

**To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee**

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**Report of the Director of Services, South City**

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**Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements**

**Grand Canal Sub Group**

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019. A letter was sent to Waterways Ireland (WI) on 12<sup>th</sup> September on foot of a motion from South East Area Committee seeking a meeting to propose a new format for interaction with Dublin City Council (DCC). Reply was received on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 from John McDonough, Acting Chief Executive. A further motion was brought before the November South East Area Committee. A meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> January with John McKeown, Eastern Regional Office, and other Waterways Ireland representatives and Councillors to discuss ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for interaction between Waterways Ireland and DCC. The minutes of this meeting have been circulated. It was agreed to have quarterly meetings on an ongoing basis and details of next meeting will be circulated in due course.

**Portobello Harbour Square**

An initial meeting was held with City Architects Department on 17<sup>th</sup> October to examine an outline brief for the proposed redesign of Portobello Harbour square, bearing in mind the new hotel development on the site which has recently commenced. Contact has been made with architects for the developer and works to develop the hotel will run from Feb 2020 to Aug 2021. In the meantime various small scale improvements will be introduced to improve the public realm in conjunction with the City Architects Section.

**Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)**

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase 2020

The Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved by the South East Area Committee in January 2015. One of the main objectives that emerged during the formation of the plan was the redevelopment of Herzog Park. The South East Area Office undertook local consultation and worked with Redscape and Park Services to create a plan which was brought to Part 8 and approved at the January 2017 meeting of the City Council.

**Phase 1:** Consultation was carried out during 2017 with three local primary schools in relation to providing a nature play area in the woodland area. The Nature Play Area was completed in summer 2018 and officially opened by the Lord Mayor on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**Phase 2:** Works to construct the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the bowling green were completed in 2018. Some associated planting was carried out by Parks Services. Works to re-align the bring centre were carried out by Waste Management Section and were completed in 2019.

**Phase 3:** The final phase of the works planned for 2020 include the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. Boundary treatment and further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to finish the project. Roads Construction Section has agreed to put the complete works (park and car park) out to tender through the Roads Framework and this would mean we would be able to complete the project in 2020, subject to finance. The South East Area Office will provide €100k from Discretionary Funds 2019, which will cover the bulk of the costs in relation to the revised car park area including resurfacing. In order to be able to complete the project in 2020 a further €135k is still required in order to ensure that the park is finished to a high standard.

The project to date has been very successful and has the support of local councillors, residents, businesses and schools.

### **Ranelagh Gardens Park**

The installation of new park benches has now been completed. Works to light / enhance the main entrance archway will be considered for 2020 subject to funding.

### **Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)**

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. It is proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

**Library Square:** (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and have been reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and further meetings will be required with key departments before design can be finalised. Following that Councillors will be briefed and a second public information meeting will be held before commencing Part 8 process.

**Cambridge Road:** (Redscape Architects) An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC. Meetings with internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop/meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Further information is required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal. Further discussions have recently taken place with Road Design & Construction, E & T Department, and they have confirmed that will take on the completion of the Cambridge Road project to Part 8 during the first half of 2020.

### **Rosary Hall.**

It is necessary to carry out remedial works for the recently acquired premises at Rosary Hall. Consultant Architects have been engaged to determine and co-ordinate the full extent of works required on site. A drone & topographical survey have been concluded.

An onsite meeting took place on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 between Consultant Architect, DCC Architect and Area Manager and the lease is being progressed by our Valuers Section. It is anticipated that works could cost in the region of €200,000 including mechanical & electrical works, fire safety works, some remedial works and lift replacement.

The consultant has been asked to produce more specific breakdown of anticipated costs by mid- February and a more detailed report will be issued to the Area Committee in March outlining the anticipated expenditure required and potential timeframe for the works.

### **Pearse Memorial Park Crèche**

The crèche extension will be financed by the Crumlin Childcare Crèche. However, DCC has agreed to project manage the construction works in conjunction with consultant architects.

The build element after tendering will cost in the region of €305k, and the crèche has been asked to supply the necessary documentation to ensure the relevant funds are in place. A commencement date cannot be scheduled till the necessary financial data has been submitted. A meeting is scheduled for Feb 4<sup>th</sup> between the Crèche Manager and the Area Manager

The crèche has reserve funding itself, a 50k grant from Pobal, and €25k from discretionary funding and have sought a loan from Clan Credo of €125k which has now been approved and signed off by their Board of Management on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The works have been tendered by our Parks & Landscape Services Division and will be project managed by the section. A separate hurling wall project has been tendered by Parks & Landscape Services Division and will be paid for by DCC.

A further licence extension of another five years (ten years in total) was agreed at the December South East Area Committee meeting and was also agreed at the January City Council Meeting.

### **Rutland Grove**

A meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> January with Traffic Engineers, Les Moore from Parks, the Area Manager and staff and Cllr. Pat Dunne. It was agreed at the meeting that Traffic Section would look again at the feasibility of putting dedicated parking as per Part 8. If it is possible to implement, the design would need to progressed and costed. Parks are prepared to look at enhancements also at the entrance and the chair of the residents' association will provide ideas in relation to this. It was also agreed that further signage to discourage parking will be erected and the South East Area Office will liaise with Gardaí in relation to the possible use of cones.

### **Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross**

The inaugural meeting of the Age Friendly Committee took place on January 28<sup>th</sup> and was well attended. A draft report was submitted by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in conjunction with Rob Chester, Area Community Officer and it was agreed to progress a number of these proposals, funding permitting. In tandem it is proposed to hold a workshop to further engage with the residents and ensure particularly any elderly resident who was not consulted has an opportunity to contribute to the process and feel included. A further meeting has been arranged for the committee for March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Health Services Executive (HSE) and the local Gardaí have also confirmed they will be attending meetings and it is hoped to include other relevant members also on the committee. It was agreed that the Area Manager will chair the meetings. The issue of dedicated funding will be discussed with councillors at the Discretionary Fund meeting in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that the Harold's Cross 'Age Friendly' Village Implementation Team will operate for a period of not less than twelve and not more than thirty months. The team may be formed of local residents, a designated member of the Harold's Cross Village Council, local public representatives, an official of the HSE, Gardaí and members of DCC including the Age Friendly Programme Manager, the Area Community Officer and Area Manager for the Kimmage – Rathmines Local Electoral Area (LEA). The Implementation team will decide on policies and procedures for all aspects of delivery of the plan and will meet no fewer than six times per year. The team will be free to invite specialised assistance as required to join the group on an 'ad hoc' basis where this is necessary to deliver aspects of the plan or other agreed initiatives.

### **Grove Road CCTV**

Due to the requirement to install an aerial on the Garda Mast in Crumlin Garda Station to allow transmission of images from Grove Road, there has been a delay in getting the CCTV system up and running. Because of the sensitive nature and potential security issues of accessing Garda Communications equipment, permission had to be sought from a number of bodies and security clearance received for all contractors working on site. This was a time consuming process but all required vetting for our CCTV contractor has now been completed and we have received all necessary permissions from An Garda Síochána, the OPW and the company who manage and maintain the mast to erect our aerial on the mast. Following an onsite meeting with Area Housing Staff, An Garda Síochána telecoms staff, the OPW and the CCTV contractor on 20 January, we are progressing towards full completion and commissioning of the CCTV system. A power supply is required for the aerial and our CCTV contractor had intended to install the power supply himself but the OPW want their own contractors to do this work. They have agreed to install a power supply for the aerial within two weeks of the meeting and our contractor will then complete cabling works and install the aerial as soon as this has been completed.

### **Armagh Road Senior Citizens' complex (FOLD VHA)**

Following a number of missed handover dates for the first 16 units FOLD are still awaiting final confirmation of a handover date from the contractor. In the meantime selection of nominations for the next two blocks have been completed and FOLD are now in the process of interviewing these nominees. These blocks will provide another 33 one bed Senior Citizens units.

### **Raleigh Square Senior Citizens' Complex (Tuath VHA)**

There is a further delay with works and it is now likely the 33 units will not be ready for occupation before March. A significant amount of the delay has been caused by a delay in getting the Eir cables live and this holding up the commissioning of the fire alarm system and the lifts.

### **Rafters Lane Senior Citizens' Complex (Circle VHA)**

The complex has now been completed and all general housing needs units are fully allocated. The complex will now be managed by Circle. Fobs for the gate onto Rafters Lane have now been distributed to the residents of Lissadel Court.

### **Mount Argus**

DCC's City Architects Department have completed inspections of the 13 Social Housing units and it is expected they will be handed over in early February, provided no issues arise as a result of City Architects report. The units will be managed by the Iveagh Trust.

The units will provide of 4 x 1 beds, 8 x 2 beds and 1 x 3 beds.

### **St. Pancras, Mount Tallant**

3 x 1 bed units and 4 x 2 bed units will be acquired in this new development and handover is expected by the end of Q1, 2020. These units are likely to be managed directly by DCC rather than an Approved Housing Body.

### **Sundrive Mews. (Cluid VHA)**

Cluid VHA have acquired 9 newly built units at Sundrive Mews, off Sundrive Road. There are 3 x 3 storey duplexes (comprising 3 x 2 bed apartments and 3 x 1 bed ground floor apartments) and 3 x 2 bed townhouses. The units have now all been allocated.

### **Stannaway Court**

The insulation and upgrading works have now been completed. The complex is currently being painted. Housing Maintenance are proactively working on a number of void properties. Refurbishment works were completed on 3 units in December and a further 3 were completed

in January.2 of these units have been let and we expect to let the other 4 units by the end of January.

### **Cabbage Patch**

We have held our first meeting with a specialist pitch company advising us on the refurbishment of the pitch at the Cabbage Patch and to hope to progress this over the next few months.

A public meeting regarding the Cabbage Patch took place on Wednesday evening 5<sup>th</sup> February to outline our plans for 2020.

### **Peters Place**

We plan to complete minor improvement works to the rear of Peters place in an effort to deter anti-social behaviour at this location.

### **Markievicz House**

Works are progressing and regular meetings are being held with residents.

### **St. Andrew's Court 1 – 16 - Demolition and Rebuild**

Relocation of residents continues.

### **Community Development**

#### **Kimmage – Rathmines LEA**

The first meeting of the Age Friendly Village Harold's Cross Project took place on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. A terms of reference for the Implementation Team was agreed and initial projects for input by the Community Team were identified from the Draft Plan.

The Community Team Plan for 2020 is at an advanced stage of development. However, the precise details cannot be specified until the budget for the South East Area is agreed.

The allotment holders in Blarney Park have been contacted with a view to renewing their licences, currently there are no indications that there will be free spaces available this year.

### **Events**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of January at 8PM, St. Martin's Resident Association AGM

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 8.30AM, Combined Men's' Shed Trip to Templemore Garda Training College with groups from Terenure, Rathmines and Templeogue

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 8.00PM, meeting of Blarney Park Allotment Holders, Clogher Road Centre

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of February at 10.30AM, Parent and Toddler Group Family Event, The Evergreen Club, Terenure

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of February at 2.00PM, Terenure Valentine Tea Dance, The Evergreen Club, Terenure

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of February at 4PM, Crumlin Walkinstown Forum AGM, Father Kitt Court, Crumlin

- Crumlin Clean Up Group continue their weekly clean-up project every Saturday at 11AM, a different site is chosen each week for attention
- Preliminary discussions are taking place with the Crumlin Historical Society on developing a Crumlin Village Walking Trail and Map as per other villages in the South East Area
- Given the recent interest in the flood relief scheme on the Poddle River, we are proposing a historical talk on the development of the river and environs for local residents and interested parties, details will be available next month.

### **Weekly Activities:**

- Every Monday from 11am-1.30pm – **Verschoyle Pottery Club** at Verschoyle Court Community Room
- Every Monday from 2-4.30pm – **Verschoyle Art Group** at Verschoyle Court Community Room
- Every Monday from 2-4pm – **Rathmines Art Group** at Maxwell Court Community Room
- Every Tuesday at 11am – **Dance for Life** dance classes for older people at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure
- Every Tuesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street
- Every Wednesday from 11.30am-12.30pm – **Chair Yoga** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
- Every Wednesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in Spanish** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street
- Every Thursday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure
- Every Thursday at 12pm - **Autism Support Group Event** at the Hope Centre
- Every Thursday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at Sandymount Green
- Every Thursday from 3-5pm – **Knitting Circle** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
- Every Friday at 11am – **Let's Walk & Talk as Gaeilge** walking group, meeting at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar
- Every Friday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in French** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street
- Every Saturday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure
- Every Saturday at 11am – **Crumlin Clean Up Group** at different locations every week
- Every Saturday from 11-4pm – **Bushy Park Market** (restarts 7<sup>th</sup> March)
- Every Saturday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at the car park of the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown

**SEA Community Grant Scheme** (Total Budget €70k) - Applications have been assessed and forwarded to the Community Development Administration Section. Recommendations to be presented to DCC for approval

Licences for **Allotments** at Herbert Park and Ringsend Park being issued in February

**Village Planter Projects** and 20+ **Friends of Green Spaces Projects** ongoing  
Preliminary discussions are taking place with the Crumlin Historical Society to develop a Crumlin Village Walking Trail Map & Guide as per other villages in the South East Area  
**Vibrant Villages Maps & Guides** produced to date as follows: Sandymount, Ballsbridge, Donnybrook, Ranelagh, Rathmines, Rathgar, Terenure, Harold's Cross and Portobello

A meeting of all **Let's Walk & Talk** Walk Leaders is to take place in February

**Many thanks to all volunteers and those involved in the above for their commitment and efforts.**

#### **Waste Management / Environmental Services**

St Margaret's Avenue Sandymount comprehensive cleaning January 2020  
Edenvale Road / Albany Road comprehensive cleansing January 2020  
Bloomfield Avenue Upper and Lower comprehensive cleaning January 2020

#### **Graffiti/Stickers**

Trial of anti-sticker paint on sample poles in Exchequer Street, Wicklow Street & Wellington Quay.

#### **Abandoned Bike Removal**

2020 tagging has commenced.

#### **Weed Control**

Closing date for submission of tenders is 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

#### **Traffic cone removal**

Operation to remove traffic cones is scheduled for the end of February 2020.

**SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE  
DUBLIN CITY SPORT & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2020**

➤ **THE LORD MAYOR'S 5-ALIVE CHALLENGE 2020**

The Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge continues for 2020! The 5-Alive Challenge encourages people to make a commitment to improve their health and fitness by taking part in some of the great road races held around Dublin.

Every year the challenge aims to inspire people to take up regular exercise and find the encouragement to stick to what may be a New Year's Resolution through to the end of the last race in March and beyond.

Over 450 participants have signed up for 2020 and are supported by our wonderful team of mentors who had completed the challenge in previous years. The mentors run every race alongside the participants pacing and encourage those who are struggling giving the 5Alive experience a unique feeling of camaraderie.

In previous years we've found that participants have gone on to join local Athletics Clubs and have continued with a regular active and healthy regime.

*"I am a beginner runner and am looking forward to taking on this challenge and improve my physical fitness with other 5 Alivers. I really believe in the benefits of regular exercise on both my physical and mental health. So many people have told me how previous 5 Alive Challenges kick started them to take up a regime of regular exercise and the difference it has made to their lives.*

**Paul McAuliffe, Lord Mayor of Dublin**

The remaining races which form the Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge 2020 are:

<b>5 Alive 2020</b>	<b>RACES</b>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Garda / BHAA 2 Mile & 4 Mile Cross Country Race. 11am and 11.30am in the Phoenix Park
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Metro St. Brigid's St. Patrick's Festival 5k. 12pm in the City Centre. Start on St. Stephen's Green
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	DCC / BHAA 4 Mile Road Race. 11am in St. Anne's Park, Raheny

➤ **CHANGE FOR LIFE 2020**

Change for Life is an 8 week programme that aims to improve the health of local communities through a partnership approach designed to support people to become more physically active on a regular basis and adopt a healthier diet. The programme runs in tandem with the RTE Operation Transformation TV show starting in January and concluding in March.

The programme was first developed in 2013 when a partnership was developed between Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, Fatima Groups United, Health Promotion & Improvement, HSE Dublin Mid-Leinster and Dolphin Health Project. This partnership identified a need to tackle the issues of obesity and low physical activity levels in a new and innovative way

While weight loss has always been considered an important aspect of the programme Change for Life also aims to address other health indicators that could be improved through participation such as aerobic fitness, body fat percentage and blood pressure. Improving the psychological well-being of participants was also considered an important outcome of the programme. Following planning and consultation meetings between the partners it was decided to run a diverse health & fitness programme aimed at having a positive impact on the overall health and wellbeing of the participants.



The programme commenced in early provide fitness assessments, a 5K timed walk (repeated at week 8) and nutritional/dietary advice across 24 locations in the city. Independent nutritionists will also deliver a series of talks on healthy eating habits and dietary information such as portion size and calorie counting. Weekly weigh-ins to assess progress will also be provided. In 2019 the programme extended its reach when for the first time children and minority groups were invited to take part. The programme continues to grow this year with the inclusion of a DCC staff Change for Life initiative.

The following 2020 Change for Life programmes are ongoing in the South East Area;

- **Programme:** Change For Life Harold's Cross  
**Dates/Times:** 13<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> March (Mondays) 8.30am  
**Location:** Harold's Cross National School  
**Partners:** Home School Liaison
- **Programme:** Change For Life Terenure  
**Dates/Times:** 13<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> March (Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays) 6.30pm  
**Location:** Evergreen Centre Terenure
- **Programme:** Change For Life Charlemont Street  
**Dates/Times:** 13<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> March (Tuesdays/Thursdays) 7pm  
**Location:** Charlemont Street Centre

#### **1. DCSWP HIGHLIGHT CORE PROGRAMMES FEBRUARY 2020**

Below are details of highlight core programmes during the next period. For full details please contact Dee O'Boyle in the DCSWP office at 222 5433/sports@dublincity.ie

#### **COUCH TO PARKRUN (CORE) Underactive Adults**

The January Couch to parkrun programme continues over the period and takes place on the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital;

- **Programme:** Couch to Parkrun St. Vincent's Hospital (Targeted at St. Vincent's Hospital)  
**Dates/Times:** Tuesdays 5.30 – 6.30pm

#### **FOREVER FIT (CORE) Older Adults**

The Forever Fit programme is aimed at older adults and focuses on activities to improve balance, increase mobility, strength, co-ordination and prevent falls.

- Details of Forever Fit programmes running in the South East Area during the next period are outlined below.
- **Programme:** Chair Fit, Mount Drummond  
**Dates/Times:** Mondays 7pm – 8pm  
**Location:** Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex, Harold's Cross  
**Participants:** Older Adults –55+ years
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga Beech Hill  
**Dates/Times:** Wednesdays 11.30am – 12pm  
**Location:** Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook  
**Participants:** Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Dance For Life  
**Dates/Times:** Tuesdays 11am – 12pm  
**Location:** Evergreen Centre, Terenure  
**Participants:** Mixed Older Adults 55+ years

- **Programme:** Iris Charles Group  
**Dates/Times:** Tuesdays 11.45am – 12.25pm  
**Location:** Iris Charles Centre, Sandymount  
**Participants:** Mixed Older Adults 55+ years

### **GET DUBLIN WAKING Underactive Adults**

DCSWP Sport Officers, in partnership with the HSE and DCC Community Section deliver a number of walking groups programmes across the city under the banner of 'Get Dublin Walking'. In the South East Area the following Hill Walking programme encourages underactive adults in the area to get fit and healthy in the great outdoors;

- **Programme:** Hill Walking  
**Dates/Times:** Thursdays 11am  
**Location:** Various Locations  
**Participants:** Mixed Older Adults 18+ years  
**Partners:** Spellman Centre/Ballyfermot Adventure Centre

### **GO FOR LIFE Older Adults**

The Go for Life Games involve three sports that can be played in singles, pairs and teams:

- *Lobbers - adaption of Petanque and Boules*
- *Flisk - adaption of Frisbee and Horseshoe Pitching*
- *Scidil - adaption of Ten-Pin Bowling and Skittles*
- **Programme:** Rathmines Men's Shed Go For Life  
**Dates/Times:** Mondays 8pm  
**Location:** Trinity Church Hall, Rathmines  
**Participants:** Male Adults

### **YOUTH FIT Youths at Risk**

Youth Fit programmes focus on providing viable sporting outlets for young people in the South East area. The following Youth Fit rugby programme is ongoing over the next period;

- **Programme:** St. Patrick's Tag Rugby  
**Dates/Times:** Wednesdays (After-School Programme)  
**Location:** St. Patrick's BNS  
**Participants:** Males Under 12

## **2. GENERAL PROGRAMMES FEBRUARY 2020**

- **Programme:** Men on the Move  
**Dates/Times:** Tuesdays/Thursdays 7-8pm  
**Location:** St. Joseph's Hall, Terenure (Tuesdays) Evergreen Centre, Terenure (Thursdays)  
**Participants:** Male. All ages.  
**Partners:** HSE Health Promotion Officer
- **Programme:** After-school programme  
**Dates/Times:** Wednesdays 5-6pm  
**Location:** Charlemont Street Community Centre  
**Participants:** Mixed Primary School Children

## **3. CO-FUNDED DCSWP PROGRAMMES FEBRUARY 2020**

### **BOXING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE**

The **Startbox** Initiative, a partnership between the IABA and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership will be recommencing during the school year. The programme is an ideal way for young people (10 – 17 years) to first engage with amateur boxing, Ireland's most successful

Olympic sport. It is delivered by our 5 dedicated IABA/DCSWP Development Officers via local schools (primary & TY level) in communities across the Dublin City area. Approximately 2,000 young people take part each year in the programme.

The programme is structured into Bronze (non-contact), Silver and Gold phases. The first phase focuses on general strength & fitness, method and technique. The Silver Programme consists of higher intensity sessions & limited contact and the Gold phase takes it on to another level again.

The Boxing Development Officer continues to deliver the Startbox programmes in the South East Area over the next period.

### **CRICKET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE**

- The Cricket Development Officer will be liaising with local officers to deliver Schoolyard Cricket Sessions in January in the following schools in the area;
- Schoolyard Cricket Sessions continue in Start of The Sea, Sandymount every Wednesday from 10.30am – 12.30pm (males) and St. Matthews National School every Wednesday from 1pm – 2.30pm (mixed).

### **FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE**

- Football Programmes continue to target schools in the South East Area. Over the next period programmes will be delivered in St. Patrick's Boys National School, Ringsend.
- Other initiatives in the area include Glow Football sessions, Child Welfare Courses, Men's Social Leagues and Late Night Leagues.

### **FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT)**

- Loreto College Crumlin Football sessions will take place every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm starting at the end of February.
- The Football Female Leader programme aimed at females ages 18+ will take place at 10.00am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in Abbotstown.
- The Dublin City Spar Women's Football 5's Finals are scheduled to take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am in Irishtown Stadium.

### **RUGBY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE**

- For details of rugby in December/January programmes in the South East Area please the officer as per details below.

### **CITYWIDE EVENTS**

- The Operation Transformation Run will take place in the Phoenix Park on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- Citywide primary school cross country events will take place in March across the city in partnership with Athletics Ireland and local clubs.
- The girls' secondary school citywide rugby blitz will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February in partnership with Leinster Rugby. Location TBC.

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