

Date: 27th November 2024

To: The Chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 9th December 2024

Item No:

**ARTANE / WHITEHALL LEA – COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION
UPDATE
FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

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.

Inclusion and Integration Week 2024

This years Inclusion and Integration Week was held from 10th to the 17th November. As part of Inclusion and Integration Week the Community and Social Development Section in conjunction with the Citizens Information Service facilitated a talk on peoples rights and entitlements.

CSDS also supported the Lorcan Community Centre Committee to host a Céile as part of Inclusion & Integration Week. Great fun was had on the night by all who attended.



Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies, Artane – Whitehall LEA

Santry Community Resource Centre, Coolock Lane will host their tree lighting ceremony on Friday 29th November at 7pm.

Darndale Belcamp Village Centre have arranged for their lighting ceremony to be held on Wednesday 4th of December at 4:30pm in the Village Square, Darndale.

Older Persons Council & Age Friendly updates

The North Central Area's Older Persons Council (OPC) continue to meet on a regular basis. As part of their annual plan members of the group with the support of both Community & Social Development Sections, An Garda Siochana, community members and Age Friendly conducted their first walkability study in Donaghmede. The audit looked at a specific area in Donaghmede. The OPC will now look at finalising their report and agree recommendations.



Above some of the participants of the walkability study.

Age Friendly Car Parking Space at Coolock Library

Coolock Library has installed an Age Friendly car parking space at the front of the library. They kindly request that people attending the library leave this space for older adults to use.



Whitehall Making Memories Christmas Cafe

The Making Memories Cafe that is based in Whitehall Colmcilles GAA Club (Puck Lane) continues to meet on the last Tuesday of every month. This months cafe was Christmas themed. The coffee morning included a talk on the Social Prescribers project and a Christmas quiz. Numbers attending the cafe continue to grow each month. CSDS support the running of the monthly cafe and are represented on the cafe's steering committee.



Community Perspectives on health needs & assets in Sláintecare Healthy Community Programme (SHCP) study “The Feabhas Project” report launch

Dublin City Council Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme hosted the launch of the Community Perspectives on Health Needs and Assets in Sláintecare Healthy Community Programme Areas in Dublin report.

This report was launched as part of Inclusion and Integration Week in November. The report summarises the health needs across the Dublin Sláintecare areas. The research explores community perspectives on health and wellbeing as well as community assets in the Dublin SHCP areas which includes Priorswood, Kilmore West, and Darndale.

This study was commissioned by Dublin City Council.



Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2024 – 2029 launch

Dublin's new Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) was launched in November at an event hosted by Dublin City Council at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The new plan aims to guide the sustainable economic and community development of Dublin City 2024-2029, the new LECP covers a broad range of areas including health, wellbeing, inclusion, climate action, economic growth, and education.

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