

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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**DONAGHMEDE LEA & CLONTARF LEA - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FOR  
THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

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**Inclusion & integration week**

To celebrate Inclusion & Integration week, the team supported a “*Mental Health & Wellbeing*” presentation by Regina Lafferty, Registered Nurse Practitioner, HSE on 7<sup>th</sup> November. This was a joint initiative by both CSDS teams, aimed at Men Sheds & Men’s groups in the North Central Area. This free talk was held in St. Brigid’s Resource Centre, Killester. The event was well attended, with great participation from the groups, who all gave very positive feedback regarding this event.



**Older Peoples Council (OPC)**

Following the OPC’s Information Day on 28<sup>th</sup> September, there was an OPC meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November in the Northside Civic Centre. Bruce McDevitt, Age Friendly Ireland Regional Manager for Dublin City Council, gave an Age Friendly presentation to the group. The new OPC group will meet again early in the New Year with the aim of formalising the committee and looking at a plan to go forward.

**Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) 2024- 2029**

To assist the LCDC team design the new LECP 2021 – 2029 , we engaged with volunteer group representatives to review the draft LECP, High Level Goals (HLG) and objectives at an in person workshop held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 in the Morrison Hotel. The volunteers were asked to give their thoughts and ideas on how to improve neighbourhoods, communities and local economies for all who live, work, learn in and visit Dublin city.

For any groups who would like to participate in the consultation process, click on the online survey [here](#):

## **Christmas**

The North Central Area community team in conjunction with Le Chéile Community Centre, Donnycarney, are hosting a “*Festive Afternoon Tea*” for residents in our older persons housing complexes on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December with entertainment provided by the “*Cotton Club Quartet*”.

A “*Christmas Afternoon Tea*” event will also be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December in Saint Brigid’s Resource Centre for volunteers in the Clontarf & Donaghmede LEA’s.

Both events are free but ticketed , subject to venue capacity

The Community team are engaging with and supporting local community and voluntary groups with their planned Christmas events for their communities.

## **Talks by Historian James Scannell – Library in the Community initiative.**

CSDS have been working with Louise Tobin, Senior Librarian, Dublin City Libraries, to identify groups/organisations tailored for older people who would be interested in availing of talks by historian, James Scannell. Some of the groups who have enjoyed these sessions since September are: Ayrfield Circle of Friends, Grange Woodbine Seniors, TARGET Art Group and Donaghmede Ladies Club.

### **Ayrfield Circle of Friends**



### **Grange Woodbine Seniors Club**



### **Donaghmede Ladies Social Club**



### **TARGET Art Group**



## **Sheila Duffy**

**Senior Community Officer**