

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 17th January 2017

Item No: 5

Finglas Area Office Report

Finglas Safety Fora Meetings in 2017

Finglas West – St. Fergal’s Boys National School; 7-8.30pm
Monday 30th January
Monday 24th April
Monday 18th September

Finglas East – St Canice’s Boys National School; 7-8.30pm
Monday 13th February
Monday 15th May
Monday 25th September

Finglas South – St Helena’s Resource Centre; 7-8.30pm
Monday 20th February
Monday 22nd May
Monday 16th October

Joint meeting in Finglas Garda Station, at 7.30 pm on Thursday the 7th December.

Historians-in-Residence

Dublin City Council (DCC) has announced a new Decade of Commemorations Public History Project to run in the five administrative areas of Dublin City and at Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street. Building on the success of the 2016 centenary commemorations of the 1916 Rising, which saw unprecedented numbers in the City engage with history, **Dublin Remembers: Is Cuimhin Linn** aims to make history accessible and enjoyable for all. The project will involve six historians-in-residence working with the general public, community groups and schools in the five administrative areas of Dublin City Council1 (one historian per Area) and one to be based at Dublin City Library and Archive, Pearse Street.

The historians-in-residence will champion history in their designated area by working to bring history to life and to make history and historical documents accessible and exciting. History topics and research covered in the project will generally focus on events in 1917 but will include other topics within the Decade of Commemorations era. Utilising and promoting the extensive collections of Dublin City Library and Archive will be a key component of the project. Examples of work under the scope of the project (but not confined to these) include

talks, workshops, publications, blog posts, social media, guided tours of libraries and archives, and historical walks of local areas.

Update on Kildonan Lands Project

Key points:

- Ed Flanagan's interim report on the public consultation process has been finalised.
- Brady Shipman Martin (BSM) has resumed work on their Masterplan report. They are aiming to complete this by the end of March.
- Formal authority for the transfer of community responsibility for the Abigail Centre to the Area Office was agreed at a meeting on the 22nd December attended by the Deputy Chief Executive, Independent Facilitator Rita Burtenshaw, and myself.
- Timelines for next actions will be agreed shortly by the Independent Facilitator and myself.

Community & Social Development

Community Grants Scheme.

The Grants Scheme has now closed for 2017. The Finglas Area received 81 applications under the scheme from a wide range of community groups. In addition, the Finglas area received 5 applications under the Informal Adult Education programme. The processing of these grants is now been completed. The Community & Social Development staff presented a draft list of recommendations to the area councillors for their consideration on the 9th January.

Sports Capital Grants 2017

Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Shane Ross T.D. and the Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, Patrick O' Donovan T.D., announced that €30m is being made available under the Sports Capital Programme to develop sports infrastructure around the country. In this regard, online applications will be accepted from the 23rd January to the 24th February, 2017. Clubs not previously registered on the Department's online application system need to do so in advance of this date. The guide to making an application was also published on the Department's Sports Capital Programme website - www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie

Finglas Arts Meeting

The Finglas Area Office will host a meeting on the 6th February with interested local groups to consider the development of a "Community Arts Programme" for the Finglas Area. The project proposes to bring "Arts and Cultural" events to the local community in either late summer or early autumn 2017.

Staff Changes Finglas Community & Social Development

Lois Salmon, Community Development Officer has moved from the Finglas Area Office. Lois was replaced by Caroline Dillon, who will work with and support community groups in the Finglas area.

Summer Projects.

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Section will engage with the 9 Summer Projects in the Finglas in February 2017 to ensure that each of the programmes will run again this year.

Summer Projects provide the opportunity for children aged 6-12 to enjoy a programme of activities in a safe and secure environment.

Age Friendly Cities

The North West Area Older Person's Council (OPC) continues to meet on a regular basis. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th February 2017 in Finglas Civic Offices, Mellows Road.

The OPC members attended a number of conventions held by Age Friendly Ireland last year and has delivered on a number of actions contained in the NWA Older Persons Action Plan in 2016. The OPC will prioritise actions for 2017 at their meeting in February.

Mellow Spring/Finglas Youth Resource Centre

Mellow Spring Childcare Development Centre and Finglas Youth Resource Centre had windows and doors damaged over Christmas. It appears that the damaged was caused as a result of attempts to break into the facilities.

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