

Date: 8th January 2025

To: The Chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 20th January 2025

Item No:

**ARTANE / WHITEHALL LEA – COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION
UPDATE
FOR THE JANUARY 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.

Christmas event support

A number of local groups received support from the CSDS for their Christmas activities. Many thanks to all the groups and organisations for all their hard work in arranging their local events in the lead up to Christmas.

The groups supported included, St. Josephs Ladies Club, D9 Happy Hangout, Kilmore Social Group, Hampstead Go Getters, Kilmore Crescent Residents Association, Woodlawn Residents Association, Respond High Park, Hampstead Go Getters, Newbury Enhancement Group, St. Lukes Active Age, Greenfield Park Residents Association, Larkhill Legends Youth Group, Salvation Army, and Santry Community Resource Centre. A selection of event highlights are featured below.



Pictured above, Respond Hub & St. Lukes Bowling Club, Kilmore



Pictured above, Santry Senior Christmas Event, Wood Lawn Christmas event and Kilmore Crescent Christmas party.

Christmas Tree Lighting Events

Christmas tree lighting events were organised by community groups and organisations within the LEA, Santry Community Resource Centre, Darndale Belcamp Village Centre and Kilmore West Youth Project.



Pictured above, Santry's Christmas tree lighting ceremony

Wonder Lights Event

The North Central Area Office in partnership with An Garda Síochána (DMR North), Fingal Co. Co, NTA, Northside Partnership, Dublin Fire Brigade, Civil Defence, the HSE and other community stakeholders hosted an inclusive Christmas event for community groups from the DMR North district. The event was a great success with over 1700 young people in attendance. Each young person had access to the wonder lights event and a special visit to Santa.



Creative Places Darndale

A new coordinator for Creative Places Darndale project has now been appointed. Taryan de Vere has begun working with the Creative Places Committee and the local groups on art projects for the area. Taryan will be based with Northside Partnership in the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre. The main purpose of Creative Places is to weave the arts into everyday life within the community. North Central Area Office look forward to working with Taryan in 2025.

Community & Informal Adult Education Grants 2024

2024's Community & Adult Education grants were approved by Full Council at December's meeting. Our colleagues within the administration team for Community & Social Development, Wood Quay will endeavour to process payments within the month of January.

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