



**To the Chair and Members of  
the Central Area Committee**

## **NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT**

### **2021 Funding**

A further round of funding proposals totaling €356,897 was approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This latest round of approvals brings the total amount to €5.12M of the overall €6.5M allocated by the Government to the North East Inner City Initiative for 2021. All 2021 projects approved to date are listed under the relevant Sub-Group heading on the attached table **Appendix 1**. The table will be updated on an ongoing basis as further funding proposals are approved. The projects approved at the May Board Meeting are as follows:

### **Sub-Group 2 – Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities**

#### **Childcare CPD Training Bursary - €41,200**

Continuation of a fund to support existing childcare workers in community childcare projects operating in the north east inner city who have a minimum level 6 qualification to progress to Level 7 (Higher Diploma) or Level 8 (Honours Degree) in Early Childhood Education.

In addition to helping individuals in their learning progression it has the added benefit of improving quality of the childcare provision in the sector. Since 31 December 2016, all staff working directly with children must hold a minimum of QQI Level 5 Major Award in Early Childhood Care and Education. Level 5 and level 6 training in childcare is currently available through ETB and community education providers which is not cost prohibitive. Therefore the added value of this initiative is to target workers qualified at level 6 who have the capacity and desire to undertake and qualify at level 7/8 childcare.

The 2021 funding (€41,200) will cover the cost of six workers to continue their studies for a further year and eight new childcare workers to commence studies in this academic year.

#### **Career LEAP Programme in partnership with Trinity College Dublin - €79,697**

Career LEAP is an evidence-based work-readiness programme, designed specifically to support young people who face additional and significant barriers to entering the workforce. Now, in its fifth year and with 8 groups of young people in the north east inner city having successfully completed it, 87% are in full time employment or full time education after completing the programme. Career LEAP works in tandem with local employment initiatives, and referrals are provided from a range of local organisations including Community Training Programmes, Youth Services, and Drug Services.

The NEIC funding will provide the Career LEAP programme in the north east inner city to three cohorts of participants in the 18-25 year old age bracket. Between June 2021 and July 2022, the programme will reach:

- 40 young people aged 18-25 years who are unemployed and in the hard to reach category;
- Up to 60 mentors from local businesses to equip them with the appropriate knowledge and skills to support hard to reach young people transition to the work place through a Trinity College certified CPD training programme;
- Up to 20 new business partners currently in or moving into the area.

#### **Sub-Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment**

##### **The Green Ribbon Environmental Project in partnership with Sunflower Recycling - €146,000**

The Green Ribbon Project has been up and running in the North East Inner City area since 2017 with a core remit to development community engagement and participation in environmental initiatives and increase civic pride through education and awareness in issues such as greening, litter prevention, dog fouling.

The approved NEIC funding covers a full year cost of managing the project by Sunflower Recycling CLG i.e. staffing, overheads and direct operating costs of The Green Ribbon Project. €79,501 (54%) of this relates to Sunflower Recycling staff costs with the balance covering other operating costs e.g. materials, vehicles, training, waste licence etc. Payroll for the 12 operatives posts (€158,938) is provided separately under SEF (9 no.), C.E. (2 no.) and JI (1 no). The project operates under a Funding Agreement with Dublin City Council on behalf of the NEIC Programme Office.

Sunflower Recycling CLG has also made a submission to the Department of Rural & Community Development under the Community Support Programme (CSP). If this application is successful funding will be provided through the programme for three posts i.e. Manager, Business Development and Financial Management to support Sunflower in progressing to a sustainable social enterprise. It is likely to be several months before the outcome of this process is known.

#### **Sub-Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health**

##### **Community Aftercare Programme for released prisoners – (HSE) €90,000**

This is a proposed 12 month HSE pilot project to meet the health and social care needs of offenders upon release from prison. The transition from prison to the community is a period of high risk for offenders. There are higher rates of overdose, deaths and high-risk drug using and sexual behaviour. Often health gains achieved while incarcerated are eroded very quickly on release.

A dedicated case manager will be recruited to support recently released offenders to access medical and social care and to reduce the risks associated with prison release. The focus will be on the initial release period (approx. four weeks) to engage and work specifically with recently released prisoners and their families to assist with mainstreaming of medical and

social care for this vulnerable population. In addition, the project will augment and support an existing multidisciplinary health care team (doctor, nurse etc).and provide counselling services for offenders and their families.

The pilot project will focus on offenders, both male and female, living in or having family in the NEIC during the period immediately following release from prison.

#### Objectives

- provide person-centred health and social care through an interagency approach
- provide acute medical care for offenders upon release
- ensure continuation of healthcare in the absence of an alternative plan
- link offenders with mental health and addiction services, infectious disease and hepatology services if needed (ensure continuity of HCV and HIV treatment)
- liaise with Probation Service and housing services
- provide access to needle exchange and other harm reduction services as required
- support families who have family members recently released from prison
- provide overdose prevention services including the provision of naloxone and overdose prevention training (both to family and prisoner)

#### **NEIC Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme**

A full report from NEIC Sports Officers Bruce McDevitt and Michael Darragh Macauley on current activities under the Sport & Wellbeing Programme is attached at Appendix 2.

#### **Sean McDermott Swimming Pool**

Arrangements are being put in place to provide group swimming lessons for local schools at Markievicz Leisure Centre, Luke St., Dublin 2 for the duration of the closure of Sean MacDermott St. pool which is likely to extend into 2022. Easing of public health restrictions has permitted resumption of group swimming lessons from 7<sup>th</sup> June. Markievicz Leisure Centre is located 1.1 km from Sean MacDermott St. pool.

For further information or clarification on any NEIC funded project, please contact the NEIC Programme office.

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## APPENDIX 1

### NEIC Programme – 2021 Funding Proposals Approved to date (May 2021)

<b>Department of Rural &amp; Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€5.12M of €6.5M)</b>	
<b>Sub-Group – Enhanced Policing</b>	
Operation Cribbage (Additional Policing resources for Liberty Park & Environs)	€370,000
Domestic Violence and Child Protection - Training for Practitioners	€1,600
Training Bursary – Understanding and Responding to Domestic Abuse (Dundalk IT)	€5,600
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€377,200</b>
<b>Sub-Group 2 – Maximising Educational, Training &amp; Employment Opportunities</b>	
School Principals Network – MA in Education (Special Option Poverty and Social Inclusion in Education) – Yr 2 of study for teachers who commenced the course in 2020	€42,900
Adult & Community Education Strategy for NEIC (co-fund with CDET B)	€12,750
Nurture Room Training for NEIC Primary Schools	€6,675
ICRG (Inner City Renewal Group / Eastside & Docklands Local Employment Service) Bursary 2021	€10,000
Childcare CPD Training Bursary	€41,200
Career LEAP Programme	€79,697
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€193,222</b>
<b>Sub-Group 3 – Family Wellbeing</b>	
Service Provision for 7 to 10 year olds (Belvedere Youth Club)	€48,764
Under 18s Mental Wellbeing Therapeutic and Counselling Support (YPAR) (3 months)	€19,750
Community Case Management	€325,000
Parenting Programme Co-Ordinator (via Tusla)	€60,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€453,514</b>
<b>Sub-Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment</b>	
NEIC Greening Strategy (Phase 2 : 2021-2023)	€545,000
Community Events Programme 2021	€325,000
Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme 2021	€200,000
Community Arts Programme 2021	€155,000
Intercultural Development Co-Ordinator Yr. 2	€60,800
The Green Ribbon Environmental Project	€146,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€1,431,800</b>
<b>Sub-Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health</b>	
Recovery Coach Internships	€16,400
Recovery Café (Recovery Academy of Ireland)	€55,000
HOPE – Recovery Case Manager	€21,000
Community Aftercare Programme for released prisoners	€90,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€182,400</b>
<b>Sub-Group 6 – Alignment of Services</b>	
Swan Youth – Detached Youth Outreach Programme	€150,000

'City Connects' Primary Schools Support Programme (Revised from previously approved figure of €367,951)	€314,680
NEPS / HSE – Multi Disciplinary Team supports for primary schools	€405,777
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€870,457</b>
<b>NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups</b>	
NEIC Social Employment Fund – maintain existing 55 places	1,000,000
Programme Office Costs 2021	260,000
Emerging Needs Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Priority Technology Needs of Schools for remote learning €96,760</i></li> <li>○ <i>Transitional Roma translation Service for NEIC Schools €24,000</i></li> <li>○ <i>LYCS Temporary Accommodation contribution €10,128</i></li> <li>○ <i>Hill Street Family Resource Centre – 0-6 equipment - €1,760</i></li> <li>○ <i>Lourdes Daycare Centre Kitchen Equipment - €5,392</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Oasis Centre, Counselling and Mental Health Supports – €12,000</i></li> </ul>	250,000
Community Grants Scheme 2021	100,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€1,610,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€5,118,593</b>

## APPENDIX 2

# NEIC Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme Report to Central Area Committee Meeting: June 2021

## Operation Reactivation

- The 24<sup>th</sup> May saw the re-commencement of activities for adults in the North East Inner City with launch of Operation Reactivation a 6 week Programme of FREE activities for adults.

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Bhailte Átha Cliath  
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# OPERATION REACTIVATION

## TIMETABLE

**Starts 24<sup>th</sup> May – 6 weeks of FREE Activities for Adults (Over 18's)**  
Book a place on a class now online at [www.neic.ie](http://www.neic.ie)  
\*Please note classes will be outside and limited in capacity due to COVID-19 Restrictions\*

<p><b>MONDAYS</b> <b>Activity: Dance Fitness (Exercise to Music)</b> Contact Point: Alysia Arkins (Francesco Arkins Dance Academy) – 085-8294065 When: 10am – 11am Where: Lourdes Parish Hall</p> <p><b>Activity: Bootcamp</b> Contact Point: Michael Darragh Maccosley (Dublin City Council / NEIC) – 087-1822010 When: 1pm – 2pm Where: Diamond Park</p> <p><b>Activity: Tai-Chi</b> Contact Point: Martin Mc Conigley (LYCS) – 087747015 When: 6pm – 7pm Where: St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre MUGA</p> <p><b>TUESDAYS</b> <b>Activity: Yoga</b> Contact Point: Michael Darragh Maccosley (Dublin City Council / NEIC) – 087-1822010 When: 10am – 11am Where: Liberty Park</p> <p><b>Activity: Tai-Chi</b> Contact Point: Martin Mc Conigley (LYCS) – 087747015 When: 6pm – 7pm Where: Liberty Park</p> <p><b>Activity: Bootcamp</b> Contact Point: Michael Darragh Maccosley (Dublin City Council / NEIC) – 087-1822010 When: 6pm – 7pm Where: St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre MUGA</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAYS</b> <b>Activity: Dance Fitness (Exercise to Music)</b> Contact Point: Alysia Arkins – Fitness Instructor – 085-8294065 When: 10am – 11am Where: Lourdes Parish Hall</p> <p><b>Activity: Walking Group</b> Contact Point: Michael Darragh Maccosley (Dublin City Council / NEIC) – 087-1822010 When: 6pm – 7pm Where: Outside Sean Mc Dermott St Swimming Pool</p> <p><b>Activity: Park Bootcamp</b> Contact Point: Michael Darragh Maccosley (Dublin City Council / NEIC) – 087-1822010 When: 7pm – 8pm Where: Mountjoy Square</p> <p><b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>Activity: Bootcamp</b> Contact Point: Michael Darragh Maccosley (Dublin City Council / NEIC) – 087-1822010 When: 10am – 11am Where: Mountjoy Square</p> <p><b>Activity: GAA for Men's</b> Contact Point: Michael Darragh Maccosley (Dublin City Council / NEIC) – 087-1822010 When: 6pm – 7pm Where: St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre</p> <p><b>Activity: GAA for Men's</b> Contact Point: Michael Darragh Maccosley (Dublin City Council / NEIC) – 087-1822010 When: 7pm – 8pm Where: Fairview Park</p>	<p><b>FRIDAYS</b> <b>Activity: Dance Fitness</b> Contact Point: Alysia Arkins – Francesco Arkins Dance Academy – 085-8294065 When: 10am – 11am Where: Lourdes Parish Hall</p> <p><b>Activity: Capoeira</b> Contact Point: Marcela Paralucci – 5 Lamps Arts Festival (083-4310036) When: 1pm – 2pm Where: Liberty Park</p> <p><b>SATURDAYS</b> <b>Activity: Afro Brazilian Dance</b> Contact Point: Marcela Paralucci – 5 Lamps Arts Festival (083-4310036) When: 11am – 12pm Where: Liberty Park</p> <p><b>Activity: Capoeira</b> Contact Point: Marcela Paralucci – 5 Lamps Arts Festival (083-4310036) When: 12.45pm – 1.30pm Where: Mountjoy Square</p> <p><b>Activity: Capoeira</b> Contact Point: Marcela Paralucci – 5 Lamps Arts Festival (083-4310036) When: 2pm – 2.45pm Where: St. Laurence O' Toole MUGA</p> <p><b>SUNDAYS</b> <b>Activity: Capoeira</b> Contact Point: Marcela Paralucci – 5 Lamps Arts Festival (083-4310036) When: 1pm – 2pm Where: Rainbow Park</p>
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**Activity will be weather dependent**  
Programmes are being run through Dublin City Council, Lourdes Youth and Community Services, Francesco Arkins Dance Academy & the Five Lamps Arts Festival with the support of a number of local community organisations

**Register at [bit.ly/Active2021](http://bit.ly/Active2021) or visit [NEIC.ie](http://NEIC.ie) or [Facebook.com/DNEIC](https://www.facebook.com/DNEIC) for more information**

- Operation Reactivation is linked to the Inform Women, Transform Lives Programme
- Dublin City Council recently teamed up with the Carter Centre in the United States to drive a promotional campaign around informing women of activities taking place in the North East Inner City.

- All activities are FREE and will be run over a 6 week period. All activities are based outdoors in order to comply with Covid-19 guidelines. Activities will take place every morning, lunchtime and evening.
- Most of the activities are taking place in Dublin City Council parks such as:  
Liberty Park                      Diamond Park                      Mountjoy Square  
Rainbow Park (Sheriff Street Open Space)
- The programme includes activities for all levels of ability from low intensity Tai- Chi, right through to high intensity Bootcamps. Other activities include:  
Walking groups                      GAA for Ma's                      Yoga  
International dances such as Capoeira and Afro Brazilian Dance

### **Ex-Well Medical**

- Ex-Well Medical commenced in March 2021 outside Lourdes Parish Hall through a level 5 exemption.
- The programmes is essentially a medically supervised exercise classes for people with chronic illnesses. All participants must be referred from a GP in the area, who have all been engaged with prior to commencement.
- The programme has attracted a regular attendance of over 24 participants per session, which continue to be held twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays.



### **Yoga Teacher Training 200 hour**

- The NEIC has teamed up with Reformation Yoga to bring the first ever 200 hour Yoga Teacher Training programme to the area.

- The course began on 24<sup>th</sup> April, with 13 female and 2 male participants and takes place in D-Light Studios.
- The course will run one weekend a month and will finish in March 2022.
- The certification is internationally recognised and will allow students to teach anywhere in the world. It will also give them an opportunity to give back to their community.



### **Scoil Uí Chonaill CLG - GAA Nursery**

- Scoil Uí Chonaill GAA Nursery continues to provide weekly GAA activities for 4 - 8 year olds
- The Academy was created in partnership with Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative
- On-site activity resumed at O'Connell's school on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May with over 60 children attending the sessions each week.





### **Basketball**

- Basketball lessons are currently being provided to 3 schools in the area
- NEIC Basketball 'Ballerz' is back on every Saturday morning in Aldborough Place.
- 3 sessions are now taking place due to high demand, in the following order:  
Boys 10.00am -11.00am, Girls 11.00am – 12.00pm and 13 + mixed 12.00pm - 1.00pm
- A summer camp has been organised for young people in the area and will take place in Aldborough Place in July. Over 60 young people participated on last year's camp with a similar number expected in 2021.

### **Inter-Cultural Football / Sport Against Racism Ireland**

- **Football for Unity** is an inter-cultural soccer tournament starting in June which will run alongside the Euro 2020 Championship. It will be held in conjunction with Sports Against Racism Ireland, UNHCR and others
- The Gardaí, FAI and local youth services are also involved in the tournament
- An online portal will be opening for teams to register in late May
- Activity will be offered to a range of different groups including:
 

18- 25 year olds	Under 18's	Under 16's
Under 14's (Workshops)	Under 18 girls	Over 18 Women
- Activities will take place in St. Laurence O' Toole MUGA    Common St. MUGA  
Larkin College MUGA            O Connells MUGA            Hubert Fuller Park  
(MUGA beside East Wall Youth Service)

### **General Football Activities**

- Late Night Football has resumed in Sheriff Street for 16 - 25 year olds in conjunction with the FAI
- The FAI have also linked with Stella Maris FC to develop a community recreational football programme in Hardwicke Street (5 – 12 year olds). The programme aims to give children that do not play regular football a chance to develop football skills in a fun environment with a link to more structured football at Stella Maris FC.
- Sheriff YC have seen a significant increase in numbers playing at academy level, with over 80 young people now training regularly with the club.

### **Workshops**

- The SOAR foundation ran wellbeing workshops in Larkin Community College in May and will continue to run workshops in the area in Mount Carmel and O'Connells Secondary Schools.
- As part of the upcoming inter-cultural football tournament with Sports Against Racism Ireland, Anti-Racism workshops are going to be delivered in a number of primary schools in the area.

### **Sports Club Activity**

- A large number of sport clubs have re-commenced outdoor activity in the area with the NEIC providing clubs with the necessary supports
- Activities that have re-commenced in the area include:  
Football      GAA      Taekwondo      Dancing  
Boxing      Girl guides      Scouts

### **School Activities**

- A number of school have re-commenced sports activities through local co - funded sports officers and are supported by Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative.
- Activities that have re-commenced include Boxing, Gaelic Games, Cricket and Rugby



## Youth Service and After-School Activities

- A Dublin City Council and North East Inner City Initiative forum has been developed to ensure resources are being used efficiently
- A network of youth and after-schools services have been in discussion with local co-funded Officers, led by the Sport and Wellbeing team, regarding activities leading up to and during the summer break
- Activities that will be developed for young people through the services will include:

Football	Boxing	Athletics
Gaelic games	Olympic handball	Orienteering
Bike safety training	Archery	Cricket
Capoeira	Ju-Jitsu	Bespoke girl activities



## Coach Development

- During level 5 restrictions a number of online Coaching Courses were delivered with the support of the North East Inner City Initiative.
- These included Governance Training, Coaching Children in Sport and Child Safeguarding Courses.
- There are upcoming coaching workshops in GAA and Basketball, which will be aimed primarily at parents and teachers

- Supports are also being offered to clubs and services that wish to pursue entry level qualifications for relevant sports.

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