

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

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

Funding proposals totalling €166,727 were approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 bringing the total approved to €5.75M 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 June Board Meeting are as follows:

#### **Sub-Group 1 – Enhance policing services in the community to reduce crime**

##### **The Bridge Project €2,821.50 (Emerging Needs)**

An interagency project The Bridge Project has been awarded funding to run a programme with up to twenty five young people from the NEIC catchment area. This programme aims to work collaboratively with the local schools, Gardaí and Talk About Youth Project, St. Andrews to create a working group between young people aged between 12-17 years of age, who are known to the agencies, and are involved in local feuding. The young people are from both the south and north inner city.

The aim of the project is to reduce the number of planned fights between North & South inner city, to target young people to build respect for each other and their communities & to develop awareness of the dangers associated with feuding.

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

##### **St Vincent's Infant Boy's School Arts & Wellbeing Room €10,100 (Emerging Needs)**

An arts & wellbeing room to be accessed by students, families and staff at St Vincent's Primary School, for primarily arts & wellbeing but can be accessed by families in the local community for various activities. The school have been awarded an Amber Flag for Wellbeing in 2021 and the school hope to promote health & wellness programmes for the benefit of the community.

##### **O'Connell School Art Therapy Room €6,050 (Emerging Needs)**

Funding has been awarded to create a dedicated art therapy room for children & families in the NEIC who can work with a qualified art therapist. The room will offer families to engage with art therapy up to three times a week after school free of charge. The space will have additional usage for the school counsellor, school completion programme & Ballybough Youth Service.

### **Rutland National School National School Nurture Room €5,100 (Emerging Needs)**

Funding to fit out the current nurture room has been awarded to Rutland National School to improve the existing resource by improving the school nurture room by adding a sink, a hob & kitchen cabinets.

The expectation will be for 20 children in the school community to be reached daily over four 60 minute sessions. The room has potential to be utilised by all in the community for additional classes including cookery classes.

### **Gardiner Street Primary School Dual Language Books €10,437.44 (Emerging Needs)**

Funding has been approved to purchase a number of dual language books covering many different languages including, Romanian, Polish, Chinese & Ukrainian as spoken by children in Gardiner Street primary school.

The school has experience in running a parent/child lending scheme and has noted an increase in demand for these books. The expectation is for increased parental activity and involvement from parents in their children's schooling.

### **Mount Carmel Mural and Rooftop Garden €2,700 (Emerging Needs)**

A project to transform a roof top space into an urban garden where students can relax and get involved in growing their own vegetables. The garden would create a space for students with special educational needs such as autism to use as a sensory garden.

It may be used as a calming place and as a gentle way to stimulate the senses. This type of environment can become a place where children with autism and other sensory processing disorders feel safe and comfortable in exploring their senses without feeling overwhelmed by them.

### **Childcare Continuous Professional Development Bursary €39,300**

Continuation of a funding to support existing Childcare workers in Community Childcare Projects located in the NEIC, who have a minimum level 6 qualifications to progress to Level 7 or level 8 in Early Childhood Education has been awarded.

This monies will allow individuals to progress to the next level thus benefitting themselves & the community in the provision of improved childcare services in the NEIC.

## **Sub – Group 3 – Family Wellbeing**

### **Refurbishment of Belvedere Youth Facility in Wexford €27,500 (Emerging Needs)**

Belvedere Youth Service, Dublin 1, have developed relationship with The Wexford Centre & has explored potential opportunities to open the house for respite purposes for the community of the NEIC, however there may be some initial capital investment to ensure the facility meets health & safety standards in terms of using the house for respite for families.

BYC have recognized families are under severe pressure in relation to an increase in drug intimidation, gang intimidation, poverty, unemployment and mental health related issues. Funding has been awarded to allow both parties to work together to extend a respite service for families in the NEIC.

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

### **Swan Youth Services €2,661.211 (Emerging Needs)**

Funding to improve the external area of Spencer Dock premises in North Wall. The outside of the premises requires resurfacing. Improvements to the layout of the area will allow for greater space for young people to play games outside, while also keeping some of our plants so that there is some greenery in the area.

### **The Cavan Centre €6,491.36 (Emerging Needs)**

The Cavan Centre is a residential unit in Cavan, in the surrounds of Lough Sheelin & Mullaghammen Forest.

The service is accessed by various groups in the NEIC at a nominal fee. A contribution of funding of € 6,491.36, was allocated to carry out upgrade works to the interior & exterior of their premises. The work will be carried out by Community Employment participants who are currently employed on site.

### **Project Worker to assist NEIC Community Arts Coordinator implement the ‘Try It Out’ Programme €6,000 (Emerging Needs)**

The NEIC Community Arts Co-ordinator has developed the Try it Out Programme- an introductory arts programme for schools, after schools, community groups and youth groups in the NEIC. The programme has been delivered over the last 6 months with 28 different programmes to over 300 participant targeting all age groups from 6-60 through the medium of the Arts.

Positive feedback was received by the Community Arts Co-ordinator to the of Try it Out Programme. The administrative workload was top heavy and the co-ordinator was not able to attend all the workshops, this makes it challenging to identify and evaluate all of the programme’s many outcomes.

## **Sub Group 6 – Alignment of Services**

### **The HAY Project Technology Hub €20,000 (Emerging Needs)**

Funding to create a state of the art technology digital HUB in the NEIC has been allocated. The digital HUB would enable the service to reach a wider audience and deliver multimedia & technology to all young people regardless of their need. This will enhance their employability skills.

### **HAY Project Space for 8 to 11 year olds €5,464.00 (Emerging Needs)**

A purposely developed space for a chill out zone for 8-11 year olds to allow 1:1 social engagement for this age group in a decreased sensory capacity.

A fully functional space that is parent friendly & separate from the young people space.

### **SWAN Youth Service Proposed Additional Youth Work Provision Summer Activities €13,436.**

SWAN Youth Service with additional resources listed below can provide a full day of youth work provision on Saturdays across the months of July and August. This would include an outing for a group of 15 young people and 2 youth workers outside of the area followed by a late evening drop in for secondary aged young people aged 13 years+. The target group would be agreed with CDYSB and identified as needing additional supports and structure during the summer period.

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

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## **NEIC Sports, Recreation & Well-being Programme Report to Central Area Committee July 2022**

### **Football for Unity**

Football for Unity is currently underway in the North East Inner City. Matches are held every weekday evening across various venues in the NEIC.

12-25 years olds are involved across men's and women's with great participation in the area.

The final event will take place on July 15<sup>th</sup> in Sheriff Street.



**SARI NEIC City Connects Schools Competition**

This is the first tournament of its kind was hosted with all primary schools in the area. The event took place in Stella Maris football grounds and was a great success.



**SARI**



## Basketball

Saturday nursery is continuing to maintain huge numbers. 80-100 present every week. NEIC Basketball camp is running next week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> and sold out in 3 hours. As a result of demand, we are looking to run another camp beginning on the week of the 26<sup>th</sup>. Planning has commenced for the 3x3 Tournament in Mountjoy in August also.



Basketball Mountjoy Square Park

## Yoga

The NEIC Yoga Scholarship will be launching on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, with participants interviewed and selected to start the course early August for 11 months. Previous graduates are being used as mentors on the program

The NEIC together with 5 Lamps Arts ran an event in Liberty Park for International Yoga Day. Over 20 people were in attendance with participants engaging with a yoga class and a sound healing meditation class.



Sound healing in Liberty Park

## **GAA**

The Nursery has finished in O Connells for the summer break. An NEIC / Scoil Ui Conaill Camp in Alfie Byrne All Weather Facility beginning on the week of the 19/7/22. We are working with Croke Park to facilitate numerous youth groups and camps to get free use of the Croke Park Tours for the summer.



GAA Scoil Ui Conaill

## **Summer Projects**

The NEIC is helping and facilitating numerous summer projects in the area with extra coaching, sports days, facilities, and trips to Croke Park. Some of those we are working with are Sheriff After Schools, Central Model, Ozanam House, with others yet to be confirmed.

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

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

The Intercultural Development Coordinator is currently working on a scoping exercise of the area that will inform the work plan for the following two years.

The Badminton Club, is taking a break for the summer and will return on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Three Intercultural Ambassadors Xian Guo, Jacinta Siloma, and Ana Moraes attending the garden party at Áras an Uachtaráin in recognition of their voluntary contributions to the Hill Street Family Resource Centre.



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

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

This June the children in Mary's Mansions participated in a range of creative workshops with the Mary's Mansions Arts in Residence Orla Kelly. The programme delivered individual sessions for children who may present additional needs and also larger outdoor group workshops that children from throughout the community participated in.

On Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the children from Mary's Mansions had their first Movie Night in the Lab Gallery Dublin 1. The Children and their families were entertained by the different shadow puppet animation movies that the children had made, that were presented on the night.

The residency will conclude with a Summer Art Camp for Mary's Mansion in July.



### **Music with Children who may present Special Needs:**

This Music Programme with Music Education specialist Helen Blackmore has now concluded in addition to this programme Dublin's Mobile Music school provided two additional sessions to the class. The NEIC Community arts Programme will continue to work with this group in Autumn 2022.



### **Composition with the Central Model School**

Musician and Composer Riona Sally Hartman concluded her work this month with 3<sup>rd</sup> class in the Central Model School. The focus of the programme was to introduce them to Musical Composition and to work with the children towards composing their own pieces of music.

### **Drama through Irish**

Drama Facilitator Gabrielle also delivered a number of introductory sessions exploring Drama in Irish with Scoil Chaoimhín.

### **Samba with Senior Infants**

In June Ma Samba delivered a music programme to the Senior Infant Classes in St. Vincent's Infant School.

### **Children's Exhibition of African Art, Heritage and Culture**

Charleville Mall Library have agreed to host this exhibition for local children in October 2022. The exhibition will be curated by the artist Claire Halpin in collaboration with the New Communities Partnership.

For further information on any of the above, contact

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## **NEIC Greening Strategy Update Report to Central Area Committee July 2022**

### **Diamond Park**

Depending on approval from Roads Control the plan is to start on site on the first of July. The project will be done in two phases. The first phase is for the public realm/Streetscape interventions to be done first. This will allow us to keep the park open during the summer months and will also make pedestrian management much easier. The second phase will be the park works which will start in September and involve the closure of the Park.

### **Gloucester Place**

Road Re-alignment (SUDS Pilot Project). The contract has just received approval from roads control and will be on site for 3 weeks starting next Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### **James Joyce Street**

Consultation with Clúid housing and prepared a new plan for the open space in front of James Joyce Street. The residents association have requested a number of changes but expect to be going out to tender shortly.

### **Clonmore Road**

Drawings are now complete. The next stage is to discuss with the residents.

### **Liberty Park**

Discussions in relation to the installation of an outdoor gym are ongoing.

### **Hewardine Terrace**

Awaiting final survey work at Hewdarine Terrace.

## APPENDIX 1

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

<b>Department of Rural &amp; Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€5.7M 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
NEIC After-School Study Programme	125,330
Fighting Words	30,000
Roma Employment and Training Project	9,505
ICRG	15,000
Childcare CPD Bursary	39,300
<b>Sub – Total</b>	<b>€278,223</b>
<b>Sub - Group 3- Family Wellbeing</b>	
Belvedere Youth Club 7-10 year olds project	53,160
Crosscare – BYS & BASS	110,000
<b>Sub- Total</b>	<b>€166,160</b>
<b>Sub - Group 4 – Enhanced Community Welling 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
St Laurence's O'Toole Environs	70,000
Community Archive (Phase 1)	6,000
Killarney Court Refurbishment	39,411.82
NEIC Intercultural Development	30,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€2,578,411.82</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
Non-Fatal Overdose Research Project	8,466.25
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€116,709.25</b>
<b>Sub Group 6 – Alignment of Services</b>	
Belvedere Youth Club – Youth Workers	60,265
SWAN Saturday Summer Activities	13,436
<b>Sub – Total</b>	<b>€73,701</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> <li>• School Uniforms €2,166</li> <li>• Bridge Project €2,821.50</li> <li>• St Vincent's Art &amp; Wellbeing Room €10,100</li> <li>• Art Therapy Room €6,050</li> <li>• Rutland NS Nurture Room €5,100</li> <li>• Gardiner St Dual Language Books €10,437.44</li> <li>• Mount Carmel Mural &amp; Garden €2,700</li> <li>• Wexford Centre €27,500</li> <li>• Cavan Centre €6491.36</li> <li>• Try it Out €6,000</li> <li>• Repaving SWAN €2,661.21</li> <li>• HAY Technology HUB €20,000</li> <li>• HAY Space 8-11 year old €5,664</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>€5,714,347.87</b>