

**The Chairman and Members of  
North West Area Committee.**

**Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Item No: 11**

**Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund**

Following an internal review of the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund last year a report (Item No.10) was presented to the October 2020 North West Area Committee and amended terms and conditions for the Social Regeneration Fund were agreed including the restructuring of the application process and the forming of an Assessment Panel to assess all applications received and agree on the allocation of funding if applicable. The panel will meet regularly to monitor the progress of all programmes and further review the process for 2022 funding if secured.

The purpose of the Social Regeneration Fund was to achieve a robust and accountable delivery mechanism for the implementation of the Social Plan. This is achieved by identifying lead partners and community based networks who will co-ordinate the delivery of the plan across each of the chosen seven themes, identifying needs and gaps in current service provision. Projects and groups that provide additional or new community services, that can be accessed by different sections of the community and that address the initiatives outlined in the seven themes below, were invited to apply for 2021 funding.

The **Sustaining Regeneration, A Social Plan for Ballymun** document sets out objectives under seven themes:

- Place-making
- Education, Lifelong Learning and Training
- Community Safety
- Health and Wellbeing
- Child Development and Family Support
- Arts and Culture
- Recreation and Sport

The Assessment Panel was formed and comprises 3 DCC staff, 2 NWA Councillors and 2 independent members. The panel met in January and based on the applications received, made a decision to allocate funding for Q1. Although some groups applied for increased funding from their 2020 allocation, no extra funding was available. Q1 funding 2021 was allocated and further information was sought from all applicants at this time, in order for the panel to decide on funding for the remainder of 2021. This information has been received, and a decision on further funding for the rest of the year is expected shortly.

The following is a list of projects who applied for funding for 2021, including the amount they applied for, the amount they were allocated for Q1 and a brief description of the services/programmes they provide.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Amount of Funding Requested</b>	<b>Q1 Allocation of Funding</b>
<b>Aisling Project</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>37,500</b>
<b>Axis Centre Ballymun</b>	<b>450,000</b>	<b>112,500</b>
<b>Ballymun Alcohol Community Outreach</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Ballymun Child and Family Resource Centre</b>	<b>87,628</b>	<b>21,907</b>
<b>Ballymun Community Law Centre</b>	<b>126,800</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>BRYR</b>	<b>53,000</b>	<b>11,939</b>
<b>BRYTE</b>	<b>81,000</b>	<b>20,250</b>
<b>Dublin County Board</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>DCU in the Community</b>	<b>147,365</b>	<b>36,841</b>
<b>De Paul Ireland</b>	<b>56,936</b>	<b>13,734</b>
<b>Global Action Plan</b>	<b>101,788</b>	<b>16,285</b>
<b>Innovate Dublin</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>8,250</b>
<b>Poppintree Youth Project</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>6,500</b>
<b>Rediscovery Centre</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>46,250</b>
<b>St. Margaret's Travellers Association</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>13,750</b>
<b>TU Dublin Music Programme</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>19,750</b>

**Aisling** provides programmes to meet the needs of the most marginalised children in Ballymun. Their programmes include a Teen Transition programme, which is aimed at ensuring that the most vulnerable children successfully make the transition from Primary to Secondary education and an After Schools programme for 100 vulnerable children, along with a four-week summer project for these children and 50 of their siblings.

**Axis** is an arts centre and a resource for the community and the city. Its work with many communities, national and international partners has facilitated the development of the quality of arts engagement and practice locally while placing Ballymun as a cultural and artistic destination citywide and nationally. Axis is deeply committed to the Irish language; provides access to participation, education and development in all areas of the arts and is a key cultural partner to the LiFT Youth Arts Festival and the Otherworld Festival. It is a major local employer and the building hosts a range of community development organizations: GAP, De Paul Ireland, Ballymun Welfare Rights, Local Drugs Task Force, Ballymun Communications, Young Ballymun and Rehab Integration Services all hold office space in Axis, all offering a range of services to the wider community. Pre-Covid the café was open Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm and by special arrangement for dinner, theatre and other

events. Axis also runs the café in the Ballymun Civic Centre and has a crèche with 43 places between full- and part-time care. The conference centre facilitates a broad range of meeting and training requirements in addition to special events, such as community gatherings, artist gatherings, storytelling sessions, film screenings, seminars and workshops. The arts spaces (Dance Studio, Art Room, and Underground Studios) facilitate a wide range of individual and group classes run by Axis and other teachers as well as rehearsals and artist studio development time.

**Ballymun Alcohol Community Outreach** provides quality systemic treatment for problem drinkers and their families within a community setting in Ballymun. Their services include Community Awareness, Education and Harm Reduction Programmes, Counselling/Treatment and Rehabilitation/Prevention, Concerned Person's and Family Programmes.

**Ballymun Child & Family Resource Centre.** This organisation provides families in the community with educational opportunities and support services in a warm, welcoming and nurturing environment. The Family Resource Centre works from an ethos of equality, fairness and justice for all families living in this community. They work towards elimination of barriers preventing active participation and involvement of families in the community.

**Ballymun Community Law Centre** supports the people of Ballymun by responding to the unmet legal needs of Ballymun residents through the provision of information, advice, advocacy, representation and mediation, providing opportunities to participate in legal education and training, working closely with partners to maximise impact and Influencing policy and bringing about reform. Three programmes are funded, legal services, legal education and mediation.

**Ballymun Regional Youth Resource – Easy Street.** The target group is young people aged 10 – 25 deemed at risk. The programme offers a variety of interventions using a variety of approaches, which range from street-based informal work, street education, street-based community projects, and centre-based group work, one-to-one mentor work/support, crisis drop-in slots and sports as a tool. The model is flexible and under constant review to ensure its ongoing effectiveness with the specific target group. Also delivered is the Ballymun Summer Parks Programme (including three Fun Days) providing a range of outdoor activities within three Parks in Ballymun over ten weeks.

**BRYTE.** The BRYTE programme, which is provided in Trinity Comprehensive, the only second level school in Ballymun, offers a range of therapeutic interventions to the whole school. They provide staff support, staff training, organisational consultancy, student counselling, group work and clinical psychological interventions to students. The programme is fully funded through the Social Regeneration Fund.

**Dublin County Board.** Funding to this group makes it possible for Ballymun Kickhams and Setanta Hurling and Camogie Club to provide a valuable service to the local schools. They help to coach circa 700 children per week in primary school as well as providing coaching support to underage coaches. They also promote Dublin GAA workshops and run Easter and Halloween camps.

**DCU in the Community** provides flexible educational opportunities to local residents in order to increase participation and promote equality in third level education. The university outreach centre promotes sustainable community development and serves as a bridge to the resources of Dublin City University. DCU in the Community acts as a volunteering hub for DCU staff and students wishing to get involved with work in the local community of Ballymun, but also in wider North Dublin, nationally and internationally. DCU in the

Community, through NORDUBCO also offers services in Silloge Neighbourhood Centre, including the Neighbourhood Engagement Programme (based in Silloge Neighbourhood Centre), which consists of Community Outreach - engaging Residents in positive actions in their area, informing them of all the facilities available in the area, Community Programmes actively involving residents in events within the centre, linking them into DCC community events, delivering courses within the Silloge Neighbourhood Centre and liaising with other agencies to deliver programmes within the centre. They also organise a number of key community events throughout the year.

**De Paul Ireland - Ballymun Case Management Team.** This project, which is located in the Social Innovation Hub, provides a case management service to the homeless families in the Travelodge Hotel, apartments. The Case Manager provides a range of services, including visiting support, information and referral to other services, key-working, advocacy, crisis intervention, move-on support to other housing, referrals to GP Librium detox and residential detox and problem drinker outreach programme referral service.

**Global Action Plan.** GAP provides two programmes within Ballymun. The Environmental Education Programme aims to empower young people to become active citizens in their locality, whilst caring for the social and environmental landscape of their community. It is comprised of various programmes and workshops and involves a Beautiful Spaces competition and four Park Stewardship programmes. The Community Environmental Programme consists of the Greening Neighbourhood projects and Community Waste Management workshops, support for Tidy Towns, and participation in public events.

**Innovate Dublin.** Innovate Dublin looks at innovative solutions to promote the socio economic development of areas in Dublin, by encouraging creative collaboration between local organisations and the community, and actively promoting new sustainable partnerships for the benefit of the local community and others. The focus of this programme is to help participants take their business to the next level by building on the supports already provided to them by the Department of Social Welfare (DSP) via the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance Scheme and the North West Dublin Area Partnership (NWDAP) via the Start Your Own Business Course. For those who are already trading that may mean an increase in customers, for others it may mean setting themselves up to trade.

**Poppintree Youth Project.** This organisation is involved with young people who are identified as being involved with activities associated with the sale and supply of drugs and/or who are being groomed for such activities. This budget funds a programme that targets a group of ten 16 to 18 year olds who are at serious risk. The "Routes" programme engages these young people through a targeted, semi-structured programme, increasing their involvement in the project as well as their access to ongoing supports such as pre-apprenticeship, taster type programmes and activities designed to provide them with options for positive career paths towards a future away from criminality and the risk of serious harm.

**Rediscovery Centre Ballymun.** The Rediscovery Centre is a social enterprise dedicated to providing community employment and training via innovative reuse enterprises, which use waste and unwanted materials as a resource and raw material for new product design. Programmes include Rediscover Fashion, Rediscover Furniture, Rediscover Cycling and Rediscover Paint. The company was set up to support the sustainability objectives (social, economic and environmental) of the Ballymun Masterplan and in direct response to identified local needs. Built upon the three principles of sustainability, the main objects of the company are (i) the protection of the natural environment, particularly through the promotion of reuse of materials, recycling, resource recovery and efficient means of waste disposal; (ii) the advancement of public education about environmental matters related to the re-use of materials, recycling, resource recovery and efficient means of waste disposal; (iii) the promotion of research to further the science of waste management; (iv) the advancement of

community development including urban regeneration; and (v) the promotion of civic responsibility in the community. It is now a centre for excellence in education for sustainability establishing Ballymun as a national eco-destination and an exemplar in Europe.

**St Margaret's Traveller's Association.** This funding is for a programme to build the capacity of the on-site residents group and assists residents to resolve day-to-day issues. It assists in the development and maintenance of a Traveller Men's Group, promoting the inclusion of Travellers in the Ballymun community. The Homework Clubs and the Women's Development service provides opportunities for Traveller Women to participate in a range of training modules, special events and cultural activities.

**TU Dublin Music Programme.** This group deliver a music programme in association with all the primary schools in Ballymun and three second level schools, Trinity Comprehensive Ballymun, Scoil Mobhi and St. Aidan's. This programme runs from Junior Infants to Leaving Certificate and its various strands are Choir, Violin, Pre instrumental music, recorder and wind and brass tuition, as well as a Music Therapist to ensure that all children can experience the benefits of music making. The programme is free of charge to all its participants, and has 500 participants annually. Instrumental lessons are delivered on a weekly basis, with daily pre-school ensemble rehearsals.