

## **NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT**

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

Funding proposals totaling €1.5 million were approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 bringing the total approved to €5.2M of the €7.5M 2022 NEIC funding allocation. The full list of 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 March Board Meeting are as follows:

### **Sub-Group 1 –Enhanced Policing**

#### **Active Case Management Team - €245,029**

Funding has been approved for the HSE to provide an Active Case Management outreach project. The team will be led by the Ana Liffey Drug Project who aim to work proactively with people in the NEIC who are involved in anti-social behavior associated with on-street drug dealing. The team will work in a multi-agency approach including An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and the Health Services Executive.

This service will target individuals and as a result of the direct interventions support them in seek medical services and access treatment centres which in turn should led to a reduction in drug dealing, intimidation and damage to infrastructure in the NEIC, through referrals to services and ongoing intensive case management.

#### **An Garda Síochána Operation Cribbage - €370,000**

The current funding for Operation Cribbage is due to expire mid-2022. This funding is provided to An Garda Síochána to maintain a dedicated policing presence to combat anti-social behaviour and drug related activity in the Liberty Park and surrounding area for a further period to the end of 2022.

Operation Cribbage has been supported under the NEIC Initiative since May 2020. The Divisional Community Policing Office has recorded a significant reduction in reports of criminality and anti-social behaviour from local residents in the area due to this operation and positive feedback from local community representatives.

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

### **Rutland School – Sensory Garden - €13,676.75**

The Programme Implementation Board have approved funding to restore the Rutland Street National School Sensory Garden and create a space for children with special educational needs. The restoration of the Sensory Garden is expected to encourage communication & social skills, enhance creativity through hands on and multi- sensory learning in a non-threatening environment and creating common ground between students.

### **Laurence O'Toole School Sensory Room - €29,455**

With the impending re-opening of the Laurence O'Toole Primary School funding has been approved to install a sensory room to benefit children on the autism spectrum. The space will encourage communication and social skills, help to reduction stress, anxiety and reduce aggressive behaviours for children with special needs assessing the school.

The room will have dual purpose as a parent's waiting room to provide a social space for parents while waiting to collect their children and is hope to develop it to become a space to provide activities e.g. cookery classes, coffee mornings for parents.

## **Sub Group 4 – Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment**

### **NEIC Community Arts Programme August 2022 - February 2023 - €90,000**

The NEIC Community Arts Co-ordinator begun work in August 2021 with funding that was awarded for 1 year. The Co-ordinator has developed an NEIC Community Arts Programme 'Joining the Dots'. Currently programs are been run in the pre-school setting, Senior Citizens Complexes and St Mary's Mansions in association with Clúid Housing. The programme is wide ranging encompassing all age ranges. (See separate report attached).

This additional funding is for the continuing development of the NEIC Community Arts Programme *Joining the Dots* and the role of the Community Arts Co-ordinator for the period of August 2022-February 2023.

### **Community Events Programme 2022 - €325,000**

Funding for the Community Events Programme 2022 has been awarded, with the removal of all restrictions the community events programming the NEIC Programme Office, in consultation with Dublin City Council Central Area Community Development team, have drawn up a Draft Programme of Community Events up to the end of 2022.

This includes a variety of scale, geographical location, content and a calendar spread. It includes some repeat events and some new additions to be trialled this year. The '*Big Scream Halloween Community Festival*' remains as the flagship community event with approx. 46% of the overall budget to be set aside for that purpose in anticipation that it will be transferred, subject to a funding agreement, via Dublin City Community Co-op.

## **Sports, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme 2022 - €300,000**

The Sports, Recreation & Well-being Programme 2002 has been approved by the PIB. The Programme has been drawn up by the Dublin City Council / NEIC Sports Development Officer Bruce McDevitt in consultation with Josephine Henry, SG4 Community Representative.

The Programme aims to build on previously successful activities like GAA for Mas. The Programme is also aimed at encouraging all members of the community to engage in sports with the introduction of Badminton in conjunction with the NEIC intercultural ambassadors

## **Number 53 The Musical - €30,000**

A funding contribution of €30,000 has been approved for '*Number 53 The Musical*' (originally known as Five Lamps The Musical) a new piece of musical theatre with a storyline set in Dublin North East Inner City. This project was originally supported by NEIC funds at concept stage and it has since evolved to a large scale production with a budget of €390,000. The project team have secured additional funding via the Arts Council and private sponsorship.

The show, scheduled to take place for 11 nights commencing on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Dublin Port Pumphouse Plaza will feature a fusion of professional actors and community performers – a potentially transformative experience for the community cast with opportunities for up to 30 people from the local community to be sourced through a series of workshops to take place over the coming months.

## **Crosscare Portland Row - Upgrade of kitchen - €17,329**

Crosscare have set up a Food Poverty Case Work service based in their Community Café on Portland Row. Funding was sought to upgrade an existing space to make the kitchen and work space HACCP compliant

## **Sub Group 5 - Substance use, misuse and inclusion health**

### **Enhancing community capacity to respond to dual diagnosis - €78,918**

**Dual Diagnosis meaning: *"Coexistence of both Mental Health and Substance Misuse Problems for an individual"* (Mac Gabhann et al 2004)**

This project to develop a community response to dual diagnosis was developed by [Dublin North, North East Recovery College](#) in association with Dublin City University is a follow on from previously approved Train the Trainer Programme via Recovery Academy of Ireland. The proposal is to fund a 1 yr. Project Co-ordinator post who will deliver the project via a participative community process with the following objectives.

1. Establish an open dialogue community forum, comprising all stakeholders that have a vested interest or are affected by dual diagnosis in the community.

2. Establish rules of engagement between stakeholders, underpinned by an ecological view of trauma in personal and community contexts
3. Explore existing capacity for service providers to respond to dual diagnosis and what they need to develop, so that they can enhance capacity.
4. Develop an integrated care pathway within the community for people who are affected by dual diagnosis.

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 April 2022

### International Womens' Day

The theme for this year's International Women's day was #breakthebias. The female Intercultural ambassadors along with other women in the community marked the occasion in a number of ways members of the Roma community and women in the direct provision centre on Talbot Street participated in a number of events.

City Leaders' Women's breakfast hosted by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland in the mansion house: The female ambassadors were joined by women living in direct provision in a presentation about their own biases and how they are challenging them.

Dublin City Council women's committee hosted dinner to hear the voice of female citizens on issues concerning Older persons; New Communities; Public Realm; Sport; Youth; Transport and Local Climate Change. Sixteen women from the NEIC participated including Intercultural Ambassadors, women living in direct provision; and Roma women.



The women's day events were particularly profound for the women who participated. Below some quotes from the feedback:

*"I think this is the best thing we did since (becoming) ambassadors. To meet people who make the decision and tell them what we think".*



*“The Lord Mayor’s words about the power of women working together to get things done really stayed with me. It is something that I will remember every time I get the opportunity to work with other women towards a common goal... thank you for inviting us and giving the opportunity to a safe and vulnerable dialogue about our own biases and how to break them*

### ***Roma Cultural Mediation Programme***

The Roma Cultural Mediation programme continues. Four women have completed their final module and child protection training and transitioning to work placements shadowing professionals in health and educational settings starting this week.

Nine women met with members of An Garda Síochána (Store Street and Fitzgibbon street) in a positive dialogue hosted in the Community safety partnership offices. Discussion centred around similarities and differences between Ireland and countries of origin; perceptions of Garda based on experiences from countries of origin; historic and ongoing discrimination experienced by members of Roma community in Dublin from some members of the Garda; challenges faced by Garda in dealing with members of the community; NEIC community tensions and the role of the Garda; positive experiences between members of the Roma community and Garda; the possible role of the Garda in supporting Roma community members; etc. feedback from the women has been very positive.



### **Further information on Intercultural Programme-Joy Eniola**

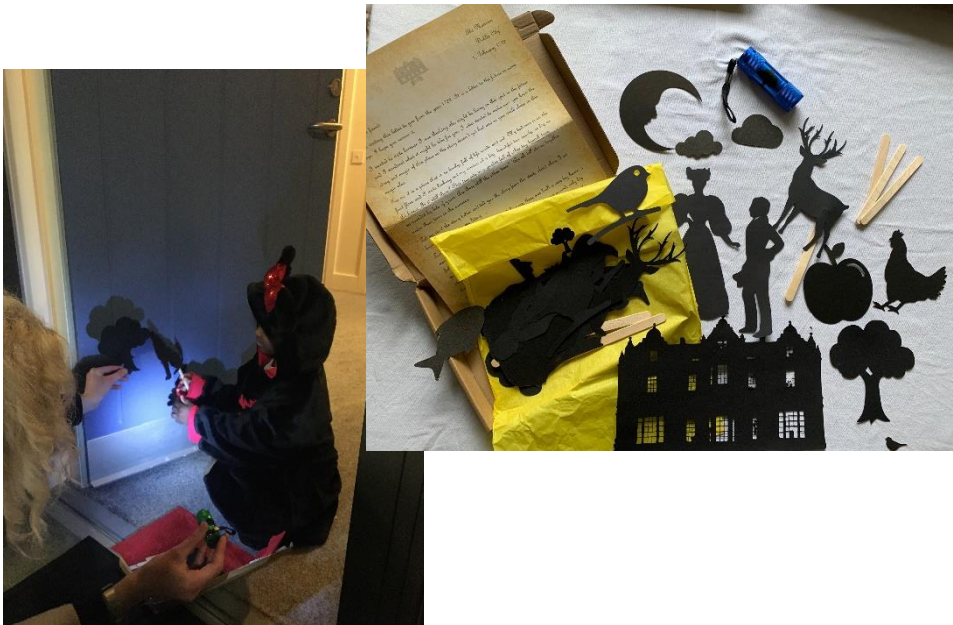
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## NEIC Community Arts Programme Report to Central Area Committee April 2022

The NEIC Community Arts Programme has continued to deliver a range of initiatives this March to support the meaningful development of the Arts across the many different communities of the NEIC.

### 1. Magic in the Mansions

After completing a successful phase one which involved the Artist Orla Kelly working with children on their doorsteps in Mary's Mansions. Phase two of the programme is due to begin in April with the children working collectively with the artist to develop and film their stories and to present them outdoors to the community in Mary's Mansions.



## 2. Early Years Arts Initiative:

Phase One of The Early Years Arts initiative is coming to its conclusion. April will see a review process with both artists, Early Childhood Educators and NEIC Early Years Settings to review the process and explore how we will move forward in phase two.



## 3. The *Try It Out* Programme for Community Groups



The Try It Out Programme has continued to run during the month of March with groups participating in Drama, Visual Arts, Writing with Fighting Words and a range of programmes with the Hugh Lane Gallery. Local Ma Samba, Samba group will be delivering their Try It Our Programme across a range of Clubs and Groups this April.

## 4. The NEIC Community Arts Development Grant:

Applications have now closed for the NEIC Community Arts Grant. Decisions will be made by the committee over the next few weeks and all applicants will be informed as to whether or not their application has been successful by the end of April.



## 5. Community Artist in Residence



The NEIC Community Arts Programme, LYCs and the DCC Arts Office are delighted to announce that composer, conductor, violinist, teacher, and arranger **Cathy McEvoy** has been appointed as the Community Artist in Residence with LYCS. Cathy is also the musical director of the Gardiner Street Gospel Choir and is founder artistic director of the Gospel Project. Cathy will be using her many skills to hopefully work with a broad range of groups in LYCS over the coming months. We look forward to seeing what emerges.

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## APPENDIX 1

### NEIC Programme Office – 2022 Funding Proposals Approved to date

<b>Department of Rural &amp; Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€5.22M of €7.5M)</b>	
<b>Sub - Group 1 – Enhanced Policing</b>	
Policing Dialogue Programme with Young People, Youth Workers and Gardaí	22,700
Active Case Management	245,029.80
Operation Cribbage (Additional policing of Liberty Park and environs)	370,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€637,729</b>
<b>Sub - Group 2 Maximising Educational, Training &amp; Employment Opportunities</b>	
Child Restored – A celebration of primary school children	24,000
St. Vincent's Girls National School – Kitchen Refurbishment	35,088
<b>Sub – Total</b>	<b>€59,088</b>
<b>Sub - Group 3- Family Wellbeing</b>	
Belvedere Youth Club 7-10 year olds project	53,160
<b>Sub- Total</b>	<b>€53,160</b>
<b>Sub - Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment</b>	
Rutland Street School Redevelopment Project	726,000
Greening Strategy	562,000
Diamond Park Redevelopment	400,000
Community Arts Programme Aug 2022 - Feb 2023	90,000
Community Events Programme 2022	325,000
Sports, Recreation & Well-being Programme 2022	300,000
Number 53 The Musical	30,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€2,433,000</b>
<b>Sub - Group 5 – Substance Use Misuse &amp; Inclusion Health</b>	
Anti-Stigma Training	9,325
Healthy Communities project evaluation	20,000
Dual Diagnosis Community Capacity Building	78,918
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€108,243</b>
<b>Sub Group 6 – Alignment of Services</b>	
Belvedere Youth Club – Youth Workers	60,265
<b>Sub – Total</b>	<b>€60,265</b>
<b>Overarching Budgets</b>	
Social Employment Fund	1,236,000
Emerging Needs	260,000

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laurence O'Toole School – Sensory Room €29,455</li> <li>• Rutland Street School Sensory Garden €13,676</li> <li>• Crosscare Upgrade of Food Preparation Area €17,329</li> </ul>	
Community Grants	104,000
Programme Office Costs	270,000
<b>Sub –Total</b>	<b>1,870,000</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROVED TO DATE</b>	<b>€5,221,485</b>