

**The Chairperson and Members
Dublin City Council**

Richmond Barracks Report

In January 2020, Dublin City Council will transfer the management and operation of Richmond Barracks in Inchicore to Dublin City Council Culture Company. Richmond Barracks will remain an important centre for the local community and alongside the existing historical tours and talks, it will offer longer opening hours, a makerspace and a self-service library (and temporarily re-home the Inchicore Library when it closes for refurbishment). A new programme called Culture Connects will also run from the centre offering new opportunities to participate in cultural activities for people of all ages.

Dublin City Council Culture Company will run Richmond Barracks in the spirit of its other cultural programmes, guided by the values of participation, partnership, relevance, capacity-building and quality in the area of culture, creativity, history and wellbeing.

Combining the building's infrastructure and heritage, and with the Company's expertise in community cultural activation and participation, it will aim to support and to increase local engagement and continue to energise the significance of the site in the local area.

Dublin City Council Culture Company is excited to work with the local community to contribute to the cultural story of Richmond Barracks and the surrounding area.

Richmond Barracks was one of the state's nine 2016 permanent reminder projects, it was redeveloped by Dublin City Council as part of the Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme and officially opened in May 2016 as an interactive multimedia tourist attraction which traced the story of the site. This unique site has been part of the Inchicore community live for over two hundred years and has a huge significance in Ireland's national history.

Dublin City Council Culture Company was established in March 2018. It is wholly owned by Dublin City Council and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, governed by a Board of Directors. It runs cultural initiatives and buildings across the city with, and for the people of Dublin and also runs 14 Henrietta Street since it opened to the public just over a year ago.

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