublin City Council Parks Department



NEIC Intercultural Report Report to Central Area Committee April 2023

Dancing Conversations

'Dancing Conversations' A series of theatre based workshops that brought together cultural diverse members of the community and City council workers to explore themes of power and identity. The project culminated in a performed conversation with a select audience in smock alley theatre. The experience was documented in a short film, in production.



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

Introduction to Fitness Instruction

This program is designed to engage with young adults, to give them a pathway to change their life and future into a more positive and desirable pathway. The program is called Introduction to Fitness Instruction. The program consisted of all the key elements of being a fitness instructor from a constitution, programs, classes, to fitness testing. The goal is to build up a good rapport with the group and explain the pathways to further education if they wanted to follow a career of being a fitness instructor and also the benefits of having an education. The group consist of young adults who are completing their leaving cert and some who have just finished there leaving cert. We have integrated Ballybough Youth Service and Belvedere Youth Service to avail of this programme.



Men's Walk and Talk

This is a group of men from 47 to 75 years of age, they would very much come from a generation where the thinking of expressing your emotions was not a thing a man should do. The walk and talk programme will help with their mental health and encourage them to open up. They will start with a very steady pace, for a short journey then make their way to Mountjoy Square and use the calisthenics equipment in the park. When finished they will make their way back to O'Connell's House and work on breathing techniques to be able to create a state of calmness in their life or when they need to bring it in to their life. We will encourage them to walk a little further and get them to try different things (gym, walking football, fitness classes).



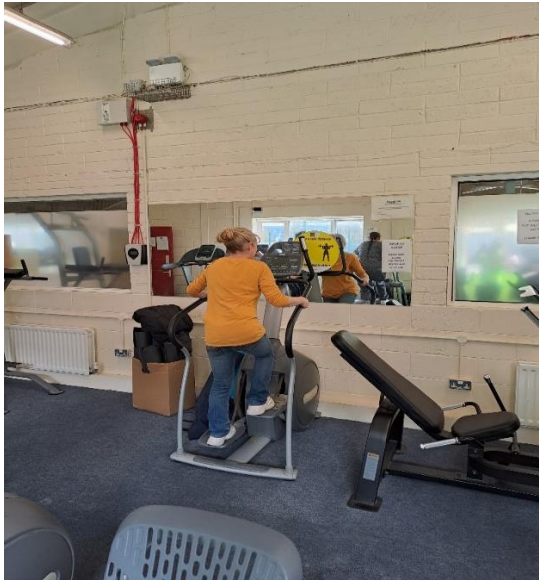
Football for All

The NEIC/DCC was asked to support a group of asylum seekers living in Dublin's inner city. The group have very little opportunities as they are waiting to gain employment. They have very little money and lots of time on their hands, this must be very frustrating and have a big impact on their mental health. We investigated what sport or activity that they would be interested in getting involved with and football was what they were most interested in. We arrange a five a side football for them on Ballybough community centre, as you can see they really enjoy it.



Woman on the Move

This programme was designed to interact with a group of women from the Saol Project (SAOL is an integrated programme of education, rehabilitation, advocacy and childcare). The SAOL Project's on-going commitment to the women, children and community members of the North Inner City continues to develop, responding to the changing needs of the women who participate in their project. The woman on the move is helping women in this particular group to be more active. Some of the women in this group would not leave their home or interact with other people apart from the time that they are in the Saol programme



Little Fitness

The Little Fitness programme is inclusive for all children and families living in emergency accommodation, family hubs and where children may come up against barriers within their community.

The programme teaches fitness classes in an educational way using different themes, skills and games each week

- Encourage children to have social interaction amongst their peers
- Allow the children participate in a non-competitive programme, where they will experience new and challenging activities
- Build resilience and helping their confidence grow and commitment.



Late Night Leagues

The late night league started on the 10th of March till the 31st of March, in the East wall YP

Football pitch from 6-8pm for ages between 12-16 years of age. This was supported by NEIC, FAI, DCC and An Garda Síochána. This is its first phase of night leagues as the next one will take place in November, we will look to have it in O'Connell school. The idea behind the late night leagues are to engage with the young people in the area with a fun physical activity that they would enjoy. It is also important to have the Gardaí involved to break down any barriers that they may have with the Garda.



LATE NIGHT LEAGUES







East Wall Youth Club, Strangford Rd.



TIME: 6-8pm **DATE: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March**

VENUE: East Wall YP **AGE: 12-16 yrs**

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After Care Recovery Group Cycling Programme

ACRG is a drug-free structured day programme providing a respectful and supportive environment to those recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. Established in 1999 by a group of community activists from Dublin's North Inner City. The project opened officially in April of that year with the objective of delivering a range of practical supports to those in recovery from addiction.

The cycling programme was introduced to the group to encourage them to pursue an activity that will support their recovery. This is an eight week programme, it will help them work as a team and improve their overall fitness as well as their mental health.

Ballybough Youth Service Cycling Programme

Ballybough Youth Service is a place where young people can come in and relax. They work with young people from the age 10 - 24 that live around the area. In Ballybough Youth Service they do homework clubs, Halloween projects, Christmas projects, [film](#) & photography groups, summer project, cooking, dancing, and arts. They also take part in different interagency groups like [The Big Scream](#), [What's Your Issue?](#), visual arts, and [Reel Youth](#).

The cycling programme was put together to support a group of young adults in the service who are planning a charity cycle, for mental health for men. The cycle is for the 27/06/23 and they feel that they will complete a 75K cycle in aid of men's mental health. This is a big task and we were happy to support this group in any way that we could. We will bring the group out once a week on bikes that we will provide and teach them how to cycle in a group. As well as that we will build up their level of fitness to complete this big task. This will be a new experience to all in this group and we feel that they will enjoy the experience and even take up cycling as a recreation or even a sport.

Rugby

The Annual NEIC Leinster Rugby Tournament took place in Clontarf on Thursday the 30th of April in Clontarf Rugby Club. Over 200 children from the North East Inner City and North Central Dublin made their way to Clontarf to compete in a tag rugby tournament. The tournament was the culmination of months of coaching rugby in schools around the NEIC.



Tai Chi

Tai Chi is still taking place in the Killarney Court Community Centre on Thursdays at 12pm under the tutelage of Siobhan Power and LYCS. The classes have loyal attendance and although open to all ages often cater for older adults.



Yoga



Yoga classes are being offered in Killarney Court Community Centre on a Monday at 1pm, and Ballybough at 6pm. Both of these classes are being offered by teachers who trained up through the NEIC Yoga Teacher Training Program. The afternoon class is being run with Hope Recovery Runner but open to whole community with DCC staff even taking part.

RTE Nationwide are currently filming a piece on the NEIC Yoga Teacher Training Course and are interviewing past and present people from the course. The piece will air in May.

D Light Wellbeing Series

D Light Studios together with the NEIC are running a range of various health and wellbeing events over spring / summer. Sound baths, Gong Healing, Mindful Movement classes are some of the offering which will be taking place.



Basketball



The NEIC Basketball Academy is running every Wednesday with over 100 children between 6-12 in attendance at each session. This is being run from Larkin Community College. The NEIC Trojans boys and girls team are still playing games every Saturday / Sunday with training taking place in Sheriff Street on Thursday evenings. The NEIC is facilitating basketball sessions in multiple different schools in the area through development office Shane Maughan and Hugh Kilbride.

Dance & Drama

The NEIC are working with City Connects to run Dance and Drama classes in Killarney Court Community Centre. The classes are being offered to primary school children from all schools and will be run after school hours. Classes begin after Easter holidays.

Sports Forum

The NEIC have established a sports forum which meets monthly. The idea of this meeting is to bring all stakeholders within the area to the table to see how we can intergrate, communicate, and work together better. Sports coaches, teachers, youth workers, garda, community residents, community centre workers and anyone else is welcome to join and hear about the latest sports offering taking place. The group is large and meets on zoom and all are welcome

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NEIC Community Arts Programme Report to Central Area Committee April 2023

The NEIC Community Arts Programme has continued to deliver a range of initiatives this February to support the meaningful development of the Arts across the many different communities of the NEIC.

1: Clay work with Older Women in Ballybough

Our Pilot Visual arts Programme for Older Women in Ballybough concluded this March. Artists Bethan Parkes and Olga Khomiak worked with a group of twenty two women from the area to explore their creativity via the medium of clay. As the group facilitator explained “the ladies in our group had a great time with Bethan and Olga. They loved the pottery and turned out many beautiful items. Bethan worked incredibly well with the women and they are so looking forward to trying something new again soon!”

We are currently organising a second Programme for this Ballybough Group of women to take place in May and June.



2.Development of NEIC Community Arts Strategic Plan:

This March the Community Arts Programme continued to develop its consultation process with community groups throughout the area with its first consultation with community groups taking place on March 14th. Over the next few months the programme will organise a number of consultations with a broad range of groups from 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.

3.NEIC Pilot Arts Residencies:



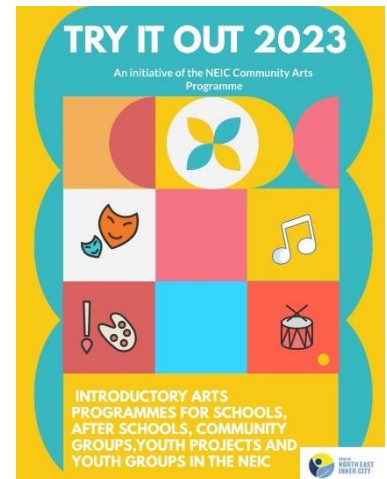


March saw the continuation of the NEIC Community Arts Pilot Programme of Arts Residencies.

- Artist Susie Maloney continued the delivery of her Visual residency for 2023-2024 with 5th class boys in St. Laurence O'Tooles CBS .
<https://youtu.be/v-95wHLXmGA>
- Musician and Early Years specialist Helen Blackmore continued the delivery of her weekly residency with boys in the ASD classes of Laurence O'Tooles CBS.
- Drama in Education Specialist and bi-lingual Theatre Maker Gabrielle Breathnach returned to Scoil Chaoimhín after delivering her Try It Out Programme last year to begin a three month residency with the school.
- Early Years Music Specialist, Helen Barry returned to Little Treasures in the North Wall CDP to deliver a six-week early years music programme.
- The Early Years Music Programme resumed in Holy Child Rutland St. with Early Years Music Specialist Eamon Sweeney.
- An Early Years Residency in partnership with the Hugh Lane will be advertised in Early March. One local pre-school will have the opportunity to work with Early Years Creative Specialist, Helen Barry and the Hugh Lane Education.

4: Try it Out.

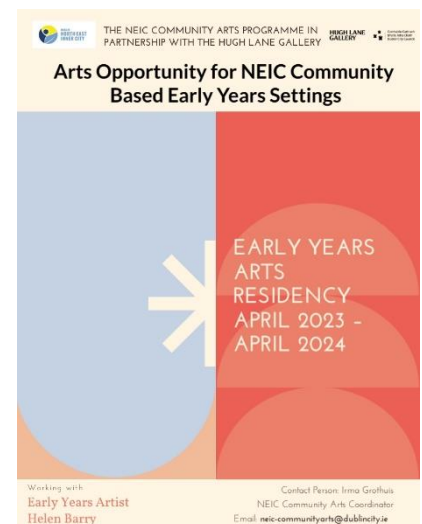
The NEIC Community Arts Programme's Short-Term Programme for Clubs and Schools called *Try It Out* was advertised in March. Groups were offered the opportunity to participate in a range of creative programme with the NEIC Community Arts Programme, The Hugh Lane Gallery and the Gate Theatre. To date youth leaders and teachers from the area have applied on behalf of twenty-five different groups of children and young people.



5: Early Years Visual Arts Residency in Partnership with the Hugh Lane Gallery:

On Wednesday 15th March, ten Early Years Settings from the NEIC, attended an information session in the Hugh Lane Gallery to find out about the 12-month NEIC Early Years Arts Residency developed in partnership with the Hugh Lane that was being advertised by the NEIC Community Arts Programme.

The application deadline has now concluded. The early Years residency will now begin in April with one Early Years Setting from the NEIC working with the artist Helen Barry and the Hugh Lane Gallery over the next 12 months.



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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	
Ethnic Policing Forum (Strategic priority 2.2; 2.4; 2.5; 2.6; 2.8)	€7,000
Sub-Total	€7,000
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
Translation/Interpretation supports for NEIC schools	€20,000
Sub – Total	€190,162
Sub - Group 3- Family Wellbeing	
Afterschool initiative with 7 to 9yr olds- Belvedere Youth	€106,320
Decider Skills Programme	€4,500
Sub- Total	€110,820
Sub - Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment	
Greening strategy	€525,000
Community Events 2023	€445,000
Community Arts Projects Consolidation Programme 2023	€169,500
Sports, Recreation & Wellbeing	€317,000
Wexford Centre Project	€12,000
D-Light Studio Community Arts and Events programme 2023 (Strategic priority 14.3)	€21,855
NEIC Community grants	€104,000
Sub - Total	€1,594,355
Sub - Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse & Inclusion Health	
Careers Edge Training programme (Strategic priority 15.7)	€15,000
Access to Community Based Services for Refugees (Strategic priority 16.5)	€110,000
Sub – Balance	€125,000
Sub.- Group 6 – Alignment of Services	
NO PROPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub – Total	

Overarching Budgets	
NEIC programme Office costs	€220,000
Pilot Social Employment Fund	€1,348,887
Sub – Total	€1,568,887
Total monies committed	€3,123,724