

**To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee**

12th October 2021

Community Development in the Central Area

NORTH INNER CITY AREA:

The Kellie Harrington Fun day:

The Kellie Harrington Fun day took place on the 26th September and featured activities including boxing, gym challenges, music, games and children's entertainment. Over one hundred and fifty people attended this event all of whom could meet and greet with Kellie. The event was organised by the Community Section in partnership with NEIC the Sport and Wellbeing Programme. Funding came from the NEIC Programme.



HOPE Recovery Fun run:

To mark "Recovery Week" the "HOPE Recovery Fun run" took place over a 5k route in the north inner-city on the 26th September. Over eighty people took part in this event. The NEIC DCC provided assistance towards the hosting of this important event. Hands On Peer Education, HOPE, provides a range of supports to the community of the north inner city.



Travellers together:

The Area Office worked closely with the Traveller Together group to produce, record and broad cast a concert to highlight the urgent issue of suicide within the Traveller Community.

This high quality production featured a programme of music and spoken word. It was broadcast on World Suicide Prevention Day on the 10th September and to date has been viewed over three thousand times. Funding for this project was provided through the NEIC. The concert can be viewed at www.facebook.com/travellerstogeather/

HOPE Children's Fun day:

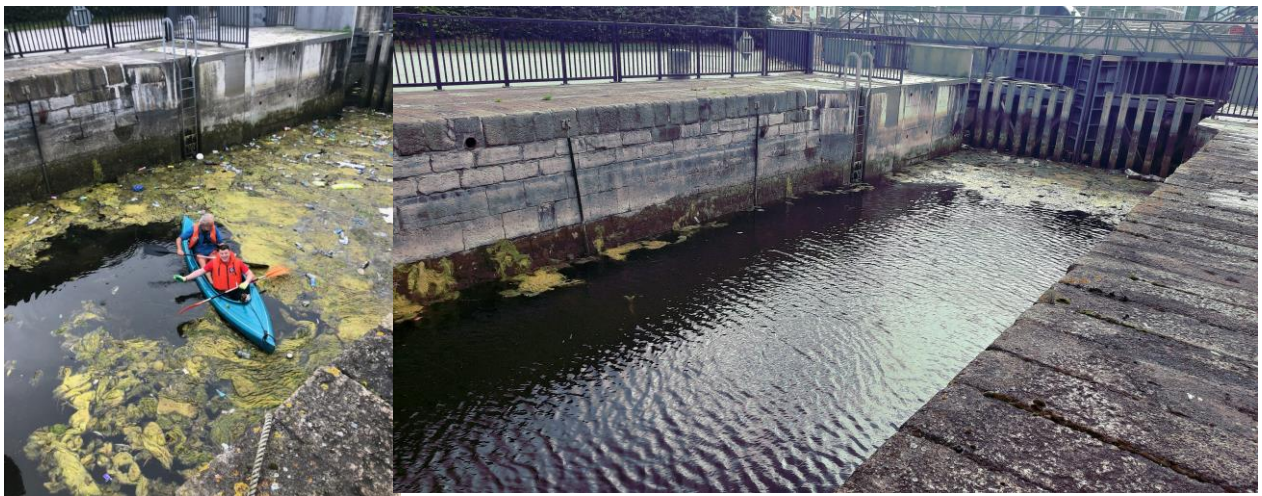
HOPE, Hands On Peer Education organised a special day out for preschool children throughout the NEIC area. The event took place on the 29th September at Liberty Park and featured children's entertainment face painting and games. The event was organised with assistance of "Urban Soul" with logistical and financial support from the Area Office and the NEIC Programme. The Lord Mayor was in attendance at this event



Docklands Forum Volunteer day:

The Dockland Volunteer Day is organised by the Dockland Forum. This year's event took place on Friday 10th September and involved over eighty volunteers from companies such as Epic @ CHY, Clayton Hotel, Google, A.I.B. The Ronan Group, SOLAS (Formally FÁS) The project will also involve residents groups including the Spencer Dock Group. The works completed included:-

- Planting as part of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.
- Refurbishing playgrounds.
- Removing graffiti.
- Touching up our murals including one on North Wall Quay.
- Removing overgrown weeds.
- Clearing flotsam out of the Royal Canal at Luke Kelly Park.



Community Grants

Arrangements are being put in place to roll out the community grants scheme for 2021. Previous recipients of grants will be contacted in the coming weeks to confirm their interest in participating in this scheme. This will also include recipients of funding through the Tom Clarke Fund and “Informal Education Grants”, Councillors will receive a report in advance of payment as part of this process.

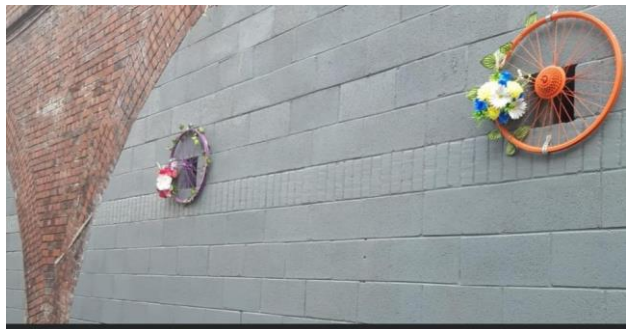
Presentation to Marie Gorman:

The Area Office was pleased to invite the Lord Mayor to make a presentation to Mrs Marie Gorman to mark four decades of voluntary service at the Ballybough Sheltered Housing Complex. Marie has finished up her duties with regards to “Meals on Wheels” but will continue to provide activities for older adults from the area with the assistance of the Central Area Office. Clients of the Ballybough meals on wheels service will now receive their meals from the Sean O’Casey Centre.



Courtney Place:

Area Staff are working with residents from Courtney Place to enhance their complex. Works include the painting of railway arches, the Bicycle Wheel Project, weekly clean up and the placement of planters around the open spaces. Discussions are going with Cross Care to set up an after schools project in their community room. This project is supported by the Councillors Discretionary Fund.



Poplar Row Flats / Sheridan Court:

The Area Office is working with the Residents of Poplar Row and Sheridan Court to assist them in enhancing their complex. Cleaning equipment has been provided and plant boxes and hanging baskets installed. Additional enhancement projects for other complexes are in the planning stages. These two projects were funded through the Councillors Discretionary Fund.





Clonliffe / Croke Park District Residents Association:

The Area Office continues to support local clean up groups throughout the central area. The latest group to come on board is the Clonliffe and Croke Park District Residents group. As well as their regular clean ups, the group are also completing their “three lanes project” to enhance the laneways in their area with support from the NEIC and the Central Area Office.

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CABRA/GLASNEVIN AREA:

The Community Officers continue to manage the Covid Support line as a priority.

Community Clean – ups:

In addition to our regular clean-ups throughout the entire area, the Drumalee and Blackhorse Grove estates are now very active, mostly as a result of strong encouragement by City Council staff.

Upcoming events :

Cabra Village Enlivenment with local residents and traders, including the renewal of the large street plant pots.

Dunard Estate Park upgrading.

Lots of local halloween street parties, supported by the City Council.

Blackhorse Grove
Residents



Blackhorse Grove
entrance



Phibsborough Tidy
Towns monthly clean-up
and Shed to rear of the
library.



Drumalee Estate Clean Up





Cabra Park Residents
Clean Up



Stoneybatter Dublin
Community Clean Up
Saturday 11th September.



Stoneybatter bags
collected





Royal Canal (Gerry well known walker on the Royal Canal)



Cabra Tidy Towns



Annamoe Road Clean Up Josephine McKeever.



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