



MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT

DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVE

PROPOSED NEW CITY LIBRARY, PARNELL SQUARE

Transfer of property

The transfer of Coláiste Mhuire to the ownership of the City Council has been completed.

KEVIN STREET LIBRARY – REFURBISHMENT

Following completion of the tender process a contractor has been appointed. Discussions on the programme of works and schedule are underway, following which a revised timetable will be available. Our current expectation is that we will reopen the library in September 2017.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – PUBLIC MEETING IN TERENCE

In preparation for the drafting of a new library development plan in 2017, the first of a series of area-based public meetings was held in Terenure Library on the 29th November. The aim was to engage with the local community and public representatives about library services and how those services can be improved. Over 70 local people and public representatives took the opportunity to attend the meeting to talk about the future of Terenure library and the changing role of libraries in the community.

LIBRARIES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS)

Dublin City Council is the project manager for the implementation of a new Library Management System, Sierra, in all public libraries in Ireland. Seventeen library services, including Dublin City, are now live on Sierra.

Phase 3 of the project is now underway with the remaining thirteen library services due to join the system by the beginning of March 2017.

Summary of Activity

Table 1: Sierra Activity: – 01/01/16 – 01/12/16

Transactions total	8,939,790
Loans	5,959,033
Returns	5,372,157
Renewals	2,980,757
Reserves placed and satisfied	571,340
Registrations	96,993

STORYTIME PROJECT

Storytime aims to engage with parents of pre-reading children to support and guide them in reading to their children and in encouraging oral language development. Research shows that children with better developed oral language skills start school more successfully and this positive experience colours their future educational achievement.

The five-week programme was delivered in the autumn in Coolock library (65 participants) and Ballyfermot library (40 participants) in partnership with the Northside Partnership, the Ballyfermot Partnership, and the Marino Institute of Education. A further 120 parents will participate in the first half of 2017.

COMMEMORATIONS

Dublin City Council won a Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government award under the new category Commemorations and Centenaries 2016 for its *Dublin Remembers 1916/2016 Is Cuimhin Linn* programme.

In December Dublin City Council unveiled two new plaques in the 1916 Rising garrisons series of plaques.

A plaque commemorating the Four Courts garrison at Church Street was unveiled by the Lord Mayor on Church Street on 7th December. On 12th December a plaque commemorating the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland garrison at 123 St Stephen's Green was unveiled by Cllr Dermot Lacey, representing the Lord Mayor. Relatives were well represented at each event and the unveilings took place in front of a National Colour party from the Defence Forces and a piper from the Dublin Fire Brigade.

The Dublin City Library & Archive Learning Bus, showcasing the City's history and digital collection, took part in the LGMA Writing Ireland conference on 6th December in Dublin Castle.

HERITAGE

20th Annual Gilbert Lecture

The 20th annual Sir John T. Gilbert Commemorative Lecture will be held at Dublin City Library & Archive on 25th January 2017. It will be given by Dr Bernadette Cunningham (Royal Irish Academy) on 'Gentlemen's Daughters in Dublin Cloisters: the social world or nuns in early 18th-century Dublin', and will be chaired by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr Rebecca Moynihan.

The published version of the 19th Gilbert Lecture by Pádraig Yeates, *Rioters, looters, lady patrols and mutineers: some reflections on lesser visited aspects of the Irish revolution in Dublin* will be launched by the Deputy Lord Mayor on the same evening.

Swift 350th Anniversary

Preparations are underway for the 350th anniversary of Jonathan Swift's birth. An exhibition will be launched at Dublin City Library & Archive on Saturday 7th January 2017 focussing on Swift's involvement with the City, using many original books and documents associated with Swift.

DUBLIN UNESCO CITY OF LITERATURE

Children across Dublin will take part in the Citywide Reading initiative from January to March 2017. *Knights of the Borrowed Dark* by Dave Rudden is the chosen book for the 6th annual reading campaign which encourages children to read for pleasure. There will be author events in Dublin City Public Libraries as well as in other City centre locations, finishing with a big event in Merrion Square on 19th March as part of St. Patrick's Festival's Big Day Out. Copies of the book will be available to borrow in all Dublin City Public Libraries with associated online activity at the author's website www.daverudden.com.

More details on the campaign will be available on www.dublincityofliterature.ie.

PROGRAMMES & EVENTS

Dublin Book Festival

The library service took part in the Dublin Book Festival (10th – 11th November) with events focussing on local schools. The programme of storytelling and creative writing workshops attracted 279 children.

Science Week

Eleven libraries participated in Science Week (13th – 20th November). The programme of twenty events looking at including the physics of juggling, science shows, and forensic workshops, attracted 730 children.

Stór

The City Council Children's Art in Libraries programme commissioned the play *Stór* as part of the 1916 commemorations. Written by Ciarán Taylor, directed by Mark O'Brien, and starring Roxanna Nic Liam and Eric O' Brien, *Stór* was produced by Axis Ballymun and supported by Foras Na Gaeilge.

The play was performed at three branch libraries and attracted audiences of 430 primary school children.

Creative Writing Groups

Dublin in the Coming Times, a celebration of the work of library-based writers, took place on 30th November. The writers read from their work and were joined by author Hilary Fannin, poet Gerard Smyth, and Ireland's Professor of Poetry, Paula Meehan. *Dublin in the Coming Times* is a partnership between Fighting Words, Dublin City Public Libraries, Dublin City Arts office, Dublin UNESCO City of Literature and *The Irish Times*.

Home Energy Toolkits

In response to the popularity of the Home Energy Toolkits, the toolkits will be available in all branch libraries from February. The increased availability is supported by CODEMA and the Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland.

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COMMEMORATIVE NAMING

The Commemorative Naming Committee was established by Dublin City Council in 2013 to make recommendations regarding the naming of key infrastructure and the selection of individuals or events which will be commemorated through the erection of civic monuments or plaques. Proposals for the naming of infrastructure and dedication of memorials and plaques must be formally submitted through an agreed process.

To date the Commemorative Naming Committee has overseen the process, including a lengthy public consultation process, to name the Rosie Hackett Bridge in May 2014. The East Link Bridge was officially named “The Tom Clarke Bridge” in May 2015. There is currently a request to name the Drumcondra Bridge over the River Tolka “The Frank Flood Bridge” which is going through the official process.

The Commemorative Naming Committee along with the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee are currently considering a proposal from the Liam Mellows Memorial Committee to commission a life size statue of Liam Mellows in Mellows Park. This request is also going through the official process. The Commemorative Naming Committee adopted an official Dublin City Council Commemorative Plaques scheme in 2013. The text on the plaques is in Irish and English.

There are frequent requests for commemorative plaques to be erected under the scheme, particularly during the 1916 commemorations.



Table 1: plaques erected to date.

Name	Location	Unveiled
Patrick O'Connell Footballer and Manager Lived Here	87 Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.	05/06/2015
Shelbourne F.C. Association Football Club Founded Here	Slattery's Pub, Grand Canal St.,	04/09/2015
Leo Whelan Artist and Portrait Painter Lived Here	65 Eccles St., Dublin 7.	22/10/2015
Professor Edward Dowden Poet & Literary Critic Lived Here	50 Wellington Road, Dublin 4.	29/11/2015
Edward Walsh Member of the Hibernian Rifles Mortally Wounded Here	Royal Exchange Hotel, Parliament St., Dublin 2.	13/02/2016
Gerald Keogh Irish Volunteer Killed Near Here	117 – 119 Grafton St., Dublin 2.	25/04/2016
Richard O'Carroll Workers Rights, Human Dignity,	O'Carroll Villas Flat Complex,	27/04/2016

Name	Location	Unveiled
Irish Freedom		
O'Connell CBS To Commemorate Past Pupils Who Took Part in the Easter Rising	School Grounds, Nth Richmond St.,	27/04/2016
Joseph Plunkett Poet & 1916 Proclamation Signatory Lived Here	26 Upr. Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2.	04/05/2016
Ireland's First Radio Broadcast Was transmitted from here 25/4/1916	Grand Central Bar, 10/11 O'Connell St., Dublin 1	21/07/2016
James D'Ombrian First Inspector General Irish Coast Guard Lived Here	36 Lower Leeson St., Dublin 2.	23/09/2016
Samuel Little Hardy Physician and Obstetrician Lived Here	9 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.	28/09/2016
Ballybough Bridge In memory of the men and women who took part in the Easter Rising	Meaghers Public House Ballybough, Dublin 3.	12/11/2016
Annesley Bridge In memory of the men and women who took part in the Easter Rising	Annesley House Pub Fairview, Dublin 3.	12/11/2016
Welsh Chapel	77A Talbot St., Dublin 1.	On hold

Table 2: 1916 Garrison Plaques

Name	Location	Unveiled
Mendicity Institution Garrison Is Cuimhin Linn Éiri Amach na Cásca 1916	Ushers Island, Dublin	24/04/2016
Marrowbone Lane Garrison Is Cuimhin Linn Éiri Amach na Cásca 1916	Eir Ireland Building, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8.	24/04/2016
Jacobs Factory Garrison Is Cuimhin Linn Éiri Amach na Cásca 1916	DIT Kevin St., Dublin	29/04/2016
Four Courts Garrison Is Cuimhin Linn Éiri Amach na Cásca 1916	Capuchin Mission Office Church St., Dublin 7.	07/12/2016
Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland Is Cuimhin Linn Éiri Amach na Cásca 1916	123 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2.	12/12/2016

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EVENTS SECTION

Smithfield Christmas tree lighting ceremony - 24th November



The Smithfield Christmas event attracted larger numbers than in previous years. It included market stalls and music acts and attracted a lot of very positive attention for the area. The Events Section also worked with the Dublin Film Festival, who gave children and adults an opportunity to sit in a director's chair on the stage and talk about their favourite Christmas film, while being filmed and shown on the big screen. Up to 4,000 people attended the event and enjoyed the festive atmosphere on the plaza. The businesses in the Smithfield area have welcomed events on the Square as they promote the area and bring an increase in footfall.

Lord Mayors Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony , O'Connell Street – 27th November



The O'Connell Street event was more challenging this year as a result of ongoing Luas Cross City works, but with the co-operation of all of the statutory agencies, the event worked well in its new location and was enjoyed by all who attended. The event featured Irish music acts and pantomime cast, along with Al Porter and Dustin the turkey carrying out MC duties. The event attracted approximately 9,000 spectators over the course of the event.

Moving Crib and Christmas Wonderland, Mansion House 6th – 24th December



The forecourt of the Mansion House was turned into a Winter Wonderland on the 6th December, with the live crib getting more visitors than ever this year. Visitors were shown around the attraction by helpful elves, which also featured many other festive elements. Weekends were particularly popular, with thousands of visitors availing of the free family experience. Adults and children alike enjoyed taking photos in the magical Wonderland setting and posting letters to Santa while visiting the crib.

NYF Dublin 29th – 31st December



This year's New Year's Festival saw revellers ringing in the New Year at the 3Countdown Concert at St. Stephens Green South and enjoying the incredible "Sky Dance at the Custom House", a spectacular aerial outdoor performance by Fidget Feet. Luminosity 3D animations were also enjoyed at the Custom House over the three days. New Year's Day also saw further celebrations with a free family concert at St. Stephen's Green. Other free events, as part of an additional Arts Programme, included the NYF Dublin music trail, walking trails, pop up street performances and amazing cultural events throughout the city.

Filming Update

A number of large scale films will be shot in Dublin during 2017. The first of these will start early January and is called "The man who invented Christmas", which is based around the life of Charles Dickens. The Film Liaison Officer is working closely with the Irish Film Board to promote Dublin City as a great film location.

Upcoming Events

The main events proposed for the months of January to April are as follows:-

Tradfest	25th - 29th January
Chinese New Year	28th January
Dublin International Film Festival	16th – 26th February
St. Patrick Festival	16th – 19th March
Athletics Ireland 2017 Commemoration Run	24th March
Easter Sunday Parade	16th April
Handel's Messiah Performance	13th April
Virgin Media Night Run	23rd April

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

San Jose, March 2017

Preparations are being made for the Dublin Civic Delegation to San Jose in March 2017. The Lord Mayor and Chair of the Economic SPC have met with the Executive of the International Relations Office, Social Inclusion, Arts, Community, Parks and Economic Development Departments to discuss themes and approaches to the visit in order to gain maximum benefit and learning.

Nice, February 2017

The Lord Mayor and the Head of International Relations met the French Ambassador to discuss a cultural and economic visit to Nice in February 2017.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

Comhairle na nÓg

The Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg AGM took place in Croke Park on 18th November with 166 young people participating. The National Showcase took place a week later on 24th November also in Croke Park with 15 Dublin City participants. The theme for discussion for Dublin City Comhairle members for 2017 is Homelessness.

Welcoming Cities

The EU funded Welcoming Cities project involving 6 EU cities (Dublin, Amsterdam, Brussels, Copenhagen, Gothenburg & Hamburg) held its final meeting in Gothenburg on 7th and 8th December. Gráinne Kelly from the Social Inclusion Unit attended. The purpose of the project was to create a welcoming environment in the cities and support the EU migrants in the integration process by removing barriers to mobility, enhancing the full participation of EU Mobile citizens in political and civil life, promoting intercultural dialogue and implementing a monitoring and evaluation process.

City Hall Migrant Information Fair

As part of the City Council's undertaking to facilitate and promote access to information, the Social Inclusion Unit organised a migrant information fair in City Hall on the 28th November, in conjunction with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) which is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration.

The Migrant Information Fair was attended by 20 statutory and voluntary service providers working in the field of migrant rights and information.

The Fair was the first of a planned series of events designed to promote migrant access to information, which it is hoped will be run in 2017 in partnership with Dublin City Library Services division.

Dublin City Volunteer Centre

A member of the Social Inclusion Unit attended the Strategic Planning event organised by the Dublin City Volunteer Centre on 7th December.

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ARTS OFFICE

Arts Grants:

175 applications were received across three categories. Revenue, Project and Neighbourhood/Voluntary.

These were assessed by Arts Officers and Externs and a shortlist presented to Cllrs Vincent Jackson and John Lyons before being proposed to this month's City Council Meeting.

Residences.

Residential opportunities to support their work have been allocated to artists in St. Albert Cottages, St Patrick's Park and Temple Bar for 2017. In all 17 time slots were allocated.

EU Funding Applications.

Five EU applications are currently in preparation at The Arts Office in areas such as Artists and Technology Makerspaces, Visual Thinking Strategies and Public Art Research.

Review: The Arts Office has completed an externally supported Review process and the results of which will be brought to the next SPC.

Dublin Chinese New Year Festival.

Come join us as we celebrate the beginning of this year's Dublin Chinese New Year Festival, on the eve of Chinese New Year. This family-friendly event will see dragons, drummers and daring circus performers take over Meeting House Square for a spectacular celebration, as excitement builds for the Year of the Rooster and we look forward to a fortnight of festivities! Presented by Dublin City Council this Festival is supported by the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China and has secured commercial support from among others Kildare Village, Brown Thomas, and The Dublin Chinese Business Association.

A special Spring Carnival will take place at CHQ on February 8th to mark this The Year of the Rooster and a comprehensive programme from stand up comedy to a business opportunities in China conference is planned

IAWATST

Interesting And Weird At The Same Time

The Office of Public Works (OPW) and the Department of Finance of the Stormont Executive (DoF) have been collaborating on organising art exhibitions since the late 1990s. These exhibitions involve touring artworks from both public owned collections to venues throughout the island. In recent years, the exhibitions have opened up into broader partnerships with other cultural organisations. In 2016, the OPW and the DoF collaborated with Dublin City Council, the LAB Gallery in the organisation of the annual touring exhibition. This year's project has involved working with the curatorial team from the LAB Gallery and with the children and teachers from the Central Model Senior School in Dublin who have been using the innovative Visual thinking Strategies (VTS) method of looking at art for three years.



The children from 4th class in the Central Model Senior School visited the offices of the OPW in Dublin and the DoF in Belfast to select artworks for inclusion in the exhibition. Using VTS, the LAB team led lively discussions with the children on their visits to the two art stores in Dublin and Belfast and also continued their work in the class room to select 20 artworks for the IAWATST exhibition.

IAWATST 'interesting and weird at the same time' – is the descriptive abbreviation written down by one of the children when making their selection for inclusion in the exhibition. It is an intriguing title that reflects the children's fresh and open responses through the VTS system to the historic and contemporary works in both collections.

The exhibition opens in The Printworks in Dublin Castle in November. It then travels to the Alley Theatre and Gallery in Strabane in December. It will then be on view in the LAB Gallery in February 2017.

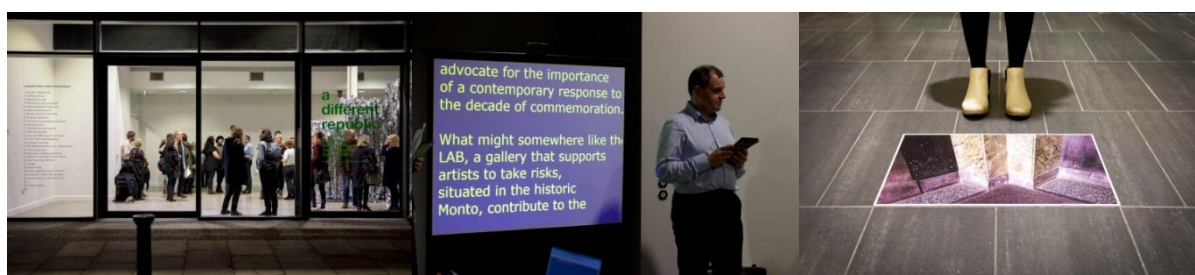
The LAB Gallery

Different Republic

Co-curated by Arts & Disability Ireland and Fire Station Artists' Studios in partnership with the LAB Gallery.

November 17 - February 05 2017

As the final exhibition in our year of commemorations, A Different Republic explores universal human rights in a year of commemorations, being both the centenary of 1916 and the 20 year anniversary of the Irish government's landmark report of the Commission on the



Status of People with Disabilities 'A Strategy for Equality'. Fire Station Artists' Studios and Arts & Disability Ireland in partnership with The LAB Gallery are delighted to present this new work that reflects on the current state of the nation from different perspectives.

The LAB Gallery's programme for 2016 saw a series of new commissions responding to ideas of commemoration developed for the gallery by artists Bridget O'Gorman, John Beattie, Sabina MacMahon, John Byrne, Chad Keveny and Jane Locke in collaboration with research partners including the ESB Centre for the Study of Irish Art, the National Gallery of Ireland, the National Museum of Ireland and MA Art Research Collaboration Ltd.

Audio description, speech to text and Irish Sign Language were available at the preview courtesy of Arts and Disability Ireland. Audio description and additional audio information are available throughout the exhibition using Discovery Pens, a service specially developed for audiences with visual impairments.

The exhibition is accompanied by a specially commissioned text by Nathan O'Donnell and was selected as a Critic's Pick for the international art magazine Frieze. For Dublin Gallery weekend we held live performances in the gallery, workshops for children and families and special tours.

Children's Art in Libraries (CAL)

CAL continued a partnership approach to local arts development with the successful tour of *Stór* bilingual 1916 related play performed for 24 primary schools for over 1000 children. The play was performed in all 5 areas of Dublin throughout November and December. The project was produced with assistance from Dublin City Libraries, Dublin City Commemoration initiative, Foras na Gaeilge and axis Ballymun.

Our Early Years phase one training partnership with Northside Partnership, "Preparing for Life", was evaluated by participants as being highly effective and inspiring. Early years educators and their children from centres in Darndale and Coolock were immersed in a 2 month programme in Coolock Library supported by experienced performance and visual artists from the Arts Office's Artist Panel, Common Ground and Galway's esteemed bilingual children's theatre company, Branar. The educators' feedback indicates they are already able to adapt techniques and ideas inspired by the programme directly into their workplace. It is anticipated that this partnership approach will develop further into phase 2, Educator Training and phase 3 Artist Residencies within their own early years education settings in 2017.

In early November DCC Arts Office CAL programme facilitated a Children's Arts sector Development seminar in The LAB focusing on the theme of collaboration (artistic; organisational; child focused; regional and civic). The day began with a showcase performance from Branar. Contributors included City Arts Officer Ray Yeates, Marc McLochlainn, (Branar) and Rhona Matheson (Starcatchers, Scotland); and Aideen Howard, Director of The Ark. The seminar concluded with an information session on our forthcoming International Early Years Arts Commission. The four Dublin Local Authorities (Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and South Dublin County Council) are working in partnership to invite applications for the creation of new artwork(s) of ambition, scale and depth for an early childhood audience. This opportunity is funded by the Arts Council of Ireland's Invitation to Collaboration Scheme and the four Dublin Local Authorities.

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DUBLIN CITY GALLERY THE HUGH LANE

Following the gallery's centenary theme - of *the Artist as Witness in Society* - the exhibitions programme for 2017 will examine the artist's contribution to historical and social issues under the broad theme of *Migrations*. Migration has become the pertinent topic of discussion in the globalised modern world and in 2017 we will examine both historical immigration and emigration and the impact of migration as a principle of nature.

In developing and interrogating our Migrations theme, we will engage with diverse audiences through our inclusive in-house programme of exhibitions, talks, lectures and workshops; and our community and schools outreach programmes.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan for the gallery is being finalised and will be presented to the Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community Strategic Policy Committee in early 2017. Extensive consultation took place with stakeholders in order to determine the vision, mission and objectives of the gallery for the next five years.

Visitor Numbers:

The number of visitors to the gallery continues to rise year on year. Visitor numbers in 2016 exceeded 180,000, compared to 156,373 in 2015, which represents a 15% increase in footfall. Through innovative programming of exhibitions and inclusive outreach projects, we aim to continue to build on our visitor numbers throughout 2017.

Capital Programme

Tenders for the award of Design Consultancy Services in relation to the renovation and environmental systems upgrade works to the gallery will be evaluated shortly and it is anticipated that the successful consultant will commence work on a design brief in the first quarter of 2017. Works remain on-target for commencement in Q1 2018, with completion expected late 2018/January 2019. Full closure of the 1930's wing will be required for the duration of 2018, with some more short term closure of other areas of the gallery being likely over the period of works.

Off-site storage

Dublin City Council is the owner of 2052 fine artworks plus the Frances Bacon Archive of approximately 7,500 items. The collection is re-hung annually, and works not on display are stored under controlled environmental conditions in the gallery archive spaces. However, these spaces are limited and as we expand and develop our collection for the enjoyment of future generations, addressing the lack of suitable storage space has become a priority.

Suitable space has now been secured in premises which are currently being leased by the OPW, where part of the National Museum collection is currently stored. A lease agreement is being finalised and we will commence the transfer of selected works in early 2016.

Café

A preferred bidder has been selected to operate the gallery café. That party has been notified, and upon expiration of the standstill period, contract negotiations will commence.

Artistic Migrations: Frank O'Meara and Irish Artists Abroad (new display)

As part of our theme for 2017 *Artist as Witness: Migrations* a new display of twenty paintings drawn from the Gallery's collection has been curated and is now on view.

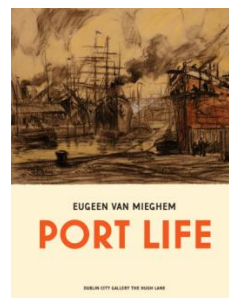


The display will also include a self portrait by Frank O'Meara, recently acquired by the gallery. The painting is in our conservation studio for technical examination and research on its history. Work on the painting will give us the opportunity to learn more about the painting technique of the artist and his creative process. The technical examination will inform the conservation treatment plan for the painting.

Francis Bacon: Art Books (new display)

This selection of art related books is drawn from the many art historical publications that belonged to Francis Bacon. In addition, multitudinous paint smudged loose leaves torn from books and exhibition catalogues were found among the items in his studio. On view here are exhibition catalogues on Picasso, Matisse, Cézanne, Giacometti, Richard Hamilton and Marcel Duchamp among others. The catalogues of paintings by Irish artist Louis le Brocqy are indicative of a mutual artistic regard.

Sir Hugh Lane: 'That Great Pictured Song' is an illustrated book of essays exploring Hugh Lane's life and achievements. Currently at the design stage, it is due for publication in January 2017.



CREATE and Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane: Dublin City Gallery

The Hugh Lane and Create, the national development agency for collaborative arts, as part of the Collaborative Arts Partnership Programme funded by Creative Europe are issuing an open call in December 2016 for a Socially Engaged Commission at Dublin City Gallery / The Hugh Lane (CAPP). The deadline is 27th January 2017 and the Commission budget is 50,000 euro.

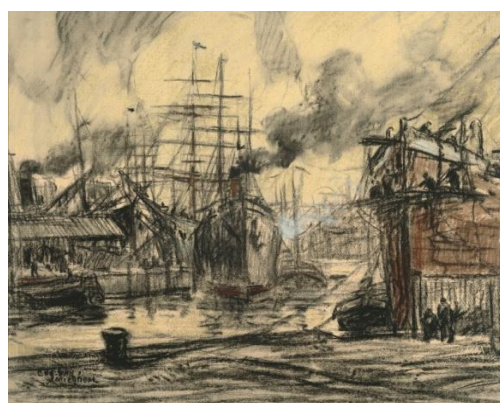
Returning Loans

Preparations are underway for the return in January 2017 of loans from the collection to the exhibition *Francis Bacon Invisible Rooms* in Stuttgart, Germany and to the *Creating History* exhibition at the National Gallery of Ireland

Upcoming exhibitions

Eugeen Van Mieghem: Port Life 9th February – 11th June 2017

Eugeen Van Mieghem: Port Life provides the first opportunity for Irish audiences to see the work of this great Belgian artist. *Port Life* is a visual account of the pulsating life of Antwerp Port at the beginning of the 20th century.



Eugene van Meighem, Steamers and Three Masted-Ships in the Dock, c.1912

Eugeen Van Mieghem: Port Life is being delivered in collaboration with Dublin Port Company, who is funding this exhibition. 71 artworks will be displayed as part of this exhibition, with works borrowed from 4 lenders – Museum Pnatin-Moretus/Prentenkabinet, Antwerp – UNESCO World Heritage, Eugeen Van Mieghem Museum, Antwerp, The Province of Antwerp and Private Collections.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a 96 page hardback catalogue, with essays by Julian Campbell, Erwin Joos, Jef Vrelust and Lenore Van Der Veer.

A community education programme is being developed to respond to the themes in the exhibition.

Ann Madden: Labyrinth 14th June to 3rd September

This exhibition includes 10 new works and supporting material, and will be accompanied by a catalogue, with text by Brian O Doherty

THE OCEAN AFTER NATURE - 6th September 2017 till 7th January 2018

This exhibition is curated by Alaina Claire Feldman, the Director of Exhibitions at Independent Curators International (ICI) - invoking personal themes of identity and migration, alongside more universal concerns related to tourism, trade, and the exploitation of natural resources.

The exhibition will feature work by 22 international artists and two local artists, Elaine Byrne and Philip Napier. Work in a wide variety of media will featured, including photography, video, sculpture, music, and design.

Accompanying the exhibition is a publication edited by Alaina Claire Feldman and designed by Geoff Kaplan / General Working Group.

Eithne Jordan: Cultural Spaces (Working title) 18th October to 13th January 2018

Dublin Gallery Weekend in the gallery

Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane participated in Dublin Gallery Weekend again this year. Events at the gallery included a tour of Parnell Square gallery spaces, a talk with Head of Exhibitions Michael Dempsey and artist Michael Kane, and drop-in family activities *Silent Sound Walks* with sound artist Slavek Kwi and *A Thought Experiment* with visual artist Rhona Byrne. The Hugh Lane also contributed to a one day international symposium in collaboration with the Irish Museum of Modern Art and Create. This one day event took place at IMMA on Saturday 26th November and reflected on the organisations' 2016 commemoration programmes, and the role artists and creativity play in society. Included in the day's presentations were Hugh Lane exhibitions by Jesse Jones and Sven Augustijnen.

Dublin Gallery Weekend is a visual arts festival which took place in Dublin from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th November 2016. Over the weekend, 36 art galleries across the city threw open their doors and invited visitors old and new to experience the exciting and inspiring art on offer in Dublin art galleries.

Gallery events in January 2017:

Coffee conversations (on Wednesdays at 11am, fee of €5 includes coffee)

- 11th January 2017: Emma O'Toole discusses *Deposition* by Evie Hone
- 18th January 2017: Michelle Doyle discusses *Landscape* by Mary Swanzy
- 25th January 2017 Jessica O'Donnell introduces the gallery's new acquisition *Self – Portrait*, by Frank O'Meara

Public Lectures

12th January 2017 @ 5.30pm – Roisin Kennedy lectures on The Art of Michael Kane

29th January 2017 @ 2pm – Frank O'Meara: A Portrait with Mary Stratton-Ryan

Family Programmes

Saturday 14th January 2017 from 11am to 12noon - Early Years Workshop for ages 1 to 3 (Fee €5) with Frances Coughlan

Saturday 28th January 2017 from 2pm – 3pm - Children's Workshop for ages 3-6 (fee €5) with Olive Knox

Adult Courses

Life Drawing, Saturdays 21st January 2017 – 11th March 2017, 10.30am – 12.30pm

For those with drawing experience. Course fee €160

Drawing and Mixed Media, Saturdays 21st January 2017 to 11th March 2017, 1pm to 3pm

Beginners introduction to a variety of drawing and art making processes. Course fee €160

To book a space on a fee paying course/workshop call 01-222 2550

For full programme details on the gallery exhibitions, education programme and events, please visit:

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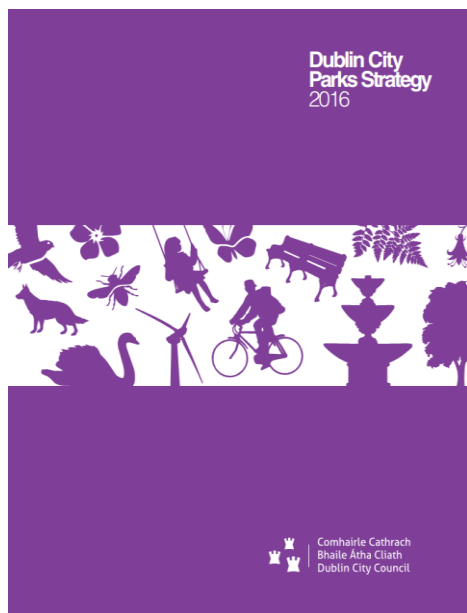
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PARKS AND LANDSCAPES SERVICES

Dublin City Parks Strategy



A consultation draft of the Dublin City Parks Strategy is currently available for consultation at dublincity.ie. Comments will be accepted until the end of January 2017. The strategy reviews and assesses the resources and services provided by Dublin City Council, Parks and Landscape Services and formulates policy and intended actions for them into the future.

Following public consultation a revised draft of the Strategy will be brought to the Special Policy Committee (the draft was previously presented and discussed at the March 2016 SPC) and subsequently put for adoption to the City Council.

Play Development



Dublin City Play Plan 2012 - 2017

A review of the above plan and work on drafting the next Dublin City Play Plan will commence in 2017.

1916 Commemorative Play Garden.

Following an assessment of 5 locations in the city centre, St. Audoen's Park has been selected as the preferred site for the creation of the 1916 Commemorative Play Garden. Elements of Action, Landscape Architects have been appointed for the preliminary inception, feasibility and design stage of the project and Róisín de Buitléar, artist, has been appointed to work in collaboration with the landscape architects. At a Project Steering Group meeting held on the 6th December last, the Steering Group met with the design team and work will progress and be completed on this project in 2017. The project is a joint initiative between the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and Dublin City Council.

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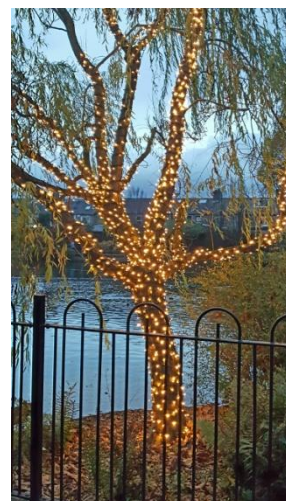


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Following public consultation the finalised Strategy document is now available at www.dublinbaybiosphere.ie. A working Group established to assist in developing the Strategy will meet annually to review the implementation of the Strategy. Numerous actions are already underway at various sites including North Bull Island, Dalkey Island and Ireland's Eye. In addition a UCD led research project Acclimatize, in which Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership is participating was recently awarded EU Interreg funding.

Festive Decoration in City Parks

In addition to the traditional Christmas Trees and lighting in the city, some of our city centre parks were dressed in festive lighting, ribbons and bows for the Festive Season. Chancery Park and Blessington Street looked especially festive and charming.



Parks Capital Programme

Sports Fields.

The following locations are included in the Parks Works Programme for sports field drainage and improvement:

- Darndale Park
- Johnstown Park
- Fairview Park
- Oscar Traynor Road
- Ringsend Park
- Belcamp Park
- McAuley Park
- Donaghmede Park
- California Hills

Work has been completed on some of the above with the remaining drainage work due for completion in Q1 and Q2 2017.

New Park Infrastructure

Location	Description	Status
Croppies Acre	New Public Park	Opened 14 th June 2016
Herbert Park	New tearoom; Bowling Clubhouse; Tennis courts	Opened 20 th May 2016.
Weaver Park	New Public Park	In progress
Peace Garden, Christchurch	Park re-design,	Part 8 process Qtr 4 2016
Liffey Vale, Liffey Valley Park	Phase 1 of new Park on north bank of river from Chapelizod to Memorial Gardens.	Plan in preparation.
St. Audeons Park/Church	Up-grade of Park and grounds of church	Going to tender Q1, 2017
Bushy Park	New Tearooms	Design team appointed. Part 8 Q1 2017
Bull Island	Phase 1 of car parking traffic improvements on Causeway. Interpretive Centre feasibility study. Design for recreation facility at North Bull Wall	Part 8 public display process completed Q4 2016 Presentation at North Central Area Committee and SPC Q4 2016 Design commenced for Part 8 in Q4 2016
'Chocolate' Park, Docklands	New Public Park	Part 8 public display and submission period complete.

PARK RECREATION/SPORTS FACILITIES

Location	Description	Status
Willie Pearse Park	Changing Rooms/Boxing Club pavilion; playground	Official Opening February, 2016
Bushy Park	Upgrade of Tennis/Padel facilities	Official opening Q2, 2016
Le Fanu Park	Skatepark/playground	Part 8 process Q4, 2016
Poppintree Park	New Changing Rooms Pavilion	Tenders received
Glendale, Kilbarrack	New All-weather pitch	Construction commenced
Springdale, Edenmore.	New Changing Rooms Pavilion	Construction commenced
Tolka Valley, Finglas.	New Changing Rooms Pavilion	Construction commenced
Trinity Leisure Centre, Belmayne	New All-weather pitch	Construction commenced

St Annes Park	New All-weather pitch	Construction commenced
Rockfield Park,	Re-surfacing of tennis courts/training area	Construction to commence
Various Locations	Outdoor Gyms	Installation in Lansdowne Valley Park, Bunting Road & Albert College Park completed
Various Locations	Sports fields drainage	Q 3 and 4, 2016 and Q1 2017
Brickfield Park Drimnagh	New All-weather (artificial) pitch	Construction commenced

IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION PLANS FOR HISTORIC PARKS

Location	Description	Status
Herbert Park	Upgrade of bowling clubhouse, new seomra tae and depot building for public use completed. Implementation of Conservation Plan	Officially opened July 2016
St Anne's Park	Conservation works on follies; Ongoing re-development of Red Stables Re-development of Sealawn Lodge; Design of new toilets at playground	Consultants engaged re upgrade of follies. Tenders received and under review Q4, 2016 Refurbishment and repair of courtyard surface commenced Part 8 for new toilets to commence in Q4, 2016
Merrion Square Park	Implementation of Conservation plan Tearooms	In progress. Design team appointed. Part 8 2017
Mountjoy Square Park	Implementation of Conservation plan	Conservation of railings (phase 1); Part 8 in Q4, 2016 for restoration of historic layout
St Patrick's Park	Prepare Conservation Plan	Final draft received
Grosvenor Square	Conservation Study on pavilion	Initial draft received and under review
ETB lands, Terenure	Conservation study on pavilion	Final report received

PLAYGROUND RENEWAL

Location	Description	Status
Willie Pearse Park	New Playground	Officially opened 11 th February, 2016
Cherry Orchard	Replace surface of playground	Works to commence Q1, 2017
Herbert Park	Enhance playground at Pembroke Cottages.	Works to commence Q1, 2017
Mount Bernard Park	Additional Play Equipment	Works to commence Q1, 2017
Darndale	Additional Play Equipment	Works to commence Q1, 2017
Ring St, Inchicore	Up-grade	Works to commence Q1, 2017
Bluebell	Additional Play Equipment	Works to commence Q1, 2017
Ranelagh Gardens	New Playground	Works to commence Q1, 2017

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RECREATION CENTRES

The New Zealand All Blacks and the Dublin GGA Football teams come to Sheriff Street.



Dublin City Council was fortunate to be given the opportunity to host the All Blacks and the Dublin GAA Team, an event in one of Dublin City Councils Recreation Centres on Friday 18th November. DCC was approached by Legacy Consultants on behalf of A.I.G. sponsors of both the All Blacks and the Dublin GAA team. Following that conversation the Recreation Service was absolutely delighted to host the event and organised the use of St Laurence O'Toole's Recreation Centre in Sheriff Street and the DCC All Weather pitch on Common Street. I then contacted

the local schools who were delighted to get involved.

The Dublin GAA team and the All Black players took part in a number of sports, hurling, rugby, GAA football and basketball with the children of the local National Schools. The children faced the All Blacks with the Larriers Haka "Lamha Suas" in our sports hall. The event attracted both national and international media interest and made the front page of the Irish Times, Daily Mail and a number of other publications. It was also received a slot on prime time TV on the R.T.E. News and on TV 3.



Recreation management and staff



Children from the 3 local schools

Common Ground Project

The Christmas card exchange is ongoing. The children from both Dublin and Orlando hand made Christmas cards and the Dublin cards have now been posted to Orlando. The children have been matched up by age and the cards personalised to each child. This has proven to be a popular programme with the children and the largest cost being the postage of €11.



Blackhall, Hardwicke Street, Georges Pocket, Dominic Street Recreation centres

Seniors Christmas dinners

- Blackhall Centre: Wednesday 14th Dec. Dinner to be served at 7pm. Organised by the Recreation Service
- Hardwicke Street: Monday 19th Dec. Dinner to be served at 5.30pm. Organised by the Recreation Service
- Georges Pocket: Tuesday 20th Dec. Dinner to be served at 6pm. Organised by the Recreation Service
- Dominic Street: Friday 9th Dec. Dinner being served after 7pm. Organised by local residents and supported by the Recreation Service to open the building and have staff on site and also provide a financial contribution.

In a small number of cases, some seniors cannot make it to the centre, carry out boxes are being made available and our staff have asked to deliver a Christmas dinner to their homes.

Children's Christmas parties

- Georges Pocket Recreation Centre. Monday 19th December 6pm. Approximately 25 kids attending. Organised by the Recreation Service
- Blackhall Place Recreation Centre. Tuesday 20th December 6pm. Approximately 60 kids attending. Organised by the Recreation Service
- Hardwicke Street Recreation Centre. Tuesday 20th December 6pm. Approximately 70 kids attending. Organised by the Recreation Service
- Dominic Street to be confirmed.

St Laurence O'Toole's Community Centre

Johnny Giles visited St Laurence O'Toole's recreation Centre with a local School boys Academy team to promote a new healthy nutrition programme for both boys and girls school football leagues.

The official launch will in January/ February 2017.



The centre and staff hosted and partnered in the provision of the local children's Christmas dinner and as part of our intergenerational Common Ground activities, invited the Senior citizens gardening group to attend.

Kilmore Recreation Centre

Senior Citizens Bowling Club, (St Luke's) Christmas dinner will be held on Friday 16th December.

As part of the ongoing energy management programme, the building will be having the insulation improved through wall pumped insulation and the ceiling also insulated. This will commence on the week of 19th December.

Darndale Recreation Centre

Recreation staff and local volunteers had their annual Christmas Feed the Homeless event at the Central Bank in Dame Street on Wednesday the 14th December. A number of items were collected and made available to those in need. They included a variety of hot food, sandwiches, tea and coffee. There had also been a collection over the last month or so, allowing the provision of footwear, clothes, hats and personal hygiene items for male and female adults. There were a small number of ground mats, sleeping bags and hats. Children and baby clothes were also given out. No photos were taken to respect the dignity of those who called by.

Cherry Orchard Recreation Centre

Santa will visit the Community Christmas party being held on Sunday 18th December.

East Wall Recreation Centre

In the week of the 12th of December, the centre staff will hold the Senior Citizens Christmas party in partnership with the East Wall Recreation committee.

In the same week, the staff will host a children's Christmas event.

Bluebell

Santa came to Bluebell to visit the Diamond Twirlers and a number of other festive activities will have been carried out.

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