



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2019**

- 1 **Delegation of Transition year student's from the Mercy Secondary School in Inchicore on their Social Innovation Fund Programme.**  
**Order: Presentation Given by Danielle Dimisca and Caoimhe Bolton, both Transition Year students from Mercy Secondary School. Presentation noted.**
  
- 2 **Minutes of Meeting held on 20th March 2019**  
**Order: Agreed.**
  
- 3 **April Questions to the South Central Area Manager**  
**Order: Replies to Questions and the Area Manager's report circulated.**
  
- 4 **Roads and Traffic Matters**
  1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
  2. Traffic Service Requests Status Report at 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.  
**Order: 1. Report noted.**  
**2. Report noted.**
  
- 5 **South Central Area Matters** **5 - 16**
  1. Report from the Historian in residence.
  2. Tree Works Programme Report for the South Central Area
  3. Area Manager's Report.  
**Order: 1. Report noted.**  
**2. Noted.**  
**3. A report was given and was noted by the Members, (see attachment).**
  
- 6 **Community, Culture, Economic and Emergency Services**
  1. Public Library Events for April 2019 – South Central Area
  2. Sports and Recreation Report for April 2019 – South Central Area  
**Order: 1. Report noted.**  
**2. Report noted.**
  
- 7 **Planning and Economic Development Matters**
  1. Proposed grant of a further licence of 80 The Coombe to Solas After School Project CLG.  
**Order: 1. Agreed. Recommend to Council.**

8 **Emergency Motions**  
**No Emergency Motion submitted.**

9 **April 2019 Motions**

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**  
**17<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**696 Councillor Ray McHugh**

That this Area Committee agree to request the Chief Executive Officer of DCC to write to the Housing Minister requesting setting up of a specific allocation of funding to start the Overcrowding Extensions Scheme on DCC housing properties.

**Order: Agreed. Refer to the Housing SPC.**

**697 Councillor Vincent Jackson**

That this Area Committee agree that the Area Manager please consider convening an inter-agency group between local youth services, An Garda Síochána, Tusla, DCC and school authorities to see if they can effectively tackle a serious escalation of anti-social behaviour currently happening along the Ballyfermot main street and Kylemore Avenue etc. It is very worrying that a small group can create such mayhem in our community. This coupled with social media is creating serious difficulties for local residents, traders and library staff. I am very concerned that if not tackled this could mushroom out of control.

**Order: Agreed.**

**698 Councillor Daithí Doolan**

That this Area Committee calls on the Garda Assistant Commissioner for Dublin to allocate extra resources, personnel and Garda cars, to Ballyfermot Garda Station to meet the demand of increased anti-social behaviour in recent months.

**Order: Agreed.**

**699 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin**

Given the rise in anti-social behaviour in the Claddagh Court Senior Citizens complex, can the Area Manager agree that the relevant department will commit to upgrading the current security system/gates. They're not adequate in keeping the complex secure and residents have made this very clear to DCC for a number of years now.

**Order: Agreed.**

**700 Councillor Tina MacVeigh**

This Area Committee agrees that where a person or persons, (family), are being assessed or means tested in relation to their housing eligibility that Housing benefits such as rent allowance or HAP not be included in the assessment and determination of eligibility for local authority housing.

**Order: Report to Councillor.**

**701 Councillor Hazel de Nortúin**

This Area Committee condemns the attacks on residents in Ballyfermot over the past couple of weeks due to anti-social behaviour. However, this Committee is calling on all services in the area to come together to see how this can be tackled from a multi-agency approach.

**Order: Agreed.**

**Order: Noted.**

**Councillor Pat Dunne**

**Chairperson**

**Wednesday 17 April 2019**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Pat Dunne (Chairperson)  
Michael Mullooly  
Greg Kelly  
Rebecca Moynihan

**Members:**

Hazel de Nortuin  
Tina McVeigh  
Criona Ni Dhalaigh  
Paul Hand

**Members:**

Vincent Jackson  
Ray McHugh  
Daithí Doolan

**Officers**

Mary Taylor, Area Manager, South Central Area;  
Bruce Phillips, Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area;  
Kay Noonan Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area;  
Tony Smithers, Area Housing Manager, Liberties Area Office;  
Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Traffic Management & Control;  
Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Traffic Management & Control;  
Cathy Scuffil, Historian in Residence



**Area Manager's Report  
South Central Area Committee Meeting  
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**Kilmainham Mill**

A funding application to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht was unsuccessful. Clarification is being sought from the Department. The list of essential works will continue regardless using existing funding. These works will include: -

- Asbestos survey
- Japanese Knotweed survey and management plan.
- Propping of floors
- Meshing of windows
- Roof repairs

A communications plan has been put in place and will launch on digital platforms in May on Dublin City Council website and social media. The steering committee has been on site visits on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April to ascertain current offerings and usages around the city.

A broader spectrum of consultation around usages of the Mill with stakeholders will commence in May / June.

**Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2018/2019**

Dublin City Council Dublin City Age Friendly Programme is hosting the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards for 2018/2019 on 14th November 2019 in Dublin. This is the fourth annual awards event for the Age Friendly Ireland Programme and the awards ceremony itself will be held amid an evening of entertainment in Dublin's Croke Park (more to follow). The primary aim of these awards is to recognise and reward achievement in age friendly initiatives around Ireland. We are calling for organisations, individuals, agencies and communities to submit applications on projects or programmes that they consider Age Friendly. This year, there are eight categories of awards, (aligning to the World Health Organisation themes). The eight categories are listed below -

Age Friendly Transport Award  
Age Friendly Active and Healthy Aging Award  
Age Friendly Business Innovation Award  
Age Friendly Safety and Security Award  
Age Friendly Communications Award  
Age Friendly Environment Award  
Age Friendly Community Innovation Award  
Age Friendly Housing Award

The closing date is 5pm on Tuesday, 14th May 2019.

[Click here for an application](#): -

**CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA**

**South West Inner City Area Report**

**Francis Street Environmental Improvement Plan**

This project is currently at detailed design stage and a tender package for construction of the scheme is expected to be issued in June. In advance of the main works, Irish Water intends to replace aging water infrastructure on the street and it is hoped these preliminary works will take place over summer. A communications plan will be in place for local residents and businesses.

### **Marrowbone Lane**

A planned landscaping project alongside Braithwaite Street flats has been slightly delayed due to some design complications. It is expected to complete the project over the summer. The Area Office recently replaced failed trees at Marrowbone Lane Buildings and intends to undertake further minor landscape improvements inside the scheme over the summer.

### **Bridgefoot Street**

The Parks & Landscaping Service advises that tenders for construction of a new park at Bridgefoot Street are expected to be issued later in the spring and it is hoped that the project will commence in 2019 and continue into next year. In addition to park, landscaping of the central median of Bridgefoot Street is planned. The Parks Service recently replaced trees along the median. Tree pruning and tidying up of planted areas was also undertaken in Oliver Bond House.

### **Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2019**

The Area Office is currently offering small grants to businesses under the Shopfront Improvement Scheme. The deadline for participation in the scheme has been extended to 10<sup>th</sup> May. Currently, the scheme is supporting projects in The Liberties, Blackpitts and Rialto.

### **Busconnects**

The NTA's Busconnects programme is currently inviting submissions on the 'Core Bus Corridors' element of the overall strategy to radically improve Dublin's bus network. A number of core bus corridors traverse the South Central Area including:

- 6: Lucan to City Centre
- 7: Liffey Valley to City Centre
- 8: Clondalkin to Drimnagh
- 9: Greenhills to City Centre
- 11: Kimmage to City Centre

The core bus corridor proposals at this stage, highlight likely required changes to road and street layouts, possible road widening, future location of bus shelters and other infrastructure, provision for cycling, pedestrian improvements. Submissions on the various core routes through South Central Area are invited until the end of April via [www.busconnects.ie](http://www.busconnects.ie).

### **New Office Spaces Planned for The Liberties**

Increasing the supply of high quality office space is an important element of the overall economic plan for The Liberties, drawing new jobs and investment to the area. The coming months will see new high quality schemes completed at former IAWS site (a new shared workspace called The Masonry opens later this month, which plans to accommodate over 700 people) and 61 Thomas Street (completion by end of year). Plans are also afoot to expand The GEC to double its available floor space for start-ups, micro enterprises and social enterprises. The Digital Hub Development Agency is also expected to unveil its masterplan for the campus later this year, which is expected to entail a doubling of existing capacity.

### **Community Report for South West Inner City**

#### **The Big Hello National Community Weekend 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

Following the launch of the First National Community Weekend by Deputy Michael Ring, Minister for Rural & Community Development, funding has been allocated to the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee to support local residents associations or groups to host a picnic, or small community event over the May Bank Holiday weekend. A small grant of maximum €200 was advertised and administered through the Local Community Development Committee to the following groups:-

- Blarney Park Community Garden
- Family Hub Clonard Road
- Grotto Maryland
- Flanagan's Field.

Events will take place in these locations over the holiday weekend.

### **Annual Age Friendly Convention 2019**

The National Older Person Council Convention is to take place on 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May 2019, in Donegal town. The event which will be hosted by Donegal County Council and Donegal Older Person's Council. The Older Persons Councils are an important means of engaging with older people across the Country and linking them into the work-taking place under Age Friendly City & County Strategies. The purpose of this conference is to allow Older People's Councils to network, share experiences, and identify priority issues

### **Bealtaine Festival**

The Door embraces this year's Bealtaine Festival theme, which is one of hospitality and what it means as we age. Drama-movement workshops for men aged 50+ encourages them to take part in drama and movement exercise, get physical and keep active, exchange stories, etc. The drama will take place on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May and Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May at the F2 Centre 11.00 – 12.30 pm. See attached brochure for further details.

### **Dublin Community Clean up – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Local groups across the South Central Area will "spring" into action on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April as part of the Dublin City and County Community Clean up initiative..... *From the Mountains to the sea, keep it litter free.* Rialto Environmental Group/Inchicore Environmental Group and several other resident groups will be involved in clean ups along the entire Grand Canal stretching from Inchicore to Harold's Cross. Many Community clean ups will also take place in various streets throughout the area.

### **Maryland Grotto Celebration**

The local residents from Maryland will host an open air Mass on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May at 6.30pm at the Grotto. This event marks the completion of the much-needed environmental enhancement of the Grotto and its surrounds. The landscaping is now complete, new benches installed, walls plastered and painted and the statue of Our Lady is lovingly restored to her former glory. In addition to Friday's service, which will feature vocalist Aisling Carabini, there will be a community street party on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 2 – 6pm.

### **The History of Weaving in The Liberties**

A Series of taster classes in weaving will commence across the Liberties in the coming weeks. These classes will take place in the community room at the Timber Yard complex in Cork Street, Myra Hall in Francis Street and St. Andrew's Community Centre in Rialto. The taster sessions will give participants an opportunity to explore their local history and in particular the vast history of the textile and weaving industry in the Liberties. All interested participants will be invited to register for a 10-week course this autumn with a view to reviving this beautiful local craft.

### **The Mayor on Meath Street**

The Lord Mayor Nial Ring received a true Liberties welcome to Meath Street on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. During his visit, he stopped to chat and pose for photographs with shoppers, walkers and customers in coffee shops. The members of the local Liberties Cultural Association introduced him to the local traders and they in turn presented him with gifts and stories in appreciation of his visit to their proud shopping street.

## **Crumlin Area Office Report**

### **Opening Hours**

We continue to operate our current hours but, as previously advised, the area office has recently lost a number of staff members due to transfers and retirements and this is becoming increasingly challenging.

### **Stannaway Court, Senior Citizens Complex**

Following the completion of the required gas works insulation works have now commenced on block 1 (No.'s 1 -12). It is anticipated that the insulation on this block will be completed by the end of April. Preparatory works has commenced on the remaining blocks. New composite doors have been ordered and should be delivered shortly.

### **St. Agnes Park – Respond VHA**

Final snagging works are continuing on a few units but the majority of the units have now been occupied. It is expected that all units will be occupied by the end of April.

### **Raleigh Square- Tuath Housing Association**

Works are progressing on these units and they are on course for handover at the end of June 2019. Tuath has advised they will be seeking nominations from Housing Allocations for the 33 units (28 x 1 bed, 5 x 2 bed) in early June.

### **Rafters Lane – WALK VHA**

Construction works are well underway on site. Due to the restricted access and confined nature of the site, the contractor has been given permission to bring in deliveries through Lissadel Court on one day a week. Deliveries are only allowed between 12.30pm and 2.30pm on Tuesdays and this arrangement is working well at the moment. The practical completion date for this project has now moved out to the beginning of August.

### **Armagh Road -FOLD VHA**

Construction works are continuing on the site with an expected completion date of Q4, 2019. The complex will provide 97x1 bed Senior Citizens units.

### **Ard Scoil Éanna site**

DCC has recently completed the purchase of the former Massey's funeral home to complete the site footprint. A feasibility study, including a cost benefit analysis, has been submitted to the Department for approval for funding. The feasibility study includes the redevelopment of the Lissadel Road maisonettes. The site will provide Social Housing and a Public Library. Housing Development will arrange a presentation for local Councilors when the project has received stage one approval from the DOEHLG.

### **Brickfield Park Area issues**

The cctv camera, which was maliciously damaged earlier this year, has once again been attacked. The camera has been badly damaged and we are currently reviewing options for sourcing a more vandal proof camera and making it more difficult to access.

The Garda Crime Prevention Officer has submitted a report outlining improvements that can be undertaken in Brickfield Park to address anti-social behavior in this area. We are reviewing the report with a view to implementing its recommendations.

### **Knocknarea Court**

A circular was recently delivered to residents by unknown persons. This circular claimed that the units breached fire safety regulations and were at "a high risk of fire occurring". We have issued letters to residents reassuring them that this is not the case. The units were

completed in December 2017 and were inspected and certified by the Design Team, the Contractor and an independently assigned Certifier as being in compliance with all relevant building regulations.

Dublin City Council is also reviewing recently introduced new regulations to determine if there are any additional items or works which could enhance the safety of recently completed buildings. If we propose to carry out any work in Knocknarea Court we will contact tenants directly.

### **Crumlin Park**

The Crumlin Area Office, Community Section and Public Domain Section have recently organised a number of meetings to try and engage with residents in order to improve the physical environment of the complex. So far, there has been a disappointing response from residents but we will continue to try to get “buy in”.

### **Community Report for Crumlin/Kimmage**

#### **Bru Easter Egg Hunt.**

Dublin City Council Community Team in conjunction with the Bru Youth Service have organised Bru Easter Egg Hunt. This event will take place on Thursday the 18th April 1-2p.m. at Pearse Park, Crumlin (meeting by the playground). The event is for ages 12 years and under and parental supervision is necessary, pre-registration in Bru Youth Service is required.

As this is an outdoor event, it will be weather dependent and young people from the Bru have been involved in the event organisation and delivery.

#### **Downpatrick Clean up Group**

Dublin City Council Community & Social Development Team and the Public Domain Section continue to work with and support the development of the newly formed environmental group in the Downpatrick area.

#### **Official Launch of Mural at The CCMA to celebrate the life of Phil Lynott**

The official launch of a mural dedicated to the late Phil Lynott will be launched on Tuesday the 30th April 2019 at 11a.m, in CCMA, 11 Armagh Road, Crumlin, Dublin 12. Dublin City Council Community Development Team, Crumlin Area Office and South Central Area Public Domain Section, commissioned the mural, which is made with recycled materials.

### **Public Domain Report for Crumlin/Kimmage**

#### **South West Inner Area Report**

The Door-to-Door Waste Enforcement Campaign in Rialto and Donore/Tenters area is so far yielding good results. Approximately 60% of residents have responded so far and are demonstrating compliance. Many households seem confused about what can be recycled. Contamination appears to be a citywide issue. On a positive note, the campaign has opened up a new opportunity for community engagement on sustainable living. Workshops on how to reduce waste and recycle more efficiently in partnership with community groups have been suggested and this is under consideration.

The annual Fatima/Herberton Environmental week, April 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, is underway with support from the Public Domain Section and Housing Department. A full programme of events including planting, clean-ups, and a sustainable living workshop facilitated by freelance Aoife Munn, Master Horticulturist, are planned.

Dublin Community Clean-up Day Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019. To register your group for public liability log on to: <https://dublincommunitycleanupday.ie/> for collection points and clean-up equipment email [southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie)

### **Crumlin Area Report**

Crumlin Park precinct improvements are at an early stage. The wall at the entrance has been repaired and repainted and the estate has been cleaned. Continuing community engagement is vital to decide on future improvements. Graffiti removal has been completed at Poddle Park, Suir Rd., Sundrive Rd., Bunting Park and Ravensdale

## **BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Cherry Orchard**

Landscaping works are continuing on the CHI site in Cherry Orchard. The contractors, MDY, are on site since Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and their work is nearing completion. They expect to have the remaining thirty-six houses ready for occupation by end of April/early May. The issue relating to the street lighting and a connection by the ESB is still outstanding. The Project Manager informed DCC on 10<sup>th</sup> April that the ESB had visited the site but they left without providing power due to a technical issue relating to mini-pillar markings. The ESB are booked to return to the site on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April to complete the connections. Interviews are ongoing with prospective applicants for the remaining 36 properties.

### **Elmdale**

City Architects has informed me that, subject to delivery of parts this week, Phase 1 of the Elmdale development will be ready for letting by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This phase comprises of 19 houses, 11 two-bed units and 8 three-bed units. All other phases will be handed over at intervals of two weeks until all units are ready for letting. All prospective tenants have viewed the units and, upon expressing their interest, letters of offers were issued. This letter helped applicants remain on a rolling tenancy with their respective landlord in cases where they are in private tenancies and facing eviction. If the applicant is not allowed remain in their private tenancy after the eviction date, they are offered alternative housing suitable to their needs in other areas of Ballyfermot. As with the previous Rapid build units in Cherry Orchard, we will set up interviews with MABS, Citizens Information, the Community Welfare Officer and on this occasion we are arranging for a restorative practice development worker to meet with prospective tenants before they sign for their tenancies. We have had expressions of interest from over 300 applicants in the units.

To compensate residents for the loss of their green space for the duration of the works, 120 family day passes along with individual adult and child passes to the Zoo have been purchased and will be distributed by staff in the Equine Centre to families in the Elmdale area. All windows of the existing residents' houses will be cleaned in the estate when all the construction work is completed.

### **Cornamona Court**

Approval has been given by the DOELG to commence work on the Cornamona site. The contract was awarded on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April and it is expected that work will commence on site in May 2019. Contact details for the contractor will be obtained as soon as possible and a working relationship will be established between the Ballyfermot Area office, the contractor and the residents to keep everyone informed of developments on site.

### **Environmental Work**

The stone planter with the name of the estate engraved has been installed at the entrance to Barneville. Additional stone planters have been installed throughout the Ballyfermot area. Quotes have been accepted for the planting of additional trees throughout the Ballyfermot area also and work will commence shortly. Ten Cherry trees have been planted in California Hills

to enhance the Park and two gardens have been planted with spring bedding plants at the entrances. Outstanding works include the crowning of trees. Funding has been secured from the discretionary fund to upgrade two wheelchair accessible gates in the near future to prevent access to the Park by scramblers and horses. This work will be in consultation with the residents. The probation service has been carrying out regular clean ups of the area and Parks have changed the rota of the contractors regarding cutting of the grass.

The provision of skips throughout the area was very successful last year and it is intended to provide some skips in the Raheen/Clifden area in April. Residents will be notified when they are arriving.

### **Chapelizod**

No further update in relation to the proposed housing development at Springvale. Contractors were on site at Liffey Vale to estimate what works are required to relocate the allotments there and a quote for the works is expected over the coming weeks.

### **Business Community**

We are in the process of arranging a meeting with business owners to discuss the impact of the improvements to the streetscape and to work with them with new initiatives. We are hopeful that the row of shops adjacent to the Gala building will be painted soon as the weather improves. This work is being organised by the owners and it is hoped that this will encourage other shop owners to link with us regarding their own shop fronts. Funding has been made available for improvements to the shop fronts in Decies Road and quotes have been sought to carry out this work. It will include gutter cleaning and repair, painting of shop fronts, power-hosing pavements and replacing dead trees.

### **Drimnagh Task Force**

The third meeting of the Drimnagh Task Force was held on 16<sup>th</sup> April. The following objectives were agreed: -

- To bring together voluntary and statutory services to work together to address negative issues affecting the community.
- To identify those young people / families most at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour / criminal justice system and to assist in the development of appropriate targeted services or the enhancement of existing services to support those young people / families to make positive choices.
- To document the expected population changes that will occur in the future and what community / statutory infrastructure should be in place.

The following are a list of participants on the Task Force: -

- Dublin City Council
- An Garda Síochana
- Bosco Youth Centre
- City Of Dublin Youth Service Board
- Health Service Executive
- Tuslá
- Clay Youth Project
- Drimnagh Residents Association
- Drimnagh Residents Community Group

DCC has provided partial funding to the D12 Drugs and Alcohol Task Force for a Strengthening Families Programme in the Drimnagh area.

## **Cherry Orchard Development**

### **UIA (Urban Innovative Actions) European Fund Application**

European Funding applied for in February has been approved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage in the application where Cherry Orchard will be twinned with Northside Partnership regarding social development. The result will be announced later this year.

### **Transport (Buses for Schools)**

Ongoing research is being carried out into the feasibility of running a bus for primary school children based in Cherry Orchard but attending schools in Lower Ballyfermot.

### **Out of Hours Grants**

€50,000 was awarded from the Cherry Orchard Development Fund to the following organisations for out of hour services ie. (ensuring services occur after 5.00pm during weekdays and through the weekends): -

Ballyfermot Star €11,824

Cherry Orchard Running Club €8,204

COIYS €13,768

WHAD €4,000

Elite Twirling Academy €1,000

BYS €11,204

### **Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan (Pending)**

The Cherry Orchard Development Group (CODG) is keen to see community services progressed in the area. The Group consists of representatives from the following:

- CEO Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership
- Principal Social Worker for Prevention Partnership & Family Support
- Community Rep/Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership
- City of Dublin Education and Training Board
- Social Enterprise Innovator Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership
- Principal St. Ultan's & Primary Schools Rep
- Parkwest Business Manager
- St. John's College Ballyfermot
- An Garda Síochána Ballyfermot
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- Dublin City Council

## **Community Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh**

### **Community Environmental Projects - Team Dublin Clean Up**

The Community Development Team is supporting the Ballyfermot Environmental Project to organise a major clean up on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30, assembling at the Civic Centre.

The Orchard Centre will be organising a similar Clean Up on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tidy Drimnagh, Walkinstown Residents Association, Bluebell Environmental Group, Bluebell Community Angling Club, Inchicore Environmental Group, Inchicore Works Residents Association are also holding Community Clean-Ups in multiple areas on April 27<sup>th</sup> along the Canal. Chapelizod Tidy Towns and Inchicore Environmental Groups Clean Up along the Liffey on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Community Plant Sales

Community Plant Sales will take Place during the month of May in the following locations:

Date	Locations	Time
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady' Hall, Drimnagh Bunting Road Depot, Walkinstown. St Laurence's Grove, Chapelizod.	10:00am 6:30pm 6:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Ballyfermot Civic Centre The Orchard Centre Ballyfermot Library Markievicz Centre	All start at 6:00pm

The City Council will provide bedding plants and planters for Residents Associations in Islandbridge, Bluebell, Kilmainham, Inchicore, Drimnagh and Chapelizod. Plants will also be provided for sheltered Housing complexes to encourage the residents to tidy up the open spaces in advance of the City Neighborhoods Competition.

### Drumfinn Park Project

The City Council has worked with participants from Ballyfermot Star on a weekly basis to carry out improvements to Drumfinn Park. This initiative was very successful and provided very positive engagement with the young people. The next stage of the project is to establish a friend's of the park group that will continue this good work.

### Environmental Talks

Fiann O'Nuallain, the Holistic Gardener, will present an environmental talk in Walkinstown Library on Monday the April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The title of the talk is "A Heathier Garden". Willie Brennan, Community Gardener will present a talk on Summer Gardens in the Bluebell Youth & Community Centre on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

### Community Participation - Cruinniú 2019:

The Community Development Team is working with the Arts Office and Youth Organisations in Ballyfermot to organise the 2019 Cruinniú Event, titled Unsung Youth, which will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> in Le Fanu Park. Music and production workshops are being held weekly in Familibase with young people from Kylemore Music School, BYS and a local Dance Troop.

### Summer Festivals

City Council staff are supporting the following Festival Committees:

Ballyfermot Festival which will take place from June 30<sup>th</sup> until July 15<sup>th</sup>

Chapelizod Festival which will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup>

The Drimnagh Festival which will be held on from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of July

The Cherry Orchard Fair which will be held on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>

The Area Office and Discretionary Funds will provide financial assistance for the events.

### Drimnagh Historical Group

The Drimnagh Historical group was set up by the City Council in February. The group has formed a committee and has started researching local history. The group have identified a project that they would like to work which involves installing a history trail through Brickfield Park.

### Social Inclusion - Dublin City Community Weekend:

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Mr Michael Ring, TD, has launched the first National Community Weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

The weekend is a celebration of the great spirit of community that exists across the country and an effort to help people to come together, get to know each other and deepen the sense

of community in their area. Local residents associations or groups are being encouraged to share a picnic, hold a sports day or neighbourhood walk or even a local talent show. Events should take place over the May Bank Holiday weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Funding has been allocated to the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee for the awarding of small grants (up to a maximum of €200 per event) to support local events. Events are being planned in Walkinstown and Cherry Orchard.

### **Summer Projects**

Dublin City Council funding for non-voluntary summer projects is now available. For application forms email [community@dublincity.ie](mailto:community@dublincity.ie) or phone 2222192.

The closing date for completed applications is April 26<sup>th</sup>. Forms to be returned to Dublin City Council, Community and Social Development, Block 1, Floor 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay. Dublin 8.

### **Mental Health Green Ribbon Month**

To promote positive Mental Health and Wellbeing the Community Development team are collaborating with a number of community groups to organise events throughout the month of May. A Health and Wellbeing Day will be held in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> which will provide an opportunity for local groups to promote their programmes and raise awareness of Mental Health.

### **Senior Citizen Common Rooms**

The Common Rooms in, Father Lemass Court, Rossaveal Court, Riverview Court, Claddagh Court and La Touche Court are being renovated. Small repairs, painting and new equipment where necessary has been purchased.

### **Mercy Secondary School Transition Year Students Social Innovators Award**

The community development team and Parks supported the students to create a Zen Zone in the school grounds. The Zen Zone will be a space for students to sit, meditate and focus on their Health and Wellbeing.

### **Public Domain Report for Ballyfermot/Drimnagh**

The waste enforcement programme will be expanded next month to include littering hot spots in Ballyfermot /Drimnagh Area. Householders will receive a survey form requiring them to advise Dublin City Council as to how they dispose of their waste. Public Domain will continue to look at areas where illegal dumping is a regular feature ie. Lissadel/Rafter's area Cherry Orchard Crescent, Barneville/Cedarbrook area and Cole Park-rear shops – continuous burning of household waste. Street furniture renewal will recommence in the Cherry Orchard /Cedarbrook area. Graffiti removal has been completed in shopping precincts at Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Drimnagh and adjacent to Luas and Rail Bridges

### **Kilmainham Inchicore Network**

The Sustainable Gardening Workshop in Bulfin Court, Inchicore is a roaring success. The course aims to deliver practical know how and top tips in biodiversity, gardening, and pollinator planning for community groups and projects. Groups participating : Tidy Drimnagh, Crumlin/Walkinstown Forum, Blarney /Pearse/Grattan Park, Braithwaite St. allotments, Bluebell/Rialto/Inchicore Environmental Groups, CIE Works, Sundrive Rd., Iveagh Gardens, Michael Mallin Resident Groups. The first module was featured on the Six One News on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March during National Tree Planting Week. The 5-part plan over a 10-week period promotes networking and encourages groups to share resources. There is currently a waiting list for the next workshop in late summer/early autumn. The workshop is one of a number of environmental/sustainable projects facilitated by Master Horticulturist, Aoife Munn, on behalf of Public Domain.

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## DRAMA-MOVEMENT WORKSHOPS FOR MEN AGED 50+

- Get active
- Chat, share and connect
- Drop in and give it a go!

NO DRAMA/MOVEMENT EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - ALL WELCOME

Imaginative and provocative, THE DOOR embraces this year's Bealtaine Festival theme of *hospitality and what it means as we age*.

Open the door and come on in! Take part in drama and movement exercise, get physical and keep active! Exchange stories, create different dramatic scenes and explore ideas in text, voice and movement.

**DRAMA-MOVEMENT WORKSHOPS** | MON 29 APRIL, THURS 9 MAY, MON 13 MAY, MON 20 MAY  
**TIME** | 11:00AM-12.30PM **WHERE** | F2 FATIMA CENTRE, 3 REUBEN PLAZA, RIALTO, DUBLIN 8  
**END EVENT** | SUN 26 MAY 2019 | 2:00-4:30PM | THE PILLAR ROOM, ROTUNDA HOSPITAL, DUBLIN 1  
**ADMISSION FREE** | NO BOOKING NECESSARY



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