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Dublin City Council

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 18th April 2023

Item No: 6

Ballymun Area Office Report

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1. Local Area Plan Update

Shopping Centre – Site 1

Douglas Newman Good have been appointed as agent to seek expressions of interest in the shopping centre site. The issues with ponding on the site are under investigation

Vacant DCC units

Shangan Neighbourhood Centre

- The STAR project is in the process of selecting an Architect for a change of use planning application and fit-out of Unit 3 Shangan
- The Development Department have been unable to agree terms with the interested party in Unit 2 Shangan
- Negotiations for Unit 4 Shangan are ongoing.

Site 6 - Coultry Road / Main Street

The Housing Department have discussed the development of the site under the CREL Cost Rental model with O'Cualann. Both parties are due to discuss the matter with Circle and Tuath Approved Housing Bodies.

Site 19 - Saint Joseph's

The applicant has finalised its response to all issues raised in the Further Information (FI) request dated 8th November 2022 relating to Planning Application 4853/22. The formal FI response is due to be lodged by mid-April.

Site 21 - Poppintree Neighbourhood Centre

The maximum Affordable Housing Fund grant of €100,000 per unit which was awarded in December 2022 has increased the scheme's viability. O'Cualann has briefed the Housing Department on its project proposals and is in negotiations with a Contractor.

Site 25 - Parkview

Planning Application 5252/22 was lodged on 18th November 2022. This application is for 34 dwellings and a crèche. A Further Information (FI) request was issued by the Planning Department on 20th January 2023. The FI response is currently being developed by O'Cualann and has been assisted by several meetings with Dublin City Council works Departments.

Sites requiring Expression of Interest

Sites 11 - Sillogue Avenue and Site 13 - Sillogue Road/Holy Spirit

Expression of Interest documentation was issued by the Housing Department on 20th January for development proposals for both sites. The closing date for submissions was 28th March and the responses will now be assessed.

Sites 8 - NW of Coultry Park and Site 9 - Coultry Road

These sites are currently being prepared for Expression of Interest for the development of the site. Housing and Community Services have met with the Area Office and internal Departments to agree on infrastructural requirements. The Expression of Interest to the Approved Housing Body Sector is due to be issued in April.

DCC Affordable Schemes

Sites 12 - Sillogue Road and Site 14 - Balbutcher Lane

Density and site requirements for both sites are being finalised in advance of a Part 8 application. Correspondence was issued to the City Farm Committee in March and we await an official response, further update to issue in May.

Social Housing PPP Bundle 3

Site 10 – Shangan Road

The scheme will deliver 93 units in total, comprising 73 senior citizen apartment units of which 67 are 1 bed units and 6 are 2 bed apartment units. The remaining 20 units are comprised of 10 general need units (5 x 2 bed; 4 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed) and 10 medical need units (5 x 2 bed; 4 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed). The PPP Project will deliver a new link road and a landscaped public and private open space, as part of the overall development.

Part 8 approval was granted at the September City Council meeting. Planning approval has been secured for all six sites in PPP Bundle 3 across Dublin, Sligo, Kildare and Wicklow. The OJEU/Tender notice has been updated to reflect planning approval and the programme is in the pre-qualification stage of procurement.

Social Housing PPP Bundle 4

Site 5 – Main Street, South of Santry Cross, Site 15 – Balcurris Gardens, Site 16 – Balcurris Close, Site 17 – South of Santry Close & Site 18 – Balcurris

The above sites have been approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for inclusion in the National Social Housing PPP Programme, Bundle 4. An update has been presented to the North West Area Committee members by the PPP Project team. The Project Design team technical advisors are now appointed and have commenced sketch design for the sites.

Ballymun Plaza / Cearnóg an tSeachtar Laoch.

The proposed park upgrade has Part 8 planning approval.

Consultants (AECOM) were appointed in May 2022 to develop the Part 8 planning drawings into a Tender / Construction package. A draft of these drawings including all Civil, Landscape and Electrical Engineering was issued in March 2023 for review by the Parks Department. Upon agreement on these drawings the Quantity Surveyor will finalise the cost estimate, the Bill of Quantity and the tender package. It is envisaged this will be completed in Q2 of this year.

The cost estimate will need to be reviewed to ensure that what is proposed can be delivered on time and within budget. If this is agreed the package is then ready to be tendered.

There is a framework identified which would be suitable for this project and will be used to tender the works. The framework covers large civil and landscape projects which this project will be.

It would be hoped subject to the necessary agreements that the project could be tendered in Q3 of this year with appointment of contractor in Q3 / Q4, with works in 2024.

It should be noted that the works on the Shangan Road repaving has been considered with the local area engineer and will be carried out in advance of the main site project as advanced works.

Sillogue Infrastructure

Works are continuing on footpath construction, gullies, filter drains and parking areas within Sillogue Gardens.

Tree planting is ongoing, focusing on Sillogue Avenue initially and will move into the Gardens as other works complete. Green areas are being top-soiled with the view to seeding shortly but many of these areas are being damaged in the evenings. The area office have ran a litter/dumping/dog fouling awareness campaign in the local areas as this is continuing to hinder works in the area.

The Housing Department and the Local Area office will meet with local residents to discuss the proposal to install a new pedestrian ramp access adjacent to no.12 Sillogue Gardens, to create a new link with the Wad River Close development. It is proposed that the ramp will be constructed by the Wad River Close Developer.

Separately the ESB are continuing local infrastructure upgrades which result in temporary power outages. This is not part of City Council works.

North City Operations Depot

The final stages of construction of the North City Operations Depot continue to progress well.

Works are continuing at roof level of the Administration & Welfare Building to complete final works in preparation for installation of roof paving and sedum blanket. Externally works continue to progress well with the installation of the timber and coloured fins and Bris Soleil now complete. Internal works are continuing including fitting of sanitary ware, showers, tiles, lights, ceiling grids and acoustic panels in advance of laying floor finishes.

Application of final layer of floor coating has commenced in the Multi Storey Car Park (MSCP). Timber fins bracketing works have still not yet commenced (brackets have now arrived on site). Finishing works to complete the vertical planters on the building is nearing completion.

Installation of the extract ducting and exhaust hoods is completed as is installation of sanitary ware in the Workshops. Installation of the work benches has started. The dispatch counter in the Central Stores is currently being installed. Installation of rubber flooring to the various ancillary rooms is yet to be carried out.

Cladding of the Salt Barn's external columns is in progress, installation of the timber louvres on the North elevation has started and the PVC curtain has been fitted. The electrical installation is completed.

The Civic Amenity Site (CAS) Office electrical installation is completed. The mechanical installation is nearly complete with the electrical shower to fit. Floor painting is completed and the last major item to carry out is the joinery which should be completed in the coming weeks. Both power and the phone lines are live to the building and the heating system has been commissioned.

The original access road is temporarily in use by the Contractor as the main construction access while permanent works are carried out on the permanent east side access.

Groundworks are continuing across the site including; excavation of the pond and installation of the pond liner with associated pipework; tree pits and tree planting to the north of the CAS area and other locations around the site; and commencement of in situ road kerbs and permeable paving to the south of the MSCP.

The Contractor continues to use the CAS area as a second site compound and to use the CAS access for staff vehicles. Footpath works external to the CAS boundary wall are almost complete and landscaping works are ongoing.

There have been some delays to the project programme and, assuming no further delays, the scheduled completion of construction is late April 2023. There will be a fit-out period after that for furniture and IS configuration. It is anticipated that the depot will be operations-ready in May 2023.

Dublin City Council Traffic Section Works: As part of the pre-planning permission discussions about the North City Operational Depot with Fingal County Council it was agreed that the traffic signal control of three junctions immediately in the vicinity of the North City Operational Depot would be brought into Dublin City Council's traffic control system. Road works at all three junctions are required to enable this. The three junctions are:

- (1) The junction at the eastern access to the NCOD
- (2) The junction at Ikea/Decathlon entrance
- (3) The junction at St. Margaret's Road / Carton Way.

Dublin City Council Traffic Section commenced work on the 3 junctions on St. Margaret's road week commencing 20th March. DCC Traffic's contractor, Citius, is carrying out these works.

2. Community and Social Development

Social Inclusion Initiatives

Intercultural Event

An Intercultural Event was held in the Axis Ballymun in collaboration with Dublin Northwest Partnership, staff of the Axis Centre and the Community and Social Development Section (CSDS) on the 14th March for people from migrant groups currently residing in local hotels and Baleskin Reception Centre. This was organised to assist them to find their feet in the Ballymun Community and better enable them to access local services. This intercultural event was attended by approximately 200 people and was a great success with a social afternoon of music, family entertainment, face painters and food.



Older Persons Council

Members of the North West Area Older Persons Council have been proactive compiling a directory of services and finding out the programmes/activities available to Older People in the local area. The group is of the opinion that a lot of Older People living in the area are unaware of the services and programmes available locally.

In view of this, information visits and tours of existing services have been undertaken to the Golden Age Community Group in Burren Court Community Room, the Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre, Axis Arts Centre & the Shangan Family Resource Centre.

The OPC is really impressed with the diverse range of cultural, arts, recreation & social activities available to older people in the area. Positive contacts and opportunities for further collaboration have been identified with the above agencies and groups. The OPC group will endeavour to visit more community groups and places of interest in the near future.

Interested members are still being sought for the OPC.

Trauma Informed Ballymun

The CSDS are members of the Trauma Informed Ballymun Steering Group and are supporting the information sessions and workshops being rolled out at present.

Autism-Related Services

A number of meetings have taken place regarding the increased need for autism related services in the local area. The team have decided that an important first step is to undertake a scoping exercise of community organisations that currently provide some level of service in this regard.

Youth Related Initiatives

Ballymun Running Festival /Community Games

In conjunction with the Ballymun Health for All Committee, the CSDS team have been involved with planning for the Ballymun Running festival which takes place in the grounds of Ballymun Comprehensive on May 3rd.

Ballymun was proud to host the Dublin Community Games Futsal competition that recently took place at the Ballymun Comprehensive Sports Hall. The Ballymun boys U15 squad represented the area with distinction.



The Ballymun area is looking forward to entering the Dublin Community Games Athletics finals in Santry this Summer; with this in mind the inaugural Ballymun Primary schools athletics trials is being held at the ALSAA Athletics track on May the 19th. The above event is in conjunction with Athletics Ireland & the local Dublin City Council Sports Officer.

Members of the Ballymun team attended meetings of the Poppintree Health for All Committee, the Ballymun Active Disability Interest Group & meetings with local groups regarding summer activities.

Summer Projects

The CSDS advertised for volunteers interested in becoming involved with a new local summer project. A number of people made contact with a view to setting up new summer projects.

The FACT summer project is being set back up again this year with the support of the CSDS. A number of meetings have taken place in this regard with Crosscare. A launch night is being organised to take place in April to discuss summer projects for interested parties.

Ballymun Scouts

Meetings have taken place between the Community and Social Development team and Ballymun Scouts Group. The team will provide ongoing support to this group throughout 2023. The Ballymun Scouts will be looking for additional Scout leaders.

Other Initiatives

Citizen Assembly on Drug Use: Members of the CSDS attended a workshop organised by the Ballymun Local Drugs Task Force to discuss and formulate recommendations to be submitted to the Citizen Assembly on Drug Use.

3. Economic Development Update

Ballymun 4 business

Ballymun 4 business hosted its spring networking event in Buddy's farmers market, Ballymun Industrial Estate where the members were treated to some lovely artisan pizza and gourmet treats. Business owner Maurice spoke about being in the family business for 40 years and the recent launch of the new market and deli with business partner Udo Wittman. The keynote speaker was Hugh Fitzmaurice of www.claritycoach.ie who did a mini-workshop on wellness in the workplace and how it can attract and retain staff. For more information about B4b and our networking event visit: www.b4b.ie or contact info@b4b.ie



Shop-front enhancement scheme 2023

The shop-front Improvement scheme is taking applications again and the closing date is Friday 26th May. Further information about the scheme and how to apply can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/3KvKfyt>

Up to €3,000 can be applied for to upgrade the front of your street-facing shop-front

Ballymun CoderDojo

The CoderDojo took part in the [Zero Day Cyber Schools](#) in Croke Park last month. The event aims to highlight the cyber-Security industry as an exciting and accessible career pathway. The focus of the event is on fun and inclusiveness and encourages everyone to come and experience this unique and challenging opportunity. You don't need to be a leet hacker to take part and enjoy the day as the event will cater for all skill levels. The event included:

- Solving Challenges, Coming up with creative solutions
- Lock Picking, Puzzles, Quizzes , Escape Rooms
- Scripting / Coding
- Web hacking, Security, Bug Bounties



A wonderful day was had by all.

For further info about the Dojo: <http://ballymunfrc.org/coder-dojo/>



StartUp Ballymun

Start-Up Ballymun will take place on Wednesday 19th April in the Council Chamber. The event is 'Growing a Sustainable Business' and features a panel of female entrepreneurs who will talk about growing their business while supporting climate action. Further details and registration click here: <https://bit.ly/3U2gWXp>

Better Ballymun – ‘Dragon’s Den’

Last month Dublin City Council participated in the judging of Trinity Comp’s ‘Dragon’s Den’ competition as part of better Ballymun Day. Despite the cold and inclement weather there was great enthusiasm among the students who enjoyed the experience of setting up and running a mini-company.

Ed Coleman Rediscovery Centre and Deborah Crowley Funky Monkey Food were the other judges. Dublin City Council continue to support such local initiatives.



4. Ballymun Housing Report

Ballymun Lettings

Allocation Category	Housing List	Transfer List	Older Persons
Bands 2 & 3	0	0	0
Medical	0	0	0
Welfare	0	0	0
Homeless	0	0	0
Travellers	0	0	0
Transfer HAP	0	0	0
De-tenanting	0	0	0
Estate Management	0	0	0
Maintenance	0	1	0
Surrendering Larger	0	1	1
Unable to afford	0	0	0
Succession/Sole	5	0	0
Transfer	0	0	1
Inter-transfer	0	0	0
Total	5	2	2

Choice Based Lettings

Allocation Category	
Housing Bands 2 & 3	2
Transfer Bands 2 & 3	0
Transfer HAP	0
Medical	0
Welfare	3
Homeless	0
Travellers	0
Surrender larger	0
Total	5

Voids

Vacant Housing Units

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Balbutcher Way	3 Bed House	15/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/05/2023
Barnewall Gardens	2 Bed Apartment	13/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	30/04/2023
Carton Court	1 Bed Apartment	12/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	29/04/2023
Coultry Green	1 Bed Apartment	21/03/2023	For Framework	TBC
Dolmen Way	2 Bed Apartment	07/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	16/06/2023
Forestwood Avenue	2 Bed Apartment	11/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	02/05/2023
Hollytree Square	2 Bed Bungalow	13/03/2023	For Framework	TBC
Owensilla	2 Bed Apartment	14/02/2023	For Framework	TBC
Sandyhill Gardens	2 Bed House	24/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	06/05/2023
Sandyhill Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	03/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/04/2023
Shangan Gardens	1 Apartment	24/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/05/2023
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	11/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	07/03/2023
Sillog Park	2 Bed Apartment	19/12/2022	Issued to Contractor	20/05/2023
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	05/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/05/2023
Whiteacre Court	2 Bed House	21/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/05/2023
Whiteacre Place	3 Bed House	11/01/2023	Issued to Contractor	30/04/2023

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Barnewall Drive	2 Bed Apartment	28/06/2022	Delay with Contractor	10/04/2023
Carton Road	4 Bed House	10/04/2022	Issued to Contractor	10/04/2023
Coultry Avenue	3 Bed House	21/11/2022	Delay with Contractor	30/05/2023
Cranogue Close	4 Bed House	14/10/2022	Delay with Contractor	30/04/2023
Dane Road	3 Bed House	10/11/2022	Delay with Contractor	29/06/2023
Dolmen Court	3 Bed House	19/10/2022	Delay with Contractor	02/05/2023
Gateway Court	3 Bed House	26/03/2022	Delay with Contractor	03/05/2023
Hollytree Terrace	4 Bed House	16/09/2022	Delay with Contractor	TBC
Sandyhill Gardens	3 Bed House	09/11/2022	Delay with Contractor	20/04/2023
Shangan Gardens	3 Bed House	25/08/2022	Delay with Contractor	18/05/2023
Shangan Green	3 Bed House	24/08/2022	Delay with Contractor	TBC
Termon Court	3 Bed House	25/11/2022	Delay with Contractor	01/05/2023
Whiteacre Close	2 Bed Apartment	03/08/2022	Delay with Contractor	26/06/2023
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	23/08/2022	Delay with Contractor	TBC

Older Persons Units

Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Burren Court	1 Bed	20/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	14/05/2023
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	15/02/2023	Issued to Contractor	24/04/2023

Estate Management statistics for March

No of Anti- Social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	6
No of Anti-Social complaints per 1997 act (Not Drug Related)	3
No of other Complaints	40
Total Complaints	49
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act	9
No of Other Interviews	20
Total Interviews	29
No Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	0
No of Section 20 Evictions	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0
No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0
No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0
No of Tenancy Warnings sent to Central Unit	1
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

Rent Assessment figures for March

Assessments	1370
Permissions To Reside	4
Refunds	3
Opening of Accounts	4 (including 2 sole/ 1 successions)
Closing of Accounts	4 (including 0 sole / 0 successions)
Front Counter Calls	148
Window Replacements	5

5. Area Updates

Global Action Plan Community Environmental Programme

Community Garden Programme

GLAS community garden re-opened after the winter break in the first week of February. The volunteers and Sharon have been busy saving seeds and sorting them for planting. There has also been plenty of propagating going on. The beds are being prepared for planting also. The garden's fruit trees are covered with beautiful blossoms and the pond is being upgraded to create a more hospitable environment for frogs and other aquatic life.



Young Ballymun, Nature Explorer programme

Nature Explorer is a key element of the social inclusion work at GLAS garden. The programme offers families the chance to spend time together in nature and to engage in gardening and craft activities.

As many of the families don't have easy access to green spaces in their accommodation, this opportunity of access is really important. Nature Explorer aims to have a positive impact on wellbeing and to provide a safe and fun experience of the outdoors for families.

There is a 2 8-week programmes starting following the Easter break for toddlers and older children. Activities such as planting, art, understanding wildlife will run alongside time for free play and exploration of the Garden. This programme allows the children to play and enjoy themselves in an outdoor environment while learning about the creatures we share the Earth with.

Environmental Education Programme

Park Stewardship Programme

Park Stewardship is a central component of the education programme. The programme aims to foster a connection to nature and a sense of responsibility for the parks and green spaces in the community, as well as developing student's knowledge and understanding of local biodiversity and ecology.

Once again in 2023, there has been a huge demand for the programme, with more schools expressing an interest than we can engage in the programme. The programme consists of:

- Safety in the park.
- Biodiversity and wildlife.
- Waste, litter and clean ups.
- Tree, wildflower seed planting.
- Talk from the community liaison Garda.
- Art in the park.

The programme has 8 themes that are arranged to suit the time of year, the needs of the group and the location. The final module is an award ceremony where each student receives a certificate of participation.

In recognition of the impact this programme has, Dublin City Council have decided to fund the programme in schools outside of the Ballymun area. This is in the process of being scheduled with schools in D9, D11 and D5 currently.

Sessions for 5th class from Holy Spirit Boys National School started in late February and the boys have demonstrated a keen interest and dedication to local biodiversity. During National Tree Week we were delighted to team up with Dublin City Council staff and plant some beautiful cherry trees near Belclare Lawns. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with many remarking on how “satisfying” they found the work. Later in the term students from St. Joseph’s Junior School and Gaelscoil Bhailemunna will commence their programmes.



Green Little Fingers/Youth Gardening

Green Little Fingers programme gives the young people an insight into where their food comes from and the relationships we have with nature. After 8 weeks, learners will understand how our actions have an effect on our environment.

This year’s programme will commence after the Easter Holidays with students from Virgin Mary GNS.

The programme is very responsive to children’s curiosity and interests. There is plenty of room for free exploring in the garden. Students will sow seedlings in GLAS garden as well as their own school gardens and they will even have the opportunity to take home and plant in their own gardens, sharing their new experiences with their family and friends.

Modules on the following topics:

- Safety in the garden.
- Where does your food come from?
- Food miles.
- Biodiversity and habitats.
- Growing fruit and vegetables.
- Sowing seed.
- Art projects related to the environment, i.e. bird boxes or bug hotels etc.
- Plants that attract wildlife to your garden.
- Projects to do at home.
- Harvesting crops they have grown.

Climate Action for You(th)

"Climate Action for You(th)" is a suite of workshops for school groups which relate to tangible positive actions which school communities can take to address climate breakdown and biodiversity loss. We take a very school and student-led approach to this work. This allows us to respond to and support schools with issues that are relevant to their lives and experiences. Common themes we explore include waste, climate change, fast fashion, and biodiversity.

This term support was given to Our Lady of Victories BNS with a tree planting project during Tree Week. The trees were generously provided as part of the Better Ballymun initiative. The boys from several classes planted rowan and dogwood in a circle shape to create a future outdoor performance space. During the planting session we reflected on the importance of planting trees and learned about the significance of rowan, in particular, as part of our mythology as well as its important role in promoting healthy biodiversity. It was great to have a number of parents also take part in the planting.

Ballymun Library- Opening Hours

A part of the *EUNIC European Film Club*, Ballymun Library hosted a screening of the Spanish comedy *Campeones* (Champions) on Wednesday 5th April in partnership with Institute Cervantes Dublin. The film (with English subtitles) was suitable for an adult audience.

There will be two further film screenings in the library as part of the film club as follows:

Wednesday 3rd May at 11.00am - *The Camino Voyage* (Culture Ireland)

Wednesday 7th June at 11.00am - *The Secret of the Snake Goddess* (Embassy of Greece)

Admission is free and will be on a first come, first seated basis.

One Dublin One Book is a Dublin City Council initiative, led by Dublin City Libraries, which encourages everyone to read a book connected with Dublin during the month of April every year. *The Coroner's Daughter* by Andrew Hughes, a murder mystery set in Dublin in 1816, is the chosen book for 2023.

Ballymun Library is delighted to be hosting a free event as part of this exciting programme on Thursday 27th April at 6.00pm: *Different Times Different Crimes: Murder and Skulduggery from Regency Dublin to pre-War London*. Andrew Hughes and Henrietta McKervey will be joined in conversation by Declan Burke to discuss creative immersive settings and authentic characters from bygone eras and different cities, exploring issues of research and the challenge for authors in the distinct genre of historical crime.

Bookings for this free event can be made online at www.onedublinonebook.ie

Little Lámh Workshop: The library will host a Little Lámh Workshop on Thursday 20th April at 6.15pm, facilitated by Silvia Angel, Education Consultant, Early Intervention Specialist and Lámh tutor. Lámh is the recognised sign system for children and adults with communications support needs in Ireland. This is an introductory workshop for families and friends who are interested in learning a small number of Lámh signs.

The session will provide foundation on how to use Lámh signs at home and in school. Participants will receive a book with practical advice and illustrations of the 26 signs. Places are limited and booking is required. Please ring 222 8355 or email ballymunlibrary@dublincity.ie to book your place.

The library has a new *Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club* which met for the first time recently. They are looking for new members. The book club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm. At their next meeting on Wednesday 19th April they will be discussing *A Memory Called Empire* by Arkady Martine. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library.

The *Dublin Literary Award* shortlist was announced on Tuesday 28th March. Copies of the 6 shortlisted titles are available to borrow from the library and Borrow Box. They are as follows:

- Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr
- Em by Kim Thuy
- Love Novel by Ivana Sajko
- Marzahn, Mon Amour by Katja Oskamp
- Paradais by Fernanda Melchor
- The Trees by Percival Everett

The winner will be announced by The Lord Mayor of Dublin on Thursday 25th May at International Literature Dublin.

The library will host a Family Event for Ukrainian Parents and Children in April as follows:

1. *Creative Thinking with Oksana* on Saturday 15th April at 11.00am, suitable for children aged 7 to 14 years.

To book a place, please ring 01 2228355 or email: ballymunlibrary@dublincity.ie

Ballymun Library Events April

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Non-Regular	Workshop	Little Lámh Workshop, facilitated by Silvia Angel	Adults	Thursday 20 th April at 6.15pm
Non-Regular	Cultural	One Dublin One Book Event: Different Times Different Crimes: Murder and Skulduggery from Regency Dublin to Pre-War London	Adults	Thursday 27 th April at 6.00pm (Bookings online via Eventbrite)
Regular	Cultural	Japanese Culture Club (3 rd Wednesday of the Month)	Adults and Children	Wednesday 19 th April, 10.00am to 12.00pm
Regular	Community	Ballymun Ladies Group (3 rd Tuesday of the Month)	Adults	Tuesday 18 th April, 2.30pm-5.00pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun Library Writers' Group	Adults	Wednesdays, 4pm-6pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun Painting Group	Adults	Mondays, 10.30am-12pm
Regular	Book Club	Ballygall Book Club (3 rd Monday of the Month)	Adults	Monday 17 th April at 6.30pm
Regular	Book Club	Evening Book Club Book: <i>The Coroner's Daughter</i> by Andrew Hughes	Adults	Monday 24 th April at 6.30pm
Regular NEW	Cultural	Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club Book: <i>A Memory Called Empire</i> by Arkady Martine (3 rd Wednesday of the Month)	Adults	Wednesday 19 th April at 6.30pm

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Regular	Cultural	Silvers Writing Group (Last Friday of the Month)	Adults	Friday 28 th April at 10.00am
Regular	Cultural	Scrabble Group	Adults	Tuesdays, 11am-1pm
Regular	Cultural	Digital Photography Group (Last Thursday of the Month)	Adults	Thursday 27 th April, 10.00am-12.00pm
Regular	Cultural	Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversation Group)	Adults	Thursdays, 3pm-4pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun U3A Ukulele Group	Adults	Fridays, 12pm-1.30pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun U3A Drama Group	Adults	Fridays, 2pm-3.30pm
Regular	Children	Chess Club	Children	Tuesdays, 3.30pm-4.30pm
Regular	Children	Baby Book Club & Storytime	Children (Newborns to 2 year olds)	Mondays, 10am-11am (During Term Time)

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Area Manager, Ballymun