

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

To the Chair and Members of the Central Area Committee

Funding proposals totaling €1.25m were approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 23rd February 2022. 2022 funded 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 February Board Meeting are as follows:

Sub-Group 1 –Enhanced Policing

Dialogue with Young People, Youth Workers and Gardaí in North Inner City Dublin facilitated by CAN - €22,700

The NEIC 2nd Policing Dialogue Programme facilitated by CAN with 9 youth worker and 15 Gardaí due to commence November 2020 had to be adapted to on line sessions.

Meetings continuing via zoom in 2021 with some sporting activities been held in Summer 2021. All youth services & Gardaí visited each other services with a meeting held face to face in Store Street Garda Station November 2021. A weekend away in the Cavan Centre took place in November with 13 Young People, 4 Youth workers & 7 members of Garda Síochána participating.

This additional funding allocation will build on the momentum and success in the development of this initiative. It will continue to develop opportunities & improve relationships between young people and Gardaí in the NEIC. An important aspect of this will be to consolidate the emerging leadership and commitment of all involved.

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

St Vincent's Girls National School – Kitchen Refurbishment - €35,088.00

A request for funding of €35,088 has been approved for the refurbishment of the kitchen in St Vincent's Girls school. The total cost of the refurbishment is €40,088 with €5,000 having been raised by the School Community.

The school kitchen refurbishment aims to deliver improved cookery classes, use cookery classes as an incentive to motivate pupils and engage with pupils who have emotional behavioural issues. It is envisaged that the space could be utilised by the wider community of the NEIC.

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

Greening Strategy 2022 Phase 3 final phase €562,000

The NEIC [Greening Strategy](#) was adopted in 2018 and is now at Phase 3 of the Greening Strategy Implementation.

Dublin City Council's Parks & Landscape Services Department have selected a number of projects for delivery in 2022 and funding for these projects has been approved by the NEIC Board.

- Dorset Street Median - Phase 3 (Final phase) - €220K
- Liberty Park, infrastructural additions and minor landscape improvements – (€17 contribution to €60K estimated cost previously approved)
- Open Space at Sean MacDermott St. / Gloucester Place junction (St Marys Mansions plaza) - €100K
- Clonmore Road - redesign of the streets car parking layout to facilitate tree planting (12 tree pits) €75K
- Hewardine Terrace – New Pocket Park €100K
- Adopt a tree – Residential tree planting pilot project - €10K
- Allocation for general maintenance and remedial works - €20K
- Minor greening interventions e.g. green walls and school projects - €20K

Diamond Park Redevelopment - €400,000 Contribution

The NEIC Greening Strategy identified the re-development of Diamond Park as a priority project for the local community. The process commenced in late 2018 with a series of community consultation workshops. Following the public consultations and follow-up presentations with both public representatives and stakeholders a final design was agreed and the Part 8 was submitted on the 4th August 2020. Planning permission was granted in December 2020. Work continued throughout 2021 with the preparation of the construction tender package. The Order of Magnitude costing for the project is €1.85M. The NEIC Board approved a funding of €350,000 towards this project in 2021 and this further approval of €400,000 brings the overall NEIC contribution to €750,000. The project will now proceed to tender stage and it is anticipated that a Contractor will be appointed by end Q2. The estimated construction contract duration is 10 months.

Overarching Budgets:

Emerging Needs Fund - €260,000

As in recent years the Board has set aside a budgetary allocation for an 'Emerging Needs Fund'. The budget has been increased from €250,000 to €260,000 for 2022. It is open to the community and voluntary sector to put forward proposals for funding under this heading where an emerging need can be identified and such proposal is supportive of or in keeping with the overall objectives of the NEIC Initiative.

Community Grants Scheme 2022 - €104,000

The allocation €104,000 has been agreed by the PIB for the Community Grants Scheme 2022, Themes will be agreed, application form and scheme guidelines drawn up in the coming weeks with a view to opening for applications in early April.

Programme Office Costs - €270,000

The 2022 Programme Office Costs allocation has also been approved. The total approved is €270,000 broken down under the following sub-headings. All salary costs of Programme Office staff are borne by the relevant employers.

Sub-Heading	Amount
<i>Community Engagement events, launch meetings, conferences, Workshops etc.</i>	€14,000
<i>Communications and Engagement / Community Outreach</i>	€100,000
<i>Office Equipment (incl. venue and AV hire costs)</i>	€17,000
<i>Professional Services (incl. Design & Print, Feasibility, Evaluation etc.</i>	€122,000
<i>Miscellaneous Costs</i>	€17,000
Total:	€270,000

Sean MacDermott Street Swimming Pool Works – Current Status

Following the members request at the February Central Area Committee meeting, set out below is a report on the background and current status of refurbishment works at Sean Mac Dermott St. Swimming Pool. The report is based on up to date information received from CRES Department.

Sean Mac Dermott Street swimming pool was built in the 1970's. The building is a concrete construction with flat roofs. The pool hall is constructed from a concrete frame with a steel trussed roof (a replacement roof, following a fire in the 1980's). Works were carried out to improve disabled access and replace some swimming pool plant in 2014; some basic roof repairs were also completed at that time. Changing rooms, showers, toilets etc. were extensively refurbished in 2017 / 2018 with the support of funding under the NEIC Initiative.

Dublin City Council have always recognised the importance of Sean Mc Dermott Street Swimming Pool as an essential community resource and to this end the decision was taken this time to undertake a comprehensive programme of upgrade works to the roof and pool area in order to provide a fit for purpose facility and prolong the life of the pool as a community resource for the next 15 years. This decision was precipitated by ongoing issues with roof leaks and an issue with regular rising and broken tiles in the pool basin due to structural issues with the concrete beneath. These ongoing issues presented health and safety challenges that led to the decision to close the pool in February 2020. Since closure DCC has actively pursued the appointment of an integrated design team, in compliance with procurement rules, to carry out significant investigations, surveys, opening up works etc. leading to the development of a works tender package and ultimately the capital works themselves which will be the subject of a separate tender process. The timeline of the design stage works coincided with the pandemic and progress was adversely affected by public health restrictions on building works.

Despite the setbacks an engineering led integrated design team was appointed following a procurement process and this work has been ongoing for some time. The initial investigations included topographical surveys, asbestos surveys, opening up works to the

pool area and the roof structure (including the acoustic roof), examination of the existing services, power, heating, ventilation etc.

Based on the findings of these investigations the initial scope of works are in summary:

- Re-tile the pool hall, deck and basin
- Recover the existing roof (it was repaired in 2014, but has reached the end of its life)
- Repair the roof structural deck at the point of a leak, and repaint the roof trusses. This element of the works will need to be completed in advance of the retiling of the pool and deck as a full scaffold will need to be placed in the pool to gain access to the roof.

Since appointment of the design team discussions have also taken place on options to improve the facility further and provide not only better services but to also improve the performance of the building both in terms of energy efficiency and customer comfort. These measures include upgrade of the energy efficiency system, ventilation, electrical fittings etc. It is our intention to bring forward design options in this area and implement these within the same programme of works. These additional works will give the facility another 15 years of quality service.

The design team is currently working on next steps, drawings, specifications etc. to progress to tender stage for appointment of a civil contractor to undertake the construction work. The construction tender process will take approx. 4 months following which a contractor will be appointed in the Autumn and it is estimated that works will take approx. 6 months to complete. The anticipated programme for this is

- Opening up works, surveys etc. completed Q1 2022
- Issue construction tender package Q2 2022
- Appointment of civil contractor Q3 2022
- Construction works to begin in Q4 2022
- Works completed Q1 2023

As previously advised Dublin City Council will continue to facilitate community / school groups and swimmers (while Sean Mc Dermott pool is closed) in the Markievicz Sport & Fitness complex situated one kilometre away at Townsend St. All community groups have been informed of this alternative.

The closure of the pool is unfortunately necessary to allow these essential works to be developed and completed and will ultimately provide the community with a high quality amenity into the future.

For further information or clarification on any NEIC funded project, please contact the NEIC Programme office.

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NEIC Intercultural Development Co-Ordinator Report to Central Area Committee March 2022



Marino Institute ran an Intercultural Fair in February. Members of The Intercultural Ambassadors representing Roma, Chile and Brazil attended. Three Roma women from the cultural mediation programme also participated in the fair.



The Intercultural Ambassadors have launched their Instagram account, follow: **@interculturalambassadors** to keep updated on all their activities.

The **Roma Cultural Mediation** programme continues. The women will complete module two of their programme by 24th February and progress to the final module before their placements. They have also been meeting with education and medical professionals to



discuss their placements which will begin Mid-March.

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NEIC Sport Recreation & Wellbeing Programme Report to Central Area Committee March 2022

Basketball

Weekly Basketball sessions re-commenced Saturday, 19th February at Larkin Community College. 100 participants between the 2 age groups took part, the weekend Basketball activity builds on the work currently being carried out by Shane Maughan NEIC Basketball Development Officer.

Schools and After School activity has already commenced in partnership with City Connects with a number of primary schools including Gardiner Street NS, Central Model School (Senior), O'Connells Primary School, St. Laurence O'Toole National School, Scoil Chaomhain and St. Laurence O'Toole CBS. Further Basketball activity is taking place with Ozanam House and the Foundation Project



NEIC BASKETBALL ACADEMY
SATURDAY MORNINGS - LARKIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - BEGINS SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

GROUP 1	GROUP 2
8 - 10 YEARS	10 - 12 YEARS
BOYS & GIRLS	BOYS & GIRLS
10AM-11AM	11AM-12PM

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Dance

Contemporary dance and Hip Hop classes are been delivered Tuesday and Thursday afternoons through the Five Lamps Arts Festival in partnership with City Connects at the hall in Killarney Court, 38 young people partaking weekly. Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative continue to support dance opportunities for young people in the area and are supporting the Arkins Dance Academy 'Sky Full Of Stars' show being held in April at the O'Reilly Theatre in Belvedere College.



Dance Class at Killarney Court Hall

Rugby

Rugby is been developed in the North East Inner City through the Leinster Rugby Community Area Officer and Auxiliary Coach. Schools currently engaged in rugby activities include Central Model Schools (Junior and Senior), St. Columba NS, St. Laurence O'Toole CBS, O'Connell NS, St. Marys Dorset Street and O'Connell Secondary School



St. Laurence O' Toole CBS partaking in a rugby session at Clontarf RFC

Boxing

Boxing continues to be developed through the Boxing Community Officer. Schools that are currently being provided with a boxing programme include O'Connell BNS, St. Josephs Fairview, St. Marys (Philipsborough Avenue), Rutland NS and St. Marys Dorset street.

Club activity continues to thrive in the area with Docklands Boxing Club recently hosting an inter club event with the Holy Trinity boxing club from Belfast City at St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre. Over 18 bouts took place over the course of the day. The event was facilitated by Dublin City Council Recreation Services and was supported by the North East Inner City Initiative.



Action from Dockland BC V Holy Trinity BC at St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre

Marathon Kids

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership and the North East Inner City Initiative have linked with City Connects to deliver the Marathon Kids programme in a number of primary schools in the North East Inner City including O'Connell BNS, Central Model School and Gardiner Street NS with over 160 5th and 6th class students partaking in the programme.

Change 4 Life Programme

The Change 4 Life Programme commenced in February and will continue until St. Patricks Day. The programme in the North East Inner City has an inter-agency approach with a large number of local organisations involved in the delivery of activities in the area. There has been an excellent response from adults in the area to date – looking at getting back exercising as restrictions have lifted.

The programme offers a suite of activities from low intensity activities such as Yoga, Tai- Chi through to Bootcamps, Fitness Classes and Capoeira. The programme is open to all adults.

2022 CHANGE FOR LIFE

From 7th February – 16th March | Taster Activities for Adults (Over 18's)

To secure your place - please book your place directly
for each class with the **contact point** below.
Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis as spaces are limited.
COVID guidelines must be adhered to where appropriate

MONDAYS

Activity: **Basketball**
Contact Point: **Shane Maughan / 086-224 2057**
When: **7 PM – 8 PM**
Where: **St. Laurence O Toole Recreation Centre**
Provider: **Basketball Ireland**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **Capoeira**
Contact Point: **Marcela Parducci / 083-431 9036**
When: **8 PM – 9.30 PM**
Where: **Ballybough Youth and Community Centre**
Provider: **Five Lamps Arts Festival**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

TUESDAYS

Activity: **Fitness Class**
Contact Point: **Sean Feeney HSCL / 087-346 8075**
When: **8.45 AM – 9.30 AM**
Where: **Rutland National School**
Provider: **Rutland National School**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **ExWell Medical Physical Activity Class ****
Contact Point: **info@exwell.ie**
When: **2 PM – 4 PM**
Where: **Ballybough Youth and Community Centre**
Provider: **ExWell Medical**
Cost: **€2 per Class**
(Course will run for 12 weeks)

Activity: **Healthy Food Made Easy Course**
Contact Point: **Catherine Heaney / 087-115 2153**
When: **2.30 PM – 5 PM**
Where: **Online – Zoom Class**
Provider: **Dublin City Community Co-Op**
Cost: **FREE**
(Course starts on the 22nd February and is a 6 week course)

Activity: **Tai – Chi**
Contact Point: **Martin Mc Conigley / 087-747 1016**
When: **5.45 PM – 6.45 PM**
Where: **Ballybough Youth and Community Centre**
Provider: **Lourdes Youth and Community Services**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **Couch to 5k**
Contact Point: **Colette Quinn / 085-871 2817**
When: **6 PM – 7 PM**
Where: **Meet outside St. Laurence O Toole Recreation Centre**
Provider: **Athletics Ireland**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

WEDNESDAYS

Activity: **Couch to 5k**
Contact Point: **Derek Ahern / 087-336 2368**
When: **10 AM – 11 AM**
Where: **Ballybough Youth and Community Centre**
Provider: **Athletics Ireland**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **Yoga**
Contact Point: **Scott Kinevane / 085-275 4756**
When: **6 PM – 7 PM & 7 PM – 8 PM**
Where: **St. Laurence O Toole Recreation Centre**
Provider: **Dublin City Council**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **Self-Defence Class**
Contact Point: **John Moffit / 086-883 2366**
When: **7.30 PM – 8.30 PM**
Where: **Lourdes Parish Hall, Sean Mc Dermott Street**
Provider: **IFSC Force Taekwondo**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **Bootcamp**
Contact Point: **Scott Kinevane / 085-275 4756**
When: **8 PM – 9 PM**
Where: **St. Laurence O Toole Recreation Centre**
Provider: **Dublin City Council**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **Capoeira**
Contact Point: **Marcela Parducci / 083-431 9036**
When: **8 PM – 9.30 PM**
Where: **Ballybough Youth and Community Centre**
Provider: **Five Lamps Arts Festival**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

THURSDAYS

Activity: **Fitness Class**
Contact Point: **Sean Feeney HSCL / 087-346 8075**
When: **8.45 AM – 9.30 AM**
Where: **Rutland National School**
Provider: **Rutland National School**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **Move for Health Programme**
Contact Point: **Derek Ahern / 087-336 2368**
When: **11 AM – 12 PM**
Where: **Ballybough Youth and Community Centre**
Provider: **Dublin City Sport and Well-being Partnership**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **ExWell Medical Physical Activity Class ****
Contact Point: **info@exwell.ie**
When: **2 PM – 4 PM**
Where: **Ballybough Youth and Community Centre**
Provider: **ExWell Medical**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

THURSDAYS

Activity: **Gaelic Football Fitness for Women**
Contact Point: **Suzanne Hannon / 086-895 0551**
When: **6 PM – 7 PM**
Where: **St. Laurence O Toole Recreation Centre**
Provider: **Dublin City Council**
Cost: **FREE**

Activity: **Gaelic Football Fitness for Women**
Contact Point: **Niamh Mc Evoy / 087-925 2238**
When: **7 PM – 8 PM**
Where: **Ballybough Youth and Community Centre**
Provider: **Dublin City Council**
Cost: **FREE**

FRIDAYS

Activity: **Yoga**
Contact Point: **Derek Ahern / 087-336 2368**
When: **10 AM – 11 AM**
Where: **Ballybough Youth and Community Centre**
Provider: **Dublin City Council**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

Activity: **Football for Women**
Contact Point: **Leonard Russell / 087-753 1835**
When: **7 PM – 8 PM**
Where: **Common Street MUGA**
Provider: **Sheriff Youth Club**
Cost: **FREE**

SATURDAYS

Activity: **Parkrun**
Contact Point: **Participants must register at www.parkrun.com**
When: **9.20 AM**
Where: **Fairview Park**
Cost: **FREE**

Activity: **Capoeira**
Contact Point: **Marcela Parducci / 083-431 9036**
When: **3 PM – 4.30 PM**
Where: **Jiu- Jitsu Academy**
Provider: **Five Lamps Arts Festival**
Cost: **€2 per Class**

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*Places limited for this class participants must book directly to secure place.
**GP Referral necessary to partake in this class - limited capacity

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NEIC Community Arts Programme Report to Central Area Committee March 2022

This Spring the NEIC Community Arts Programme has introduced a range in initiatives to support the meaningful development of the Arts across the many different communities of the NEIC.

These programming initiatives were identified after consultation with local groups in 2021 and were included in the 2021 -2022 Community Arts Plan, *Joining the Dots*. The outcomes of all programmes will inform the development of a longer-term Community Arts Plan for the NEIC, 2023-2026.

Magic in the Mansions

After successfully exploring introductory workshops for children in November and December 2021, the NEIC Community Arts Programme in Partnership with the housing agency Cluid are delivering a programme of work in St. Mary's Mansions community housing complex of Dublin 1 that seeks to explore and document the potential of delivering creative processes for children within the context of a community-based residential setting.

The Artist Orla Kelly has been commissioned to design a six month programme of work for children that will encourage them to explore the world around them and creatively respond to their new environment.

The first Phase of the programme – *Making Magic* has begun with the children in St Mary's Mansions being gifted an intriguing parcel or small box every week. Inside each parcel there are a number of items: a greeting letter, a torch, some paper cut out characters and some instructions. The artist delivers the parcels personally to each child's home and each individual child and his/her family have the opportunity to explore the contents of their parcel with the artist.



Phase two of the programme will begin in March with the children working together with the artist to develop the stories and ideas that they have begun to create individually and to collectively explore their imagined history of Mary's Mansions.



Early Years Arts Initiative

Phase One

Five Different Artists across the Art Forms of Dance, Drama and Storytelling, Visual Art and Music are working with five Early Years Arts Settings in the NEIC to provide both children and Early Childhood Educators with the opportunity to try and explore different Art Forms.

The programme will run until April 2022 after which it will be reviewed and evaluated with the participating settings to determine how the next phase of the programme will be constructed.



The NEIC Community Arts Development Grant:

In 2022 the NEIC Community Arts Programme is providing an opportunity for clubs, groups, schools and festivals to develop and extend the Arts Programming work that they have already been delivering with their organisation.

The intention of this grant is to provide an opportunity for groups to deepen the Community Arts engagement of participants, who have already had an experience of a Community Arts initiative. This aim of this grant is to provide all voluntary community groups in the NEIC with opportunities to deepen their experience and understanding of Community Arts.

Introductory Creative Workshops for Older People:

The focus of these introductory workshops is on participants being heard, listened to, sharing. Participants will work with experienced Artists Helen Barry and Eamon Sweeney to explore their experiences of the visual arts and music. It is hoped that these workshops will be the first step towards the longer-term engagement of some older people in the Arts in the NEIC.

Community Artist in Residence:



A Unique Opportunity for an Artist in Residence in a Community Development Organisation

In 2022 the Lourdes Youth and Community Services (LYCS), The Community Arts Programme of the North East Inner City and the Dublin City Council Arts Office aim to commission and work with an experienced artist to deliver a Community Arts Residency in Dublin 1. This residency will be an opportunity for an Artist to work with some of the residents of Dublin 1 over 22 weeks in a developmental process that will be based within LYCS and will be actively supported by all three partner organisations. LYCS is the residency host and as such will be the lead contact and liaison.

The Community Artist in Residence role will include working with a variety of adult groups as we begin to establish artistic practice as a cornerstone in Dublin's North East Inner City, Lourdes Youth & Community Services (LYCS). LYCS is a community-based education, training, and development project. From a Community Crèche to an Adult Education Programme, the organisation works with people from 6 months to older age.

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 (3.78M of €7.5M)	
Sub - Group 1 – Enhanced Policing	
Policing Dialogue Programme with Young People, Youth Workers and Gardaí	22,700
Sub-Total	22,700
Sub - Group 2 Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities	
Child Restored – A celebration of primary school children	24,000
St Vincent's Girls National School – Kitchen Refurbishment	35,088
Sub – Total	59,088
Sub - Group 3- Family Wellbeing	
Belvedere Youth Club 7-10 year olds project	53,160
Sub- Total	53,160
Sub - Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment	
Rutland Street School Redevelopment Project	726,000
Greening Strategy	562,000
Diamond Park Redevelopment	400,000
Sub – Total	1,688,000
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
Emerging Needs	260,000
Community Grants	104,000
Programme Office Costs	270,000
Sub – Total	1,870,000
TOTAL APPROVED TO DATE	€3,782,538