

Central Area Office  
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The Chairperson and Members of  
Central Area Committee

### Central Community Development Report November 2016

#### **Halloween**

A number of DCC sponsored events took place in the area for Halloween. These included:

The Frightfest at East Wall

The Cauldron in Smithfield (with the Giant Cinema Screen, Fifa and Just Dance Tournament)

A new Halloween Festival promoted by Community Development Organisations in Ballybough, Sherriff Street and Sean McDermott Street.

The above three major celebrations have taken place successfully.

In addition, celebrations were organised by local residents in up to 20 areas on Halloween night with the help of small grant assistance from the City Council.

The combined effect of these events has had a very positive outcome.

However celebrations in Railway Street, Ballybough House and in particular Sheriff Street were very much in the "at risk" category.

A crowd of over 200 teenagers (from many parts of the city) attended the bonfire in Sheriff Street with serious levels of alcohol and other drugs.

Ballybough Youth Service promoted a major celebration with local residents earlier in the evening and they deserve great credit for this contribution.

Local Gardai were present throughout the area and their enthusiasm and local knowledge contributed enormously to the safe passage of the evening.

### **Pride of Place – Stoneybatter**

Pride of Place activities continued with a successful Local History and Heritage Walk led By Pat Liddy and two local historians on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **Mountjoy Square**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October a small International Festival of New Communities was held in the square successfully with City Council assistance. (See photos below.)

### **Local Community Environmental Initiatives.**

The City Council`s liaison continues with many groups, working at “Street Level”.

**20,000 Spring Bulbs** are being distributed to local groups for planting to enhance the Central Area during the months of October and November.

The new Community Memorial Garden has been provided at St. Michan`s House with strong support from local residents.

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