

## **Community Development Matters in the Central Area:**

### **North Inner City:**

#### **Courtney Place**

Staff from the Area Office are meeting this group on an ongoing basis. New flower boxes have been installed on the balconies of this complex in early February and other opportunities for the enhancement of the complex will be explored in the coming weeks and months.

#### **East Wall Men's Shed**

We continue to support and work closely with this group.

They have recently completed the construction of three planter units and are due to produce a further fifteen units in the coming weeks that will be deployed in various locations in the North Inner City.

East Wall Men's Shed continue to manage a number of environmental projects in the East Wall area including the high level maintenance of the Parish Church Grounds and planter units placed around their area.



#### **Stirrup Lane:**

We continue to support the residents of Stirrup Lane off Church Street. The group was recently supplied with new planter units that they will look after into the future.



#### **Tidy towns groups:**

Area Staff are in regular contact with Ballybough Pride of Place group who are actively working to enhance their area. Cleaning materials were supplied to this group and the Stoneybatter Street Tidy Towns group in January.

### **The Open Heart City Exhibition:**

The Open Heart City Exhibition is an event featuring the work of over 40 Masters of Architecture students from University College Dublin and Queens University Belfast relating to the past and the potential of the site of the former Magdalene Laundry on Sean McDermott Street.



The exhibition includes research carried out by CoLab81-7 who, with the support of the Irish Arts Council and Justice for Magdalene's Research, have been investigating how the heritage of sites such as the one on Sean McDermott Street should be acknowledged and explored in order to inform their future role in the lives of our cities. Exhibition highlights also include original film shot in the Magdalene Laundry in the 1930s by Fr Jack Delany and a 'nomad' inspired by Dublin street traders, which allows us to bring a mobile version of the exhibition to the adjacent streets.

This exhibition was co-produced and co-presented by Central Area Office Staff as part of the Lord Mayors "Brigit 2022" project celebrating the contributions and achievements of women past and present. The Exhibition took place on February 1st.

### **Ongoing work:**

Staff from the Community Section are out and about meeting our numerous contacts in the area to develop ideas and projects for the coming year.

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### **Cabra/Glasnevin:**

Community Life has reopened significantly, following the recent government announcements.

Community Clean-ups and other activities are in full flight and the volunteers are most appreciative of the City Council's considerable supports.

Community Centres are reopening, particularly in our senior citizen's scheme:

- St. Peter's Court
- Convent View Court
- Dunard Court
- Drumalee Court
- Clareville Court

#### **Sad News**

- John O'Brien, Chef in Dunard Court, passed away recently.
- John worked for 20 years at the centre and will be greatly missed.

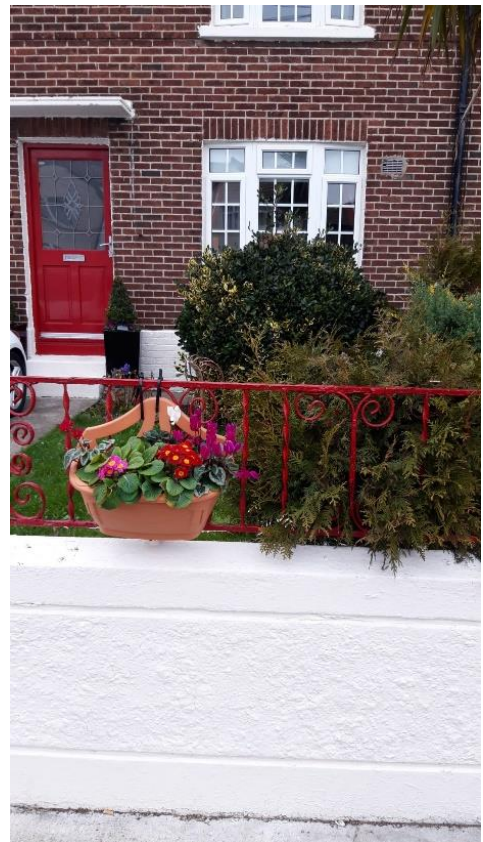
#### **The Cavan Centre**

- The Centre prioritises groups from the Inner City / Central Area.
- 181 groups catered for in 2021; meeting Covid Guidelines.

#### **Upcoming events.**

- New community garden at Reilly's bridge; subject to approval.
- A meeting with Phibsborough / Broadstone Boxing Club to enhance activities at the City Council premises.
- Well known environmental worker, Éanna Ní Lamhna, has been contracted by the City Council to give 2 Walk and Talk events in the Blessington Street Basin area in April 2022.

## Cabra Village, Faussagh Avenue Project





## Some of the house front improvements



## Cabra Village



## **The Cavan Centre**

Operating for over 40 years.



## **Annamoe**

Regular Clean-up.



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