

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

To the Chair and Members of the Central Area Committee

Funding proposals totaling €167,000 were approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 29th April 2022 bringing the total approved to €5.35M 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 2 – Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities

NEIC After-School Study Programme €125,330 (€20,888.36 per school)

The continuation of an After-School Study Programme in all 6 NEIC Post Primary schools will boost academic performance and provide a safe, structured and supportive environment for students to complete class-based assignments, engage in research for project work and prepare for exams.

This project will deliver 4 and a ½ hours of supervised study over 3 days per week, accommodating up to 60 students per session split between junior and senior cycles. A snack and drink will also be provided for each student. The schools involved are: Rosmini, Mount Carmel Secondary School, St. Joseph's, Marino College, Larkin Community College; and O'Connell's CBS.

This initiative delivers many benefits to children, including:

- Boosting academic performance
- Providing a safe, structured and supportive environment for students to complete class-based assignments

It should be noted that feedback received from the previous version of this programme has been overwhelmingly positive, and engagement and attendance in the programme is greatly increased in schools where it was previously a charged service.

Fighting Words – 2022 - €30,000

The Fighting Words Programme delivers a free creative writing programme and workshops for people of all ages in the NEIC.

IN 2022 Fighting Words projects aims to, working with up to 3,000 participants from within the North Inner City. Work collaboratively with City Connects and the Early Learning Initiative who have already established agencies working within the NEIC. The awarding of this funding

from PIB will allow this project to continue delivering workshops to schools, youth & community groups within the NEIC.

St Laurence O'Toole's – Uniforms for students (Emerging Needs) €2,166.00

A request of funding for school uniforms for Ukrainian children who have recently been placed in accommodation in the NEIC has been allocated by PIB from Emerging Needs Budget.

Roma Employment and Training Project €9,505.00

A request for funding the hire a part-time Project Assistant for the Roma Employment & Training Project which currently has a high volume of people accessing the service in Dublin City Co-op. The additional funding will support and expedite administrative services for members of the Roma Community for example PPS number registration & signposting to other such services.

An additional Project Assistant will enable the Project Coordinator to develop compile data to assist in the development of policies reflecting the needs of the Roma population

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

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NEIC Greening Strategy Report to Central Area Committee May 2022

Funding for the Greening Strategy was approved at March 2022 PIB. Many areas in the NEIC has seen huge improvements. See full updates below:

- Fourth Road – Residential Tree Pits (Overall project complete, returning to site at the end of April to finish high friction surfacing)
- Wolfe Tone Park – Substantial Completion by the end of the March
- Dorset Street Phase 3,4&5 – Tender assessment Complete, Contractor appointed
- Diamond Park - Tender assessment underway
- Beresford Place Central Median Works – Complete
- Bus Aras Triangle - (Overall project complete, returning to site at the end of April to finish high friction surfacing)
- Gloucester Place SUDS Pilot Project – On Site second week in May
- Adopt a Tree Project – Ongoing discussions and pilot scheme underway
- East Wall Road Medians – Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar surveys underway
- Poplar Row Central Median – Complete
- Ballybough Suicide Plot – Complete
- Sackville Place Biodiversity Garden – Complete
- Green Walls Projects - Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar surveys underway
- Mountjoy Square (URDF funded) – Consultations underway
- Greenville Place Greening – Complete
- Hill Street Planning – Discussions underway
- Crosscare Centre – Concepts drawings complete, further consultations required
- Hedwardian Terrace Park- Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar surveys underway
- Buckingham Street Feasibility – Additional 3D/visualizations to be prepared
- Clonmore Road - Concept design complete – next stage Public consultations
- Cluid Housing - Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar surveys underway
- Liberty Park- Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar surveys underway
- Living Christmas Trees – Site investigations underway



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NEIC Sports, Recreation & Well-being Programme Report to Central Area Committee May 2022

Sport and Wellbeing Young People Services Forum

The Sport & Wellbeing Young People Services Forum continue to meet each quarter on collaborate on Sports Programmes. It includes co-funded Sports Officers, Youth Services, After School Groups, City Connects, Sports facility providers and a host of other organisations facilitating sport and wellbeing activities in the area.



SARI facilitated football session at St. Laurence O Toole Recreation Centre

Taekwondo Clubs Technical Seminar

The Sean Mc Dermott Street Taekwondo Club held its annual Technical Seminar with former Irish Olympian Mick Dowling and Master Nicolae Mesina with the support of the North East Inner City Initiative Sport and Wellbeing Programme and Dublin City Council's Community Section on Sunday 3rd April.



Technical Seminar at Lourdes Parish Hall, Sean Mc Dermott Street



Hope Recovery Runners running through the Phoenix Park

Marathon Programmes

Running continues to be a popular activity with the Hope Recovery Runners partaking in group training sessions every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime with the support of the North East Inner City Initiative and Dublin City Council. The group have now built up to a stage where their next target is the run a half marathon in the coming weeks.

Coaching Courses

Sheriff Youth Club had a number of their coaches complete a First Aid Training Course provided by the Cavan Centre in April at their premises in Common Street with the support of Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative. The Football in the Community Officer has continued providing coaching courses for local football club volunteers, North Wall CDP and An Garda Síochana. Courses have included a Futsal Introductory Course, A referee's course with a PDP 1 course to be provided in the coming week at St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre.



First Aid Course provided by the Cavan Centre for Sheriff YC

Football Programmes

The Football in the Community Officer continues to provide a range of programmes to the area. During April a late night league was held at Hubert Fueller Park MUGA (St. Marys Youth Centre) with the support of An Garda Síochana. Weekly sessions continue to take place at St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre for over 18's. A girls' soccer sisters' soccer camp was held during Easter in East Wall with over 30 girls participating from a range of local groups and services. School activity continues to be supported with activity currently taking place with St. Columbas, North Strand and the Central Model School

Sport against Racism Ireland (SARI) – Football for Unity Programme

SARI delivered football anti-discrimination workshops to 5th and 6th class at Model Senior School I early April. They are currently delivering workshops at St Vincent's GNS and Rutland Street. They hope to cover all the primary and secondary schools in the NEIC area. The programme is supported by Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City initiative.

SARI continue to provide football training to youth services in anticipation of the Football for Unity Programme that starts in June. Ballybough YS, Belvedere Youth Club and the Hay Project have engaged in some early sessions.

Under SARI's Sport for Social Cohesion Living Lab programme – they have hosted five football sessions at St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation centre over the Easter break and will continue to provide activity in the area in the coming months.



SARI facilitated workshops at St. Laurence O'Toole MUGA



Basketball

Weekly Basketball sessions are held Saturday at Larkin Community College. 126 young people are registered to partake in the weekly sessions. The weekend Basketball activity builds on the work currently being carried out by the NEIC Basketball Development Officer. Schools and after School activities 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.

Rugby



Rugby in Belvedere

Rugby continues to develop in the North East Inner City through the Leinster Rugby Community Area Officer and Auxiliary Coach. Schools / After Schools currently engaged in rugby activities include Central Model Schools (Junior and Senior), St. Columbas NS, St. Laurence O Toole CBS, O Connells NS, Gardiner Street Primary School and St. Marys Dorset Street. After school activity has been provided to the Central Model School and Belvedere.

Dance

Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative continue to support Dance opportunities for young people in the area and is supporting the Arkins Dance Academy 'Sky Full Of Stars' show which takes place at the end of April in the O' Reilly Theatre in Belvedere College.

Boxing

Boxing continues to be developed through the Boxing in the Community Officer. Schools in the NEIC are currently being provided with a boxing programme include Central Model Junior and Senior Schools, St. Marys Dorset Street and St. Laurence O'Toole CBS. Club activity continues to be supported with support being given to Corinthians BC, Docklands BC and Ballybough Boxing Club for upcoming boxing events.

Change 4 Life Programme

The Change 4 Life Programme will recommence in May. The primary goal of the programme is to activate adults back into physical activity. 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 was excellent response from adults in the area to the last suite of programmes offered. Activities such as Yoga, Tai- Chi through to Bootcamps, mini - marathon training and Self Defence Classes will continue to be offered. The programme is supported by a number of fantastic local volunteers in the area.

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

1. Magic in the Mansions

An Artist Residency for Children in the community of Mary's Mansions

The children in Mary's Mansions have now filmed their stories as part of this programme . A short film will be presented to the community outdoors in early May.



2. Early Years Arts Initiative:

The Early Years Arts Process is currently in its review stage with meetings taking place with Artists and Settings.

Phase two will be informed by the outcomes of this feedback.



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



Samba

Belvedere Youth Club, O'Connells Primary School and St. Laurence O'Tooles have participated in the Samba strand of the Try It Out Programme this month.

A review process is in place to explore how we will move forward with this programme.

4. The NEIC Community Arts Development Grant:

Decisions have been made for the NEIC Community Arts Development Grant and applicants notified. Nine different School, Uouth and Community Groups have been awarded a grant as part of this process.

5. Older People's Creative Programme

A number of creative workshops have been scheduled to take place with older people in the NEIC during the months of May. Participants will respond and explore the Art of the local area

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NEIC Intercultural Development May 2022

Roma Cultural Mediation Programme

The Roma Cultural Mediators began their work shadow placements in April with a two week break for Easter. So far, a total of 12 shadow days have been completed in community education and outreach services, a health clinic, and with Roma parents. The placements continue in May and will extend to school settings following return of Garda vetting.

Intercultural Ambassador Programme

The intercultural ambassadors continue to meet on a regular basis to discuss emerging issues and exchange ideas. A recurring theme over the past month has been challenges around housing in the community and how to facilitate a sense of belonging among members of migrant communities.



This month, a joint meeting of intercultural ambassadors and AGS senior officials and community Garda team was held in Fitzgibbon Street Garda station. The meeting, which included a tour of the station, further highlighted the need for dialogue between minority ethnic groups and statutory

organisations. One of the outcomes of the meeting included a call by Intercultural Ambassadors for community information sessions.

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APPENDIX 1

NEIC Programme Office – 2022 Funding Proposals Approved to date

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€5.36M of €7.5M)	
Sub - Group 1 – Enhanced Policing	
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
Sub-Total	€637,729
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
NEIC After-School Study Programme	125,330
Fighting Words	30,000
Roma Employment and Training Project	9,505
Sub – Total	€223,923
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
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
Sub-Total	€2,433,000
Sub - Group 5 – Substance Use Misuse & Inclusion Health	
Anti-Stigma Training	9,325
Healthy Communities project evaluation	20,000
Dual Diagnosis Community Capacity Building	78,918
Sub–Total	€108,243
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurence O'Toole School – Sensory Room €29,455 • Rutland Street School Sensory Garden €13,676 • Crosscare Upgrade of Food Preparation Area €17,329 • School Uniforms €2,166 	260,000
Community Grants	104,000
Programme Office Costs	270,000
Sub –Total	1870,000
TOTAL APPROVED TO DATE	€5,386,320