

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

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

**Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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**ARTANE / WHITEHALL LEA – CSDS UPDATE  
FOR THE APRIL MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

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The Community & Social Development Section (CSDS), Artane - Whitehall LEA continue to meet and support a wide range of community & residents groups in the area on an ongoing basis.

**International Women's Day**

International Women's Day events were supported across the LEA by CSDS. Great fun was had at the line dancing event in Priorswood and in Whitehall.



**Bealtaine Festival**

Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which celebrates the arts and creativity as we age. The Bealtaine festival events are held throughout the month of May.

As part of this year's Bealtaine festival, CSDS have organised a local arts exhibition with local arts groups. Details of the exhibition will be sent to all local Councillors once dates have been agreed with the local groups.

## Another Way 5K, Darndale



CSDS are again supporting this great annual event. The “Another Way 5K” is being held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11am in Darndale Park. The race is open to first time runners and seasoned professionals alike (thirteen years & up) to take part. In addition, there is a 1km fun run for twelve years and under. The 600 race slots are now sold out and all participants registered before the event on [www.myrunresults.com](http://www.myrunresults.com).

## Santry Mens Shed

Santry Mens’ Shed will be hosting an open day at their new base in Greenfields Park Community Club, Shanliss Avenue, Santry on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. CSDS, Community Development Officer is going to give additional supports to the group while they settle into their new home.



## Made in Darndale

The “Made in Darndale Festival” will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April in the plaza, at the Bell Building, Darndale and in Darndale Park on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April ‘24. All activities will be advertised through the Creative Places social media pages and locally through schools and throughout the community.

## Community Recognition Fund 2024

### **Dublin City Council Allocates €2m to Support Local Communities**

Dublin City Council would like to announce the allocation of €2,140,584 in funding under the Community Recognition Fund.

This allocation is being made from the €50 million in funding recently announced by the Department of Community and Rural Development under the fund. The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) was established to acknowledge the invaluable contributions made

by communities across Ireland in welcoming and hosting arrivals from Ukraine and other countries and aims to bolster community resilience and cohesion.

The funding will be directed towards projects located in Dublin city, towns and villages hosting “Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection” and/or “International Protection Applicants”, including those identified for the rapid build homes programme. These projects are intended to benefit the entire community, aligning with the fund's objective to develop facilities for future use by all members of society.

Building upon the success of the 2023 allocation, where €50 million was distributed among 900 projects nationwide, an additional €50 million has been provided for the 2024 Community Recognition Fund. This renewed commitment underscores the ongoing support for communities in accommodating new arrivals and fostering inclusivity.

Dublin City Council emphasises the importance of community engagement in shaping the allocation of funds. Proposals submitted by the local authority will be developed in consultation with impacted communities, Local Community Development Committees (LCDC), and elected representatives. These proposals must align with Local Economic and Community Plans and demonstrate targeted investment in areas with the highest concentration of new arrivals.

Eligible projects for funding must be capital in nature, delivering medium to long-term benefits for the community. They should be capable of implementation between 2025 and 2026, with a minimum expenditure of 50% of the allocation required in 2025. While the focus is on larger-scale projects, with individual funding ranging from €50,000 to €500,000, smaller initiatives will be considered provided they meet the minimum threshold.

Projects eligible for funding include the development, enhancement, or refurbishment of community and cultural facilities, sports facilities, school facilities open for community use, equipment purchases for local clubs and organisations, transport infrastructure, initiatives addressing dereliction and refurbishment of vacant buildings for community use.

In a departure from previous approaches, Dublin City Council will reserve a portion of its allocation for proposals submitted under the third application window, ensuring flexibility to address evolving community needs.

For more information on project proposals or queries regarding the Community Recognition Fund, please contact Dublin City Council by email at [CRF@dublincity.ie](mailto:CRF@dublincity.ie)

Link to the CRF website on [dublincity.ie](https://dublincity.ie): [Community Recognition Fund 2024](#)

CSDS have distributed the above information to all of our local groups.

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