

To the Chairperson and Members of the  
South East Area Committee

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

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023. Next meeting is due to be held in July 2023.

**Portobello Harbour Square**

Ait Urbanism + Landscape were appointed as consultant for the project and two initial public consultation workshops were held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022. Online consultation was open until 19<sup>th</sup> 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; work underway to engage in 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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Surveys of the area were carried out including a drone survey and GPR Survey to assist in the design process. Roads engineering resource now in place. Once the design process has been completed, costings to be compiled and then 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019, submissions were received and were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Preliminary meeting of design team took place on 15<sup>th</sup> 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. A Road Safety Audit has been carried out. Pre-Part 8 drawings were circulated to Technical Departments on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Councillors will be briefed before we commence the formal Part 8 process.

### **Cabbage Garden**

We are arranging a public information meeting so that Parks can outline proposed improvements for the garden.

### **City Quay**

A detailed design of the proposed public realm improvement fronting City Quay is currently underway. There has been regular engagement with the Reps. of the local residents. Parks are also arranging for a new draft design for the adjacent Elizabeth O'Farrell Park.

### **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 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 Commissioners 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 are 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.

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. A presentation was also made to the Area Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Responds Architects are carrying out a further redesign in response to points raised at the Area Committee Meeting and at the Community Consultation event. A further meeting will be held with the Planning Department following this redesign and the intention is to lodge a planning application in early May.

### **Older Persons' Complexes at Clonmacnoise Grove, Close and Ravensdale Close,**

#### **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.

### **Kimmage / Rathmines Area Office**

Following the appointment of a new staff member we will move to 5 day opening of the public counter, in our Crumlin office, from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The public counter will open from 9.30am until 1pm and from 2pm until 4pm, Mon. – Fri.

### **Waste Management / Environmental Services**

Community group bags and equipment delivered: 35.

Collections of community bags in South East Area: 48 collections of filled bags.

Wilton Terrace & Peter's Place: painting of railings complete.

City Neighbourhood Competition closing date 19<sup>th</sup> May (South East Area).

Flow sculpture Bedford Lane to be repaired, upgraded & reinstalled mid May 2023.

Traffic box art scheme managed by Dublin Canvas - submission deadline is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### **Graffiti Removal April 2023**

747M<sup>2</sup> of graffiti removed.

### **Abandoned Bicycles April 2023**

35 abandoned bikes removed.

118 removed year to date.

### **Joint Policing Committee**

Next meeting to be held 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023.

### **Rosary Hall**

After receiving extra funding of €240k which was approved at the April City Council meeting (as well as €125k 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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.

The works were tendered on 6<sup>th</sup> April and the expected Tenders are due in on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### **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 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 (€8k) 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 WIFI 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 meeting have taken place in 2022 including February 11<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 April 11<sup>th</sup>.

An Ageing Well Café meeting took place on 17<sup>th</sup> May in McGowan's and a full Age Friendly Committee meeting took place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The sub group met on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and a main meeting took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

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

An event took place in McGowan's on 7<sup>th</sup> December and was very well attended

Further monies has been set aside in the Discretionary Fund this year for the HX Age Friendly Initiative.

A physical meeting took place on 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Pastoral Centre Harold's Cross and was well attended. A meeting of the sub group is being organised to assist with the preparation of a Workshop.

### **Rutland Grove / Eamonn Ceannt Park**

Meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Part 8. Should it be possible to implement, the design would need to 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 July 10<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and received very good feedback from the community who attended.

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

A meeting took place March 30<sup>th</sup> again in the Pavilion, Eamonn Ceannt Park.

Active Travel have indicated that they do not intended to proceed with the Kimmage – Clogher cycleway way at present.

## **Community Development Report**

### **Kimmage – Rathmines Report**

#### **Active IT Society**

We are supporting the Active IT Society to deliver a range of free classes and activities for all members to take part in every Thursday from 13th April to 4th May. Classes and activities include exercise and yoga, a singing group, crochet and card making, as well as walking and swimming. The venue will be St. Mary's College RFC, Templeville Road Templeogue, D6W X652 Times and Dates: 10am - 5pm on Thursday 13th April, Thursday 20th April, Thursday 27th April, Thursday 4th May. This Spring into Action programme will culminate in a Bealtaine Festival Day on Thursday 18th May. Further details can be obtained by contacting Anne Harte in the Terenure Enterprise Centre, funded by the Healthy Eating Programme.

#### **Allotments**

On request from several residents adjacent to Blarney Park Allotments, the Solar Panel installed by the Kingfisher Project has been relocated to a site that is not as visible from local back gardens. The solar panel provides a small amount of 220V electricity for pumps and other small electrical items without resorting to using mains electricity.

#### **Big Bloomin' Plant Giveaways**

Our annual Plant Giveaways will be held throughout our Villages during the months of May and June. The dates will be advised nearer each event and we look forward to assisting residents and groups to enhance their local areas.

#### **Bio-Diversity Garden, Rathgar**

We have provided new signage for the Bio-Diversity Garden to the rear of the Three Patrons Church in Rathgar. This wild garden space is looked after by a number of church volunteers.

#### **Crumlin Centre for Music and Arts (CCMA)**

The CCMA have requested some support for a series of musical excursions in May and June to various locations around the country, where they will join with other local orchestras and choirs to deliver music performances for the community. We are delighted to support this initiative which will share the wonderful work that has been done by the CCMA.

#### **Defibrillator Project, Terenure**

We have given some financial support to the defibrillator project in Terenure in order to get it over the line. Depending on cost and agreement from stakeholders, three locations will receive defibrillators, at the main crossroads, near the village car park and near Mayfield Restaurant. I Love Terenure 2030 have been fundraising for a number of years for this project, it will be great to see it finalised as it will offer a template for village defibrillator projects going forward.

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

The review of Planters in the Kimmage Rathmines LEA is now underway following the installation of new mini-Planters under the Welcome to Rathgar Village signs. Starting with Rathgar some older Planters are being removed/replaced and replanting of others has commenced. Once completed our supplier will move on to the next Village. We are assisting An Griann Restaurant in Kimmage to enhance their corner site with attractive custom Planters, they will be in place for the summer season.

### **Evergreen Club**

The Club is operating at maximum capacity five days a week and has benefitted hugely from the new electrical services and lighting recently installed.

### **Harold's Cross Festival**

This major Village Festival will take place on the 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> of May mostly cantering on Harold's Cross Park. Once again, a comprehensive programme of activities is planned as follows:-

- Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May; Vintage Carousel, Community Dog Show, Sports Programme, Dublin Concert Band
- Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> 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

This project has been running for over ten years now, and is completely run by the Harold's Cross Festival Committee on a volunteer basis. See the Festival Website for further details.

### **Men's Shed Groups**

The Community Team continue to support our Men's Shed groups focussing on their social programmes and activities, as the weather improves a number of trips and outings are planned for the summer months.

We are supporting the provision of new branded jackets and metal signage for the Terenure Men's Shed.

### **Rathmines Youth Activities**

We will be assisting Rathmines Community Gardaí in running a series of diversionary activities for Rathmines Youth at Risk including trips out of Dublin. The pre-development work for this is currently taking place and the activities will be for targeted young people and their families during the summer break from school.

### **Summer Music Programme**

We have offered a number of care facilities/centres access to our range of musicians and performers for the summer months. This project started during the Covid-19 emergency, but was deemed important enough to continue as many of our older residents don't have access to our other events for Older Persons. Locations will include Merrick House Terenure, Orwell Healthcare Rathgar, Mount Anthony Complex Rathmines, Mount Argus Centre Harold's Cross, plus our DCC Sheltered Accommodation in Crumlin. Many of these services plan outdoor events, summer parties and family activities using the availability of our music acts.

### **Theatre in the Community**

We are offering a Cultural Evening of a short play (either The Importance of Being Oscar or The Galway Girl) followed by some light jazz music and a discussion around the plays to various suitable groups in the area. So far the Belgrave Residents Association and the Rathgar Ladies Club have availed of the opportunity.

### **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 - May 2023**

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm – **Rathgar Ladies Club Cultural Evening**, Spraoi Centre.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> of May at 12pm – **Harold's Cross Dog Show (Registration from 10am)**, Harold's Cross Park.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> of May from 12pm to 5pm – **Harold's Cross Festival**, Harold's Cross Park.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> of May from 1pm to 5pm – **Harold's Cross Festival**, Harold's Cross Park.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> of May at 1pm – **Harold's Cross Plant Sale**, Harold's Cross Park.

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> of May at 9am – **Men's Shed Trip to Johnstown Wexford**.

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> of May at 7.30pm – **Belgrave Square Cultural Evening**, Holy Trinity Church.

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> of May (all day) – **CCMA Trip to visit Carlingford**, Symphony Orchestra and Choir.

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

### **South East Inner City & Pembroke Report**

#### **Alzheimer's National Tea Day**

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's National Tea Day raises awareness of supports available to people with Dementia, their families, carers and friends as well as fundraising for much-needed local services such as Day Care Centres, support groups, overnight respite and home care. In support, Charlemont Community Resource Centre will be hosting their annual Alzheimer's Tea Day on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May from 11.30-2pm with tea/coffee, cake and a chat all on offer.

#### **Circuit Celebration**

A Circuit of Methodist Churches (incorporating An Solas Tallaght, Rathgar, the Dublin Korean Church and the Methodist Centenary Church on Leeson Park) are organising a Celebration Day at Wesley House, Leeson Park on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. The event will commence with a united church service at 11am and be followed by a family day which will include children's entertainment, games and refreshments. Wesley House continues to host weekly international social evenings and provide kitchen space to the Cooking for Freedom Refugee-led project.

#### **Dawn Chorus**

For all early birds and nature lovers, RTÉ & Virgin Media wildlife expert, Eanna Ní Lamhna, invites you on a walk through Herbert Park at 4.30am on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May to listen to the birdsong as the sun rises. This annual event is being organised by Ballsbridge Living Tidy Towns with support from our team. Meeting point will be at the main gates of Herbert Park as per last year.

#### **Darkness into Light (Sandymount/Irishtown/Ringsend)**

Our team are very pleased to continue our tradition of supporting this most important event in aid of Pieta which can help give hope to all who have been impacted by suicide and self-harm. The 5km walk takes place on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May and will start at 4.15am from the car park



opposite Circle K Garage on Strand Road. Those interested in participating can register on [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie)

### **Friends of Green Spaces - May to September projects**

This year the groups have been very active preparing the ground for the summer season. They focus on small manageable areas in our complexes and estates that will benefit from environmental work. The City Council will be supplying soil, mulch, and shrubs and giving advice to the groups.

### **Flower & Plant Donations**

Our flower and plant donations always prove to be a huge success and during May, we will be providing over 50 community and environmental groups with summer bedding and other plants for planter boxes, window boxes, community gardens and public spaces, to help add even more colour to our villages and streetscapes.

### **May Day Festival**

The annual May Day Festival in Ringsend kicks off on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May with the May Day Parade departing from Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre at 2pm, taking in Irishtown, Sean Moore Road and Cambridge Road en-route before returning to the Centre where local talent such as Ringsend Rock school, Morton Irish Dance Academy, Titanium Dance School, RICCYs Youth Service and The Pullovers will be performing on stage. There will also be an outdoor market, a boxing demonstration and family fun activities taking place, all at the rear of the Centre until 6pm. The theme of this year's festival is "*That's Life*", with a focus on celebrating arts in the community.

### **Older Persons' Council**

The National Older Person's Council Convention takes place this year on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of May at the Rose Hotel in Tralee. The Convention provides an opportunity for the Older Person's Councils from all over the country to meet, share ideas/experiences and identify key issues facing older people. Our South East Area Older Persons' Council will have members representing our area at this.

One of the core objectives of our area's Council this year is the provision of day trips for our older residents in the community and our Team are currently in the process of organising a programme of trips for the summer months.

### **Portobello St. Kevin's Heritage Talk – *The River Liffey***

The series of hugely successful monthly local history talks at St. Kevin's Community Centre on Bloomfield Avenue continues on 9<sup>th</sup> May with *The River Liffey*; an illustrated slide talk on a river which both divides and defines Dublin. 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 three talks.

### **Ranelagh Arts Centre**

The latest artworks from Pigsy feature in "*Lost in Thought*", a new exhibition inviting the viewer into the manic workings of the mind of the Dublin based artist, will continue at the Centre until 5<sup>th</sup> May. Following that, the centre will be hosting their Festival Art Exhibition which will run from 12<sup>th</sup> May until 9<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Ranelagh Arts Festival**

Transforming Ranelagh Village into a hub of artistic activity from 13-21 May, the Ranelagh Arts Festival will be offering a diverse programme to cater for all ages and various tastes. Expect dance, drama, poetry, tours, cinema screenings, exhibitions, musical events and the

return of the festival tent at Mount Pleasant Park! Please see [www.ranelagharts.ie](http://www.ranelagharts.ie) for full programme and updates.

### **Ringsend Rock**

The inaugural Ringsend Rock Festival takes place at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May and will showcase some of the best new talent coming through the ranks of Ringsend Rock School. The line-up of this one-day indie and rock celebration will include *Pants on Fire*, *Motio Control*, *Lucine Silver*, *The Fleetwood Pack* and *Skid Lizzy*.

### **Theatre in the Community**

Ringsend is fast becoming a hotbed for theatre with the likes of *The Cloud Spotter*, *Beezie* and *A Galway Girl* all performed to a packed houses at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre over the past couple of months. May's offering will be *Bullied*, a new play written by M. J. Harnett, starring Aine Collier and IFTA nominated actor, Vinnie McCabe which runs from 9-13 May and tackles the subject of bullying behaviour which of course causes devastating trauma to so many young people. The play is targeted at school children and as with the production of *The Cloud Spotter*, a post-performance, a panel discussion will take place with experts in attendance to answer questions and give guidance on how to deal with bullying effectively.

Meanwhile, Smashing Times Theatre Company will present some stories of people from Irish *history* at Sandymount Community Centre on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May as part of the Sandymount Culture Programme.

### **Tidy Towns Tidy Towns**

Tidy Towns has been busy as always doing, clean-ups, painting and ensuring that the whole area is clean and alive with colour. One area of the work that Tidy Towns do is bringing together the community for a common cause. They create a comradeship which is great to be a part of. The community in the South East/Pembroke ward area have always been very supportive during the run up to the competition. The City Council works closely with Tidy Towns groups with donations of flowers and plants, as well as planter boxes.

### **Pembroke & South East Inner City Wards Community Events – May 2023**

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May from 2-6pm – **Ringsend May Day Parade & Family Event** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre.

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 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, 4<sup>th</sup> May from 11.30-2pm – **Alzheimer's Tea Day** at Charlemont Community Resource Centre, Charlemont Street.

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May from 3-5pm – **Beech Hill Knitting Club** at Beech Hill Court Community Room, Beech Hill Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Donnybrook (weekly).

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm – **Performances by Smashing Times Theatre Company** at Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue.

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 4.15am – **Darkness into Light**, Car park south of Circle K Garage, Strand Road, Sandymount.

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May from 12-7pm – **Ringsend Rock Festival** at rear of at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre.

8-12 May – **Docklands Volunteer Week**, organised by Docklands Business Forum.

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm – **CY May Day Bingo Bonanza** at the Catholic Men & Women's Society of Ireland, opposite Ringsend Library.

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm – **The Liffey' Talk** by Arran Henderson at St. Kevin's Community Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello. Organised by Portobello Tidy Towns.

9-13 May **Bullied** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre mid May – **Summer Bedding Donations** to over 40 groups/projects in Dublin 2, 4, 6 & 8.

13-21 May - **Ranelagh Arts Festival**.

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm – **Launch of the Ranelagh Arts Festival** at Ranelagh Arts Centre, No. 6 Ranelagh.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May from 3-5pm – **Reading of Four New Plays in Development** at Gaelscoil Lios na nÓg, 21A Oakley Road.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm – **Beezie** starring Sheila Flitton (The Banshees of Inisherin) at Gaelscoil Lios na nÓg, 21A Oakley Road.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30am – **Dawn Chorus** at Herbert Park with Eanna Ní Lamhna.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May from 11-2pm – **Ranelagh Film Festival** at the Stella Cinema, the Devlin Hotel.

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May from 11-4pm – **Ranelagh Film Festival (Short Films)** at the Stella Cinema, the Devlin Hotel.

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm - **Ranelagh Arts Music, Comedy & Craic!** At the Festival Tent, Mount Pleasant Park featuring Ailish McCarthy, Ringo Bingo, Killian Sunderman and Joe Rooney for his Celebration of Father Ted. Cover charge / tickets required.

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30-4pm – **Youth Soccer Blitz** at the Cabbage Patch Park.

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May - **Ranelagh Arts in the Festival Tent**, Mount Pleasant Park featuring children's entertainment from Anna Bananas and music from the Dublin Ukulele Collective, Grooveline and Kila. Cover charge/tickets required.

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May from 11-2pm – **Circuit Celebration Family Day** at Wesley House, Leeson Park.

### **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.

Please see below highlight programmes for May 2023.

#### **School's Cross-Country**

The school's cross country citywide programme (age 8-12 years) has commenced and DCSWP is working closely with Parks & Landscape Service to facilitate events. Track and field training sessions continue in schools in the area in the lead up to the event. Race details below and link to register: The Race Series provides opportunities for young people across the city to enjoy the thrill of racing & the pride of representing their school.

To register please contact your DCSWP Sports Officer.

- Ringsend Thursday - 4<sup>th</sup> May.

<https://www.dcswphub.ie/programmes/dublin-city-cross-country-race-series>

### **Active Cities / Health Improvement**

Active Cities & Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership are working with local schools to provide more opportunities for physical activity for schoolkids. This is done through the instillation of playground games and markings.

If any schools or community groups in the South East area are interested in having the stencils installed in their play areas, please encourage them to contact us on email at [sports@dublincity.ie](mailto:sports@dublincity.ie)

### **Bike week Pedalpalooza Cycle Parade**

Cyclists of all ages and abilities are invited to join the Pedalpalooza cycle parade for a fun, colourful, community cycle. This 5km cycle will be family-friendly and travel at a gentle pace. Starting in Capel Street the cycle parade will travel along the Liffey, through the Docklands, ending at Ringsend Park, where activities celebrating cycling will be taking place throughout the day for Pedalpalooza.

This safe cycle will be led by An Garda Síochána and will give participants the chance to enjoy the views of the city centre and the river. The cycle will finish at the Ringsend Park where the PedalPalooza event will take place. PedalPalooza is a family-friendly bike festival celebrating cycling. The festival will be full of pedal powered activities, bike maintenance workshops, music and food.

### **VHI Women's Mini Marathon**

DCSWP, in partnership with the VHI Women's Mini Marathon, are delighted to announce this exciting programme is back for its 2nd year.

DCSWP are delighted to be able to promote, support and get involved in this prestigious event with over 30,000 females taking to the streets on Sunday, June 4th to walk, jog or run the 10k distance.

We are calling on all females who have never before participated in the Vhi Women's Mini Marathon to sign up and register for this exciting initiative. The ethos of the programme is to try to engage, encourage and motivate women of all ages to be a part of this journey towards the Vhi Women's Mini Marathon. You will be guided through the official 12-week Mini Marathon Programme Plan to take you from walking level to a slow and steady jogging pace in preparation for race day and DCSWP will support you all the way.

A programme is currently running in Rathmines and the Sports officer will be working with groups taking part in our 12 week programme building towards the Vhi women's mini marathon.

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.dcwsphub.ie](http://www.dcwsphub.ie)

Email: [sports@dublincity.ie](mailto:sports@dublincity.ie)

Twitter: [Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership \(@dccsportsrec\)](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec) / Twitter

Facebook: [Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySport&WellbeingPartnership)

Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)

## South East Area May Highlights

### Forever Fit – Older Adults age 55+ years

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	<b>Forever Fit – St. Andrew’s/Pearse Street</b>
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

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	<b>Forever Fit – Lorcan O’Toole, Crumlin</b>
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.

<b>Name of Programme:</b>	<b>Forever Fit Harold’s Cross</b>
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

<b>Name of core programme:</b>	<b>Forever Fit Terenure</b>
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

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Mindfulness Programme</b>
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
<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Mindfulness &amp; Exercise Mental Health Programme</b>
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

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>D6 Holistic Health</b>
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.

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>D4 Tai Chi</b>
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

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Men On The Move Terenure</b>
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

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Youth Fit Swimming</b>
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
<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Youth Fit Rugby</b>
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.

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Youth Fit Mid-Term Programmes</b>
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

<b>Name of programme:</b>	<b>Youth Fit Clay Youth</b>
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 (citywide - 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. Matthews 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 every
- 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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