

To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

6th November 2024

**DONAGHMEDE & CLONTARF LEAS - CSDS UPDATE FOR THE
OCTOBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

Halloween Events 2024

On 30th and 31st of October, four Halloween events were coordinated by the Community and Social Development team in the Clontarf and Donaghmede LEAs. All four events were incredibly well attended and positive feedback was received from the community post events.

The following feedback was received via email correspondence:

I just wanted to say thanks and well done for the Halloween event in Maypark yesterday afternoon. It was really brilliant for the kids, they had a great time, and super to see so many people availing of it. It definitely helped avoid the usual bonfire at that location as well this year, which is a big bonus. Fair play to ye!

A photographer captured all of the events with the images posted across social media channels. Please find a sample of some of these photos below:



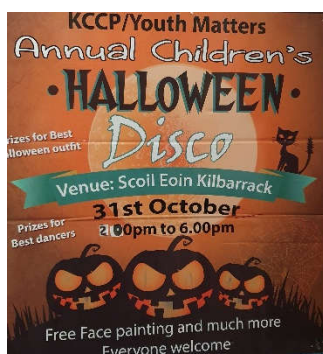


Supported Halloween Events

In addition to coordinating four Halloween events, the Community and Social Development team supported community groups to host their own events within their local areas.

Gracepark Resident's Association

Gracepark Resident's Association held a Halloween event on 31st October. The event comprised of a pumpkin competition, best spooky dance and scary musical statues and was well attend by the local residents.



Kilbarrack Coast Community Programme

The Community and Social Development team supported KCCP with a contribution towards their Halloween disco to include facepainting and entertainer costs. The Halloween disco provided a unique way to celebrate by combining the spirit of Halloween with the energy of a dance party, making for an exciting night full of music, costumes, and spooky fun and ultimately keeping young people safe at Halloween! The event was well attended. Further

photographs from this event is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/www.kccp.net>

Belmayne Community Group and Clongriffin Community Association

Both groups combined to host a Halloween parade in Fr. Collins Park. The Halloween Parade was a wonderful festive event where people of all ages dressed up in costumes and marched through Fr. Collins Park, showing off their creativity and Halloween spirit. The parade created a lively, spooky atmosphere and was a great opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate. Both groups were supported with entertainment and promotional material. Further information on this event can be found on the below social media pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/Belmaynecommunitygroup>

<https://www.facebook.com/ClongriffinSSC>



The Donahies Residents Association

The Donahies Residents Association hosted a costume swap in the Donahies Community School. This community event allowed local people to trade gently used costumes, saving money and reducing waste. Participants brought costumes that they no longer need and exchanged them for others that are new-to-them. Halloween Costume Swaps help people find creative, budget-friendly costumes while reducing the environmental impact of buying new. Community Team contributed to the cost of a face painter to ensure that young people were entertained at the event. You can view more details of the event here: <https://www.facebook.com/thedonahiesresidentsassociation>



All Ireland Endorsement Body Symposium

The Community and Social Development Team recently attended the AIEB Symposium, held in partnership with Community Work Ireland (CWI). This event brought together community work practitioners, educators, and activists for an inspiring and insightful gathering. It focused on exploring the vital role of community work, education, and training in addressing the increasingly complex issues facing communities today. Through engaging inputs, panel discussions, and interactive roundtable conversations, attendees had the opportunity to reflect on the current landscape of community work and discuss future directions in an evolving field. The event also provided an excellent networking opportunity as well as support the continued professional development of the community team.



Belmayne Clongriffin Network

The Community and Social Development team continue to contribute and participate in the Belmayne Clongriffin Network. The most recent meeting took place online with the final meeting of 2024 to be scheduled in December. The network provides an important forum for services, agencies and community and voluntary groups to work collaboratively to prioritise the needs of both communities.

Dublin Inclusion & Integration Week

This year's Dublin Inclusion & Integration Week will take place from 11th to 17th November. The Community & Social Development team are supporting a number of events across both LEAs. This week offers all Dubliners an opportunity to connect, learn from one another, and experience the city in fresh and meaningful ways. Through workshops, events, classes, activities, and more, Inclusion & Integration Week aims to ensure that people from all walks of life feel represented and included. All events from both LEAs will be listed here:

www.dublincityinclusion.ie

Team Update

After the recent appointment of the Area Community and Social Development Officer for Clontarf and Donaghmede, below are the contact details of the team for the area:

Natasha Bagnall, Area Community and Social Development Officer

Email: natasha.bagnall@dublincity.ie, mobile: 086 164 1728

Sheila Duffy, Senior Community and Social Development Officer

Email: Sheila.duffy@dublincity.ie, mobile: 087 442 0807

Tony Fagan, Community and Social Development Officer

Email: tonyp.fagan@dublincity.ie, mobile: 086 815 0297

Natasha Bagnall Area Community and Social Development Officer
Clontarf & Donaghmede LEAs