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## MANAGEMENT UPDATE

### Events and Filming Report

#### 1. Events

Winter Lights [www.dublin.ie/winterlights](http://www.dublin.ie/winterlights)



Winter Lights will once again return for the month of December to create a magical festive atmosphere in the city centre by illuminating many of the city's iconic buildings and bridges.

This year, the festival is being expanded to include a very special series of lighting projections on Smithfield Square. The concept, developed by Dublin City Council's Events Section, will feature projections which pay tribute to the many people from various walks of life who played a vital role in keeping the city moving through what was a most challenging year for Dublin and for the country. The projections will feature the faces of Medical Professionals, Care workers, members of An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council workers (including Dublin Fire

Brigade and Civil Defence), An Post workers, Retail workers, Transport workers and many more who embody the spirit of the capital city and whose work showed that no matter the challenges we face due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we will overcome them together.

Finally, following on from their great work on last year's Festival, Dublin City Council's Culture Company will engage a number of local community groups of all ages to work alongside artists to design projections specifically for The Civic Offices, The Samuel Beckett Bridge, City Hall and a very special new projection at Dublin's Mater Hospital, see details below:

Richmond Barracks Movement Group - Samuel Beckett Bridge  
The National Neighbourhood Group - Mater Hospital  
Henrietta St. Adult & Community Education Group - Civic Offices at Wood Quay  
Hollybrook and The Croft Nursing Homes - City Hall



**Sustainable Days** <http://sustainabledays.ie/>



Dublin City Council is proud to present Sustainable Days, a free family event that is being launched by the [Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu](#), will take place online on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of November from 10:30am each day. Sustainable Days aims to inspire, inform and educate participants about the sustainability movement through constructive play, workshops, entertaining talks and activities. Attendees will learn how they can make a difference to the world we live in with subtle, everyday changes to their lifestyles.

The event will feature a wide range of games and activities relating to the idea of sustainability and greener living, and will be shown throughout the weekend on the Sustainable Days

Website, Facebook page and Instagram. As well as fantastic activities, viewers will have the opportunity to participate in various sustainability workshops, panel discussions and talks, hosted by our wonderful partners the Rediscovery Centre, CODEMA, [MyWaste.ie](http://MyWaste.ie), Explore Your Shore, Climate Queens Podcast, Bat Conservation Ireland, Leave No Trace and Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland. The event also features contributions from other Dublin City Council Departments such as Traffic & Mobility, Waste Management, Climate Action and Parks & Biodiversity.

## 2. Filming

As global production slowed during the lockdown, demand for DCC's film office services has been in high demand which aligns with international trends in the rush to get global production working at full tilt again.

A number of **adverts** have been shot in Dublin including content for a high end car brand, St Vincent De Paul, Failte Ireland and Tourism Ireland.

### In production:

**Redback** The TV series 'Redback' restarted to shoot after standing down in March 2020. Redback is a crime drama centred around the officers at MI5 whose main role is to protect the prime minister and his political persona from any outside organisations including the British media and the KGB to name a few. The production is a 10 part TV drama, financed by Nordic Entertainment and will be broadcast across Scandinavia, as well as being sold globally.

Subotica films are the Irish production company co-producing and the director is Bafta nominated Jill Robertson. They will be shooting London, Denmark and Russian locations all in Dublin.

**Modern Love** - *Modern Love* is an American romantic comedy anthology web television series, based on the weekly column published by The New York Times, that premiered on Amazon Video in 2019. Modern Love explores love in its multitude of forms, which are presented in eight half-hour episodes. Each episode tells a separate story. Three episodes of the second series are being filmed in Dublin City, with star cast in each episode. First shoot takes place first Week in November 2020 and continues into December, 3 episodes being shot in Dublin.



**"Kin"** – untitled production - The 10 part TV drama. First shoot takes place, first Week in November 2020 – filming until March 2021

**JV Productions DAC** – Period drama feature length movie, international co-production shooting in November 2020

**Taller Stories** – Short independent feature by independent producers, shot October/November 2020

**RTE GAA** - Shooting content for the GAA

**Hy Brasil Productions Limited** – Shooting content on the life of an Au Pair in Dublin, Season 8.

**Tyrone Productions** – Shooting an educational programme for RTE

**BBC studios** – Shooting a documentary on the life of musicians

**YANMM** – Feature length suspense thriller being shot in Dublin, first two weeks in November 2020.

**Simon Clarke,**  
**Administrative Officer.**

## **Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services**

### **North Central Area - Spring Flowering Bulbs and Wildflower Seeding**

As the spring flowering bulb planting and wildflower seeding initiatives across the city has been very well received further planting and seeding is scheduled to take place in the coming weeks. These interventions not only provide a welcome splash of colour early in the year and throughout the summer but they are pollinator friendly meeting our objectives under the National Pollinator Plan.

**Spring Bulb Planting:** Approximately 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> of spring bulb mixes will be planted at various locations across the North Central and North West Areas.

**Wildflower Seeding:** Approximately 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> of wildflower seeds to be sown at various locations across the North Central and North West Areas.

We ordered 15 kg of Wildflower seed (equivalent to 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> of wildflowers) this year which was sown by direct labour in our parks and open spaces. Seed was also distributed to Residents Associations, Tidy Towns and Environmental Groups to enhance various community led initiatives across both areas.

In addition to this several thousand early spring flowering bulbs have also been distributed to community groups for community planting events across both areas. A new perennial scheme in Our Lady's Park of 260 m<sup>2</sup> is planned for the coming weeks.





### **Upgrade of Playgrounds**

Informed by the annual independent Inspection of playgrounds it was decided to upgrade the playgrounds at Ringsend Park, Tranquilla Park, Rathmines, Stannaway Park and Kylemore Park with works scheduled to commence over the coming weeks and all substantially completed in 2020.

Fairview Park Playground is one of the most well used play facilities in the North Central Area and despite being only 8 years old has reached the end of its useful life mainly through wear and tear from usage. It was agreed that this playground would be prioritised for a complete refit in 2020.

The most noticeable feature of the proposed refit is the reduction of the amount of tarmac and wet pour and the introduction of softer surfacing of grass and sand. In line with the City Play and Recreation Strategy accessibility has been greatly enhanced in the redesign. A very innovative ramp into the sand pit area will allow wheelchair users right into the centre of the action and to play with their peers in the sand.

The playground at Albert College has been extended into the adjoining parkland to provide some more challenging play items for older children and to greatly improve both the accessibility and the play value of the offering. Playground upgrades are also underway at Poppintree Park and Johnstown Park in the North West District.

### **Upgrade of Synthetic Sports Facilities**

In keeping with our policy to provide the highest standard of sports playing surfaces it is proposed to upgrade the following facilities in 2020 with completion in early 2021.

- Herbert Park
  - Bowling carpet to be renewed
  - Upgrade the surface of the 5-a-side synthetic football pitch, drainage works and install new floodlighting
- Ringsend Park
  - Playing surface to be replaced on the 7-a-side synthetic football pitch

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services will implement these projects in collaboration with clubs and schools who regularly use these facilities for their training and play. The works on the Bowling Facility has already commenced and it is expected to be complete by the end of November. The existing synthetic surface system will be replaced with a new carpet and

underlay approved by World Bowls and in compliance with the specification requested by the Herbert Park Bowling Club. The new bowling facility will be tested to meet World Bowls performance standards and ratified as a World bowls approved green.

As a part of the refurbishment works on the 5-a-side Football Facility, also in Herbert Park, it is planned to replace the existing 2G sand filled carpet with suitable synthetic surface appropriate for soccer, and install floodlighting and drainage system. Works on renewing the Synthetic Football Pitches shall commence in the following weeks and it is expected they will be completed in early 2021.

These projects in Herbert Park are partially in receipt of Sports Capital Grant funding. The project for the renewal of the Football Facility in the Ringsend Park is in the receipt of funding to the value of €75,000.00 received by the local football club Cambridge Boys F.C. under the Dublin Waste to Energy Community Gain scheme.

The redundant all weather training area in Rockfield Park has been a source of complaint for some time. A number of options were explored from resurfacing the entire facility to converting it into a dog park. The Park Service met with representatives of the 3 residential estates that surround the park and it was agreed that the installation of a new MUGA within the space was the most appropriate usage. Works are to commence in the coming weeks.

A new all-weather cricket crease was installed in Poppintree Park to accommodate the local cricket team who had outgrown the small scale facility in Albert College which is only suitable for u-13s cricket. The new facility will allow the young members to continue to play locally though intermediate levels.

### **Biodiversity Update**

**Dublin City Urban Woodlands Project (2019-2020)** is supported by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the National Biodiversity Action plan (2017-2021) and has two main outputs:

- **The Dublin City Urban Woodland and Hedgerow Survey (2019-2020)** has been completed and updates the City Hedgerow Survey from 2006 (which had surveyed 4,670 m across 30 sites city-wide). The project performed the first extensive and detailed examination of Dublin City hedgerow habitats using aerial photography. An outcome has been to develop a new method for assessing hedgerows in urban areas in Ireland. Site-specific management plans for the woodlands in Bushy Park, St Anne's Park and Tolka Valley Park were prepared. Loss of native hedgerows from new development is a continuing threat and there is an urgent requirement for the management of hedgerows across the City.
- **A 'Short Guide to Three Dublin City Woodlands'** is a new educational guide to the woodlands in Bushy Park, St. Anne's Park and Tolka Valley Park. It explores the history as well as importance of maintaining these woodlands into the future. The guide was launched on National Tree Day by Dublin's Deputy Lord Mayor Mary Callaghan, who also welcomed Minister Malcolm Noonan, TD to a tree planting ceremony at Tolka Valley Park, Finglas. Local school students from St. Malachy's National School were also in attendance and instructed on how to identify different tree species of trees.

### **City Habitat Mapping Project 2020**

The Dublin City Habitat Map will be completed by the end of 2020 and provides information for the first time on all the habitats across the City, which will be of use for the preparation of the new City Biodiversity Action Plan in 2021 and the City Development Plan. It has been developed using a system that is compatible with both national and European categories for

habitats and this will enable easier comparison of Dublin City with other European cities to enable future research and collaboration. This project has been supported by central government funding as a pilot project to promote sustainable development.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS 2020**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Next stage</b>
Bridgefoot Street Park	Contractors currently on site	Official Opening Spring 2021
Wolfe Tone Park	Construction tender assessed and contractor appointed	Works to commence on site Q4
Kilmainham Mill	Tenders for enabling works being evaluated	Appoint contractor to stabilise buildings
St. James Linear Park	Concept masterplan complete	Works to commence on site Q1 2021
Liffey Vale House, River Educational Resource Centre, Liffey Valley Park	Design development ongoing	Part 8 submission in Q4
Ventry Park redesign	Public consultation complete	Presentation to Area Committee
St. Anne's Park, WC pavilions and overflow car park, Red Stables	Internal consultation in progress	Initiate Part 8 at Area Committee meeting Q4
Peoples Park, Ballyfermot	Consultation complete and tender being prepared	Contractor to be appointed Q1 2021
Willie Pearse Park, Hurling Wall	Under construction	To be complete end Nov
DCC burial place strategy	Currently being drafted	For presentation at the next SPC

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# The Hugh Lane Gallery

Reopening of museums and galleries

The Hugh Lane Gallery as part of the Irish Museums Association has requested that the Government review the closure of museums and galleries during Covid 19 especially under level 3. The Hugh Lane Gallery has large spaces and the capacity to monitor visitor numbers in full compliance with Government regulations.

## Capital Refurbishment Project: 1930's Wing

Invitation to Tender for the refurbishment of the 1930's wing date will be published on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Revised construction start date is 12.04.2021.

Covid -19

The Gallery team has fully implemented all public health guidelines regarding Covid-19, and is in the process of attaining the Bord Failte Safety Charter. While the Gallery is close there is continuous monitoring of environmental conditions, with daily patrols of the gallery as well as 24 hour security in the control room. All programming has pivoted to online access for the public. See [www.hughlane.ie](http://www.hughlane.ie)

## Finance

Reduced Local Government income has impacted across all of Dublin City Councils Departments and Services. Hugh Lane Gallery funding for 2020 from DCC has been reduced by €126,000. Furthermore, the HLG Strategic Plan funding commitment from DCC for 2021 of an additional €310,000 will be delayed until Local Authority funding stability resumes. The Gallery will endeavour to try to maintain operations and programming, supporting artists and public access to art in this critical period, however it must be acknowledged that this will be difficult in the current economic climate.

## Essential works

While the Gallery is closed to the public, the Gallery is taking this opportunity to proceed with a number of essential safety and security works, and also Health and Safety, and Facility maintenance.

## Hugh Lane Gallery Strategic Development: Parnell Square Cultural Quarter

The development of 21 & 22 Parnell Square as additional Hugh Lane Gallery space is now being progressed. This will provide a great opportunity for the gallery to develop its engagement across all communities as well being as being a significant local and international platform for the visual arts in Parnell Square. Feasibility studies to follow in 2021

## Social Media Engagement

This quarter we have exceeded all of our goals and predictions for our social media strategy. Our **Twitter engagements** last month surpassed all of our previous predictions. We had over 400,000 impressions in the one month.

**Instagram** We met our goal of hitting 10,000 followers in July and our follower count is now **12,651**

**Facebook Reach** is the number of unique people viewing our content through following, sharing or liking our content. The spike in July is due to a post of Michael Collins that went viral, we are not able to trace the celebrity or popular Facebook page that shared it but it doubled our numbers for July. If you remove the spike you'll see that the Facebook Reach has continued to grow at a steady pace.

Much like Facebook Reach, **Twitter Impressions** show the number of timelines that our tweets were on through followers and other social engagements. We have continued to beat our own records over the last few months. We have come a long way from 40,000 impressions in February to **466,000** impressions in October.

<https://twitter.com/TheHughLane>

<https://www.instagram.com/thehughlane/>

<https://www.facebook.com/thehughlane>

### **Online Programmes:**

Since our first lockdown in March, the gallery has built up an impressive series of programmes online which are being accessed by multiple audiences through our website and on Hugh Lane Gallery YouTube channel. By the end of 2020 the gallery will have delivered **192 programmes** of learning, participation and mentoring.

### **Zoom@Hugh Lane Gallery participating schools by Dublin City Council area**

Since its inception in December 2018, **46 schools and 1,325 children have participated**

The primary schools that have participated to date:

**Central Area** Scoil na mBrathar BSS, D3; St Columba's N S, D3; San Vinseann Cailíní, D1; St Mary's Primary School, D7; St Gabriel's, D7; Gaelscoil Colaiste Mhuire, D1; Gardiner St School D1; Stanhope St Convent

**South East Area** St Brigid's Primary School, D4; St Mary's NS, D4; St Patrick's GNS D4; Harold's Cross NS, D6; Ranelagh Multi Denominational School, D6; City Quays NS, Gloucester St South, D2; John Scottus NS, D4; Naomh Padraig BNS, D4; Nov-Dec 2020: St Joseph's Boys NS.

**South Central Area** St Catherine West NS, D8; St Audeon's NS, D8; SN Banrion na mAingéal, D10; St Ultan's, NS D10; Scoil Una Naofa, D12; Presentation Primary School, D8; St Enda's Primary School, D8; St Patrick's NS, D20; St Michael's NS, D10

**North West Area** Gaelscoil Bharra, D7; St Malachy's NS, D11; St Vincent's Primary School, D11; Scoil an tSeachtar Laoch, D11; St Catherine's Senior School, D7; North Dublin Muslim NS Project, D3; St Joseph Senior NS, D11; Gaescoil Ui Earcáin, D11; St. Kevin's BNS.

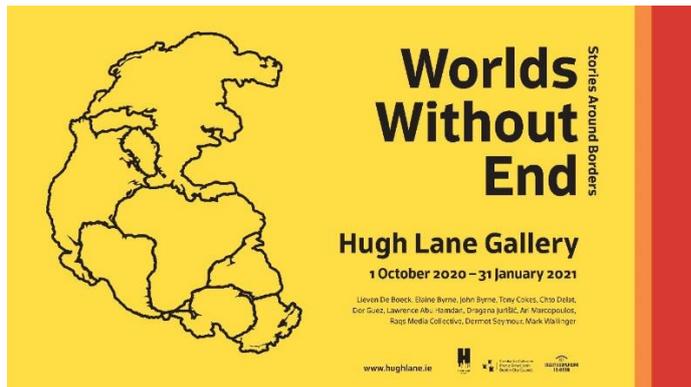
**North Central Area** St Mary's NS, D3, North Bay Educate Together, D5, Bantiarna na mBuanna, D3, Holy Trinity SNS, D13, St Joseph's, D17, Our Lady Immaculate SNS, Our Lady of Consolation NS, D5; St Columba's NS, D9; S N Seosamh na mBrathar; St Vincent de Paul GNS, Cromcastle Green BNS - Scoil Fhursa.

**Phase III:** (Nov '20- May '21) Implementation of online programme for 2020-21 is currently underway. We are aiming to work with 18 primary schools. It is our ambition to incrementally work with every primary school in the Dublin City Council area through our city-wide project Zoom@Hugh Lane Gallery. For further details about our Zoom@HughLaneGallery project, images and creatively produced films please see here: <http://www.hughlane.ie/outreach-projects/current/2330-zoom>

## Sundays@noon concerts Prix Europa - Best radio music series

Our Sunday@Noon online concerts have been nominated for the prestigious **Prix Europa** prize for the best radio music series alongside radio series from BBC3 and BBC 4 among others

Our online concerts continue to take place every Sunday at 12pm. We average almost 2,000 views across Facebook and YouTube and can be accessed here. [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUil\\_e1LIOrs41XIAPHIV7\\_xF\\_HNNBXn](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUil_e1LIOrs41XIAPHIV7_xF_HNNBXn)



Like many galleries and museums across the world our temporary exhibition **Worlds Without End – Stories around Borders** has not yet opened to the public. It was due to open first in April and then in October. It hoped it will open in December when Covid -19 restrictions have been lifted. The exhibition features works by twelve international artists whose work is drawn from their diverse regional traditions. It is a joint project between the Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation, New York and the Hugh Lane Gallery, and is curated by Sara Reisman, Director of the Foundation and Michael Dempsey, Head of Exhibitions, HLG.

An on line opening was staged on Thursday, 1st October 2020 at 4pm with a Zoom conversation between the curators chaired by Prof. Colin Graham, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy, Maynooth University. Invitations were sent out to all of the Councillors. Over 40 people attended including many of the artists.

1. [https://www.hughlane.ie/phocadownload/exhibitions/wwe%20catalogue\\_final\\_28-09-20.pdf](https://www.hughlane.ie/phocadownload/exhibitions/wwe%20catalogue_final_28-09-20.pdf)
2. A short video introducing the exhibition can be view by clicking this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMygsszmmFU&feature=youtu.be>
3. <https://www.hughlane.ie/phocadownload/programme%20of%20talks%20%20%20worlds%20without%20end.pdf>
4. A printed catalogue will be available for distribution in December 2020.
5. A virtual tour of the exhibition is in preparation and will viewed on the Hugh Lane website before the end of November.

### Acquisitions

We are delighted to have *acquired* *The Playboy of the Western World*, c.1928, by Harry Clarke (pictured). This watercolour significantly adds to our collection of 8 of Clarke's studies for his famous *Geneva Window*.

### Treaty Exhibition in partnership with National Museum of Ireland

In partnership with the **National Museum of Ireland** the gallery continues its plans for this exhibition marking the centenary of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, which will open at the National

Museum of Ireland in November 2021. The gallery will concentrate on the visual history through portraits drawn from the collection and the museum will select the artefacts from their collection. This is the first exhibition collaboration between cultural institutions in Dublin.

### **Condition audit of the paintings and sculptures**

Under the Head of Conservation, the gallery is undertaking a condition audit of the paintings and sculptures in the collection. This audit will provide up to date condition reports for each artwork and will be a very valuable tool in planning conservation treatments and collection care going forward.

**Barbara Dawson**  
Director



### **DUBLIN CITY SPORT & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP**

Following the introduction of COVID 19 Level 5 restrictions on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Grant supports are also 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](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec)
- Facebook: [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing)
- Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)

### **Advisory Booklets:**

These booklets are disseminated by DCSWP Sport Officers and the community and 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 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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/early December. A similar number of schools have signed up this year across the city.

Approximately 3000 school children in the Dublin city area are participating in the 2020 challenge this year.

This year the programme has also encouraged students at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year level to get involved. Each school will run their own final mile event due to COVID 19 restrictions.

T-shirts, medals and booklets have been 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 also provided to support delivery of the programme.

### **Women in Sport 2020**

GAGA is DCSWP's core programme aimed at increasing opportunities for women of all ages and abilities to participate in sport and physical activity. The initiative is ongoing throughout the year but takes on a strategic focus during the Winter month from October to December.

This year in partnership with the 6 week HSE the 6 Women in Sport programme is being delivered in schools in 7 schools covered by Dublin City North Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC).

### **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.

Programmes led by Sport Officers in Dublin City Council's parks are in the planning stages for when restrictions are ease on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **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 processing these grant 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 14<sup>th</sup> September. Decisions on recommendations issued were finalised at the November Sport Ireland and official correspondence has been circulated to clubs. DCSWP is processing payment of the grants for these clubs.

### **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. '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:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>
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)

### **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 in 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 core 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 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Safeguarding Online Training**

DCSWP is currently planning the resumption of Safeguarding training via an adapted online service.

### **DCSWP CO-FUNDED PROGRAMMES**

DCSWP's 27 Co-funded Officers have resumed the planning and delivery of programmes in communities across the city. Programmes are subject to changes/postponement depending on decisions made in relation to restrictions beyond 1<sup>st</sup> December..

### **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.

- Athletics Officers are currently-engaging with schools in the area to provide support in relation to athletics programmes including Marathon Kids.

### **Boxing in the Community**

IABA Officers have successfully adapted the Startbox programme to meet Covid safety requirements and are delivering it in schools around the city.. The non-contact programme teaches primary school and Transition year students key boxing skills and educates them on the sport via the Olympic programme

### **Cricket in the Community**

School cricket and provincial sessions continue in line with restrictions in schools around the city.

### **Football in the Community**

- Football Development Officers will resume activities/programmes in the community aimed at young people including late night leagues in Irishtown stadium, school sessions and youth coaching and mentoring programmes (online).
- .FAI Officers continue to support people to upskill and challenge themselves via online football tutorials.
- Women in Football Development Officers are delivering the Soccer Sister programme online which supports female participation in the sport.
- The FAI Emerging talent programme continues in schools and clubs in the area aimed at females age 10-15 years.

### **Rowing in the Community**

- 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.
- 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 rowing students in the Central area.

### **Rugby in the Community**

Leinster rugby Officers continue to deliver non-contact/Tag school sessions across the city. Tag Rugby forms part of the multi-sport Women/GAGA initiative outlined earlier in the report.

**Shauna McIntyre,**  
**Dublin City Sports & Network Partnership**

## **Recreation Centres**

A number of the Recreation facilities will continue to be staffed where permissible under Level 5 restrictions.

All access is fully compliant with protocols, guidelines and Operating procedures.

Recreation staff have continued to work hard to ensure the safe access to the buildings, and have put enhanced cleaning and sanitising rosters in place.

### **Good facility management;**

The purpose of facilities management, ensuring that the facilities are secure and are compliant with protocols around Statutory testing for facilities which includes:

- Legionella protocols, running of showers etc.
- Running of cold water systems for the prevention of stagnation
- Power Operated Units,
- Extinguishers, Fire Alarms, Emergency Lighting, Emergency Release Doors
- Ongoing and planned maintenance

This will permit immediate opening of the facilities in response to a lowering of restrictions.

### **Required space for schools**

A number of the centres facilitate space, both external and internal for local schools that do not have a safe place available for the children attending. All access is fully compliant with all current requirements and guidelines and agreed with by both centre management and school principals. I consider this access to be a vital constituent of the educational access for children and their health, safety and wellbeing.

### **Access for Crèches**

In buildings that facilitate Crèches, currently providing a vital social resource in the community, access will continue.

### **Afterschool Projects**

Recreation Centres that provides space for an After Schools Educational Project, providing a vital social and educational resource for the community, will continue.

### **Youth Services access**

Due to the recognition of youth work as an often vital service to support young people, youth work

services come under the category *Schools, Early Learning and Childcare services, and Higher and Adult Education* of the *Resilience & Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19*.

Access will continue to be permitted under the umbrella of education and is covered in all 5 levels of restrictions in the document "[GUIDANCE FOR YOUTH WORK ORGANISATIONS](#)" *Informed by the Government's Resilience & Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19*.

### **All-weather pitches**

3 Recreation Centres have all weather pitches that will continue operating in accordance with all Covid restrictions and guidelines being monitored for compliance. Access permitted under level 5 guidelines and restrictions.

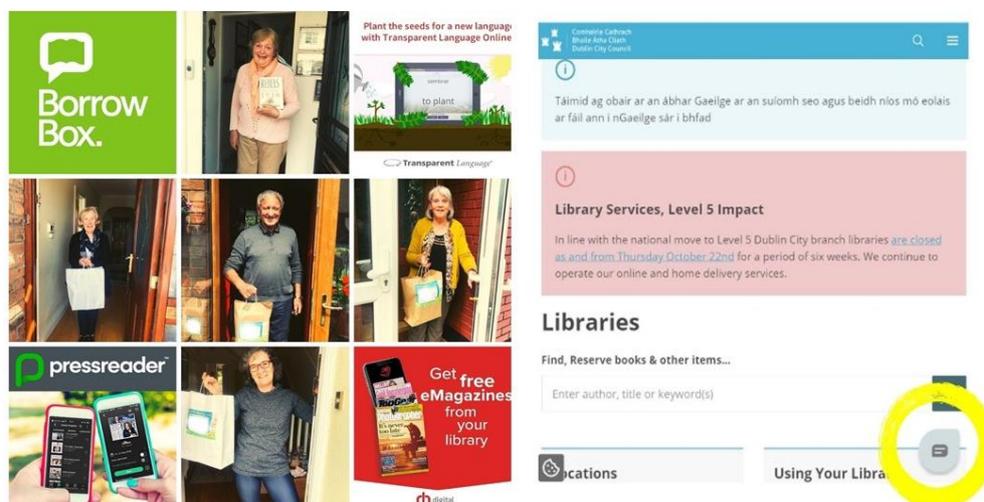
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## Dublin City Library: Service offer during level 5



Our online, home delivery services and 'Ask a Librarian' continue to operate under the current restrictions.

Our home delivery service is for older people and those who are long-term isolating. Library staff are organising the delivery of items, with the support of volunteers from the Dublin Volunteer Centre. All items are on long loan, there are no overdue fines or fees and access to the service is always FREE.

We offer a diverse range of e-books, e-audiobooks, lots of interesting on-line courses as well as digital comics, e-magazines and newspapers. Access to these resources, is free with a library card.

The 'Ask a Librarian' service allows the public to ask and get answers to their questions online and in real time.

During the hours of 10am - 12pm and 2 - 4pm, Monday to Friday, people can click on the icon on the bottom right of the library [homepage](#), type a question into the online chat box that appears, and the team will get back to you straight away.

Outside of these hours, people can leave a message and email address and library staff will get back to them.

## Dublin One City One Book 2020



The 2020 Dublin One City One Book campaign had a very successful launch event in the Mansion House in late February which featured readings and a speech by author of *Tatty*, Christine Dwyer Hickey. The subsequent developments related to Covid 19, including the closure of venues and libraries, resulted in a reimagined on-line programme of events, readings, videos, podcasts and more.

Despite the challenges, the campaign reached many people, with increases in Facebook, Twitter and website hits. There were 1700 library book issues of *Tatty* nationwide from January to October 2020 – 1140 of these were in Dublin City. The majority were borrowed in February and early March (797 issues) before libraries were closed to the public.

### **Family Time at your Library**



Family Time at Your Library, part of the National Right to Read Programme, will run on-line this year from 1st December to 15th December. The aim is to engage family members in the enjoyment of reading and sharing stories together.

There will be lots of events including Arts & Crafts, Storytelling, Book Reviews and Mindfulness Sessions, streamed festive music events and videos.

A particular highlight will be an online collaboration between Bohemians Football Club and Phibsboro Library focusing on the history of the famous club. Local schools can get involved by submitting questions and entering a poetry competition. The lucky winner will receive a signed jersey kindly donated by Bohs. Details will be available on the library events page closer to the time.

# Dublin City Council's Historians in Residence and the commemoration of Bloody Sunday



Dublin City Council's Historians in Residence (HIRs) and historian Liz Gillis, have written a special commemorative edition of the popular book series History on Your Doorstep dedicated to Bloody Sunday.

This will be available initially on Dublin City Council's website and when we reopen free copies will be available in our libraries across the city.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu will launch the book at an online webinar at 7pm on Saturday 21st November which will also feature a Q&A session with the authors of the book about the events of that day. This is event is free but please register to attend.

**Angela Cassidy,  
Dublin City Libraries & Archives**

## Arts Office



*Exquisite Portraits,  
lockdown portraits by 26  
artists The LAB*

**The LAB Gallery** has two exhibitions ready to reopen when restrictions are lifted, 7<sup>th</sup> Sense by Aoife Dunne and Exquisite Portraits in association with Illustrators Ireland and Criunniú na n'Óg. A third exhibition, What Does He Need is being installed in the gallery windows facing the street. This exhibition is the result of a project between artist Fiona Whelan, theatre company Brokentalkers and Rialto Youth Project, exploring masculinity. It is accompanied by an extensive online programme including philosophy sessions for men. The LAB continues to provide talks and virtual workshops with adults and children. [www.dublincityartsoffice.ie](http://www.dublincityartsoffice.ie)

## **DIVERSITY AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMMISSION**

**Creative Ireland** and **Dublin City Council Creative Ireland Culture and Creativity Committee** supported by the **Gallery of Photography Ireland** are delighted to announce that it has selected, from a shortlist of 15, 5 successful photographers to respond creatively to the theme of 'diversity' in Dublin city. Funded by Creative Ireland, this commission is to the value of 50K. The winning photographers are **Mandy O'Neill, Ala Buisir, Jialin Long, Tessy Ehiguese** and **Tobi Isaac-Irein**.

## **DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL CREATIVE IRELAND PROJECTS**

Dublin City Arts Office is currently working with several departments in DCC to programme and support a number of different programmes. The budget for these activities is 96K. The events supported are as follows:

**Ealaín na nÓg & Natalya O'Flaherty** <https://www.comhairlenanog.ie/local-comhairle/dublin-city/>

**Festival in a Van** <http://festivalinavan.com/>

**The wRAPParound Project – Poetry Ireland**

**RHA Origins Eile** [www.rhagallery.ie](http://www.rhagallery.ie)

[www.angelica.network](http://www.angelica.network)

[www.originseile.com](http://www.originseile.com)



**. Larkin Community College**

Dramatic piece called ***You, me and those that came before me*** to allow students to explore their own perceptions and educate them in expanding their cultural viewpoint

**Hugh Lane Gallery**

Collaborative Study of Online Programmes of Cultural Engagement; Pilot Project of Online Audio Description for People with a Visual Impairment; Online virtual tour for children.

[www.hughlane.ie](http://www.hughlane.ie)

## **Murals of Diversity in our Community**

Social Inclusion Unit and the Community & Social Development Office. Collaborative projects with a unifying theme of diversity are being rolled out to hard to reach or marginalised communities within the Dublin City area.

## **What is Dublin's role in Ireland's food security in a time of climate change?**

The project aims to explore Dublin's vegetable roads to reconnect citizens with their food heritage and strengthen their understanding of how nature provides food, feed, fuel and fibre.

## **Digital Participation Pilot Project**

<https://www.dublincitycouncilculturecompany.ie/>

## **Housing Research – Dublin City Architects Department**

Working with artist Corban Walker, this is a creative and critical artistic examination of housing size in relation to meeting one person's basic needs.

## **Viking Dublin History & Archaeology Hub & Activity Book**

Harold's Cross National School Viking History and Archaeology Hub

And Languages, Myths and Finds - Viking Age Dublin Walking Tour and Activity book

## **Bramstoker Festival Intern support**

Creative Ireland funded an intern to work on the Bramstoker Festival.

## **Wood Quay Oral History Project**

The oral histories will form part of an evolving research and public dissemination strategy on the world-renowned Wood Quay excavations and will be deposited in Dublin City Library and Archive, the Digital Repository of Ireland and the National Folklore Collection UCD.

## **Arts and Climate Action Commission**



**Dublin Theatre Festival** have been selected for the €50k commission for *Rising*, working with Brokentalkers Theatre company and Algorithm. The project is focussed on creating significant public dialogue on the subject of climate change and climate action, engaging with global warming, rising water levels, rising ocean temperature and acidity, through creative engagement within the communities of Dublin that

live by the water. The process will begin with a participatory arts programme that will generate material on the topic and culminate in a public art work.

**Ray Yeates,  
City Arts Officer.**

## **Public Art**

### **Dublin City Public Art Programme**

Work is ongoing to prepare for the launch of the new Dublin City Public Art Programme. Strand 2 will invite individual artists and teams to proposed commissions which respond to Dublin as a city of communities and localities along the themes of Public, Art and City. The online open call process is thought to be appropriate in evolving procedures in the arts and in particular in the context of COVID 19.

### **Dublin Football Five-in-a Row Utility Covers**

The CRES Department working with Dublin Docklands has commissioned utility covers with a special design to celebrate the Dublin Football team winning five All Ireland championships in a row. The intention is to place twenty of the commemorative covers in a range of locations in the Docklands area, particularly on the north side Docklands. Most of the covers are in black but four of the covers have been hand painted in a coloured pattern designed by Design HG. Production was delayed by the COVID pandemic but the covers are due to be installed in time for the Leinster football final.

### **Portrait of Kathleen Clarke**

Dublin City Council is commissioning a portrait of Kathleen Clarke, the first woman Lord Mayor of Dublin. The intention is that the portrait will hang alongside the other portraits in the Council Chamber in City Hall. The sub-committee of the Protocol Committee convened to oversee the commission has decided after a shortlisting process with nominations from Dublin City Council, National Gallery of Ireland and Royal Hibernian Academy to invite eight artists to make proposals for this commission. Invitations have been issued to the artists and the commissioning opportunity has been welcomed by them.

### **An Urgent Enquiry**

The Public Art Officer was invited to present at an online national workshop convened by Creative Ireland to highlight the role which the arts can play in the issue of climate change and public awareness of this global issue. *Sensing Ecologies* developed by Fiona McDonald, the commissioned artist for the Dublin element of the partnership between Dublin City Council, Fingal and Wexford County Councils is a geo-located mobile app designed for the wooden bridge and wall at Bull Island through a series of interviews and soundscapes, it explores environmental sensors, bio-indicators (plants and animals which act as sensors) and how this information might help in understanding or mitigating the effects of climate change. *Sensing Ecologies* is available for free on iPhone and Android mobile devices.

**Ruairí Ó Cuiv**  
**Public Art Manager.**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**