

**Report to the Chairman and Members of
North Central Area Committee.**

North Bull Island Volunteer Programme.

Parks and Landscape Services intend to seek applications from members of the public to establish a North Bull Island Volunteer Programme.

North Bull Island is internationally recognised as a special place for its diversity of habitats and wildlife. It is also designated as a special amenity area for its aesthetic and recreational value. It is used daily by walkers, bathers, kite-surfers, beachgoers, bird-watchers, nature enthusiasts and many others.

Dublin City Council's vision for North Bull Island reflects the vision for the wider UNESCO Dublin Bay Biosphere, to promote a balance between its amenity and recreational uses and its importance for biodiversity and education. A North Bull Island Volunteer Programme is regarded as central to achieving that vision.

The objective of the Volunteer Programme is to establish a team of volunteers, made up of people from the community who have an interest, knowledge and skills to promote the values of the island to other users and to assist in the management of responsible recreation practice on the North Bull Island.

The Volunteers would be managed and provided with training by Dublin City Council Parks and Landscape Services. This programme will be modelled on the successful Volunteer programme operated by the Dublin Mountains Partnership of which Dublin City Council is a partner.

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