

# To the Chairperson and Members Of the Central Area Committee

30th June 2022

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

### **North Inner City:**

# Gospel Rising Festival@ Mountjoy Square Park

This festival took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> June and featured performances by thirteen choirs from around the country. The line-up included the Discovery Gospel Choir from Cathal Brugha Street and the Gardiner Street Gospel Choir. The "Forget Me Nots" choir for older adults and carers also performed. Other attraction included children's entertainment and a picnic area supported with a wide range of catering outlets. Over 4,500 people visited this event. It was organised by the Area Office with funding from the N.E.I.C





# Afro Brazilian Event @ Mountjoy Square Park

This event took place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June and took advantage of the staging and facilities in place for Gospel Rising. There were performances of traditional Brazilian dance, music and Samba. The event was organised by MaSamba with assistance from the Area Office. The event was funded through the Arts Office and the Councillors Discretionary Fund



#### <u>Ukrainian Response</u>

The Area Office has teamed up with Belvedere Youth Project to provide a week long respite holiday for seventy two individuals at the Cavan Centre. The first group of nine departed on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The area office have also made places on our summer kayaking / sailing programme available to the Ukrainian community in association with Belvedere Youth Project.

#### Saoirse Music Festival @ Liberty Park

This festival took place in Liberty Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. The Festival featured a nine hour programme of music with thirty different acts performing on two separate stages. There was also face painting and a visit from the Sensory Bus.

The festival opened at 12 noon and closed at 9:00pm and went off without incident. Approximately 1,500 people visited the event over the course of the day. The event was funded through the NEIC







# A Concert on your Door Step

A series of performances by the Dublin Concert Band has been arranged for the North Inner City during July and August. This project is funded through the NEIC and the Councillors Discretionary Fund.

| Venue                           | Date                    | Time              |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Ormond Square                   | 24 <sup>th</sup> July   | 12 noon to 1:30pm |
| Sean O'Casey Avenue, Summerhill | August 14 <sup>th</sup> | TBC               |
| Liberty Park                    | August 21st             | TBC               |
| Portland Square                 | August 28th             | TBC               |

# Newcomen Cottage, Dublin 3 / official opening

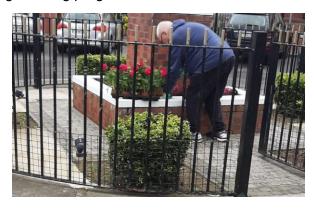
The Central Area Office in conjunction with the NEIC and DCC Parks Department have totally refurbished Newcomen Cottage adjacent to the Mud Island Community Garden. The cottage is now used by a number of groups to promote community activity. As well as the works to the cottage, additional works were also carried out as part of this project including treatment to the perimeter of the garden, new gates, access ramps and associated civil works.

The Lord Mayor has been invited to formally open the cottage on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. Invitations to all councillors will be issued.

| Greening Projects 2022 progress report |                                     |                           |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Project                                | Details                             | Progress                  |  |
| Buckingham St /                        | Construction, delivery & planting   | Project completed         |  |
| Adventure Sports                       | of 3 new planter units and          |                           |  |
| Project                                | funding for flowers                 |                           |  |
| James Larkin House                     | Construction, delivery & planting   | Project completed         |  |
|  | of 4 new planter units and          |                           |  |
|  | replanting of existing half barrels |                           |  |
| Hardwicke St                           | Replanting around trees and         | Project completed         |  |
|  | statues in public domain            |                           |  |
| Ossory Road                            | Replanting of units                 | Project completed         |  |
| Wolfetone Close                        | Construction & delivery / Planting  | Ongoing, Phase 1 complete |  |
|  | of six new planter units.           |                           |  |
| St Michan's House                      | Refurbishment of 12 half barrels    | Project completed         |  |
|  | & large flower bed on Greek St.     |                           |  |
| Glouster Diamond                       | Replanting of 12 half barrels       | July                      |  |
| Patrick Heaney                         | Replanting of 12 half barrels       | July                      |  |
| Liberty House                          | To be agreed with residents         | Project Completed         |  |
| Portland / Sherrard                    | Large Planter built and planted     | Phase one completed       |  |
|  | up                                  |                           |  |
| Kiln & Forge                           | Replanting of 6 half barrels        | July                      |  |

| Friary Court       | Replanting of 16 half barrels and general clean up | July |
|--------------------|--|------|
| Courtney Place     | Construction, delivery and planting of 6 units     | July |
| Fitzgibbon Court   | Replanting of garden area and planter units        | July |
| Chancery House     | 6 new planter units under construction             | July |
| Dunne Street Flats | 20 balcony planters                                | July |
| Marmion Court      | Refurb of four gardens                             | July |

Pictured below residents from Hardwicke Street and Liberty House engaged in our gardening programme





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# Cabra Glasnevin

| Summer Community life  |
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| Festivals are in full flight.  |
| All festivals are assisted with financial support from the community discretionary fund. |
| In addition, the City Council provides Gazebos Tables Chairs Bunting Chocolates / Sweets |
| to support these great events.   |
| We estimate that we will support 10 events this year.                                    |
| The support of the City Councillors is very much appreciated.                            |

Stoneybatter Pride of Place.

15,000 people attended the Sunday Family Day.

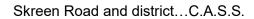






Villa Park, Navan Road.

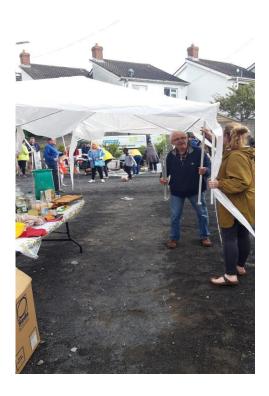








Drumcondra ...Lemon`s Square.



Finally, the repair of the pitches in John Paul Park is almost complete.



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