

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

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

Report of the Director of Services, South City

Grand Canal Sub Group

A meeting was held on 16th January with 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. A further meeting was held on 20th February 2020 with Waterways Ireland Management to agree the structure of meetings going forward. The first quarterly meeting was delayed due to the current crisis but was held on 14th October 2020 via Microsoft Teams. Minutes have now been issued and next meeting is due to be held in January 2021.

Portobello Harbour Square

An initial meeting was held with City Architects Department on 17th October 2019 to examine an outline brief for the proposed redesign of Portobello Harbour Square, bearing in mind the proposed hotel development on the site. A meeting was held on site with hotel developer's architects, John Fleming and Associates, on 12th March 2020 and a further meeting took place with the developer in July 2020 to discuss site area and future plans for the redesign of the public square. The developer has notified us of delays to the project with commencement of works likely to be delayed until early 2021 at least. In the meantime, we are engaging with City Architects Department to make a plan for public engagement in relation to the redesign of the square. Consultation is planned to commence in January 2021. We are investigating the creation of an appropriate mural on the site hoarding there.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase

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. 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. It is proposed that the tender for the car park works will issue in early 2021. Boundary treatment and further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to finish the project in 2021.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

Works to light / enhance the main entrance archway will be carried out in 2020. A contractor has been appointed and the specification is being agreed with Public Lighting Section. Renewal of display boards at entrances to the park may be considered for 2021, subject to finance.

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. Following that, it was 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 were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28th November 2019 and further meetings were required with key departments before design could be finalised. We have decided not to circulate a Pre Part 8 report to internal departments at this time as it has become apparent that we are still some way short of satisfying internal departments, e.g. Roads and Traffic has highlighted the need for a Road Safety Audit to be carried out. We are currently engaging with Roads Design and Construction Section to see if they will oversee completion of project to Part 8 stage. When all issues have been resolved satisfactorily, Councillors will be briefed before commencing formal Part 8 process.

Cambridge Road: An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC. Meetings with Redscape Architects and 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 28th November 2018. Pre Part 8 report and drawings issued in December 2018 did not meet the requirements of E & T Department, however. Further information was required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal in particular. In 2019 Road Design & Construction Section, E & T Department, agreed to take on the completion of the project.

Detailed meetings are ongoing with between Roads Design & Construction and other internal departments with a view to agreeing an overall design before commencing Part 8 planning process. Parks Services Department has requested that a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey be carried out prior to Part 8 to identify location of underground services and any impact on tree planting. Drainage Department welcomes the provision of additional greening providing a SuDS benefit and a proposed new surface water main is being considered in conjunction with Irish Water. Agreement of the final design for the road has been delayed as we wait for the NTA to finalise the route for the East Coast Trail (ECT) which will either traverse Cambridge Road or run along part of Cambridge Road from Canon Mooney Gardens to Thorncastle Street. Work on GPR survey and preliminary design of new surface water main will continue as we await final decision on ECT route from NTA. This will inevitably delay lodgement of Part 8 planning application. It will be necessary also to bring new design back to local consultation prior to lodgement of Part 8 application. Full Part 8 Planning Application likely to be lodged during Q1 2021.

Cabbage Patch

Parks have resumed locking the gates in the Cabbage Patch each evening about an hour before it gets dark. The Cabbage Patch was also closed from the Thursday evening before Halloween until the following Monday morning to deter any bonfire activity.

An Garda Síochána were closely monitoring the area and there were no issues. Parks are to evaluate tenders received regarding the pitch refurbishment and we are awaiting an update on this.

Rosary Hall

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

Onsite meetings have taken place between the consultant architects, DCC's Architect and Area Manager and an itinerary of potential costs has been prepared by consultant architect with the assistance of a consultant quantity surveyor.

It is now anticipated that works could cost in the region of €300,000 including mechanical & electrical works, fire safety works, some remedial works and lift replacement. Therefore, a priority list of works has been prepared. No definitive funding has been identified for this project as yet. Due to the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic is financially impacting on the income base of the City Council, a review of all projects is underway. The financial impact will primarily be determined by the length of time the current restrictions are in place which ultimately could impact on the scope of this project.

A brief meeting took place on site with the main lessors in mid-June whilst practicing social distancing to bring the committee up to speed. Legionella Testing took place on June 18th and the results were negative.

An initiative with our Age Friendly Committee involved the utilisation of some of the land at Rosary Hall for a Community Grow Hub. A revised proposal was forwarded to the Football Club in August for consideration. The football club has indicated that after 'comprehensive and careful consideration that this proposal is not compatible with the present use of the site' and the members of the Grow Hub have been informed accordingly.

As outlined to the members previously an approach was made by the adjoining developer to rebuild the community facilities and upgrade the pitch to an all-weather facility if they could add to their co living scheme on the Kenilworth site. However, due to procurement legislation Dublin City Council is not in a position to deal exclusively with this developer.

Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross

The inaugural meeting of the Age Friendly Committee took place on January 28th 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 be included. A further meeting took place March 10th and was well attended and the plan to date was reviewed.

Key points from the meeting included that the Community Growing Hub initiative is accelerating at pace and will require assistance from DCC & football club for use of Rosary Hall.

A new location will need to be sourced for the defibrillator, as it will not be possible to locate it in Harold's Cross Park per Les Moore. A proposed date of Thursday the 30th of April had been set for the facilitation and independent facilitator, Deirdre Massey had been contacted to assist with the consultation. Concerns about Covid – 19 meant the workshop was deferred. A subgroup under the Housing SPC has been convened to look at the citywide Age Friendly Strategy. Under this structure, submissions for funding may be advanced, including the Harold's Cross project.

Due to the current government guidelines and restrictions all meetings are currently postponed until further guidelines allow for larger meetings.

As stated, an initiative for consideration by the Age Friendly Committee was for the utilisation of some of the land at Rosary Hall for a Grow Hub and a revised proposal was forwarded to the board in August for consideration who are not in a position to facilitate.

Options in relation to an alternative site will be discussed at the next Age Friendly meeting.

The next meeting has been organised for the 4th November.

Pearse Memorial Park Crèche

The crèche extension was to be financed by the Crumlin Childcare Crèche and with DCC agreeing to project manage the construction works in conjunction with consultant architects. The build element after tendering was to cost in the region of €305k. The crèche has reserve funding themselves, a 50k grant from Pobal and, €25k from discretionary funding and had sought a loan from Clan Credo of €125k. The works had been tendered by our Parks &

Landscape Services Division and was to be project managed by this section. A separate hurling wall project has been tendered by Parks and will be paid for by DCC.

A further licence extension of another five years (10 in total) was agreed at the December Area Committee meeting and was agreed at the January council meeting. However, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the crèche has been closed since Thursday 12th March 2020.

The crèche management has indicated, that due to the uncertainty around the reopening of the crèche, which will impact significantly on their ability to repay a loan, they are not in a position to continue with the project at this juncture. A €45,000 grant had also been issued by Pobal but unfortunately, the extension on the government grant ran out and they have been unsuccessful in getting this extended. The result is that the funding has been rescinded and they have been asked to return the €45,000 as 90% fulfilment of the Pobal capital.

The Area Manager has met with the crèche manager and architect to see how the project might be 'future proofed' in the event that the extension can proceed in the coming years. The Area Manager will continue to meet with the crèche management to see how the new licensed area can be best utilised to assist with social distancing as the children have returned.

Discretionary Funding of €25,000 was granted to the group in 2017 towards the cost of the crèche and as the 'future proofing work' and 'boundary works' have now been costed at €44,900 it is the board's intention to utilise these monies for these works which fall within the spirit of the funding.

A meeting took place on 24th Sept on site to facilitate the group. The works in relation to the hurling wall are ongoing and the enabling works for the crèche will be included in this contract.

A further meeting took place with the crèche manager and Area Manager in October and it is anticipated that the works in relation to the outdoor area for the crèche will be completed by the end of October.

Rutland Grove

Meeting took place on 30th January with traffic engineers, Les Moore from Parks, 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. Should it be possible to implement, the design would need to be progressed and costed. Parks are also prepared to look at enhancements at the entrance with additional trees etc.

Traffic have indicated that staff are currently seconded to be involved in DCC's Covid Mobility Interventions and are working on very fast rapid interventions throughout the city.

Therefore, they have very little spare resources at present to be involved with any possible Rutland Grove parking changes, as other Covid Mobility projects are taking priority.

The Area Manager has been in touch with the group in relation to the erection of further signage, but this is not an option that the committee wishes to progress at this juncture.

The Area Manager is currently in touch with the residents' association regarding other solutions.

Armagh Road Senior Citizens' complex (FOLD VHA)

1 block remains to be finished and handed over but selections and interviews have been completed for this block. All units in the other blocks have been allocated and most tenants have moved in. A small number of Financial Contribution cases are finalising legal work to complete the sale of their dwellings to DCC and will be moving in once this is completed.

Raleigh Square Senior Citizens' Complex (Tuath VHA)

Due to a dispute that arose between the Tuath and the building contractor, completion of the complex has been delayed. The builder is currently back on site to complete snagging works.

It is expected that the handover will be mid to late November. Nominations for the units have been forwarded to Tuath and they have commenced interviews.

St. Pancras, Mount Tallant

3 x 1 bed units and 4 x 2 bed units will be acquired in this new development and handover was expected by the end of Q1, 2020. However, due to Covid 19 restrictions work was halted on the site and only recommenced on May 18th. Snagging works will commence shortly and it is expected that the units will be handed before the end of the year. These units will be managed directly by DCC rather than an Approved Housing Body.

Vacant Senior Citizens units

Following the transfer of multiple existing tenants to the new units on Armagh Road, a large number of units are vacant in our older Senior Citizen complexes. As most of these units are bedsits we may have some difficulty in letting them under the normal Allocations Scheme. Accordingly, in order to speed up the re-letting of these we will give consideration to allocating some of these units under a Choice Based Letting Scheme. We will advise Councillors further if we decide to go down this route.

Kimmage – Crumlin LEA

Kimmage Rathmines LEA Community Team

Halloween 2020

Although we are severely restricted under Level 5 Guidelines for dealing with Covid 18, the following will take place:-

- Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines – Rathmines Children's Art Exhibition with Kildare Place School (Picture attached)
- Walkinstown/Dolphin's Barn Library – Wanda the Witch Scary Storytelling Online
- CLAY Youth Project – Tuesday 27 – Saturday 31 October, comprehensive programme for Youth at Risk and those deemed hard to reach including Movies, Talkaways, Bus Trips (outside area), Go Karting and other outdoor activities. We will also support the Garda Youth Diversionary Project based in CLAY that works with targeted young people.
- Small package of sweets, spot prizes etc. have been offered to local community groups arranging small-scale socially distanced events in their area, groups support so far include Cashel Avenue Residents, LOKRA, Church Park/Mount Argus, Ashfield, Westbourne, various estates in Crumlin.
- We are supporting a number of groups to have competitions for the best decorated house and garden front across the area, small prizes will be given to winners
- Support for Older Isolated Residents with care packages in conjunction with Terenure Community Gardaí

Defibrillators (DFBs)

We are supporting three potential installations, all will be accessible by the public as follows:-

- Harold's Cross Credit Union, in conjunction with the HCVCC, funded through the Age Friendly initiative.

- Terenure Village, two units at opposite ends of the village, large fundraising drive is ongoing.

Environmental Projects

The installation of new and the upgrade and new planters continues across the area. The Planters at the rear of Grove Road Flats will have some bench seating added to further enhance the space for social usage. The planters in Rathgar Village have been reconfigured within the Church Grounds to assist the design of the multiuse open area. New Planters will be added to Blarney Park and several planters are being refurbished in Terenure Village. We are investigating a line of new planters along Rathmines Road towards the canal bridge on both sides of the road, subject to suitable locations being verified.

The painting of Service Boxes around the Crumlin Area will continue on request by our local artist.

A number of groups are being given winter bedding for communal/public planted area; while the weather remains mild, we will support these requests.

Community Music

One on One Garden Gigs will continue to individual households, especially our older residents who are isolated in their homes. The music act performs in the driveway/garden and has no contact with the client.

HX Grow Project

The Poly Tunnels are being purchased for the space identified for communal growing area. There will be a Plant Exchange Event on Saturday the 6th of November. All current Level 5 restrictions will be observed.

Community Grants 2020

Reduced Community Grants will be sent to groups that applied late in 2019 for 2020, they will need to supply a new EFT Form and sign a form that they are Covid 19 compliant before receiving the funding. This can all be done remotely.

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

All Information correct as time of publication but are subject to change South East Area Joint Policing Committee/Community Safety Fora (CSF)

The Steering Group have agreed to seek out further new member applications via the CSF.

The SEA JPC October meeting took place online **Friday 16th October at 11.00 via Zoom.**

3 Councillors agreed for the 3 Community Safety Fora - Cllr. Mannix Flynn continues for CSF Charlemont/ Whitefriars, Cllr. Daniel Ceitinn will attend for Pearse Street and Cllr. Kevin Donoghue will attend Ringsend /Irishtown meetings.

The Agenda for the October meeting concentrated on Halloween and the crime Stats for the year to date.

Waste Management / Environmental Services

- Pigeon House Road (Beside Deke's Diner) Cleared & along roadway to Yacht Club

- Anti-Sticker paint to be applied on trial basis in Temple Bar W/C 2nd November
- **Grafstop Trial:** Kingsland Park Avenue: To be completed W/C 2nd November.
- Ongoing Graffiti removal using contractor and DCC crews
- Anti-Sticker paint to be applied on trial basis in Temple Bar W/C 2nd November

Halloween

- The Public Domain Team worked with Housing Department / Waste Management, local Community groups and Gardaí to identify and remove identified materials.
- Waste Enforcement Officers along with our Litter Wardens were calling into business premises throughout September/October to minimize the availability of material to the children.
- Material was collected sporadically from mid-September, but from weekend of 24th October, our main resources were applied to identify and recover as much material as possible in the run up to Halloween.
- In the lead up to Halloween, the South East and South Central Area Offices supplied a truck and helper to individual Garda Stations (Kevin Street/Crumlin/Irishtown) on a trial basis from 5pm-9pm each evening from Tuesday 27th October to Friday 30th October. These trucks were at the disposal of the Sergeant on Duty and were used by the Gardaí on duty to intercept the children collecting & moving the bonfire material in the early evenings. Reports from the Gardaí have indicated that the trucks were very busy each evening up to 8.30 and each truck filled up 2/3 times a night with pallets, tyres and other combustibles.
- The final weight/volume of the materials recovered is not available as of 2nd November.
- DCC recovery operations continued until 4pm on 31st October 2020.
- A small amount of fireworks was recovered in Crumlin.
- Local resident to be prosecuted having been identified as dumping material from their back garden on a fire on the green to the front of where they live.
- 130 CRM reports of Bonfire Material were processed through the South East Area Office from 1st October to 31st October.

Halloween 2020 would appear to have been very successful in the South East & the city in general. A lot of work went into the preparation for Halloween and it would appear that any fires that did happen were relatively small. The Gardaí provided great support throughout the Halloween period and were very proactive in their efforts to identify and enable safe collection of material.

South East Area City Neighborhoods competition:

Mid November awards

Community Clean up Support

- 246 Community clean up requests from 1st October to 27th October
- 131 were for requests for the delivery of blue DCC bags and other equipment
- 115 were for requests for the collection of blue DCC bags

Abandoned Bike Removal

17 Abandoned bikes removed in October

386 bikes have been removed to date this year.

Tagging of abandoned bikes has been suspended for the duration of the Level 5 Covid 19 restrictions.

Weed Control

Weed Control Contractor (Greentown Environmental Ltd) commenced operations in July 2020. As of 27th October, they are 95% complete.

Waste Management crews are also working to manually removed weeds from a separate list provided by the Public Domain Officers. These crews commenced operations on 15th August and are working at weekends to manually remove weeds from the public realm. This operation is ongoing for the foreseeable future.

Proposal for spending additional funding allocated for locally based waste management initiatives in South East Area

Dog Wardens, in collaboration with DCC Authorised Officers have been actively patrolling the parks and open spaces.

SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

DUBLIN CITY SPORT & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP REPORT

NOVEMBER 2020



Following the introduction of COVID 19 Level 5 restrictions on Wednesday 21st October, the delivery of a number of Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership's programmes have been temporarily affected.

However, despite these restrictions DCSWP services continue to adapt and evolve in order to provide opportunities for people in our communities to remain active and healthy regardless of age or ability.

Online, outdoor, community and school programmes will be delivered by our dedicated DCC and Co-funded Sport officers over the next few weeks in line with Central Government/ HSE guidelines and recommendations.

In addition, grant supports are being progressed by DCSWP to support local sports clubs to continue the very important work they carry out in the community (more details below).

Online/Social Media Supports:

- Twitter: [@dccsportsrec](#)
- Facebook: [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](#)
- Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](#)

Details on how to either access links or contact area Sport Officers on online programmes can be provided via the DCSWP office at dee.oboyle@dublincity.ie.

Advisory Booklets:

These booklets provide critical advice for Older Adults in our communities on how to maintain physical activity and exercise if at home (Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Active) and/or advice on how to return safely to exercise outside the home (Let's Get Moving Again). The booklets are produced by DCSWP in partnership with Age Friendly Ireland, HSE, Irish Society for Chartered Physiotherapists and Local Sports Partnerships.

- Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Active: <https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/Housing/Documents/OlderAdultsBooklet.pdf>
- Let's Get Moving Again: <https://www.iscp.ie/news/Lets-Get-Moving-Again-Booklet-Launch>

DCSWP GENERAL NEWS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

Marathon Kids 2020

This is the second year of DCSWP's collaboration with Marathon Kids, South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council. Last year over 1500 students at 5th and 6th class level participated in the 8-week initiative with children running their final mile in Morton Stadium at the conclusion of the programme in November. A similar number of schools have signed up this year across the city including schools based in the South East Area.

Approximately 3000 schoolchildren in the Dublin city area will be taking up the challenge this year.

This year the programme has also encouraged students at 3rd and 4th year level to get involved. Each school will run their own final mile event due to COVID 19 restrictions. T-shirts, medals and booklets will be supplied to all schools to ensure the incredible achievement of our young participants is acknowledged.

An on-line version of the information booklet and a weekly link to the Marathon Kids interactive page/site is available to support delivery of the programme.

Orienteering For Young People Programme

DCSWP is collaborating with Orienteering Ireland to facilitate orienteering programmes aimed at children & teenagers. Orienteering provides great opportunities for young people to develop skills such as problem solving and teamwork while enjoying themselves as they navigate courses in the great outdoors.

In October, training workshops delivered by Orienteering Ireland provided DCSWP Sport Officers with the knowledge and practical understanding of teaching the basic skills of orienteering to young people across all areas. Programmes led by Sport Officers are in the planning process following this training and will be delivered in Dublin City Council's parks.

- In the South East Area, the programme will be delivered from mid-November in Ringsend Park every Wednesday and Thursday for young people age 10-16 years.

Sport for Young People Small Grant Scheme

The Sport for Young People Small Grant Scheme is available annually to sports clubs operating within the administrative area of Dublin City Council affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport. The purpose of the scheme is to provide opportunities for young people aged 4 – 21 years to participate in sport and physical activity. The grant scheme is funded by Sport Ireland and administered by Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership.

Applications for the grant opened at the end of June 2020 via the DCSWP social media channels as above. 151 sports clubs across the city have been approved for funding under the grant scheme for 2020. DCSWP is currently in the process of informing clubs and processing payments.

Sport Ireland COVID 19 Club Small Grant Scheme

The COVID-19 club small grant scheme is part of an overall programme from the Government of Ireland, implemented through Sport Ireland and the Local Sports Partnerships to support the sports sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This scheme is designed to support clubs that do not have the finances to implement COVID-19 related hygiene and social distancing protocols. Once approved the grant will cover costs associated with the reopening of clubs. The club grant scheme is designed and intended to support the return to sporting activities only.

Under the scheme Local Sports Partnerships have responsibility for advertising the scheme, collating club information via the Sport Ireland template and making recommendations on funding to Sport Ireland based on the information submitted. 115 applications were received,

assessed and recommendations were issued by DCSWP on 14th September. These recommendations are due to be discussed at a Sport Ireland board meeting in November where a final decision on all applications will be made.

Get Physically Active' Sport Inclusion Programme

DCSWP Sport Inclusion and Integration Officers continue to host weekly zoom exercise sessions for individuals aged between 19 and 65 years with intellectual, physical and sensory disabilities. As part of the programme, each session has a different fitness theme covering topics such as the benefits of exercising every day, strength training, making healthy food choices, getting fresh air etc.

The participants are also set weekly individual and group challenges, which encourage them to interact with their families at home and with each other in between sessions. The programme began as a partnership with one group and for a duration of 5 weeks. However due to its success, 'Get Physically Active' is currently being delivered on an ongoing basis, to groups with between 10 and 40 participants, in conjunction with the following service providers:

Day	Time	Service
Monday	2pm	National Learning Network (Ballyfermot)
Tuesday	12:30pm	St. John of Gods Liffey Services (Dublin 6, 8,10,12 & 24)
Wednesday	11am	Central Remedial Clinic (Raheny, Killester, Clontarf)

Participants in the Central Remedial Clinic and National Learning Network programmes include those residing in the South East area of the city.

Disability & Inclusion Training

DCC/DCSWP is proud to have signed the National Sport Inclusion and Disability CARA charter, which sets out five key areas people with disabilities are seeking on order to lead a healthy and active lifestyle.

DCSWP has two Sport Inclusion & Integration Officers dedicated to deliver on this goal as well as focussing on integrating minority groups in the community via our programmes.

In partnership with CARA, the online Disability & Inclusion Training programme was recently launched. This is part of a series of online Disability in Sport training programmes already in operation. Training commenced from 6th October.

DCSWP SOUTH EAST AREA HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

Zumba/Fitstep Keep Active Classes

Online Zumba and Fitstep classes are being provided in the area every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9am during November/December as part of the area online wellness programme.

Friday Football

Pending restrictions Friday Football will resume in the area in Irishtown Stadium from 4-5pm in partnership from December 1st in partnership with Riccy's Youth Services. This programme is targeted at males age 14-17 years.

Girls Rugby Programme

Tag Rugby for girls age 13-17 years continues in CBS, Westland Row every Wednesday from 3-4pm.

School Walking Programme

This adult's social walking group programme is delivered every Tuesday in Ringsend Park from 9.30 – 10.30am in partnership with St. Patrick's School and the local Home School Completion Liaison Officer.

GAGA – Get All Girls Active

GAGA is DCSWP's core programme aimed at increasing female participation in sport and physical activity. While GAGA initiatives are delivered throughout the year, the programme takes on a strategic focus from September – December each year. Plans are in place to deliver a series of GAGA activities in the area after the lifting of restrictions on December 1st.

DCSWP CO-FUNDED TEAM HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

Athletics in the Community

- DCSWP Athletics Officers continue to liaise with athletics clubs across the city on a weekly basis weekly providing event specific support and advice regarding protocols in areas such as coaching documents, videos tutorials and sample sessions.
- DCSWP Officers continue to re-engage with schools in the South East area to provide support in relation to athletics initiatives including the Marathon Kids. Programme.

Boxing in the Community

DCSWP Co-funded officers continue to re-engage safely with schools in the South East area in relation to the delivery of non-contact boxing programmes.

- The Startbox non-contact programme will continue under current restrictions in schools in the South East area.

Cricket in the Community

- Cricket sessions aimed at players across the city at U11 level continue every Friday from 5.30 -9pm.
- Primary school cricket sessions continue in Star of the Sea every Wednesday from 10.30am -12.30, Tuesday from 10.30am – 12.30pm in Sancta Maria, Synge Street and St. Matthew's national school every Wednesday from 1pm – 2.30pm

Football in the Community

- FAI Officers will continue to promote and encourage people to keep active and healthy during Level 5 via social media, providing football skill challenges and tutorials.
- Sprog Soccer for 4-8 years (mixed) continues in Irishtown Stadium every Friday with 40 children participating (in Covid permitted group sizes).
- The Show Racism the Red Card online programmes is being rolled out in schools in the area (St. Christopher's, Haddington Road & St. Patrick's, Ringsend) with Sean Gannon, football professional assisting in the delivery.
- Funding has been sourced to deliver a Youth Mentoring programme in the coming weeks through local clubs in the area targeted at young people age 16-19 years

Health Promotion in the Community

The DCSWP HSE Health Promotion and Improvement Officer delivers and promotes health and physical activity programmes across the City with actions that are consistent with those outlined in the National Physical Activity Plan & Healthy Ireland.

Plans are in place is to have the programmes back up and running in the South East area once the current Covid-19 restrictions on indoor gatherings are relaxed on December 1st but are subject to change or postponement at short notice due to the pandemic.

- Men on the Move

Men on the Move is a free physical activity programme aimed at male adults who have been inactive for a period of time and are looking to get back to exercising and improving their fitness levels. It involves twice-weekly exercise sessions made up of a combination of aerobic, strength & flexibility components.

Current Men on the Move programmes in the South East area (Terenure) have been postponed due to current restrictions.

Rowing in the community -Get Going Get Rowing

The Get Going Get Rowing programme delivers rowing classes and coaching courses to secondary school students. Under Level 5 restrictions, school age children are able to continue participating in non-contact rowing programmes with slight adjustments for distancing and sanitising processes.

Approximately 600 students will take part in classes across the city:

- Presentation College, Terenure, and the Teresian School, Donnybrook and two of six schools in the South East area taking part in the citywide programme

Rowing Ireland is also working on establishing a virtual All-Ireland inter-schools rowing league. This will begin on a regional basis and progress to national level. The aim is to include all programme participants across Ireland including our rowing students in the South East area.

Rugby in the Community

- Leinster Rugby Officers are supporting clubs and schools to return to play safely by liaising with club safety officers and preparing guideline documents. These documents are available to download on the updated Leinster rugby website shortly. This work was undertaken to ensure the website is fully accessible and visible to all relevant stakeholders.
- Tag and non-contact rugby school programmes continue for boys and girls at primary and secondary school level in the South East during the next period. Rugby school blitzes remain in the planning stages due to restrictions.

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