

Date: 8th November 2023

**To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee**

Meeting: 20th November 2023

**DONAGHMEDE LEA & CLONTARF LEA - CSDS TEAM UPDATE FOR THE
NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

Halloween Events

Spooktacular Halloween – 30th October, Marino Crescent

The Spooktacular Halloween event was held in Marino Crescent on Monday 30th October from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. There was a mythical creature workshop by Mick the Cryptologist, pumpkin patch colouring and face painting, all of which was enjoyed immensely by participants on the day.



Clongriffin & Belmayne Halloween activities – 31st October -Fr. Collins Park



A Halloween event was organised for the Clongriffin/Belmayne area which took place in Fr. Collin's Park on 31st October between 12 noon and 3.00pm. "Slime making", "illusions workshops" by Junior Einstein's, face painting and pumpkin patch colouring were just some of the entertainment on offer on the day. There was also a performance by Jitterbug Jackson, the unicyclist entertainer.

Halloween Activities, 31st October Donaghmede Park

The Halloween event in Donaghmede Park this year took place between 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Tuesday 31st October. Music was by New Brass Kings. Entertainment included face painting, pumpkin patch colouring, with amazing acrobatic performances by Siolta.



Halloween Activities, 31st October, Roseglan pitch, Kilbarrack



Dublin City Council's Halloween event in Kilbarrack took place on Roseglan Pitch on 31st October from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. This event included wonderful performances from Siolta Acrobatic Performers, pumpkin patch activities and face painters. There was music by New Brass Kings.

Edenmore Park lit up for Halloween! -31st October Edenmore Park

The Halloween Events for the Clontarf & Donaghmede LEA's concluded with a spectacular fireworks display in Edenmore Park at 8.00pm on 31st of October.



The following groups were supported to help them celebrate Halloween:

- The Donahies Residents Association - Kids Halloween Costume Swap on 22nd October in the Donahies Community School
- Grange Woodbine Residents Association – Children’s Halloween Disco on 27th October
- Clongriffin Residents Association – Halloween Parade 30th October
- St. Paul’s Youth – Halloween Party 31st October in St. Paul’s Youth Club.
- Gracepark Meadow Residents Association – Halloween event on 31st October.
- Charlemont Residents Association – Halloween Best Dressed House Competition.

Inclusion & integration week

Inclusion and integration week 2023 was celebrated across Dublin City and the North Central Area from 6th to 12th November. Both CSDS teams and Sláinte Care supported the events across the North Central Area.

Local community groups and organisations were invited to attend two online “*introduction to diversity and inclusion*” sessions. These interactive sessions explored equality, diversity and inclusion from a range of perspectives. Participants had the opportunity to examine the various terminologies relating to current legislation and its application. Both sessions were free to attend and were facilitated by the Irish Centre for Diversity.

A talk was also organised by CSDS on “*what do the words mental health mean?*” for local mens groups across the North Central Area. The speaker on the day was Regina Lafferty, a mental health practitioner with the HSE. This free talk was held in St. Brigid’s Resource Centre, Killester.

As part of “*Inclusion & Integration week*”, a six-week memory, movement & mental health programme called “*Memory Movers*” commenced on Monday 6th November, 2023 in St. Brigid’s Resource Centre, Howth Road, Killester.

This programme is a six-week programme for individuals experiencing memory difficulties or families who are caring for someone who has memory difficulties. It is being delivered by North Dublin Mental Health Services for Older Persons Team (MHSOP) and Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership, in conjunction with Dublin City Council's North Central Area Office.

The CSDS team in conjunction with John Sweeney, Sports Officer ran two Active Retirement Functional Fitness Classes with the following groups:

Foxfield/Kilbarrack Seniors Group on Wednesday 8th November at 2.00pm in Parish Hall of St. John the Evangelist and "*The Tuesday Club*" in Marino, on Tuesday 7th November at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall of Fairview Church.

We are also hoping to run two LGBTQI+ workshops with Sphere 17 Kilbarrack and Donnycarney Youth Centre during Integration Week.

Rockfield Park

Rockfield Wellness' live theatre show in Rockfield Park on 1st November was also supported. This free event was an opportunity for the community to enjoy a live theatre show in their local park.

Sheila Duffy - Senior Community Officer

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