
**North Central Area Committee Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Report
November 2024**

Please see below details of Sport and Co-funded Officers who work across communities in the North Central Area and Citywide officers who deliver programmes in all five electoral areas.

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2024– Linking in with National Events & Initiatives

The primary goal of DCSWP is to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in sport & physical activity regardless of age, gender or ability. DCSWP continues to align the planning and delivery of programmes with national and international events in 2024. This strategic approach helps maximise promotion of the service, adds momentum to local programmes and initiatives and ultimately increases reach across communities in Dublin City.

➤ International Men's Health Day 2024

DCSWP to host staff event in DCC's Civic Offices on Tuesday 19th November in partnership with DCC's Health & Wellbeing Unit. .

DCSWP to promote existing Men's Health programmes & initiatives on social media platforms e.g.: Men's Only Exercise, Mental Health & Nutrition programmes (Heath in the Community initiatives). Learn to Swim Men's only programmes etc.

New York Jets American Football Partnership Programme

On May 17th DCSWP met with The New York Jets to discuss plans for a Flag Football League in Dublin City for early 2025. DCSWP arranged visits to Clontarf pitches along with Irishtown Stadium to identify possible DCC locations for the league. The Jets were very satisfied with the venues and very excited to get going in Ireland. DCSWP facilitated a visit to Loreto College to pitch the league to their vice principle/head of sport and gauge appetite along with getting an understanding of how our schools athletic programmes work with their academic timetables. This proved a valuable discussion and there a very positive response from Dublin City schools to engage with the programme.

➤ **Flag Football League/Programme Overview:**

- 8 Schools in league
- Target group is school girls aged 12-15 yrs. (1st & 2nd Year)
- New York Jets delivered a taster day in October with selected schools
- 7 weeks of fixtures to launch after midterm in early 2025 and Championship Day in Sport Ireland to be before Easter break
- League is fully funded to remove all barriers for those involved including Nike uniforms, flag football coaches and referees, transport along with PG tailgating party for Championship Day
- This is a 3 year project initially with fantastic opportunities for further growth
- Teacher Training Day took place in Irishtown Stadium on 25th October.

In the North Central Area St. Mary's Holy Faith, Killester will participate in the New York Jets programme.

In addition 12 primary schools will train over a 6 week period with training being delivered by teachers and all equipment provided by NFL. On December 6th all 12 schools will come together for a Championship Event in Sport Ireland National Indoor Arena.

In the North Central Area St. Francis SNS, Priorswood, Sprindale NS, Raheny and Greenlanes NS, Clontarf will partake in the NFL programme.

DCSWP Club Support Grant Scheme 2024

As previously reported, the 2024 DCSWP Club Support Grant Scheme was advertised to clubs in the Dublin City area and open for applications on 11th June. The grant has replaced the Sports for Young People small grant scheme and is now open to sports clubs that have participants of any age and affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport. The grant allocation is provided by Sport Ireland (through the National Local Sports Partnership Programme) and Dublin City Council. Grants typically range between €500 - €1,000.

Next stage: Successful clubs were notified on Friday 1st November. A full list of clubs will be provided to the NCA committee in the December report.

Dublin City Council Sports Plan 2024 – 2029

Implementation process continues.

DCSWP Communications

All DCSWP highlight programmes continue to be supported by social media channels and the DCSWP Virtual Hub. See below:

- Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub: www.dcwsphub.ie
- Email: sports@dublincity.ie
- Twitter: Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership (@dccsportsrec) / Twitter
- Facebook: [Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership | Facebook](#)
Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](#)

NCA Core Programmes November 2024

Please noted that DCSWP Sport & Co-funded Officers are due to submit work plans for December 2024/January & February 2025 in late November. The following programmes are ongoing until then. More information will be provided in the December report.

Change For Life - Underactive Communities

Name of core programme:	Couch to Parkrun/5k
DSCWP Sport Officer:	John McDonald/Sean Cleary

Description of programme activity:	6 week Couch to 5k (Parkrun Distance)
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ellenfield Park, Whitehall... Wednesdays from 7pm Father Collins Park

Name of core programme:	Couch to 3k
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Description of programme activity:	6 week Couch to 3k in partnership with Athletics Ireland
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Wednesdays from 12.30pm

Name of core programme:	McCauley Park 'Walk and Talk'
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Description of programme activity:	Walking/Social programme
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Mixed

Date/time and location:	Mondays from 10am, McCauley Park, Artane
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Name of core programme:	Social Boules
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Mondays from 11am, Rockfield Park, Artane

Name of core programme:	Aqua Aerobics
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally/Olivia Shattock
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Female
Date/time and location:	Tuesdays from 1.30pm/Thursdays from 11am. Coolock Swimming Pool

Name of core programme:	Chair Based Yoga & Mindfulness
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Description of programme activity:	Gentle exercises to improve movement/flexibility and support mental health
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Wednesdays from 2pm. Kilmore Recreation Centre

Name of core programme:	Chair Exercise Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Olivia Shattock
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Female
Date/time and location:	Wednesdays from 10.30am. Priorswood Pastoral Centre

Name of core programme:	Ladies Dance Fit Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Olivia Shattock
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Female
Date/time and location:	Thursdays from 2pm. Kilmore Recreation Centre

Name of core programme:	Men's Swimming Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Olivia Shattock
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Male
Date/time and location:	Coolock Pool. Start date remains TBC

Name of core programme:	Boxercise Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Olivia Shattock
Programme Description:	8-week Boxercise Community Programme (this commenced on 14 th October to replace the previously reported on Yoga & Mindfulness Community Programme)
Gender:	Mixed
Age Group:	Adults 18+ years
Date/time and location:	Mondays from 6pm. Darndale Sports Hall.

Name of core programme:	Men's Fitness Training Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally

Description of programme activity:	Cardio and Body Resistance Training
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Male
Date/time and location:	Thursdays from 11am. Artane Community Centre

Name of core programme:	Men's General Fitness Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Description of programme activity:	Strength & Cardio Training Programme/Exercise Programme
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Male
Date/time and location:	Mondays from 10.30am. Artane/Beaumont Family Recreation Centre.

Name of core programme:	Pilates/Yoga Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Sean Cleary
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Mixed

Date/time and location:	Tuesday from 8pm (Pilates). Fridays from 7pm (Yoga), Trinity Sports & Leisure, Father Collins Park
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Name of core programme:	Indoor Resistance Training Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Sean Cleary
Description of programme activity:	Bodyweight Exercise Classes/Resistance Training
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am, Balgriffin Hall

Name of core programme:	Men's Aqua Fit
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Description of programme activity:	Swimming Lessons/Recreational Programme. Delivered in partnership with Swim Ireland/DCSWP Swimming Development Officer
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Male
Date/time and location:	Thursdays from 1pm. Coolock Swimming Pool

Name of core programme:	Pickle Ball
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Description of programme activity:	Pickleball is a racket/paddle sport that was created by combining elements of several other racket sports including Tennis and Badminton)
Age group:	Adults age 18+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Fridays from 1pm. Kilmore Recreation Centre

Older Adult Programmes (age 55+ years)

Name of core programme:	Active Retired Functional Fitness Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Programme Description:	Gentle Exercise Programme
Age group:	55+ years

Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Tuesdays from 10am and 11am. Artane/Beaumont Family Centre

Name of core programme:	Active Retired Dance Fit Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Programme Description:	Dance Exercise Programme
Age group:	55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Thursdays from 11am and 12 noon. Artane/Beaumont Family Recreation Centre

Name of core programme:	Men's Walking Football Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Olivia Shattock
Age group:	Adults age 55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Mondays from 10am. Kilmore Sports Centre

Name of core programme:	Active Retired Functional Fitness
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DSCWP Sport Officer:	John Sweeney
Description of programme activity:	Chair Exercise Programme
Age group:	70+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ballybough Youth & Community Centre, Tuesdays from 10am ➤ Foxfield Community Centre, Wednesdays from 2pm ➤ Raheny, Thursdays from 11am

Name of core programme:	Chair Aerobics programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Olivia Shattock
Age group:	Adults age 55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Thursdays from 10am. St. Monica's Hall, Edenmore

Name of core programme:	Falls Prevention Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	John McDonald
Programme Description:	Continuation of the successful partnership programme between DCSWP and HSE. This is a 12 week physiotherapist-led referral programme. The aim is to build up the strength of the participants and develop pathways to mainstream classes in the community where they can continue their exercise journey. The programme is free of charge for the participants
Age group:	55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Thursdays from 2-3pm. Santry Community Resource Centre

Name of core programme:	Chair Yoga Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	John McDonald
Programme Description:	6 week chair yoga programme. Delivered in partnership with Larkhill Active Retirement group
Age group:	55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Start date, times TBC (September)

Youth at Risk (10-24 years) - Aimed at providing viable opportunities for young people in the NCA to stay active and thereby mitigate anti-social behaviour). All programmes are delivered in partnership with local NCA groups, schools and local Youth Services. **Youth Fit** - Schools and Young People.

DCSWP officers work closely with local Youth Services and groups over the school mid-term break aimed at young people age 10-24 years. Programmes are delivered in partnership with Ballyfermot Adventure Centre/Eastwall Watersports Centre, Aquazone etc

Name of core programme:	Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Yoga & Wellbeing Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	John McDonald
Programme Description:	Yoga and wellbeing programmes in partnership with the ASD Units in Hold Child BNS and Larkhill NS, Whitehall
Gender:	Mixed
Age Group:	Primary School
Date/time and location:	Programme has commenced. Dates/Times TBC

Name of core programme:	Lifeguard Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Sean Cleary
Programme Description:	Pool lifeguarding aimed at young adults

Gender:	Mixed
Age Group:	Young Adults
Date/time and location:	Trinity Sports & Leisure, Father Collins Park

Name of core programme:	Youth Swimming Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Sean Cleary
Programme Description:	Delivered in partnership with Sphere 17 Youth Services
Gender:	Mixed
Age Group:	10+ years
Date/time and location:	National Aquatic Centre. This programme is to be rescheduled. Start dates TBC

Women in Sport

Name of core programme:	Trinity Research Programme
DSCWP Sport Officer:	Fergal Scally
Programme Description:	A continuation of the Trinity research programme that was run through funding from Irish Research Council and the Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership

	through the Active Cities project. The local Sport Officer linked in with a Trinity College PHD candidate for this initiative. This year Our Lady of Mercy, Beaumont will partake in the programme in the NCA. The programme will be run for 12 weeks with two activities on offer.
Gender:	Female
Age Group:	13-18 years
Date/time and location:	Our Lady of Mercy, Beaumont. Various Times

Sport Inclusion & Integration (Citywide)

North Central Area Inclusion/Integration

- **Dance & Soft Play programme** aimed at young people with Autism U18 years. Delivered in partnership with Doras Bui and NCA DCSWP Sport Officer. Tuesdays from 1pm in St. Brendan's Hall, Coolock.
- **Chair Aerobics programme** aimed at older adults with dementia. Delivered in partnership with Conexus Care and NCA DCSWP Sport Officer. Mondays from 11.30 in Connexus Day Care Centre, Bonnybrook.
- **Learn To Cycle programme** aimed at young people U18. Thursdays from 3-4pm in St. Paul's Hall, Donnycarney.

Citywide (Including participants from the NCA)

Sport Inclusion & Integration Officers continue to work with the following organisations delivering citywide programmes:

- **St John of God's/St. Michael's House Power Boat programme** - ongoing partnership with Eastwall Sports Centre. Every Tuesday from 1.30-3.30pm. Aimed at people with intellectual disabilities age 18+ years.
- **St. John of God's, Islandbridge Rowing programme** - ongoing partnership with DCC Rowing Centre and Rowing Ireland. Every Thursday from 2-3pm. Aimed at people with intellectual disabilities age 18+ years.

- **CRC Clontarf Aqua Aerobics-** partnership with Swim Ireland. Aimed at people with intellectual disabilities age 18+ years.
- **Bravo Volleyball** - partnership programme. Aimed at LGBTQ+ community (all age groups). Every Thursday from 5-7pm in Inchicore Community Centre.
- **Active Cities Boxup**

Active Cities (Citywide)

- **Erasmus + Sport European project**

As part of the Erasmus + Sport European project, a DCSWP preliminary field trip took place in September 2024. The Active Cities officer has presented on the trip to senior management/DCSWP board on the learnings from Hamburg as an Active City; how they deliver and provide sport & physical activity services there etc.

- **OECD challenge led Approach Programme**

The aim of this programme is to create a safe cycle route and play area for children in the NEIC area. This is an ongoing project for the Active Cities officer which began in May this year. This is a new approach whereby different departments within DCC will collaborate together to bring this project to fruition as part of the Dublin City Climate Action Strategy. Ongoing communication is taking place between the different divisions to create this safe space and enable children to play safely in the area.

- **Mother & Baby Yoga- specifically for direct provision residents**

This will be a collaboration between DCSWP & CYPsi Mental Health. DCSWP are facilitating a 6 week programme in the RESPOND Centre on Grace Park Road, Drumcondra which is home to 48 people in Direct Provision. There are 13 mothers, there are 28 children in all with 22 of them being from birth to 3 years old. There are three nationalities Somalian, Romanian and Irish.

The aim is to run a session on a Tuesday morning for this group. While the programme is only being piloted for 6 weeks, if engagement is positive DCSWP will continue to deliver. There are three nationalities partaking: Somalian, Romanian and Irish

BoxUps in the Park

- Boxups continue to support communities in Eamonn Ceannt Park, Crumlin and Mount Bernard Park, Cabra. Expansion of the facilities is in the planning stages with three more Boxups secured for city parks.

Health Improvement in the Community

- St Vincent's Forever Fit - Chair aerobics exercise programme for older adult residents at St Vincent's Hospital, Fairview (residents only). Fridays from 11am
- St. Vincent's Exercise Programme – aimed at adults with mental health challenges. Fridays from 10.15am - St Vincent's Hospital Fairview D3
- Otago Strength & Balance, Killester. Strength & balance programme for older adults at high risk of a fall in partnership with HSE physios (referral only). Mondays from 12.30pm -St. Brigid's Resource Centre, Howth Rd.
- Strong & Steady Killester. Strength & balance programme for older adults at medium risk of a fall in partnership with HSE physios (referral only). Mondays from 11.30pm -St. Brigid's Resource Centre, Howth Rd.

Community Wellness Programmes (Citywide)

The following programmes are delivered in partnership with the HSE and are referral only. Programmes focus on supporting individuals with underlying medical conditions.

- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Gym and Class sessions – every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am in Glin Road, Community Centre, NCA (mixed, all ages)
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Gym and Class sessions – every Monday from 9am in St. Catherine's Sport & Fitness Centre in partnership with HSE (mixed, all ages)

- Cardiac Gym and Class programme – every Monday from 1pm, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am in St. Catherine's Sports & Fitness Centre.

DCSWP September North Central Area Co-Funded Programmes - Athletics/Boxing/Cricket/Football/Rowing/Rugby/Swimming

Please Note: Contact details for all officers are listed at the start of this report.

Athletics in the Community

- NCA Primary schools General Athletics Programme continues
- Marathon Kids programme (concluded in Santry Stadium on 12th & 13th November)

Boxing in the Community

Please see separate communication to committee members regarding vacancy in area. Due to be filled in January 2024.

Cricket in the Community

Schoolyard sessions:

- St. Brigid's Killester (female) every Monday from 11am. Age Group: 7-13 years
- Howth Rd. NS (mixed) every Monday from 11am. Age Group: 7-13 years.
- St. Benedict's Kilbarrack (mixed) every Tuesday from 1pm

Football in the Community

- The 6-week FAI Futsal in the Yard programme continues in various NCA schools.

- The UEFA Disney Playmakers Programme is a fun and safe introduction to football for 5–8-year-old girls. It is a club-led programme, completed through storytelling & imaginative play. In the NCA the programme is delivered in Raheny United, Artane/Beaumont United and Grange Woodbine. Concluding in November.
- The FAI Club Mark constitutes a recognition bestowed upon football clubs based on the adoption of exemplary practices in the governance, management, and administration of the club. Starting at the Entry Level, clubs have the opportunity to progress to attain a 2-star rating. FAI Officers are supporting a number of clubs in the D5 area.
- The NCA FAI Development Officer continues to deliver Parental Awareness Workshops via local clubs to support parents in sport. Sessions are delivered via zoom.
- The Kickfit Women's Programme continues to be delivered in Coolock Astro Park every Saturday from 7-8pm

Rugby in the Community

- The secondary school Contact Rugby programme continues in St. Paul's, Raheny every Wednesday from 10.30am (First year)
- The Aldi Tag Rugby programme is currently being delivered in St. Brigid's GNS, Killester every Tuesday from 10am and in Greenlanes N.S. Clontarf from 10am aimed at primary school students (3rd-6th class).

Rowing in the Community

The 6-week Get Going Get Rowing Indoor Rowing Ireland programme continues in the following NCA schools:

- Holy Faith, Clontarf (female age 12-18 years)
- St. Aidan's, Whitehall (male age 12-18 years)

Swimming in the Community (citywide)

The following programmes are being delivered in DCC facilities and include groups/individuals from the NCA:

- Artistic swimming 8-week programme aimed at females age 8+ years. Sean MacDermott St. swimming pool every Monday from 10am
- SAOL women's refuge programme aimed at female adults. Times and dates remain TBC.
- Three 6-week programmes aimed at children with additional needs age 6-12 years. Sean MacDermott St. pool. 3.30-4pm. Times and dates remain TBC
- Women of Colour Learn To Swim programme aimed at females from the Muslim community. Sean MacDermott St. Pool. Times and dates remain TBC
- The 12 week Aquatics Apprenticeship Programme continues. Delivered in Sean MacDermott St., pool. Aimed at individuals seeking employment in the aquatics industry over the age of 16. Programme will provide swim teacher and rookie lifeguard qualification, interview and CV prep, employment support etc. Commenced Monday 23rd September. To conclude end of 2024
- In the NCA the HeSwims initiative continues in Coolock swimming pool on Thursdays from 1-2pm. The programme is aimed at adult males in the NCA, costing €20 for 8-weeks of lessons. Delivered in partnership with NCA DCSWP Sport Officers Fergal Scally and Olivia Shattock.

Ongoing Training for 2024

- Safeguarding 1, 2 & 3 Training continues on an on-demand basis. First Aid Training/Inclusion Sport Training is also delivered at designated times throughout the year.
- Sport Inclusion & Integration officers to facilitate 'Show Racism the Red Card' inclusion in sport training to admin and operational staff in November

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