

## Community Development Area Committee Report

September 2020

### **The Dublin Concert Band's World Tour of the North Inner City**

The Dublin Concert Band toured the North Inner city during July and August with a series of ten concerts in various housing complexes in the area. Unfortunately, the final four concerts have been postponed until the end of September due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Pictured opposite are performances at Aughrim Court, Portland Square Park and Liberty House.

The programme also visited Killarney Court, Fitzgibbon Street and Queen Street Flats.



## Community Planting Programme

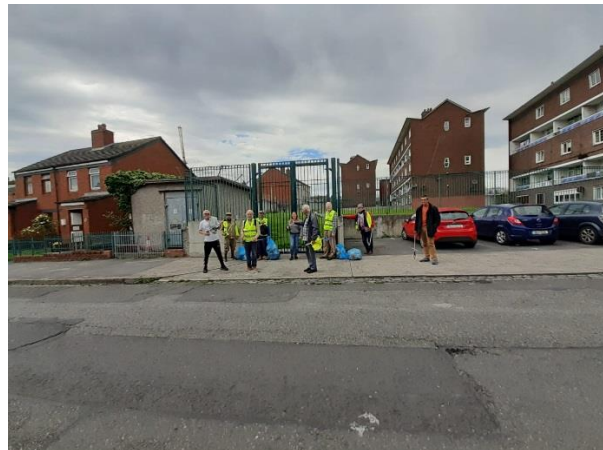
The Area Office is supporting a number of major community gardening projects including Henrietta House, Drumalee Estate, Kiln & Forge and St Georges Place.

Pictured here is the St George's Place project. The residents arranged for the delivery and installation of 17 tons of top soil to complete the latest upgrade of the grounds of their complex.



## Men's Sheds

The Area Office supported a clean-up of the Charleville Mall area of the canal and surrounding street by the Portland Row Men's Shed. Community staff are maintaining regular contact with Men's Sheds throughout the Central Area.



## Hardwicke Street.

A new community group has been set up for the Hardwicke Street Complex. The group are developing activities for all age groups.

Pictured here are a group of children that took part in a clean-up of their estate on the 14th August.





## Community Sports Day

A Community Sports Day was held at the park off Portland Square on the 4th August. Over 50 children from around the area took part in a range of activities including sack racing, egg and spoon, basketball shots etc.

This event was the curtain raiser for the Portland Place and District Summer Project.



## Music for Cocooning

This programme took place over a 14 week period including the height of the lockdown and brought musicians to up to nine Sheltered Housing Complex's throughout the area each week.

Pictured opposite is the final gig in the series at Stanhope Green in Stoneybatter.



## Mud Island Trad Fest

The Mud Island Garden group are promoting a series of events funded by the Area Office and the NEIC Initiative.

The event was a traditional Irish music concert featuring musicians John Flynn of Skippers Alley and the Kennedy sisters, regular players at the Cobblestone at Smithfield. This event took place on the 9th of August with a restricted live audience and reached an online audience of 800.



## **Summer Projects**

The Area Office supported Summer Projects at four locations; Portland Place, Dominick Street, St Michan's House and Ballybough. The projects provided activities for over 400 children during the month of August.

Pictured opposite are activities at St Michan's House Summer Project.



## **Dorset Street Planters**

The planters on Dorset Street received a much needed make over following the lockdown. A new contract is in place with the local business association, Dhublinn, and is proving successful.

New winter planting has been added, box hedging trimmed and a watering regime is now in place.



## **Kayaking Programme**

The City Kayaking Programme was organised by the Area Office and the NEIC Programme Office. The event took part on the River Liffey and gave the participants the opportunity to travel upstream under O'Connell Street Bridge.

Over 400 individual children from the North Inner City took part in this programme during the months of June, July and August.



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