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

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

Funding 2022:

The Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform formally notified the Chair of the Programme Implementation Board of the 2022 funding allocation of €7.5 million. As in previous years, the funding will be transferred via the Department of Rural & Community Development. The process of approving individual projects / programmes has commenced. As in 2021, the Board is open to consideration of proposals, via the relevant Sub-Groups and Budget Sub-Group, within the broad parameters that have been issued to Sub-Group Chairs.

Funding proposals totaling €2,128,750.00 were approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 26th January 2022. 2022 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 January Board Meeting are as follows:

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

Childhood Restored: A celebration of children and young people - Early Learning Initiative at National College of Ireland €24,000.

The project aims to improve children and young people's wellbeing through literacy and art, to provide a space for children and young people to express their feelings about the pandemic in a safe way & to reconnect local communities to create a historical record of the COVID 19 pandemic in the NEIC. It will create a historical exhibition of visual and written stories from the area and a book of collective experiences.

Sub – Group 3 – Family Wellbeing

Belvedere Youth Club 7 - 10 year olds project – Belvedere Youth Club -€53 160

Funding from the NEIC will enable BYC to recruit an experienced worker to lead programming to the 7-10 year olds age group offering quality service to some of our most at risk young people

The post will ensure BYC engages with the 7-10 year olds, in the area of sports, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, homework support & liaise with other agencies as required for children with additional needs.

Sub - Group 4 – Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment

Contribution towards costs of Rutland Street School Re-development €726,000

The total estimated costs of the redevelopment of Rutland Street School as calculated by Dublin City Council Consultant Quantity Surveyors in December 2020 stands at €22.5 million. In August 2021 the Programme Implementation Board allocated €900,000 contribution to this project. January 2022 PIB recommended an allocation of €726,000 for this

project, bringing the total contribution from PIB to €1.6 M. The tender process for the Rutland School re-development is currently underway.

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

Anti-Stigma Training SOAL - €9,325.00

The training will support the development of Anti-Stigma training by SOAL and Citywide to assist the roll out of training for professionals in the addiction field & professionals engaging with people with addictions in a non-addiction setting.

Healthy Communities Plan – Evaluation: Dublin City Community Co-operative €20,000

The Healthy Communities Plan was initiated on 1st December 2020 with a contribution of €98,500 funding been awarded to the Dublin Co-op to deliver a programme of works in the NEIC including: Healthy Foods Made Easy, We Can Quit Tobacco & the Social Prescribing Programme. This funding to the Dublin Co-op of €20,000 will allow an evaluation of the programme delivery to date by an external evaluator. This will assist in the Programme development for NEIC and Citywide. The investment in the training and capacity building of the Community Health Workers has taken time to be realised but is already paying dividends in relation to the recruitment to programmes and the signposting to health and social services.

Sub- Group 6 Alignment of Services:

Belvedere Youth Club Workers – Belvedere Youth Club - €60,265

BYC have secured funding from the NEIC to retain 2 full time youth workers. These positions had been previously funding through corporate funding. The extension of these posts will allow BYC maintain their existing staff & ensure they can offer informal learning, support & development to the young people within the NEIC between the ages of 7-24 years.

Overarching Budgets:

Social Employment Fund (SEF) Wage Increase - North East Dublin Community Services Initiative (NEDCSI) -€1,236,000

The Social Employment Fund Initiative started in February 2018 with an allocation of 30 posts, increased by 25 in 2019, bringing the workforce to 55. These posts have been funded by NEDCSI across a number of community employment projects including, childcare, elder care and environmental services.

This approved funding is to increase the hourly rate paid to workers employed under the Social Employment Fund to €12.35 an hour, back-dated to Nov 1st 2021. This increase brings the pay rate for employees working under the SEF in line with the relative increase applied to the minimum wage in the interim, plus an additional one-off increase.

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**NEIC Intercultural Development
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Hill Street Family Resource Centre: Year of the Tiger Lunar Celebrations:

Dublin City Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland launched the annual Lunar New Year celebration in Hill Street Family Resource Centre on the 26th of January 2022. The virtual event is being run in collaboration with NEIC will take place from 1st -12th of February 2022. It will feature a wide variety of online activities for all the community to enjoy.

The celebration is led by a group of parents who live locally, and it has grown organically since it started in 2014. All are welcome to take part in this important festive and cultural celebration. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate inclusion and diversity as well as join a community online to say goodbye to the Year of the Ox and hello to the Year of the Tiger

To take part, follow Hill Street Family Resource Centre on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). For more information on activity dates and times visit: <https://hillstreetfrc.ie/>



As part of Inclusion and Integration week in November 2022, five of the Intercultural Ambassadors partnered with Hillstreet Family Resource Centre on The Intercultural Education Project. The project saw Intercultural classes delivered to 246 pupils in eight primary schools in the North East Inner City. For many of the participating Ambassadors, this was a first time opportunity to share their cultures and interact



positively with local Irish children. The children were equally engaged and reported positively on their experience. A combined intercultural flag designed from art submissions by the children, was recently delivered to the participating schools.

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**NEIC Sport Recreation & Wellbeing Programme
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Badminton

A pilot Women's Badminton programme was carried out through Badminton Ireland, the Intercultural Development Officer and the Intercultural Ambassadors throughout December at St. Laurence O' Toole Recreation Centre, Sheriff Street. The programme aimed at providing women with weekly activity, with regular participation rates it will be incorporated into the Operation Reactivation / Change for Life Programme in the New Year.



Ice – Skating

Through the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership - A number of local youth services including East Wall Youth Service, Belvedere Youth Club, Swan Youth Service and Bradóg Youth Service were facilitated with Ice-Skating activity through the winter months. The programme was supported through the North East Inner City Initiative.

Change 4 Life / Operation Reactivation Programme

The Change 4 Life / Operation Reactivation Programme for Adults will start in February and will run through to St. Patrick Day. There will be a full range of taster activities for adults to engage in including Capoeira, Tai-Chi, Self-Defence, Gaelic Games, YOGA, Fitness Classes, Football for Women and many other activities.

ExWell Medical will also re-launch in February and will cater for adults who have been GP referred to the programme.

Youth Sports

Schools, Youth Services and After School Services will continue to be supported with new activities throughout the coming year working alongside relevant local Sports Officers in the Community Office. Activities will include opportunities in sports such as Cricket, Boxing, Soccer and Rugby in the area.

For further information on any of the above sports events contact:

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**NEIC Community Arts Programme
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This Spring the NEIC Community Arts Programme is introducing a range of arts initiatives for young and old in the North East Inner City. The Try it Out Programme offers a broad range of starter programmes for groups of all ages who might just like to have an opportunity to try something new. Programmes range from the Visual Arts to Drama, Play writing and even Samba! The Try It Out Programme is open to all community and youth groups, clubs and schools in the area. <https://a.storyblok.com/f/124946/x/de3e5384df/try-it-out-community-arts-programme.pdf>

Our Early Years Arts Programme also begins this Spring as five experienced Early Years Arts Practitioners will work with the children and Early Childhood Educators of Five Early Years Settings to explore the value that the Arts can play in the lives of very young children.

Magic in the Mansions, the NEIC Community Arts Programme's partnership with Cluid Housing begins this February. Children in Mary's Mansions, Dublin 1 will have the opportunity work with experienced Artist Orla Kelly on a journey that will explore the Visual Arts, Storytelling and Shadow Puppetry.

For groups that want to further explore or develop their own Arts Programming, the NEIC Community Arts Programme's development grant will be opening for applications from Friday 11th February. Applications forms will be available from the NEIC website. Grants will range from €500 - €5,000. All Schools, Community and Youth and Children's groups in the area will be eligible to apply.

The NEIC Community Arts Programme is also working in partnership with a number of community groups to further develop Arts Provision in the NEIC. For further details about any of our programmes please contact: communityartsneic@gmail.com

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APPENDIX 1

NEIC Programme Office – 2022 Funding Proposals Approved to date

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€2,218,750 M of €7.5M)	
Sub - Group 1 – Enhanced Policing	
NO PROPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub-Total	
Sub - Group 2 Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities	
Child Restored – A celebration of primary school children	24,000
Sub – Total	24,000
Sub - Group 3- Family Wellbeing	
Belvedere Youth Club 7-10 year olds project	53,160
Sub- Total	53,160
Sub - Group 4 – Enhanced Community Welling and the Physical Environment	
Rutland Street School Redevelopment Project	726,000
Sub - Total	726,000
Sub - Group 5 – Substance Use. Misuse & Inclusion Health	
Anti- Stigma Training	9,325
Healthy Communities project evaluation	20,000
Sub – Total	29,325
Sub.- Group 6 – Alignment of Services	
Belvedere Youth Club – Youth Workers	60,265
Sub – Total	60,265
Overarching Budgets	
Social Employment Fund	1,236,000
Sub – Total	1,236,000