



- **The Chairperson and Members
North Central Joint Policing Committee**

DARNDALE TOGETHER SAFETY FORUM

Darndale Together Safety Forum meets quarterly in the Conference room, Darndale Village Centre. There is a very good attendance at the Forum by local community, public representatives, Coolock Gardai and Dublin City Council North Central area staff.

The following items were discussed.

- **DCC Community Section Update**
 - **Darndale, sustainable gardening course**

Horticulturist facilitated a sustainable gardening course in Darndale Park on Monday 24th April. 27 people attended the course from the Artane - Whitehall LEA. The course was an all-day event.

- **Summer Projects**

Dublin City Councils, Community & Social Development Office linked in with both voluntary and non-voluntary projects regarding project funding. All local summer programmes that fit the criteria and apply received funding from the section to assist the running of their summer project / programme.

- **Plant distribution**

The North Central Area's Public Domain Section and both Community Development Sections pooled our resources together for this year's plant distribution for all established / active resident & environmental groups. Over 100 groups were contacted by email, letter, or phone to request that they contact the relevant section to register for a plant voucher that can be spent on plants for the communal areas on their road / estate. The closing date for groups to register for a plant voucher was Wednesday 31st May. The value of the voucher will be decided depending on the size of the area.

- **Waste Management and Environment**

- A number of large clean ups were carried out around Darndale.
 - These clean ups involved removing dumped materials from footpaths and parts of the green open spaces around the area.
 - The sweeper machine removed general litter from the footpaths and surrounding roads
 - On the plus side, the graffiti reports in the area have dropped and we have removed very little graffiti over the last couple of months.
- **Local Development Officer**
 - Official launch happened in May and was a great success
 - Darndale Pond: Ongoing work happened to address the weed issue in collaboration with DCC Parks, Sphere 17, Archways, Inland Fisheries and local men. Next stage is to bring an invasive plant specialist on board.
 - Another way 5k, funding support provided and DCC volunteers attended on the day.
 - Safe Talk took place in June 28th in Kilmore West Recreation Centre
 - If there is demand, one can be scheduled for Darndale specifically after the summer.
 - Trauma informed Practice training was provided for 30 people in June 2023, Eithne (Home school Liaison) led out on the project.
 - **Archways**
 - A number of events that have been successful that Archways put on or supported financially.
 - Another Way 5k, Archways one of the lead organisations on this, an improved event this year.
 - A webinar on school based anxiety by Dr Sean McDonnell over 60 attended.
 - Child Criminal Exploitation Training delivered by MecPaths over 21 attended.
 - Speech and Language training delivered by Katie Cluskey over 25 attended.
 - FAI Coaching training to 37 coaches/potential coaches in the Darndale and Coolock.
 - Archways were also happy to support the Dare to be Darndale festival again.

- **Sphere 17**

- An update was given on happenings in the DBM area. Expanded on detailed written report which was provided
- **Target Group 1:** Mental wellbeing promotion/awareness and support for young people in the targeted scheme.
- **Target Group 2:** Supports for teenagers 15+ identified within the targeted scheme to remain engaged in school, access alternative education / training options, access 3rd level education or prepare for the work place.
- **Target Group 3:** Supports for older teenagers 15+ (male and female) at risk of or engaged in drug & alcohol misuse. These programmes should be underpinned by interagency work with other relevant agencies in the area.
- **Target Group 4:** Supports for young men aged 14+ who are or are at risk of engaging in criminality, violence and drug dealing. Supports to include focused outreach work to engage young men not currently involved in the service.
- **Target Group 5:** Provide safe 'Open Spaces' at evenings and weekends for young people who are at risk of isolation because they don't utilise public spaces or engage with other young people or the community due to fear of intimidation.
- **Target Group 6:** Supports for young people 10+ identified within the targeted scheme who are living in one-parent households or currently experiencing homelessness and living in local homeless hubs.
- **Target Group 7:** Provide support for teenagers 15+ in the area of relationship development /sexual health with additional supports for young mothers and fathers.
- **Target Group 8:** Supports for teenagers 12+ around online safety and safe productive use of social media. Should include project based developmental group work/programmes that are age appropriate and evidenced based that educate young people in online safety and the safe/productive use of social media.
 - Blue jackets are becoming established-Good reception depending what is going on in the area
 - Red Jacket Good engagement, relationships and trust
 - Great collaboration-seeing positive effects
 - Out N About-focus on Hard to Reach
 - 4 person team consisting of 1 full time Team Leader, 1 full time detached youth worker and 2 relief workers
 - Q1-2023, 40 street work sessions across Darndale, Moatview, Bonnybrook and Kilmore-496 contacts in total, 357 being in Darndale, Belcamp and Moatview-
 - Late evening sessions -5.00pm to 9.00pm
 - Ran push up competition and a football volley competition
 - Run casual programmes around drugs and alcohol safety
 - Running open access football every Thursday 7pm to 8pm in Priorswood park for young people over the age of 14
- Woodale early Intervention programme –Running in July
- Engagement process with young people
- Older individuals are acting as advisory panel for younger groups

- **Community Garda Update**

- Garda COS gave a comprehensive overview of Garda policing in the DBM area
- Operation Darndale- Patrols are on going
- Trauma Informed training-4 were trained by 15th June 2023-recommend training probation
- Positive attitude change -More engagement from the Community.

- **Local Highlights and Achievements**

- DF noted

- Public realm consultants
- Belcamp Grove
- Pocket parks
- Another Way 5KM
- Halloween plans underway

- A few areas in DBM have entered the City Neighbourhood competition
- SF noted Darndale FC-Under 10 and Under 12 won the League

A 5KM recovery run-walk took place in September for family and friends-Recovery is possible

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