

October 2016

**The Chairperson and Members of
Central Area Committee**

Central Area Community Development Report October 2016

Halloween

Planning of festive events for 2016 is now well advanced and includes:

- 1) The Frightfest at East Wall.
- 2) The Cauldron in Smithfield with a Giant Cinema Screen being erected and Fifa and Just Dance Tournaments taking place involving the communities from Kevin Barry House, Constitution Hill, Drumalee, Queen Street and Greek St.
Many of the events will be run in the week leading up to Halloween.
- 3) A new Halloween Festival is being planned by Community Development Organisations in Ballybough, Sherriff Street and Sean McDermott Street with individual events planned for the week prior to Halloween culminating with a Street Party on Sean McDermott Street on Halloween Evening with a variety of street activities.

In addition to the above, local celebrations are planned in up to 20 areas on Halloween night.

The combined effect of these events should lead to a much more positive Halloween, in addition to a greater community spirit especially at "street level "with the particularly large number of local celebrations run on very modest budgets.

Pride of Place - Stoneybatter

This Project has been very successful and a Celebration Party is being held on the 5th October in Prussia Street Family Centre.

Invitations have been sent to the City Councillors and to the communities who have represented our city in recent years in

Clareville Court

Blessington Basin

DeCoursey Square

East Wall

Nth. Great George`s Street

Stoneybatter and adjoining areas present very well but Pride of Place has not ended. The Committee is continuing with its good work and arrangements are being put in place for a Special Pride of Place Pat Liddy History Walk with a local Historian and also a local person with considerable knowledge of local Historical buildings.

Local Community Environmental Initiatives

The City Council's liaison continues with many groups working at "Street Level".

Over 20 "Board Walk Planters" have been provided in recent weeks where the local residents have agreed to maintain them to a high standard. Planters have been provided at Hardwicke Street, Sean MacDermott Street, Empress Place, Stoneybatter, Phibsborough, Clonliffe Road, Ballybough, Sherrard Avenue.

A new Community Memorial Garden will be provided at St. Michan's House shortly with strong support from local residents.

North William Street Schools are being assisted to provide a new school garden involving parents, within the school grounds on the Royal Canal.

TREELINE Project

Plans are progressing for "The artistic project on James Joyce Street".

Community groups will be asked to choose trees for planting on the street, with the selection from trees mentioned in Ulysses, changing the streetscape. A summer season of events in Liberty Park will also be part of the project with consultation anticipated to commence early 2017.

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