



**Presentation to**

**Dublin City Council Central Area Committee**

**NEIC 2021 Progress Report**

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# 2021

Progress Report



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- 457 Laptops and IT devices provided to schools.
- 389 Primary school students have received services from the NEIC funded Multi-disciplinary Team of Speech and Language therapists, Occupational Therapists and Psychologist.
  - ❖ Waiting times for pupils has reduced by 46 weeks.
- €100,000 in Community Grants provided to 44 local Community Groups.
- 16 Intercultural Ambassadors from 12 nationalities speaking 21 languages have received training.
- 66 Subgroup meetings held.
- 11 NEIC PIB meetings held.
- 56 funding proposals approved and funding processed.
- 275 trees planted (30% increase in tree cover in the area).
- 4,500 square metres of wild flower areas created.
- 900 metres of hedgerow planted.

## Subgroup 1: Enhanced Policing

- Fitzgibbon Street Station reopened.
- Youth Dialogue Initiative continued with Gardaí and Youth Services facilitated by Community Action Network (CAN).
- Garda Youth Awards supported in collaboration with Croke Park.
- Drugs Related Intimidation posters and leaflets printed and being distributed throughout the area.
- Late night soccer leagues with Garda involvement continues.
- Soccer match in Tolka Park: Gardaí v North Wall selection – as part of an ongoing effort to strengthen relations between the Gardaí and residents.
- *Operation Blizzard* – bike marking scheme implemented to assist in reducing bicycle theft.





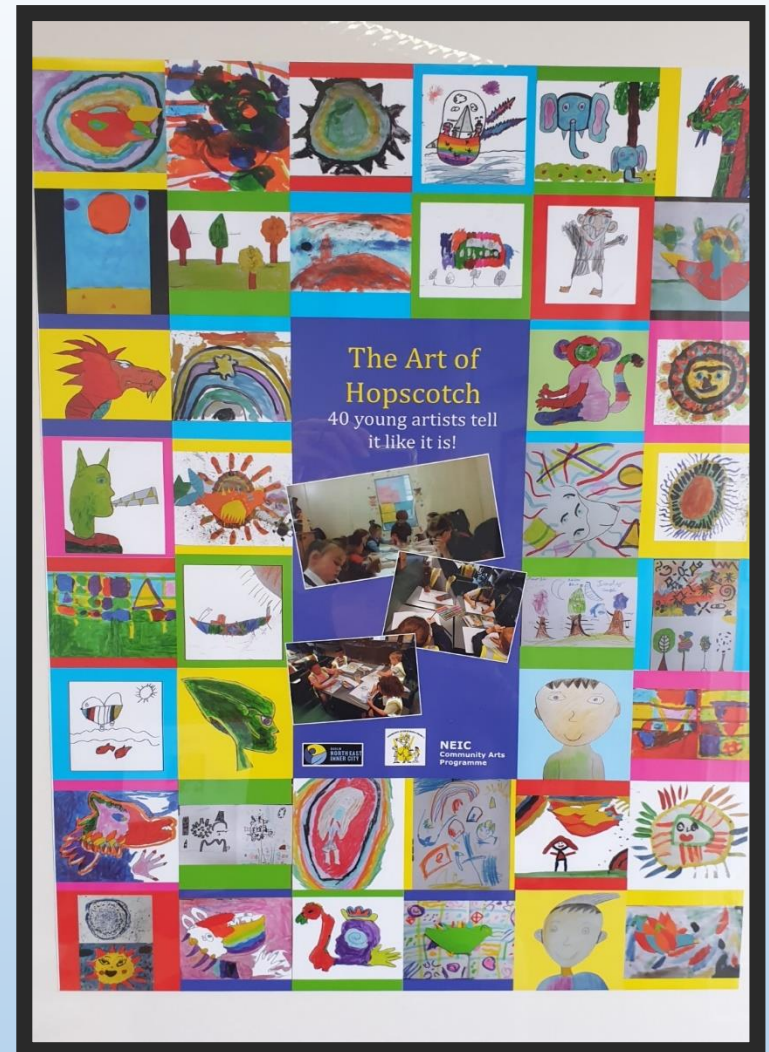
## Subgroup 2 – Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities



- Continued to provide funding for the 55 workers on the SEF programme.
- CPD bursary for community childcare workers – 9 participants.
- Ongoing support for Career LEAP – evidence based work readiness programme.
- Funding provided to supplement career guidance support in second level schools.
- Research commenced (NUI Maynooth) to develop a strategy document on community, adult and further education in partnership with CDETB.
- Translation service provided for schools in the NEIC.
- Collaboration with the Public Appointments Service on a programme to encourage interest in career opportunities across the public sector.
- Work undertaken to expand the P-Tech programme to other secondary schools in the area.
- Nurture Room training provided for primary schools to respond to the social and emotional needs of children.



- Parenting Programme Coordinator post established via the Early Learning Initiative, which will provide a coordinated response to parenting needs and service provision in the area.
- Ongoing support for Restorative Practice training with local organisations.
- Continuation of Fast-track Counselling and Therapeutic supports – funding has been secured via the Department of Health to mainstream this initiative.
- Funding was provided for a series of Art workshops with local afterschool groups.



## Subgroup 4 – Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment

- Ongoing work with ethnic minority groups including the Intercultural Ambassadors Programme and Roma Cultural Mediators' Training Programme.
- Continuation of Greening Strategy.
- Recruitment of a Community Arts Coordinator and development of a community arts plan - *Joining the Dots*.
- A wide range of sports, recreation and wellbeing programmes were provided including:
  - *Yoga Teacher Training, Basketball, Gaelic Games, Soccer, Cricket, Boxing, Capoeira Dancing, Pilates, Afro-Brazilian Dance, Tai-Chi, Health Classes for people with chronic illness.*
- Range of Playground improvements completed.
- "POOVER" machine to tackle dog fouling purchased and operational.
- Funding committed to support the Rutland Street School re-development.
- 7-a-side soccer festival with Sport Against Racism Ireland (SARI) run in response to knife crime events in early 2021.





## Subgroup 5 - Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health



- Individual Placement and Support service for people emerging from alcohol/drug dependency established with funding from Department of Social Protection.
- Continued support for the Healthy Communities Project - ***We Can Quit Smoking courses, Healthy Food Made Easy programmes, Health Literacy Initiatives, Social Prescribing clinics.*** Funding secured from Department of Health to mainstream this initiative.
- Funding allocated to Recovery Academy of Ireland to establish a recovery resource hub.
- An initiative to prevent drug deaths among high risk groups is in development.
- Funding was provided to develop an *Offenders Aftercare Support Programme*, with particular focus on the 4 week period after release.
- A series of Dual Diagnosis Awareness Workshops (75 participants) and Train the Trainer Programmes (30 participants) were funded. These were delivered by Dublin North Recovery College, (DCU).





## Subgroup 6 – Alignment of Services

- City Connects programme is being implemented in 10 primary schools in the NEIC.
- A dedicated Multi-Disciplinary Team of Speech and Language Therapists , Occupational Therapists and Psychology support is operational – this has resulted in significantly reduced waiting times for services for pupils in NEIC schools. Funding has been secured from Department of Health to maintain this service.
- Ongoing support for the Detached Youth Outreach Team led by SWAN Youth Service – funding has been secured from DCEDIY to continue and maintain this service.
- “*Roadmap to Alignment*” – a plan to align youth services has been developed, we will be seeking to have it implemented in 2022.
- A Research Project to assess the current and unmet needs of 0 to 5 year olds is being funded – the work is being undertaken by the Child Development Initiative (report will be available in Q1 2022)



- Flash Mentoring
  - 169 mentors recruited and trained.
  - 45 online group events held.
  - 200 one-to-one mentoring sessions delivered.
  - 17 group panel style Q&A sessions held.
- Virtual Work Experience
  - Virtual work experience programme developed with support from *PwC*.
  - 8 virtual work experience events delivered across 6 second level schools in the NEIC involving- *PwC*, *A&L Goodbody*, *State Street*, *THREE Ireland*.
- Support secured for local groups to develop Business and Strategic plans for their operations.

