

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Report of the Director of Services, Central and South East Areas

Grand Canal

A meeting was held in January 2020 with Waterways Ireland representatives and Councillors to discuss ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for interaction between Waterways Ireland and DCC. The latest meeting was held on 2nd February 2023.

Portobello Harbour Square

Ait Urbanism + Landscape were appointed as consultant for the project and two initial public consultation workshops were held on 1st and 8th June 2022 at St. Kevin's Community Centre. Concept designs were prepared by consultants based on the outcome of these workshops and these were put on public display at St. Kevin's Community Centre between 3pm and 8pm on Thursday 21st July 2022. Online consultation was open until 19th August 2022 and a large number of submissions were received. Preliminary Appraisal form has been lodged with the Capital Project Support Office (CPSO). Provision has been included in the Parks 2023 / 24 / 25 draft Capital Programme for the re-design and development of Portobello Harbour Square. Parks Department made a presentation to the December 2022 South East Area Committee. Next stages: Continue non-statutory consultation with local stakeholders with emphasis on children, youth / young people; engage in Pre-Part 8 consultations with internal departments; develop the Part 8 planning package based on this feedback and continue survey work.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase

The final phase of the project includes the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. A preliminary site meeting was held with Road Construction engineers on 14th April 2022. Surveys of the area are being carried out including a drone survey and GPR Survey to assist in the design process. Once the design process has been completed it is proposed to prepare a tender for works to car park area in 2023. When these works are carried out, further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to complete the project.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28th November 2019 and further required detail was identified by key departments. An invitation to tender for additional services to bring the project to Part 8 was issued to consultants and Mitchell & Associates were formally appointed on 17th November 2021. Preliminary meeting of design team took place on 15th December 2021 and detailed meetings with internal departments were held in January and February 2022. GPR Survey was carried out in January 2022.

A second round of meetings with internal departments was held during April / May 2022 and work on finalising the design is almost complete. A meeting was held with local businesses to finalise servicing arrangements for traders on Fitzwilliam Street in November 2022. A public information meeting to present the designs to the community was held in December 2022 in Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre which was well received. Some areas to be reviewed before commencement of Pre-Part 8. A Road Safety Audit has been carried out. As part of the Part 8 process design boards will be put on display in Ringsend Library to keep the community informed. Pre-Part 8 drawings will be circulated in April 2023. Councillors will be briefed before we commence the formal Part 8 process.

Cabbage Garden

We met the Sports Section with a view to providing a programme of summer sports activity for the Cabbage Garden and will provide further information in due course. A soccer blitz is also planned for the end of May.

City Quay

I have met Parks and Reps. of City Quay residents regarding improving Elizabeth O'Farrell Park. Also met Traffic again and we hope to make progress with a parking scheme at City Quay and this will allow the public realm scheme fronting City Quay to proceed.

Merrion Square –Trinity to Ballsbridge Cycle Scheme

A meeting took place between reps. of the artists on Merrion Square; the Active Travel Unit, Casual Trading Section and the South East Area Office to discuss the proposed cycle scheme. Active Travel to revert to artists.

Choice Based Lettings / Allocations

No units are currently being advertised under this scheme but we do expect to advertise further units shortly. We have also been advised by Allocations Section that we can now let units in Senior Citizens complexes under this scheme.

CCTV Benbulbin Road

Following on from the provision of Discretionary Funding for the installation of CCTV at Benbulbin Road, we have continued to try to progress the matter. Adhering to advice from DCC's Data Protection Office, a letter was sent to the Garda Commissioner's Office on the 11th March 2021. This letter requested written authorisation from the Garda Commissioner for Dublin City Council to install CCTV at the location, which is a public area and not within the bounds of a Dublin City Council complex. The current DCC code of practice for installation of CCTV in public places requires such authorisation from the Garda Commissioner. The office of the Commissioner replied on the 11th May 2021 and submitted a number of documents, including An Garda Síochána's Code of Practice for Community Based CCTV Systems. The documents submitted are at variance with DCC's code of practice for CCTV in public places and do not seem to take into account that DCC are installing the CCTV rather than a community based organisation. Discussions took place with local based senior Gardaí in order to try and reconcile the differing positions but following further advice from our Data Protection Office further clarity was required from An Garda Síochána. Further communication from An Garda Síochána outlining their position on this matter stated that their internal policy / procedures will only allow authorisation of this scheme if it is designated a Community CCTV Scheme. Designating this CCTV Project a Community Based CCTV Scheme would impose greater responsibility on the local community in relation to their role in consultation, installation, maintenance and management of the CCTV system. In addition, given the proposed location of the CCTV and the serious criminality which takes place there, there is a significant potential for health and safety issues to arise for community representatives involved in such a project. It would also have the potential to increase costs for the project.

We held further discussions with An Garda Síochána in April 2022 in relation to this CCTV scheme and while they have not changed their viewpoint they have raised issues in relation to all CCTV schemes which will require further clarification with our own Data Protection Office.

Additionally, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner has recently issued a substantial fine against Limerick City and County Council in relation to the operation of CCTV in its area. This decision is likely to have knock on effects for other local authorities and our Law Department is reviewing the decision to assess its implications for existing and planned CCTV schemes.

The most recent update from DCC's Data Protection Office indicated that discussions are still ongoing between the Local Government Management Agency and An Garda Síochána and no clarification on the issues outlined above is forthcoming as of yet.

Former Fr. Lar Redmond Hall, Keeper Road, Drimnagh

This community hall has been vacant for many years and Housing Development are proposing to redevelop the site for housing. The site will be developed by Respond Housing and the draft proposal is to build 20 older persons' units on the site. The proposal is at an early stage and information days were held in Dolphin's Barn Library on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th January. A presentation was also made to the area committee on 13th March. The comments and suggestions made at these information days and the area Committee presentation are now being collated and discussions are ongoing in relation to finalising a planning application, which, it is hoped can be submitted in April.

Clonmacnoise Grove and Ravensdale Close, Older Persons' Complexes, Crumlin / Kimmage

Dublin City Council, in partnership with Fold Housing Association, intend to redevelop the above named older persons' complexes. It is intended that the existing complexes, which no longer meet current accommodation standards, will be demolished and replaced with high quality 1 bedroom accommodations. Area Housing Staff and Fold Housing staff have commenced consultation with residents and will carry out feasibility studies on both complexes. The needs and requirements of residents will be fully considered in any new designs for the complexes. There has been a very positive reaction from residents to the proposed redevelopment.

Waste Management / Environmental Services

Bags and equipment delivered: 10

Collections of filled bags: 25

8 groups have registered for National Spring Clean.

City Neighbourhood Competition to launch in late March.

Graffiti Removal March 2023

203 M² were removed.

Cloud Star Boat Map Art Installation on Essex Street West protected with Graffstop.

Abandoned Bicycles March 2023

28 Abandoned bikes removed.

38 removed year to date.

Joint Policing Committee

1st Meeting to be held 30th March 2023.

Rosary Hall

After receiving extra funding of €240,000 which was approved at the April City Council meeting (as well as €125,000 already allocated), it was decided to retender the entire proposed works. Meetings took place with both main community groups and consultant architects during the summer 2021 to outline and agree the proposed works which included mechanical & electrical works, fire safety works, remedial works and lift replacement.

The Area Manager also engaged in meetings with both community groups regarding governance of the facility and a management agreement was finalised in May 2022.

A supervisory committee comprising of two members of the football club and two members of the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HXVCC) and the Area Manager will be established to optimise the use of the facility for the benefit of the Community.

Tender documentation was completed and advertised and tenders were received back on February 14th. When these tenders were assessed by Consultants it was apparent that construction inflation has led to a significant increase on the previously estimated cost.

A full Corporate Project Support Office (CPSO) appraisal form has been submitted in relation to the matter and it has been included in list of projects for capital funding

The disposal of the lease was agreed at the area committee meeting in June and was brought to the July City Council meeting and approved.

Final further work in relation to the agreed protocol for management of the building was agreed late last year and the lease signed.

Although the requisite monies have now been sourced and the preferred bidder has been contacted it has not proved possible to proceed currently due to procurement requirements.

However it is now proposed to retender the works this month and work is progressing at finalising the detailed documentation.

Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross

The Age Friendly Committee for Harold's Cross has been operational since early 2020. A draft report was submitted by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in conjunction with Rob Chester, Area Community Officer and it was agreed to progress a number of these proposals, funding permitting. In tandem with this it is proposed to hold a workshop to further engage with the residents and ensure particularly any elderly resident who was not consulted has an opportunity to contribute to the process and be included. It was agreed to defer the facilitation of a workshop to get the views of the wider community till autumn 2022.

A subgroup under the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) has been convened to look at the City Wide Age Friendly Strategy. Under this structure, submissions for funding may be advanced, including the Harold's Cross project.

It has been agreed by the elected members that further monies (€8,000) will be allocated to this age friendly initiative in the discretionary funding for 2022.

IT Age Friendly tablets have been distributed to residents and have been very well received. Cliff Run Media have supplied over 1,000 units to established age friendly projects across the country; the tablet comes with one year's free Wi-Fi and are dignity proofed to make access as easy as possible.

It is anticipated that when the works are completed on Rosary that it can play a pivotal role in age friendly activities going forward.

Eir have completed the work involved in getting an additional line into Harold's Cross Park to enable Virgin Media to set up the Wi-Fi hot spot for the area around the café.

A series of sub group meetings have taken place in 2022 including 11th & 28th February, 16th March and 8th April to progress matters and it is hoped to schedule a programme of events to encourage people to participate in.

The first Ageing Well Café meeting took place on 8th March 2022 and was attended by about 40 residents with great support from HXVCC. There was a good cross section of our older persons.

A trip to Russborough House took place on 11th April 2022.

An Ageing Well Café meeting took place on 17th May in McGowan's and a full Age Friendly Committee meeting took place on 5th May 2022.

The sub group met on 15th July and a main meeting took place on the 20th September 2022.

A trip was organised to the National Stud on Tuesday 27th September 2022 and was attended by a large group.

An event took place in McGowan's on 7th December 2022 and was very well attended

Further monies have been set aside in the Discretionary Fund this year for the Harold's Cross Age Friendly Initiative.

The next meeting has been organised for 5th April in the Pastoral Centre Harold's Cross.

Rutland Grove / Eamonn Ceannt Park

Meeting took place on 30th January 2020 with traffic engineers, Les Moore from Parks, Area Manager and staff and Cllr. Pat Dunne. It was agreed at the meeting that Traffic Section would look again at the feasibility of putting in dedicated parking as per the Part 8. Should it be possible to implement, the design would need to be progressed and costed.

Leslie Moore has indicated with response to a July motion that he will engage a consultant to review this issue regarding the Part 8 parking. This has not happened to date.

As an interim measure planters were installed at the entrance to Rutland Grove to enhance the environment and assist with ongoing illegal parking at the entrance. Regrettably a number of these have been vandalised and a solution is being sought in conjunction with the residents' association.

Work was completed on the footpaths across the open green space as agreed under the discretionary funding.

A detailed capital appraisal was prepared for tender stage and works on the depot upgrade and was scheduled to start last year. However due to construction inflation the cost has exceeded the assigned budget. An update in relation to this is expected shortly

The Crumlin Kimmage Festival took place on 10th July in Eamonn Ceannt Park and it was deemed a great success by locals and all who attended.

A Crumlin Halloween Mini Festival took place in Eamonn Ceannt from 12pm to 4pm on Monday 31st October 2022 and received very good feedback from the community who attended.

A 'Friends of Eamonn Ceannt' meeting is took place on the 15th December in the pavilion in Eamonn Ceannt Park.

The next meeting has been schedule for 30th March 2023 again in the pavilion, Eamonn Ceannt Park.

No further updates have been received from Active Travel or Parks in relation to the proposed cycleway at Rutland entrance.

Community Development Report

Please find below a list of events, activities and projects supported by the South East Area Community Development Team.

Allotments

Annual licences for allotments at Blarney Park, Herbert Park and Ringsend Park have all been renewed. The Kingfisher Project at Blarney Park will be welcoming schools to visit the site in the coming weeks under the Educational Sub-Committee remit.

Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day takes place on Sunday, 2nd April and will be celebrated this year in the South East Area through events organised by the Neurodiversity Irishtown Ringsend & Pearse Street and Neurodiversity Sandymount groups.

D12 Autism Group Event on Saturday the 1st of April at the Spraoi Centre.

Neurodiversity Irishtown Ringsend & Pearse Street will be launching their **Autism Friendly Towns** at Ringsend Park with special guest, Adam Harris, CEO of AsIAM invited along to unveil their new Communication Board at the playground. Also in the mix will be a 'Walk with Me' lap of the park and a family day featuring Woolly Farm's Bunny Zone, a Cake Sale, Street Performers and lots more fun entertainment.

Neurodiversity Sandymount are another group driving education, awareness and inclusivity for neurodivergent individuals in Dublin 4 and they will be marking World Autism Awareness Day with a family day on the grounds of Monkstown Rugby Club on Park Avenue, with lots of family fun to be on offer there too.

Staying in Dublin 4, Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre of course only recently launched the **Ringsend & Irishtown Sensory Garden**, a new therapeutic facility located at the rear of Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre which in addition to the Multisensory Room at RICCYs Youth Service, provide inclusive spaces in the area for those with autism.

We have recently made valuable linkages with our most helpful Dublin City Libraries Outreach Team (see below) and they are kindly arranging to have 100 books available on a long term loan basis at Ringsend Library for Neurodiversity Irishtown Ringsend & Pearse Street. These 50+ titles relating to Autism, Asperger's Syndrome and other disorders will cater for both children and adults on the spectrum.

Charlemont Community Resource Centre

The Tom Kelly 2 (TK2) Centre continues to deliver top facilities and recreational space for the local community in the wider Charlemont Street area. The centre offers many youth activities including an After School Curry Club, a Homework Club, Sports Sessions and a Movie Night.

We will also be providing support to their forthcoming Easter Programme which runs from 4th – 14th April with daily activities taking place to include gardening, arts and crafts, magic show, a visit from the mobile Bunny Farm and sporting activities.

Dublin Street Pastors

Dublin Street Pastors (DSP) is a charitable group providing uniformed teams of volunteers operating in the city's night-time economy to “care for, listen to and help people” who may be vulnerable for various reasons. They also remove items which may become hazards or potential weapons and contact Gardaí if they see trouble arising on the streets. Their main patrol areas south of the city are Camden Street, Harcourt Street, Temple Bar, Dame Street, Dawson Street and adjacent areas. DSP is an initiative of the Ascension Trust and we've recently provided them with a financial contribution to support their service.

Easter Programme

A packed Easter programme has been planned throughout the South East Area with a strong focus on our flat complexes where local residents continue to make huge efforts for the good of all in their community.

Events / activities ranging from the PAW Patrol DJ Dance Party to Carnival Games to Easter Egg Hunts will be taking place in many of our complexes including City Quay, Conway Court, Glovers Court, Leo Fitzgerald House, Markievicz House and Pearse House. In addition, there'll be fun-packed youth programmes organised by Charlemont Community Resource Centre (as above), Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre and St. Andrew's Resource Centre.

Meanwhile Tea Dances, Bingo Bonanzas, Musical Singalongs and Theatre Evenings will be taking place to cater for our older residents.

See full event listings below.

Easter Tricolour Rose Project

Following the success of a similar project for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Week, tricoloured roses will be distributed to older and vulnerable people in the community during Easter week in partnership with Boyne Street Residents' Association, City Quay Residents' Group, Conway Court Residents' Group, Leo Fitzgerald House Residents' Group, Markievicz House Residents' Group and our Sheltered Housing Liaison Officers who'll cover our sheltered housing schemes in Dublin 2, 4 & 6. The idea behind this initiative is to remind older and vulnerable people that there is care in the local community and that neighbours are on hand to help.

Environmental / Friends of Green Spaces / Tidy Towns / Planter Projects

With spring in the air, environmental groups are out in force again cleaning, planting and making their areas extra colourful. Rather than providing any new planter boxes, focus over the spring period is on the refurbishment of those boxes already in our villages and along our streets, with a painting and planting programme underway since February.

Evergreen Club

The Evergreen Club has moved on to the second phase of the refurbishment of the premises focussing on the provision of enhanced toilet facilities (including a disabled unit) and possible overhaul of the kitchen. The scale of this work will depend on the funding available. The Management Team are applying for funding under the LCDC Community Support Fund 2023. To assist this process the Irish Red Cross has issued the club with a Memorandum of Understanding acknowledging their long term usage and management of the premises going forward. The Evergreen Club have had comprehensive use of the facility since 1956.

Harold's Cross Festival

Planning for this major festival is at an advanced stage with the core dates of the 13th and 14th of May agreed, and a comprehensive two-day programme of activities planned for Harold's Cross Park. Items planned are as follows:-

- Saturday the 13th of May; Vintage Carousel, Community Dog Show, Sports Programme, Dublin Concert Band
- Sunday the 14th of May; Vintage Carousel, Children's Attractions, Face Painting, Jack Flash Magic Show, Children's Art Zone, Main Stage with various music acts including Mundy and local musicians

There will be various other attractions and performers, all to be announced on the festival website. It is evident from many suppliers that costs have increased again for this year, however as the event itself is entirely run on a volunteer basis, the Community Team are delighted to support this flagship initiative.

Intercultural Social

In addition to supporting the Cooking for Freedom refugee-led project, the Methodist Church at Wesley House on Leeson Park has now opened its doors for a weekly Intercultural social evening where various nationalities can meet with Irish people, practice their English, have a coffee or enjoy a game of badminton or table tennis. This initiative follows recent walks the church has taken with international students from the likes of Brazil, Ukraine, China, Mongolia, Ireland and Germany. This social evening takes place every Sunday at 7pm and is being run at the moment on a pilot basis.

International & Inclusion Day

The Talk about Youth Project on Pearse Street will be hosting their inaugural International & Inclusion Day event on 13th April at St. Andrew's Resource Centre on Pearse Street. On the menu will be art workshops, music and a Kahoot Quiz, all based on diversity and inclusion. In addition there'll be sporting activities, carnival games, a Virtual Reality Zone, mindfulness and adult space where people can chat and have a cuppa.

The Talk about Youth Project currently works with refugees in two groups; The Intercultural Group and The Zone. These groups are in the early stages of putting together a book which would include life stories, online and offline activity suggestions, fun ideas, recipes and lots more.

Both of the above initiatives will be strongly supported by our team.

Library in the Community

Our team will be working closely with Dublin City Libraries and their outreach service this year. The Libraries Service has already assisted us greatly at recent events such as those on International Women's Day by showcasing library resources, offering presentations / talks and pop-up libraries. Looking ahead, they will be helping out at events celebrating World Autism Awareness Day (as above), Yeats Day and Bloomsday and we are also hoping to set up 'Book Stations' at some of our sheltered housing schemes, starting with those in Ranelagh and Donnybrook where there are no libraries located close by.

One hundred quick-read books have also been donated to Ranelagh Meals on Wheels to form part of the Care Packs which will be distributed to older and vulnerable residents at Easter. The 11 titles range from a fictional short story called "A Sea Change" to "Legends", a compilation of stories from many of Ireland's sporting greats.

Many thanks to our Library Outreach Team for their enthusiasm and cooperation with the above.

Men's Shed Groups

The Community Team continue to support our Men's Shed groups focussing on their social programmes and activities that will bring the existing and new members together, please see the event list below.

Merrion Square Artists Association / Art for All

Merrion Square Artists' Association will complement their weekly Open Art Gallery on 23rd April with an Art for All Day. Taking place will be art demonstrations, face painting and a Family Creative Space to encourage young and old to get involved in art.

Portobello St. Kevin's Heritage Talks

The series of hugely successful monthly local history talks at St. Kevin's Community Centre on Bloomfield Avenue continues on 18th April with *Rathmines: An Architectural and Social History*; an illustrated slide talk which will explore the former township's historical origins and its rich architectural legacy as well as looking at many of Rathmines' famous former residents, including writers and revolutionaries. These talks, organised by Portobello Tidy Towns with support from our team, are given by Arran Henderson, a graduate in Art History who has written extensively on art and visual culture for numerous publications as well as running the *Dublin Decoded* walking tour business. Full houses attended the previous two talks.

Raytown Men's Shed

Members of Raytown Men's Shed have been very busy in recent months carrying out improvement works at their base behind Ringsend and Irishtown Community Centre, generating really impressive results. The group has also managed to fit in some excursions of late to the likes of Collins Barracks, Glasnevin Cemetery and the National History Museum. Trips further afield are planned for this year including a visit to a Men's Shed in Wales.

Ranelagh Arts

Over 40 artworks from young people and local school children formed part of the centre's impressive *Ranelagh Arts Young Artist Competition & Exhibition* which was on display for the last two weeks of March. The theme of this exhibition was '*Éire – Past, Present & Future*'.

The Ranelagh Arts Festival will take place from 12th – 21st May this year and planning and organisation is now well underway for that. Further details can be found at www.ranelagharts.ie

Theatre in the Community

A Theatrical Double Bill with the plays, *Beezie* and *A Galway Girl* will take place in Portobello and Ringsend during early April (see event listings below).

Beezie is written and performed by Sheila Flitton (Mrs. McCormack / The Banshee in *The Banshees of Inisherin*) and tells the true story of a woman from Sligo who decided to live her life alone on an Island off the west coast.

A Galway Girl, to be performed by Michael Judd and Sinéad Colreavy, is an absorbing play, mixing humour and tragedy, that charts the ups and downs of a couple who leave small-town Ireland for London in the 1950s.

Michael Judd will also be performing ***The Importance of Being Oscar*** in Portobello at the end of April. Written by Micheál MacLiammóir, this theatrical tapestry reveals the wit, triumph, and tragedy of Oscar Wilde.

Ukrainian Support Group

The group have launched a proposal to use a small section of Eaton Square Park for a community garden with raised beds to grow local produce. The proposal has been sent to the Parks Department for consideration

Whitefriar Street Strings Project

Set up with our support, the Whitefriar Street Strings Project has been providing free access to professional string tuition for children attending St. Enda's Primary School over the past 12 years. About 80 students across 5 classes currently learn the violin, viola or cello through this programme. This includes ten of the Ukrainian students who have joined the school.

In addition, three music clubs have been set up outside of school hours, on weekday evenings and on Saturday mornings to provide additional tutoring. These music clubs are provided to teach theory, musicianship and additional music lessons to help students reach the standard required to join a youth orchestra. All children attending these music clubs have been loaned instruments to enable them to practice their music at home.

Nine advanced students have been awarded scholarships to join the Young Orchestral Pops (YOPS) Orchestra which rehearses at Beechwood Parish Community Centre in Ranelagh. The YOPS Orchestra hope to travel for a concert tour to Paris in 2023 or 2024.

Miscellaneous

Other ongoing projects / activities include Friends of Green Spaces Environmental Projects (60+), Allotments, Tidy Towns, New-born Knitting, Knitting Clubs, Whitefriar Strings Project, Planter / Hanging Basket Projects and Vibrant Villages Walking Trail Map & Guides.

Community Event Listings - April 2023

Saturday, 1st April at 5.30pm – **D12 Autism Group for World Autism Day**, Spraoi Centre, Longmile Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12.

Saturday, 1st of April from 1.00 to 3.00pm – **Bushy Park Market Easter Activities for Children** (market open from 11 – 4pm).

Saturday, 1st April from 2 - 4pm – **Glovers Court Pre-Easter Party** with Woolly Farm's Bunny Zone, Magic Show, Balloon Modelling, an appearance by the Easter Bunny and more

Saturday, 1st April from 3 - 6pm – **Pearse House Pre-Easter Party** with Carnival Games, the DJ Anna & PAW Patrol Dance Party, Stilt Walker, Face Painting, an appearance by the Easter Bunny & lots more

Sunday, 2nd April from 1 - 3pm – **Launch of Autism Friendly Towns with Neurodiversity Irishtown, Ringsend & Pearse Street for World Autism Awareness Day** at Ringsend Park - unveiling of Communication Board, 'Walk with Me' lap of park, Woolly Farm's Bunny Zone and lots of family entertainment.

Sunday, 2nd April from 1 - 4pm – **Neurodiversity Sandymount Family Day for World Autism Awareness Day** at Monkstown Rugby Club, Park Avenue, Sandymount

Sunday, 2nd April from 2 - 4pm – **Lansdowne and District Residents' Association (LADRA) Easter Treasure Hunt** starting outside Ryan's Beggars Bush, 115 Haddington Road

Sunday, 2nd April from 3 - 6pm – **Conway Court Pre-Easter Party** at Unit 18, Trinity Enterprise Centre, Macken Street with the DJ Anna Dance Party, Balloon Modelling, Face Painting and more.

Monday, 3rd April at 2.15pm – **Iris Charles Bridge Club Easter Special** with raffle at Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue (weekly).

Monday, 3rd April at 7pm – **CY Easter Bingo Bonanza** at the Catholic Men & Women’s Society of Ireland, opposite Ringsend Library

Tuesday, 4th April at 2.30pm – **History Talk** at Donnybrook Parish Centre for Donnybrook Active Retirement Association

Tuesday, 4th April at 8pm – **Theatrical Double Bill (‘Beezie’ & ‘A Galway Girl’)** at St. Kevin’s Community Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello. Organised in partnership with St. Kevin’s Community Council.

Thursday, 6th of April at 7.30pm – **Men’s Shed Social Evening**, Brady’s Pub Terenure.

4th – 6th April – **Easter Tricolour Rose Project** in partnership with various Residents Groups and DCC Sheltered Housing Liaison Officers.

4th – 14th April - **Charlemont Community Resource Centre Easter Programme** for young people, Charlemont Street Area.

Wednesday, 5th April at 11am – **Ringsend Community Services Forum & Spellman Centre Easter Party** at The Spellman Centre, 17 Irishtown Road.

Wednesday, 5th April at 2pm - **Ringsend & Irishtown Easter Tea Dance** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre with live music from Pastimes and special guest appearances from Waffles the Wonderful & the Easter Bunny. Spot prizes and refreshments also on offer!

Wednesday, 5th April at 3pm - **Charlemont Community Resource Centre Easter Party** with Waffles the Wonderful Magic Show, Balloon Modeller, Stilt Walker and guest appearance from the Easter Bunny at Charlemont Community Resource Centre, Charlemont Street.

Thursday, 6th April at 9am – **Men’s Sheds Day Trip** to Athlone for Viking Mike’s Boat Trip to the lakes.

Thursday, 6th April from 10 - 12pm – **Home from Home Drop-in Morning** at Sandymount Community Centre for over 65s, offering a warm cuppa, newspapers, cards and games as well as lots of chat (pilot project – weekly).

Thursday, 6th April at 2pm – **Songs from the Silver Screen with the Charming Soubrettes** vocal trio at Main Hall, St. Andrew’s Resource Centre, 114 - 116 Pearse Street for St. Andrew’s Senior Care.

Thursday, 6th April at 3pm - **Charlemont Community Resource Centre Nature Day** featuring the Bunny Zone Mobile Farm at Charlemont Community Resource Centre, Charlemont Street.

Thursday, 6th April from 3 - 5pm – **Beech Hill Knitting Club** at Beech Hill Court Community Room, Beech Hill Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Donnybrook (weekly).

Thursday, 6th April at 7.30pm – **Theatrical Double Bill (‘Beezie’ & ‘A Galway Girl’)** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre, Thorncastle Street. Organised in partnership with R.I.C.C.

7th – 10th April – **Boyne Street Community Care** with distribution of Care Packs & Easter Eggs to older and vulnerable residents by Boyne Street Residents’ Association.

7th – 10th April – **Fairview Avenue & Square Community Care** with distribution of Care Packs & Easter Eggs to older and vulnerable residents by Fairview Avenue & Square Residents.

Saturday, 8th April – **City Quay Easter Egg Hunt** at City Quay Area.

Saturday, 8th April – **Ringsend & Irishtown Tidy Towns and Environment Children's Easter Art Competition & Clean Up** in Ringsend and Irishtown.

Saturday, 8th of April at 2.00pm – **Orwell Healthcare Easter Party**, Rathgar.

Saturday, 8th April from 2 - 4pm – **Leo Fitzgerald House Easter Party** with Woolly Farm's Bunny Zone, a guest appearance by the Easter Bunny and more, Hogan Place.

Saturday, 8th April from 2 - 4pm – **Markievicz House Easter Party** with Danspire Dance & Games Party, Carnival Games, a guest appearance by the Easter Bunny and more, Townsend Street.

8th – 9th April – **Hanover Reach Easter Egg Giveaway** to children at Hanover Reach Apts., Forbes Street, Grand Canal Dock.

Wednesday, 12th of April from 9am – **Men's Shed Trip to Athlone**, including Viking Tour.

Thursday, 13th April – **P.A.R.C Easter Day Trip** to Lullymore Pet Farm in Kildare as part Pearse Area Recreation Centre's two week Easter Camp.

Thursday, 13th of April at 7.30pm – **Rathgar Ladies Club, 'Beezie'** one-act play with Sheila Flitton (from the Banshees of Inisherrin).

Thursday, 13th April from 10 - 2pm – **International & Inclusion Day** with Live Music, Carnival Games and lots of family fun at St. Andrew's Resource Centre, Pearse Street. Organised by Talk About Youth Project.

Tuesday, 18th April at 2.30pm – **Historical Talk on Donnybrook** by Beatrice Doran at Donnybrook Parish Centre for Donnybrook Active Retirement Association.

Tuesday, 18th April at 8pm – **'Rathmines: an Architectural and Social History'** talk by Arran Henderson at St. Kevin's Community Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello. Organised by Portobello Tidy Towns.

Friday, 21st April at 7.30pm – **Sandymount Culture Programme Poetry Evening** at Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue.

Friday, 21st April at 8pm – **The Importance of Being Oscar** performed by Michael Judd at St. Kevin's Community Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello. Organised in partnership with St. Kevin's Community Council.

Friday, 21st of April at 2.00pm – **Evergreen Club Easter Tea Dance**, with Past Times Band and the Easter Bunny.

Sunday, 23rd April from 11 - 2pm – **Art for All Day** at Merrion Square; organised by Merrion Square Artists Association as part of their weekly Open-Air Art Gallery.

Sunday, 30th of April from 1.00pm to 6.00pm – **York Road and Avenue Street Party**, Terenure.

Please note that for various reasons, events can be subject to change.

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Update

2023 – Linking in with National Events & Initiatives

The primary goal of DCSWP is to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in sport & physical activity regardless of age, gender or ability. In 2023 DCSWP continues to align the planning and delivery of programmes with national and international events. This strategic approach helps maximise promotion of the service, adds momentum to local programmes and initiatives and ultimately increases reach across communities in Dublin City.

Women in Sport

DCSWP's Get All Girls Active (GAGA) initiative is dedicated to providing opportunities for women of all ages and abilities to become involved in sport and physical activity and to increasing the visibility / representation of Women in Sport. In 2022 Ellen Keane and Kellie Harrington were appointed as DCSWP ambassadors to promote and celebrate female sporting achievements. While female focussed programmes are delivered throughout the year, GAGA will take on a strategic focus in March by running in tandem with Women in Sport Week (7th - 13th March). DCSWP Sport and Co-funded Officers have commenced planning – in the South East Area officers will be working closely with Youth Services to deliver programmes that promote women in sport throughout the week.

Active Cities / Health Improvement

Please see previous report. Schools across the city, including those in the South East Area, continue to be supported through the DCSWP Active Cities / HSE Playground Stencil Programme.

Schools Cross-Country

The schools cross country citywide programme (age 8 - 12 years) has commenced and DCSWP is working closely with Parks & Landscape Services Section to facilitate the citywide main event in John Paul Park, Cabra on Wednesday 1st March. Track and field training sessions to continue in schools in the South East Area in the lead up to the event.

All DCSWP highlight programmes will continue to be supported by social media channels and the DCSWP Virtual Hub. See below:

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub	www.dcswp.ie
Email	sports@dublincity.ie
Twitter	@dcsportsrec
Facebook	DublinCitySportandWellbeing
Instagram	@dublincitysportandwellbeing

South East Area April Highlights

Forever Fit – Older Adults age 55+ years

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – St. Andrew's/Pearse Street
Description of programme activity:	Older Adults multi-sport programme
Partners:	St. Andrew's and Pearse St. Recreation Centre
Age group:	Age 60+ Years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Charles Centre, Sandymount every Wednesday from 2.30pm

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – Lorcan O’Toole, Crumlin
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit
Partners:	Lorcan O’Toole centre Crumlin/Kimmage
Age group:	Age 55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Lorcan O’Toole centre every Wednesday from 11am.

Name of Programme:	Forever Fit Harold’s Cross
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit classes aimed improving mobility and balance for Older Adults
Age group:	Age 55 + years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Harold’s Cross Parish Centre every Monday from 11am

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit Terenure
Description of programme activity:	Older Adult Dance & Fitness programme aimed at improving mobility and improving fitness levels.
Age group:	Age 55+ Years (Mixed)
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Evergreen Centre, Terenure every Tuesday at 11am

Thrive – Adults with mental health difficulties

Name of programme:	Mindfulness Programme
Description of programme activity:	Yoga programme aimed at adults with mental health difficulties.
Partners:	Clonskeagh Day Care Centre
Age group:	18 +years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/Time and Location:	Clonskeagh Day Care Centre every Thursday at 12.30pm

Name of programme:	Mindfulness & Exercise Mental Health Programme
Description of programme activity:	Yoga programme aimed at adults with mental health difficulties.
Partners:	Pearse St. Rehab Centre
Age group:	18 +years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/Time and Location:	Pearse St. Rehab Centre every Monday from 2pm.

Health Improvement in the Community

Name of programme:	D6 Holistic Health
Description of programme activity :	Holistic Mental Health & Exercise programme for people experiencing mental health difficulties (referral only)
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists

Age group:	Adults
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Swan Leisure Centre every Thursday from 12 noon.

Name of programme:	D4 Tai Chi
Description of programme activity :	Older Adult programme aimed at adults aged 55+ years experiencing mental health difficulties.
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing. In Irishtown & Ringsend Centre every Wednesday from 10.30am

Name of programme:	Men On The Move Terenure
Description of programme activity :	Nutrition & Mental Health Workshops aimed at men age 55+ years
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Terenure every Tuesday from 7pm and the Evergreen Centre, Terenure every Thursday from 7pm

Youth Fit – Young People at Risk Age 10 - 24 Years

Name of programme:	Youth Fit Swimming
Description of programme activity :	Swimming Programme
Partners:	South East Area Youth Services and DCSWP's Get Dublin Swimming Co-funded officer
Age group:	10-17years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in Markievicz Swimming Pool every Tuesday from 4pm

Name of programme:	Youth Fit Rugby
Description of programme activity :	Secondary School Female Rugby Programme.
Age group:	13-17years
Gender:	Female
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in CBS, Westland Row every Wednesday from 3pm.

Name of programme:	Youth Fit Mid-Term Programmes
Description of programme activity :	Mid-Term Outdoor Programmes
Age group:	10-17years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in CBS, Westland Row every Wednesday from 3-4pm

Name of programme:	Youth Fit Clay Youth
Description of programme activity :	Multi-sport drop-in programmes in partnership with Clay Youth Services
Age group:	13-18 years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Throughout March. Details TBC

Sport Inclusion & Integration (citywide inclusion & integration programmes include participants from the South East Area).

DCSWP South East Area Co-Funded Programmes:

Athletics in the Community

Couch to 3 / 5k and walking programmes continue in the South East Area in partnership with co-funded Athletics Officers. Officers continue to engage with schools in the Daily Mile and Marathon Kids programmes.

Boxing in the Community

The South East Area Boxing Development Officer continues to deliver the Startbox programme in local schools and engaging with local clubs and groups in coaching / leadership and education programmes.

Cricket in the Community

- The DCSWP Cricket Development Officer continues to deliver and support citywide inclusive programmes and engage with local schools (St. Matthew's NS, Star of the Sea) in softball cricket sessions every Thursday from 11am.
- U 15 Team Training sessions continues every Friday from 3.30pm in Merrion Cricket Club (mixed).

Football in the Community

The Football Officer in the South East Area continues to deliver the following programmes;

- PDP1 UEFA Refugee Course every Wednesday and Saturday in Irishtown stadium (16+ years, mixed).
- PDP 1 Introductory Coaching Course every Wednesday and Saturday in Irishtown stadium (16 + years, mixed).
- PDP 1 Introductory Coaching Course every Thursday in CBS, Westland Row aimed at Transition year students (mixed).
- School sessions will take place in St. Christopher's National school every Friday and St. Matthew's NS every Tuesday over the next period.
- The Youth Mentoring project is aimed at teenagers age 15 - 18 years (mixed) and is a partnership project between DCC / DCSWP / Google and local South East Area clubs / groups. The programme will be delivered on an ongoing basis in 2023. Full details TBC.
- The Kick Start to Recovery Football programme supports people age 16+ years in the local area who are recovering from addiction. The programme is delivered every Wednesday in Irishtown on an ongoing basis.

Rowing in the Community

The secondary school Get Going, Get Rowing indoor and on the water programmes continue in secondary schools including those in the South East area.

Rugby in the Community

Tag rugby in-school sessions continue in the following South East area primary and secondary schools:

- Sandford Park (Mixed)
- Scoil Chaitriona (Mixed)
- The Teresians (Female)
- St. Conleth's (Mixed)
- St. Matthew's NS (Mixed)
- Star of the Sea (Male)
- Rugby Development programme continues in Marion College
- Coaching programmes aimed at Club Development

Swimming in the Community

As previously reported, DCC / DCSWP appointed a co-funded Swimming Ireland Development Officer in 2022 to increase opportunities for everyone in our communities to get involved with swimming and enjoy the benefits of water based physical activities. Work around maximising the use of indoor and open water facilities continues along with plans to increase lifeguarding training.

Training for 2023

- Safeguarding 1,2 & 3
- Health & Safety (administrative & DCC Sports & Fitness Centres)
- First Aid Training
- PHECC Training
- Disability & Inclusion in Sport training programmes delivered in partnership with CARA.

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