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Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
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MANAGEMENT UPDATE

1. STRATEGY AND POLICY

Events and Filming

Following an open EU tendering process Dublin City Council Events have established a multi-party outdoor events framework. The framework is divided into two Lots.

Lot 1. Events >5000 attendees (Three event management companies have been permitted on this Lot

Lot 2. Events < 5000 (Five event management companies have been permitted on this Lot
For both Lots events will be awarded via a mini-competition. The framework is available for use by all departments in Dublin City Council

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership

- DCSWP STRIDE strategic vision 2017 -2020: currently under review. Interim strategy survey circulated to DCSWP administrative staff and DCSWP Sport Officers to inform and advise.
- Governance in Sport Code – Management and sub working group established to ensure compliance by year end.

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services

Draft Dublin City Biodiversity Action Plan (2021-2025)

Following a review of public submissions, the draft plan will be brought to the Arts, Culture and Leisure SPC for approval and then to the City Council in Q4 for formal adoption.

Libraries

Following a review of the mobile library service, the **Library in the Community service** will provide improved access to books and library programming, for communities without local access to a branch library. The service will comprise a number of service elements (i) Library lockers and book collections in community locations (ii) Home delivery and supported housing service (iii) Programming in the Community (iv) New smaller, more flexible, Mobile Library Van(s) (v) Enhanced schools service. First of the self-service library lockers will be installed in Our Lady's Hall, Mourne Road, Drimnagh and will open on 20th September in line with the lifting of Covid restrictions

Arts Office

Creative Places Award: *Sphere17* Youth Services, Darndale, in partnership with the Arts Office has been awarded €150k this year plus the next 3 years. The Arts Council for the Creative Places Scheme. DCC expects to match this award in cash and kind to approx. €100k per year this was launched in Darndale on Culture Night by Lord Mayor

Faoin Speir: The residents of Rockfield Park in Artane, with the support of the Arts Office, were awarded €80K by the Arts Council to produce a special outdoor Fête in 2021. This represents a strategic priority for the Arts Office to engage with and build capacity in the North Central and North West Areas

Hugh Lane Gallery

Hugh Lane Gallery is open and welcoming visitors to our range of vibrant exhibitions while adhering fully to Covid guidelines.

Refurbishment of 1930's Wing

Refurbishment will now be part of the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Planning. Construction to begin Q3 2023.

2. INFORMATION RELEVANT TO SPC

Events and Filming

Dublin City Council Events intend on launching an open EU tender for improvement works in the following location

Smithfield Plaza: Lighting Improvement upgrade of the twelve lights on the square.

Dublin City Council intend on launching an open EU tender for the establishment of a framework for Outdoor Events Consultants

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership

DCSWP Quarterly Programme statistics

- 2021 1st Quarter - 69 DCSWP programmes delivered with over 9,000 participants.
- 2021 2nd Quarter - 460 DCSWP programmes delivered with over 20,000 participants.
- 2021 Applications for Sport Ireland Core & Dormant Account Funding will be made in October.

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services

National Biodiversity Action Plan Grant

Applications by Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services for funding under the NBAP were successful for the third year in a row. Projects are valued at €82,835, with a grant of €55,962 and €26,873 from the Parks/Biodiversity budget.

Wheelchair-Friendly Beach Mats at Dollymount Strand

On the 1st September 2021 Dublin City Council announced the launch of new wheelchair-friendly mats at Dollymount Strand. The beach mats will provide wheelchair and mobility scooter users with greater access to the North Bull Island Nature Reserve and beach areas. The specially designed beach mats extend 125 metres onto the beach from the end of Causeway Road and will afford wheelchair and mobility scooter users greater mobility on the sand.



Local resident Patrick Greville in his own wheelchair testing the mats

The Beach Mats are just the latest initiative supported by Dublin City Council's Parks Department to improve accessibility at local leisure facilities.

The trial of the beach mats comes after a recommendation from the North Bull Island Oversight Forum to improve accessibility for beachgoers with additional mobility requirements, both on the nature reserve and its 5km beach.

It is anticipated, subject to use and demand, that the mats will be extended further along the beach in future years.

Libraries

Further opening of the library sector in September: Following the announcement by Government on 31st August, all library services will be available from the 20th September.

A look back at ***Inside Out***, Dublin City Libraries Summer programme

Summer 2021 saw Arts and Libraries sections presenting an ambitious, diverse range of activities for families and children online and outdoors during July and August.

Over 124 events were co-ordinated with multiple partners including Recreate, The Gaiety School of Acting, Rediscovery, James Joyce Centre, Dublin Circus Theatre, Junior Einsteins, Create School, authors Sarah Bowie, Sadhbh Rosenstock and Sadhbh Devlin.

Families and children enjoyed a carefully planned outdoor experience managed by event partners Limelight at 5 outdoor venues to include Ballyfermot Library, Phibsboro Library, Ballymun Library, Coolock Library and Walkinstown Library, promoting the library and of course the annual summer reading programme. The summer marked an important beginning between Dublin City Council's Creative Hubs at Ballyfermot, Cabra and Coolock with The ARK in Temple Bar bringing arts experiences to children in the early years. This will be part of regular library and arts programming for the future to target children and their parents to experience the arts in a local setting.

Arts Office

Creative Climate Action -DCC received €166k from Creative Ireland to support a climate action partnership with Clean up Crumlin. This will begin with a climate education and consultation programme.

Dublin City Public Art Programme Closing date for submissions for Strand 2 commissions: September 2nd closing date for Dublin Docklands Light Commission: September 29th

DCC Annual Arts Grants & Bursaries Awards 2022 to be launched late September 2021

Hugh Lane Gallery

Education: <http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/current/3278-podcasts>.

3. UPDATES ON PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT 4 MONTHS

Events and Filming

Halloween Event 2021

Dublin City Council Events intend to facilitate a series of family themed Halloween events including light projections in the City Centre over the Halloween weekend.

Winter Lights 2021

Following an open EU procurement process Dublin City Council Events are now planning for Winter Lights 2021. Events are currently liaising with Dublin City Council Media Relations, The Office of the Lord Mayor, and Dublin City Culture Company. It is also intended to procure a number of artists to assist with the generation of artwork and work with community groups to develop artwork on buildings across the city.

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership

- **European Week of Sport:** (EWOS) - DCSWP highlight annual event takes place from 23rd – 30th September to coincide with European Week of Sport. Multi-sport approach across all city areas in a celebration of sport.
- **DCSWP Orienteering Programmes:** –All-inclusive orienteering Programmes planned in partnership with Parks & Landscape Services.
- **Marathon Kids :** Programme enabling school children to complete a marathon over a number of weeks. Launched September 2021.
- **Men on the Move:** Delivered in partnership with the HSE aimed at males age 55 + years.
- **Multi-Sport School Programmes:** Athletics, Boxing (Startbox), Cricket, Football, Rugby & Get Going Get Rowing. DCSWP Sport and Co-funded Officers to continue engaging with local schools.
- **Older Adult Programmes:** Multi-sport activities/programmes aimed at adults age 55+years .
- **Sport Inclusion & Integration:** Multi-Sport activities/programmes aimed at increasing inclusion in sport for ethnic minorities and persons with intellectual, physical and sensory disabilities.

- **Training:** Safeguarding 1, 2 & 3. Cara Disability in Sport and Autism in Sport currently being delivered aimed at clubs and group across the city.
- **Walking/Running Programmes** – Core DCSWP programme aimed at supporting underactive communities.
- **Women in Sport:** DCSWP Get All Girls Active (GAGA) and dedicated Women in Sport core programme aimed at providing opportunities to increase female participation in sport.
- **Youth Programmes:** Youth at Risk programmes (age 10-21 years) aiming to mitigate anti-social behaviour by providing outlets for young people to engage in sport & physical activity in partnership with local youth services and projects groups.

Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services

- Bridgefoot Street Park to be officially opened in Q4.
- Eamonn Ceannt Park Depot Improvements to proceed to tender for construction.
- People's Park, Ballyfermot. The contractor is on site and work is due to be completed in Q4 2021
- Work on Phase 2 of the NEIC greening strategy continues with greening interventions planned to be onsite at Dorset Street (Phase 2), Poplar Row, Oriel Street Plaza, Beresford Place, Bus Aras Traffic Island and Gloucester Diamond.
- Sculpture Dublin commissions at City Hall, Smithfield and Kildonan Park will be unveiled' before end of 2021.

Libraries

This year's **Dublin Festival of History**, will take place in-person and online from Monday 20th September to Sunday 10th October. The festival, organised by Dublin City Libraries in partnership with Dublin City Council Culture Company and now in its ninth year, will be a mix of in-person and online events, and it will play host to a European, UK and domestic line-up of speakers and panels. Speakers include Neil Jordan, Stella Tillyard, The Women's History Association of Ireland, Alex von Tunzelmann, Diarmaid Ferriter, Susan McKay, Myles Dungan and Josephine Rout among many more.

The festival will shine a light and fresh perspectives on topics such as women in history, the journey to Irish independence, Germany and the World Wars, Northern Ireland, as well as medieval Dublin.

Local history will be the focus of a series of library events hosted by Dublin City Libraries branches, with a number featuring the Dublin City Council Historians in Residence. A new addition to the programme this year is a number of children's and family events. The festival is supported by a number of partners who will run events as part of the programme, including Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, the Irish Film Institute, EPIC the Irish Emigration Museum, GAA Museum, Chester Beatty, 14 Henrietta Street, Richmond Barracks and more. The festival climax 'The Big Weekend' is happening from Friday the 8th until Sunday the 10th of October at The Printworks at Dublin Castle (subject to public health guidelines).

The full programme of events is available online at www.dublinfestivalofhistory.ie

The **Citywide Reading for Children campaign** will run this October and November. Organised by the Dublin UNESCO City of Literature office in Dublin City Libraries, this year's chosen book is *Animal Crackers* by Sarah Webb and Alan Nolan (O'Brien Press) – a fun fact book about your favourite animals. Classes will be invited by library branches to take part in events and there will be a free online event for families during the October Mid-term break. Free copies of the book, along with links to online resources, will be offered to school classes in Dublin. More information nearer the time at www.dublincityofliterature.ie

Late Autumn 2021 will see **Belong, Bí Ann** kick off. This is a project promoting the value of libraries as spaces for well-being in communities.

The pandemic made it clear that reading, listening to music, watching great films and learning something new can help us switch off, can give us comfort, can add another dimension to our lives. The project is a collaboration with Axis, Ballymun.

Arts Office

Dublin Live! - The Local Live Performance Scheme is being funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture the Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. **Dublin ALive!** Includes various genres of music, theatre for adult and young audiences, aerial circus and street arts, comedy and dance, and is located both in city centre and community settings throughout September www.dublincityartsoffice.ie

Street Art - Painting the Town City Recovery Commissions: In collaboration with the City Recovery Team, the Painting the Town Initiative obtained 5 sites in the city for commissions for 5 emerging and established street artists.

The LAB Gallery - *Water More or Less* by artist Marie Hanlon - Exhibition opening to the public 16th October 2021 www.dublincityartsoffice.ie

The Living Canvas: IPUT developers have applied for a temporary licence for a digital screen at Wilton Park in Dublin 2. The Arts Office has supported the establishment of a creative committee to curate an arts programme for this major new piece of infrastructure which is expected to launch in October 2021.

Forthcoming Publication: Sarah Cecilia Harrison (1863-1941): Artist, Social Campaigner and City Councillor, Editor: Margarita Cappock Published by Dublin City Libraries. With contributions by Dr. Margarita Cappock, (DCC), Dr. Ciaran Wallace (Trinity College Dublin), Professor Senia Paseto (Oxford University) and Hannah Baker, M. Litt (Trinity College Dublin). Sarah Cecilia Harrison (1863-1941) was the first female City Councillor on her election in 1912. One of Dublin's finest portrait painters she immersed herself in the political and social fabric of Dublin life. Deeply involved in philanthropic, political, civic and artistic efforts, she was a staunch supporter and ally of Hugh Lane in the establishment of a modern art gallery for Dublin. In tandem with her artistic talents, Harrison was a progressive and enlightened woman but her contribution to the cultural and political life of Dublin has previously been overlooked. This publication, generously illustrated with paintings by Harrison, will restore and champion Harrison's position as a woman who not only was a notable artistic talent but also made major contributions to the social and cultural fabric of Dublin life. Harrison will be the subject of a symposium at TRIARC, Trinity College, Dublin in December 2021. A collaboration between Dublin City Arts Office, Dublin City Libraries and Trinity College, Dublin.

Hugh Lane Gallery



This exhibition is conceived as a three-venue collaboration by Jameel Arts Centre, Dubai with Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin, The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, Toronto and the artist Hiwa K. Opening on **7th October 2021** in the Hugh Lane Gallery, ***Do you remember what you are burning?*** will be the first solo museum exhibition by Iraqi-Kurdish artist Hiwa K in Ireland. Comprised of films, installations, and performances, Hiwa K's work examines themes of migration, identity, and collective ways of being. He concentrates on the conditions one can experience when on the margin of society and frequently refers to the geopolitical ties between his native Kurdistan and the many locations in Europe that he has called home.

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