

Date: 5th February 2025

To: The Chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 17th February 2025

Item No:

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

During the month of January the CSDS have been linking in with local groups to discuss their plans and what ways we can link in and support.

Community & Social Development Team, Artane-Whitehall LEA

The Community & Social Development Team have recently welcomed two new staff members. Below is details of the Community & Social Development Team for Artane-Whitehall LEA.

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Continuation of the chair based exercise classes, Whitehall Parish Centre

Due to the success of the chair-based exercise classes in Whitehall Parish Centre in 2024, CSDS in collaboration with the Sports and Wellbeing Partnership are pleased to announce that the classes will be extended until May 2025.

This extension has been made possible through continued funding from both the Sports & Wellbeing Partnership and ourselves in CSDS.

The classes will run for 16 weeks from 22nd January to 7th May, every Wednesday morning at 11:30-12:30pm. €2 per class (pay as you go) in Whitehall Parish Centre, Thatch Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

We look forward to seeing more participants benefit from these sessions.

International Womens Day

International Women's Day 2025 is Saturday 8th March. This is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. International Women's Day has occurred for over a century, with the first gathering recorded in 1911.

A number of local groups and organisations will be marking this day. CSDS has written to local groups and offered to give financial assistance for local groups that are planning to run an event or activity for International Womens Day.

Both CSDS within the North Central Area will be hosting a talk on "how to cultivate resilience with ourselves" on Thursday 6th March from 11am to 12:30pm in Raheny FC. This talk is being facilitated by Psychologist, Shane Martin. Both CSDS have written to all local groups to invite them to register to attend as booking is essential. Spaces are limited.



Memory Café, Whitehall

The making memories café that is based in Whitehall Colmcilles GAA Club (Puck Lane), Collins Avenue continues on a monthly basis. The Making Memories café is held on the last Tuesday of every month from 11am to 1pm. The café is proving to be very successful and is growing in attendance each month. CSDS will continue to support this great initiative in 2025. The café has a social media account on Facebook and Instagram.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553809252101>

https://www.instagram.com/makingmemoriescafe_whitehall/



Local Enhancement Programme 2025

We are pleased to announce the Department of Rural and Community Development's (DRCD) Local Enhancement Programme 2025 is open for applications in Dublin City from Monday 10th 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>

Detailed guidelines, terms & conditions and eligibility checklists are also provided online but if assistance is required applicants may contact our team directly on:

lcdc@dublincity.ie 0877589980 Sarah Fagan or 0861644897 Molly Maher

Please note, as part of the application criteria, organisations must demonstrate how their work contributes to Goal 4 of the Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2024-2029: *'Foster and nourish the City's communities to become more sustainable, thriving, safe, caring, welcoming and inclusive'*

Please note the closing date is strictly **Friday 28th February 2025 at 1pm**.

All voluntary and non-voluntary groups registered on the LEA's community database have received this information by email.

Crowdfund Dublin City

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".

Funding: 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 30th April to have your project fully costed, any relevant permissions in place and your project page created on Spacehive. Groups are required to have pitched to the Crowdfund Dublin City fund by 30th April. People can register for one of the upcoming workshops to find out more. The first workshop will be online - Tuesday 25th February 3-4pm. The in-person workshop is on Thursday 27th 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>

Groups can share their project idea's with Spacehive by contacting them through their email address. Spacehive can provide groups with support and advice regarding next steps. Groups must ensure they have permissions and costs confirmed and the project created on Spacehive by the deadline. For questions and assistance email support@spacehive.com or crowdfund@dublincity.ie

All local community groups that are registered on our database have been informed about a funding opportunity via email.

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