

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

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

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**Report of the Director of Services, South City**

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**Grand Canal**

A meeting was held in January 2020 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 quarterly interaction between Waterways Ireland and DCC. The latest quarterly meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via Microsoft Teams and the next meeting is due to be held in September 2021.

**Portobello Harbour Square**

A meeting took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> January with SEA Councillors to discuss the proposed public consultation for Portobello Plaza. A meeting was held with City Architects, Roads, Planning and Public Realm to discuss how we might proceed. The architects for the hotel have now confirmed that they plan to commence development in September 2021. A meeting was held in early September 2021 with City Architects and hotel contractor and other internal departments to discuss arrangements for managing the build and the renovation of the square. A further meeting will be arranged with Councillors soon afterwards to set out in some detail how the initial phase of public consultation will proceed.

A meeting has taken place in the last few days with the developers of the proposed Hotel beside Portobello Plaza and this meeting will assist us in preparing for a public consultation on the future of the plaza.

**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 2021 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 was proposed that the tender for the car park works would issue by end of Q1 2021, but this has been delayed due to resourcing issues in Road Construction section. 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 were completed in February 2021. Renewal of display boards at entrances to the park will be carried out in conjunction with Park Services in 2021 using Discretionary Funds.

**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.

*\*Both of these projects are now listed on the Capital Programme 2021 – 2023 and have been awarded funding from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).*

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and further meetings were required with key departments. Due to resourcing issues Roads Design and Construction Section cannot oversee completion of project to Part 8 stage. An invitation to tender for additional services to bring the project to Part 8 was issued to consultants on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The closing date for submissions is 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021. We hope to appoint consultants by October and Part 8 should be ready to lodge by end of Q1 2022. Councillors will be briefed before we commence the 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 to Part 8 stage. Detailed meetings took place between Roads Design & Construction and 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 preparation of tender for GPR survey and preliminary design of new surface water main will continue as we await final decision on ECT route from NTA. Due to resource constraints in E & T Department it is likely we will have to go out to tender to appoint a consultant to bring this project to Part 8 planning application stage. It will be necessary also to bring new design back to local community prior to lodgement of the Part 8.

### **Sandymount Green Outdoor Dining Trial**

The Sandymount Green Outdoor Dining Trial took place during the months of July and August and has now finished. The Area Office facilitated discussion with a range of stakeholders both for and against during the duration of the trial. We also arranged for music at Sandymount Green each Sunday afternoon. There will be a review of the outdoor dining trial however details of that review are not finalised as yet.

### **Cabbage Garden & Cathedral Lane**

The refurbishment of the football pitch is now complete and discussions are underway with Iveagh Celtic Football Club and other stakeholders to maximise the use of the new pitch by the local community.

We are also working on a proposed mural for Cathedral Lane and we have had discussions with local residents and will meet them again shortly regarding this matter. Other matters being examined will be the installation of gym equipment in the Cabbage Garden and the proposed resurfacing of Cathedral Lane. We are also hoping that with the relaxation of Covid restrictions that we can again arrange events for the Cabbage Garden similar to what we had in 2019.

### **Rosary Hall**

After receiving extra funding of €240k which was approved at the April City Council meeting (as well as €125,000 already allocated) it has been decided to retender the entire proposed works. Meetings took place with both main community groups and consultant architects in early May to outline the proposed works, which include mechanical & electrical works, fire safety works, remedial works and lift replacement. Tender documentation regarding the full works is currently being prepared by consultant architects.

The Area Manager is also engaging in meetings with both community groups regarding refurbishment and governance of the facility and a draft management plan for the running of the facility is being progressed.

A further meeting with both community groups took place on June 2<sup>th</sup> to review new drawings. Revisions have been made to drawings in line with reasonable requests and have been forwarded to the groups. A further meeting took place on July 7<sup>th</sup> and the drawings have been agreed.

The management proposal pertaining to the utilisation of the facility and of the upper floor in particular, is being finalised with the assistance of the Development Section. A management committee comprising of two members of the football club and two members of the HXVCC and the Area Manager will be established to optimise the use of the facility for the benefit of the community.

### **Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross**

The inaugural meeting of the Age Friendly Committee took place on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 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.

With ongoing restrictions, which will be reviewed at the October meeting, the facilitation of a workshop to get the views of the wider community remains deferred until guidelines permit. A subgroup under the Housing SPC has been convened to look at the City-wide Age Friendly Strategy. Under this structure, submissions for funding may be advanced, including the Harold's Cross project.

A defibrillator has been installed in Harold's Cross as part of the Age Friendly Initiatives.

The committee recently congratulated the HX Grow Hub for winning a City Neighbourhood Award and the group continues to grow in numbers. It has been agreed by the elected members that further monies (€7,500) will be allocated to this age friendly initiative in the Discretionary funding for 2021.

8 IT age friendly tablets have been distributed to residents and have been very well received. Cliff Run Media has supplied over 1000 units to established age friendly projects across the country. A tablet comes with one year's free WIFI and the scheme is dignity proofed to make access as easy as possible. Funding of €2,000 from the HX Age Friendly project, €1,000 from the central age friendly fund, and a final €1,000 from our community budget was utilised to finance this initiative. A list of recipients was prepared in conjunction with HXVCC.

It is anticipated that when the works are completed on Rosary that it can play a pivotal role in age friendly activities going forward.

Further meetings took place on May 26<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup> when a presentation by Eimear McCormack, DCC Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator) took place. Eimear outlined that the programme will be evaluated and monitored by a research team in NUI Maynooth.

The committee also decided to advance a further round of tablets for residents. The next meeting is scheduled for October

### **Rutland Grove/ Eamonn Ceannt Park**

Meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 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.

Leslie Moore has indicated with response to a July motion that he will engage a consultant to review this issue regarding the Part 8 parking. As an interim measure, planters were installed at the entrance to Rutland Grove to enhance the environment and assist with ongoing illegal parking at the entrance. Regrettably a number of these have been vandalised and a solution is being sought in conjunction with the residents' association

A meeting took place between the Area Manager, the Parks Section and the secretary of the residents' association on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March to initiate discussions around the best utilisation of the co funded €20,000 for the improvement works and discussions are ongoing.

The presentation of the proposed works at the Parks Depot upgrade took place on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The consultant outlined the plans to councillors and community groups and welcomed input into finalising the design. A further meeting took place on June 29<sup>th</sup> to update the councillors and community groups on modifications to the drawings after Parks Section met with the residents' group on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

It has been agreed that laminated drawings outlining the proposed upgrade of the depot will be erected on the depot walls to facilitate a better understanding of the proposals.

### **St. Pancras, Mount Tallant**

The complex is now complete and all tenants have moved in.

### **Choice Based Lettings**

A number of units in Rathmines Avenue have been recently allocated. Further units will be advertised in Rathmines Avenue and Lissadel Court complexes in the coming weeks.

### **CCTV Benbulbin Road**

Following on from the provision of Discretionary Funding for the installation of CCTV at Benbulbin Road, we continue to try to progress the matter. Adhering to advice from DCC's Data Protection Office, a letter was sent to the Garda Commissioner's Office on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This letter requested written authorisation from the Garda Commissioner for Dublin City Council to install CCTV at the location, which is a public area and not within the bounds of a Dublin City Council complex. The current DCC code of practice for installation of CCTV in public places requires such authorisation from the Garda Commissioner. The Office of the Commissioner replied on the 11<sup>th</sup> May and submitted a number of documents, including An Garda Síochána's Code of Practice for Community Based CCTV Systems. The documents submitted are at variance with DCC's code of practice for CCTV in public places and do not seem to take into account that DCC are installing the CCTV rather than a community based organisation. Discussions took place with local based senior Gardaí in order to try and reconcile the differing positions, but following further advice from our Data Protection Office, further clarity is required from An Garda Síochána. We are currently awaiting further information from An Garda Síochána in relation to advancing this project without the necessity to go down the route of a Community Based CCTV Scheme. Designating this CCTV Project a Community Based CCTV Scheme would impose greater responsibility on the local

community in relation to their role in consultation, installation, maintenance and management of the CCTV system. It would also have the potential to increase costs for the project. Given that this camera will be placed in a highly trafficked and utilised area, which contains shops and services, there is significant potential for queries to be raised from a Data Protection perspective. It is therefore essential that there is full clarity and comprehension of the requirements to meet DCC's obligations under Data Protection legislation before we can move forward with this project.

### **Allotments**

In what have been very challenging times, our allotments at Blarney Park, Herbert Park and Ringsend Park continue to deliver fresh food and company as well as mental and physical health benefits to our plot holders. Our Community Team has recently supported the purchase of a new Solar Pump at the Allotments in Blarney Park to supply the plots and community garden with water from the Poddle River. We are currently planning an 'open day' to be held there in September where we will invite the wider community to visit the site to see the incredible work being carried out by the volunteers. An inspection of Ringsend Park Allotments is due to take place during the first week of September with a view to carrying out maintenance and improvement works thereafter.

### **Bushy Park Market**

The Community Team supported the provision of some entertainment on a trial basis at the weekly Market (Magician and Stilt Walker) in August. The entertainment was well received and no issues were highlighted.

### **Canon Money Gardens Family Day**

Support is being provided to this Back to School event at Canon Mooney Gardens in Ringsend, organised by the local residents' association and due to take place on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm.

### **Cashel Road Residents**

We are supporting the BRU Crumlin Youth Project to initiate a project targeting young families with children on Cashel Road. A pilot Sports Day will take place on the green space on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, where we hope to meet potential members of a new parent and child group who will be invited to meet the Community Team and members of BRU Crumlin.

### **Cherryfield Avenue Family Fiesta**

Cherryfield Avenue Upper Residents' Association in Ranelagh will be hosting a small family get-together for local residents on the street on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> August from late afternoon with music, food, refreshments and much chat on offer. A surprise appearance from Mr. Whippy has been arranged for local children.

### **Community Music Programme**

The South East Area's Community Development Team organised over 40 Garden Gigs at sheltered housing schemes, care homes and mental health service centres during the month of July in conjunction with Housing Liaison Officers and local communities. As well as reliving memories and music from yesteryear, residents were able to enjoy refreshments and a good catch up, with the more adventurous also taking to the green and gravelled "dancefloors". These events all took place against a backdrop of floral displays and glorious colour, which showcased the huge efforts of local residents who take such pride in their gardens and communal areas. This programme wound down during August with such events only taking place at selected venues such as Greenore Rostrevor Sheltered Housing Scheme (off Macken Street) and Orwell Queen of the Peace (Rathgar) where summer activity programmes commenced later than at other venues. Our musicians also performed to forty older, isolated persons on a 'one on one' basis, in their front gardens. An end of summer Garden Party is scheduled for Verschoyle Court for the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Community Meals & Care Packs**

We are continuing to support the valuable Covid-19 Response Meals Services and Care Packages which are delivered to vulnerable residents over bank holiday periods. Ranelagh Community Response, St. Andrew's Resource Centre and Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre are all involved in this service. We also support the Iveagh Trust on Kevin Street with their food hampers which the residents committee put together every 1-2 weeks for local people in need.

### **Covid-19 Community Response**

We are still receiving referrals from vulnerable residents looking for low level assistance including grocery collection, delivery of medical prescriptions and other items. Local community groups continue to support the response with the provision of volunteers.

### **Crumlin Community Crèche Wall**

Following full engagement with the local community by volunteers from the Crumlin Community Clean-Up Group a design for a mural on the crèche wall has been agreed. The art work is based on "Colour Therapy which is inspired by paper tearing and the therapeutic use of colour". The blue colours are similar to Crumlin United / Crumlin GAA and the work will be completed by artists from Subset.

### **Environmental Projects**

We have supported over 80 projects in the South East Area so far this year through the provision of flowers/shrubs, tools, gardening advice, top soil, compost and planter boxes. Many of our villages and flat complexes have never looked better and it's an absolute credit to those who have been out there planting, painting, cleaning etc. and taking such pride in their complexes and streets. "New" environmental groups we are now linking in with include those at New York Street Flats, Oxford Grove, Elmwood Avenue, Markievicz House and Conway Court.

### **Evergreen Club**

A new management committee has been elected to oversee the running of the club and its activities. We provided a truck to clear the premises of old material which was beyond serviceable use or out of date, and the facility will be painted and some upgrade work supported, to assist with a potential re-opening at the end of September. A number of new groups and activities have requested usage of the premises, including the HSE based in the Health Centre next door.

### **George Reynolds House Family Day**

Support is being provided to this event which is organised by the local residents' association and due to take place on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm. Various family fun activities will be taking place with special appearances by Magician Jack Flash and walkabout characters such as Gary the Great on stilts and The Juggler also planned.

There have been recent enquiries from residents groups at other Dublin City Council flat complexes including **Markievicz House** and **Conway Court** to also host end of summer activities but no details/dates confirmed as yet.

### **Halloween Festivals**

The Community Teams are working to collate the programme for potential Halloween Festivals in Ringsend (Dockers and Demons), Brickfield Park, Clogher Road Sports Centre (Eamon Ceannt Park) and the Cabbage Garden. While plans are proceeding it should be noted that events and larger scale activities may be difficult to deliver under government restrictions. We are assessing these on a weekly basis and no decision on holding any part of the festivals has been made to date.

### **Iveagh Trust Family Day**

Support is also being provided to this event at the New Bride Street/Kevin Street flat complex, organised by the Iveagh Trust and due to take place on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September from 12-5pm. There'll be activities for all ages on offer including traditional street games, sports, children's magic shows and a Garden Party featuring live music from yesteryear for older residents.

### **Kimmage Christmas Tree Lighting**

Pre-development work continues on the location for a proposed Kimmage Christmas Tree and Lighting Ceremony. We are currently assessing the potential to have the event in the Supervalu Car Park and to light the large tree at the entrance. Members of the Kimmage Traders are working with the manager of Supervalu to see if this proposal is viable given some of the car park will be closed for twenty-four hours.

### **Margaret Place Family Fiesta**

A small summer street party is due to take place for the local residents of Margaret Place in Sandymount on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September from 3-8pm, organised by the local residents' association with support from our team. There'll be live music, food 'n' refreshments, traditional street games and a magic show for all ages to enjoy.

### **Play in the Park**

The event took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of July in Belgrave Square, Rathmines with the Dublin Youth Theatre in conjunction with the Fair in the Square Committee. The Friday evening performance was cancelled due to adverse weather but the Saturday performances went ahead as planned. A huge effort was required to meet government restrictions at the time including a booking portal, spaced seating, a face mask mandate and limited numbers.

### **Ranelagh Arts Festival**

This year's Ranelagh Arts Festival will take place from 16-26 September at various locations in the village. A diverse programme of comedy, theatre, visual art and dance is in the planning as well as historical walks and some movies outdoors. For up to date details of the programme, please visit [www.ranelagharts.ie](http://www.ranelagharts.ie)

### **Ringsend & Irishtown Youth Diversion Project**

This Gaisce award winning project has recently concluded with participants due to be presented with a Bronze Gaisce Award shortly. This excellent three month long project was organised by two local volunteers with support from the Spellman Centre, RSCF and ourselves. It targeted 14-18 year olds and covered personal development, team work and healthy lifestyle practices through challenges and activities including camping, kayaking, hiking and fishing.

### **Rutland Grove Planters**

The installation of planters at the entrance to Rutland Grove estate has proven to be unsuccessful due to regular antisocial activity and damage to the units. Damaged planters have been removed and we are working with local residents to resolve the issues or relocate/remove the remaining boxes.

### **Verschoyle Court Gardening Classes & Talk**

The weekly gardening classes for residents of Verschoyle Court Sheltered Housing Complex continued throughout August in support of their award winning community and wild flower garden. The group's latest project is a "Bog Garden" which will offer vital resources to a variety of wildlife as well as adding to the splendour of the garden. A walk and talk around the garden with RTÉ's & Virgin Media's resident biologist and wildlife expert, Eanna Ní Lamhna also take place for residents in August.

### **Whitefriar Strings Project**

Tuition in violin and cello have continued on a weekly basis through online Zoom classes. Eight of the Whitefriar String Project students, who are members of the Junior Young Orchestral Pops Orchestra (YOPs), performed at the YOPs online concert in May whilst another four students have recently been accepted into the Senior YOPs Orchestra. One of the String Project students was also awarded a music scholarship into Alexandra College in Milltown. All in all, much progress achieved despite the challenges faced in recent times.

### **Woodstock Court Garden "Competition"**

A series of environmental projects at Woodstock Court by our Team in partnership with Ranelagh Community Response, Ranelagh Tidy Towns & Gheel Autism has in turn encouraged local residents to work on their front 'gardens' with the complex looking magnificent. A gardening showcase took place in early August with RTÉ's & Virgin Media's resident biologist and wildlife expert, Eanna Ní Lamhna invited along to visit all the gardens and meet the residents. Eanna was most impressed and Certificates were issued to all tenants who got involved.

### **Youth & Summer Projects**

Throughout July and August, young people were treated to various outdoor activities and exciting trips to the likes of Fort Lucan, Ardgillen Castle, the Aquatic Centre and Kia Ora Farm through the summer projects in Ringsend, Pearse Street, Aungier Street and Charlemont Street areas. Support with transportation was also provided to the Dublin 8 based intercultural project run by Cultural Youth Association, the Summer Trips Project at Ringsend Crèche and the CLAY and BRU Youth Projects who help keep our young people and especially those 'at risk' engaged with the programmes.

### **In what has been very difficult times for local community groups and volunteers, we are very grateful to all those involved in the above for their commitment and efforts.**

### **Waste Management / Environmental Services**

Mattress Recycling held 14<sup>th</sup> August in Rosary College, Armagh Road. 153 mattresses were collected.

City Neighbourhood Awards: Closing date is 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Dublin Community Clean-up 2021 takes place from 11<sup>th</sup> September -19<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Leaflet deliveries & door knocking by Litter Wardens to deal with issues of "Bird feeding" & Waste Bye Laws enquiries. (D12 Area)

### **Graffiti Removal**

Ongoing.

### **Weed Control**

1<sup>st</sup> Spray completed of 95kms

Targeted areas for resprays: Contractor is due back in South East area in mid/late September

Additional 10kms identified for treatment.

### **Bag bin Trial:**

Drury Street. (Starting end September)

### **Public Domain Community Cleans August 2021**



Kildare Road/ Kildare Park.

Marlborough Road, Marlborough Lane, Bushfield Avenue, Sandford Avenue, Sandford Gardens.

Kyleclare Road /Cymric Road/Pine Road/ Isolda Road/Cashel Avenue.

**Abandoned Bicycles**

July: 12

August 43

242 year to date.

## SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE

### DUBLIN CITY SPORT & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2021



Face to Face delivery of DCSWP programmes continue across communities in the South East area. Delivery of programmes, particularly around participant numbers, remain subject to Government, HSE and Sport Ireland guidelines. At the time of writing this report DCSWP was awaiting advice from Central Government/NPHET and Sport Ireland on the resumption of indoor sporting activities. Details of many of the programmes highlighted below are TBC as programmes for Autumn/Winter are currently in the planning stages.

#### Online/Social Media Supports:

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

#### Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Virtual Hub

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub support continues virtually: [dcwsphub.ie](https://dcwsphub.ie)

#### Bike Week 2021: 12th- 18th September

**Bike Week** is a national celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling. DCSWP provides opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to experience the joy of cycling through ongoing programmes. To mark the week the following programme will be delivered in the South East area:

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	Bike Week (12 – 18 <sup>th</sup> September)
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Promoting cycling via community programmes
<b>Age group:</b>	All ages
<b>Gender:</b>	Mixed
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	TBC during 12th – 18th September. Various times and locations.



## European Week of Sport/Dublin Sportsfest 2021

Dublin Sportsfest, DCSWP's annual flagship event is now in its 4th year and once again for 2021 will coincide with European Week of Sport (EWOS) from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September. The aim of Dublin Sportsfest is to promote DCSWP's goals which are to engage with people of all ages and abilities in our communities through the provision of sporting/physical activity programmes and initiatives, to encourage participation and to increase the profile of the Partnership. Sportsfest is also an opportunity for DCSWP to showcase the many indoor and outdoor facilities and resources DCC has to support communities in order to partake in sport and physical activity.

Despite current restrictions the planning of Sportfest 2021 and all DCSWP programmes and events continues. Below are South East area EWOS/Sportsfest planned events/activities:

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	European Week of Sport / Sportsfest 23 <sup>rd</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Description of programme activity</b>	Multi-sport events.
<b>Partners:</b>	FAI, Boxing, Rugby officers.
<b>Age group:</b>	Primary school age.
<b>Gender:</b>	Mixed
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	9-1pm Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Ringsend Park
<b>Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: per session):</b>	150 approximately (numbers TBC closer to the date)

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	European Week of Sport /Sportsfest
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Orienteering – schools event
<b>Partners (if any):</b>	Schools
<b>Age group:</b>	10-16yrs
<b>Gender:</b>	Mixed
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept. John Paul Park. 10-3pm
<b>Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: per session):</b>	120-150 approximately

## South East Area Highlights September 2021

### ➤ School Programmes (Primary and secondary)

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	Primary Rugby
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Tag rugby – primary schools.
<b>Partners (if any):</b>	Primary schools
<b>Age group:</b>	8-12 yrs.
<b>Gender:</b>	Girls
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	TBC school sessions & Blitz 6 <sup>th</sup> October – venue TBC
<b>Programme Start Date:</b>	September 2021
<b>Programme End Date:</b>	TBC

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	Primary School After-school
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Fundamental movement skills programme for primary school children
<b>Partners (If any):</b>	
<b>Age group:</b>	Primary School
<b>Gender:</b>	Mixed
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	Thursday 1pm – 2pm Harold's Cross
<b>Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: per session):</b>	15
<b>Programme Start Date:</b>	16/9/21
<b>Programme End Date:</b>	21/10/21

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	Primary School After-school
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Fundamental movement skills programme for primary school children with special needs
<b>Partners (If any):</b>	
<b>Age group:</b>	Primary School
<b>Gender:</b>	Mixed
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	Friday 2pm – 3pm Rathgar St. Peter's Special School
<b>Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: per session):</b>	15
<b>Programme Start Date:</b>	16/9/21
<b>Programme End Date:</b>	21/10/21

#### Women in Sport

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	Women's Fitness Programme
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Circuits class including weights, cardio, etc.
<b>Partners (If any):</b>	Irishtown Stadium
<b>Age group:</b>	+18yrs
<b>Gender:</b>	Women
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	Irishtown Stadium. TBC 7pm Tuesday/Wednesday from September to late October

#### Youth at Risk Programmes (young people age 10 – 21 years)

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	Inspire Event
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Sporting Legend event
<b>Partners (If any):</b>	Youth Service
<b>Age group:</b>	Teenagers
<b>Gender:</b>	Girls
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	TBC in September (one off event)

### Older Adults (Age 55+)

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	Forever Fit
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Chair Fit classes for adults with mental health difficulties at Swanlea House in Rathmines
<b>Partners (If any):</b>	
<b>Age group:</b>	Adults
<b>Gender:</b>	Mixed
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	Wednesday 11am Swanlea House Rathmines
<b>Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: per session):</b>	12
<b>Programme Start Date:</b>	8/9/21
<b>Programme End Date:</b>	27/10/21

### Inclusion in Sport – People with Physical, Intellectual and Sensory Disabilities

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Dance Classes for people with Intellectual Disabilities at St Michaels House
<b>Partners (If any):</b>	
<b>Age group:</b>	18 – 21
<b>Gender:</b>	Mixed
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	Wednesday 1pm SMH Turas Rathmines
<b>Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: per session):</b>	15
<b>Programme Start Date:</b>	1/9/21
<b>Programme End Date:</b>	27/10/21

### HSE Health Promotion in the Community

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	Men on the Move
<b>Description of programme activity e.g.: Tag Rugby, Chair Aerobics etc.</b>	Men's Fitness Classes
<b>Partners (If any):</b>	HSE
<b>Age group:</b>	Older Adults
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Date/time and location:</b>	Tuesday and Thursday 7pm – 8pm Terenure
<b>Estimated Number of Programme Participants (NB: per session):</b>	15
<b>Programme Start Date:</b>	14/9/21
<b>Programme End Date:</b>	25/11/21

### Co-Funded Officer Update:

Athletics, Boxing, Cricket, Football, Rowing and Rugby summer programmes continue in the area over the next period:

### Athletics in the Community:

Athletics Officers are currently rolling out summer camps and events. A full update will be provided in the August report. DCSWP Athletics Officers are currently supporting DCSWP Officers in the delivery of Couch to 5k walking and running programmes and the Marathon

Families Initiative. The school Marathon Kids programme, which is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, will commence following the return to education.

#### **Boxing in the Community:**

Boxing/IABA Officers will recommence the Startbox programme in the South East area following the return to education in September. Full details will be provided in the October report.

#### **Cricket in the Community:**

School Cricket sessions and tournaments to recommence in September following the return to education. Full details will be provided in the October report.

#### **Football in the Community:**

- Drug Rehabilitation Football Programme: 8-week programme starting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September with 20 male/females participating.
- DCSWP Sportsfest 2021 – football sessions will be running on September 28<sup>th</sup> in Irishtown stadium working with schools in the area.
- Walking Football Programme - walking football programme commencing Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September in Irishtown stadium.

#### **Rowing in the Community**

Get Going Get Rowing school programmes to resume in September following the return to education. Full details will be provided in the October report.

#### **Rugby in the Community**

- Delivery of Rugby workshops in all 7 clubs in the SE Area.
- Primary and Secondary School programmes restarting in all schools.
- Children's and Youth Coach Award Programmes.
- Club and School rugby programmes recommencing.

#### **General:**

##### **Keep Well/ Keep Active Campaign**

'Keep Well', the Healthy Ireland and Central government backed national campaign was launched in October last year. The campaign aims to highlight the critical importance of minding ourselves both physically and mentally during these uncertain times. Keep Well is described as a 'call to action' to everyone across society whether at individual, organisational or voluntary level to support people in discovering the many ways we can work together to build community resilience.

DCSWP activities are reported to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage on a weekly basis as part of the Keep Active metric.

##### **Orienteering**

In late 2020 DCSWP teamed up with Orienteering Ireland to support young people, families and adults of all abilities to take up something a little different. Orienteering provides great opportunities for everyone to develop important life skills, build self-esteem and learn the benefits of teamwork in the great outdoors. Training workshops delivered by Orienteering Ireland in October 2020 have provided DCSWP Sport Officers with the knowledge and practical understanding of teaching the basic skills of orienteering to get groups up and running.

DCSWP has also worked closely with Orienteering Ireland around the use of technology to map parks and locations across the Dublin region that can potentially play host to orienteering programmes and maximise the delivery of this very positive outdoor initiative in parks and green spaces in the city.

DCSWP continues to engage with Orienteering Ireland around the roll out and delivery of the programmes. Trial programmes continue in parks across the city.

## Training

- Online Safeguarding Training to support compliance in local clubs and organisations resumed with Safeguarding 1 Training on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Training is provided by DCSWP Officers. Safeguarding 2 & 3 continues to be advertised and delivered on an on-demand basis.
- In partnership with CARA, the online Disability & Inclusion and Autism in Sport training programmes launched in 2020. This is part of a series of online Disability in Sport training programmes already in operation. The programme for 2021 is delivered on the first Tuesday of every month on an ongoing basis.

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