

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

5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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

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The Community and Social Development team for Donaghmede and Clontarf continues to engage with and provide capacity building supports for community and voluntary groups throughout the area. The below reports gives a flavour of the work carried out across the area in the last month.

**Donaghmede and Edenmore Safety Forums**

The Community and Social Development team were in attendance at both Donaghmede and Edenmore Safety Forums last month. Attendees were informed about an upcoming flagship event in celebration of International Women's Day provided by the community teams in the North Central Area (further information below). Additionally, availability of contributions for groups planning to host their own IWD events was provided.

An update was provided regarding community and adult education grant applications. Applicants were informed that there is a 4-6 week delay in processing payments for successful grant applicants. Each applicant will receive a letter confirming the successful transfer of funds into their group's account over the coming weeks.

Information regarding the Local Enhancement Program grant funding was shared. It was announced it is anticipated that applications will open at the end of January, at which time application forms will be made available.

Garda Alan Bernie informed the Donaghmede Safety Forum that he will be replacing Garda Kevin Hynes as the new Community Garda for the area.

**International Women's Day**

**Expressions of Interest to support local events and initiatives**

In order to support a wide and diverse range of activities and events to celebrate International Women's Day, the team compiled an expression of interest form to encourage local community and voluntary groups to become involved in showcasing their commitment to gender equality and celebrating women's achievements locally. Events can be held between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March with a contribution of up to €250 available to groups towards their project or initiative. There was a great response to the call and the community and social development team will work on capacity building supports with the interested groups to support these events to come to fruition.



## How to Cultivate Resilience Seminar with Shane Martin

The Community and Social development teams in the North Central Area are collaborating on a flagship event for International Women's Day this year. In an effort to support the continued efforts of women working and volunteering in the community and voluntary sector in the area, Dublin City Council will deliver 'How to Cultivate Resilience' seminar with psychologist Shane Martin. This event will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11am in Raheny United, All Saints Drive, Raheny, Dublin 5. We anticipate a large demand for places so booking is essential. Two places per community and voluntary group are allocated on a first come first served basis. Registration here: <https://forms.office.com/e/nqXbxGBAgX>



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### How to Cultivate Resilience within Ourselves

Are you a woman who is part of a local community group? Or do you work in the community and voluntary sector in the North Central Area?

Join us to celebrate International Women's Day with a free seminar with renowned psychologist Shane Martin. Shane will outline some evidence-based strategies linked to greater resilience during challenges.

This is an uplifting seminar that is aimed at inspiring change in the lives of those who attend but even more importantly, to inspire participants to incorporate it into their homes, workplaces and communities.

Thursday 6th March 2025  
11am - 12.30pm  
Raheny United FC, All Saints Drive, Raheny, Dublin, D05 FW31

Booking essential:  
[Click here to register](#) or  
email us at [northcentral@dublincity.ie](mailto:northcentral@dublincity.ie) or call 01 222 8870

International Women's Day



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We would like you to join us for our  
**COMMUNITY ROOM  
PLANNING MEETING**

Have your say on projects and initiatives that may be suitable to take place in the community room. Your voice is important!

Tuesday, February 25th at 2.15p.m - 3.30p.m  
St. Brigid's Court Community Room

**ALL WELCOME!**  
Light refreshments available

## Community Room Pilot in St. Brigid's Court Senior Citizen's Complex

The Community and Social Development team, in partnership with Housing, is holding an open meeting for residents of St. Brigid's Court Senior Citizen's Complex to discuss the community room. We encourage all residents to attend and share their ideas on how the space can best serve the community. This initial meeting will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> February in the community room within the complex. Following the meeting, the Community and Social Development team will support a six-month pilot program of activities to encourage and connect residents with relevant services and agencies and remain active in their community.

## Belmayne Clongriffin Network Meetings

Continuing into 2025, the Community and Social Development team continue to attend the Belmayne Clongriffin Network meetings to support the community in relevant local projects and initiatives. It is anticipated that a community showcase event will take place before the summer. The team are available to support with this event and have committed resources for a printed booklet documenting all the organisations and agencies offering services in the area.

## Local Enhancement Programme Funding

Department of Rural and Community Development's (DRCD) Local Enhancement Programme 2025 is open for applications in Dublin City from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm. The aim of the scheme is to support non-profit, community-based and/or voluntary organisations/groups with either capital or operating/running costs.

Administered through the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Dublin City Council, the total allocation of €675,260 is divided as follows:

- €575,590 to support capital costs up to a maximum of €25,000 per application incurred in 2024/2025.

- €99,670 to support operating/ running costs associated with rental, utilities and insurance incurred during period of 1st June 2024 to 30th January 2025 only up to a maximum of €5,000.

Applications are accepted via Dublin City Council's Citizen Hub using the following link:  
<https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/LEP>



### **Spacehive Funding**

Dublin City Council working with community fundraising platform Spacehive, has launched an exciting opportunity for local residents to fundraise and deliver projects that matter to them called Crowdfund Dublin City. Dublin City Council has a fund of **€300,000** and is looking to invest in projects that will enhance green spaces, create colourful, vibrant and inclusive public spaces, or support sustainable communities and environmental initiatives. Through the fund, community groups, social enterprises, local charities and individuals with community support could potentially receive a pledge of up to **50%** of their crowdfunding target, capped at **€5,000**. This contribution from Dublin City Council is pledged directly into your crowdfunding campaign alongside contributions from the community.

The Spring 2025 round is now open with a deadline of **30<sup>th</sup> April** to have your project fully costed, any relevant permissions in place and your project page created on Spacehive.

You must also have pitched to the Crowdfund Dublin City fund by this date.

Register for one of the upcoming workshops to find out more:

1. Online - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 3-4pm
2. In-person – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 6.30-7.30pm

For a full overview of the process and the criteria of the funding, visit  
<https://www.spacehive.com/movement/dublincity/about>



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