



MANAGEMENT UPDATE

1. Strategy and Policy

SPORTS & RECREATION

New Policy / Strategic Narrative: The development of the Dublin City Council Sports Plan is ongoing. Consultants have been engaged with a draft plan to be complete by Nov 2023 for circulation and discussion.

EVENTS

Mobile Sensory Unit for Outdoor Events

As mentioned in the February report a trailer mounted mobile sensory room is currently under construction and is currently estimated for delivery for the 1st week in July. The mobile sensory unit will be available for use at Dublin City Council events by all departments and area offices. The funding of the mobile sensory unit was sourced from the ticket sales for Dublin Winter Lights Merrion Square Park.

LIBRARIES

A new national public library strategy will be launched in the coming month. The new strategy will be the successor to 'Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities' which has overseen much progress in the public library service in Ireland over the past 5 years.

PARKS, BIODIVERSITY & LANDSCAPE SERVICES

Dublin City Parks Strategy 2023-2025

Parks Biodiversity & Landscape Services has initiated a period of public consultation which will run from 8th May 2023 until 15th September 2023 to inform the development of the new Dublin City Parks & Landscape Strategy. As part of that public consultation process, Dublin City citizens have been invited to participate in an online questionnaire to gauge opinion on the quality and value of public parks operated by Dublin City Council. A press release was issued on 10th May 2023 to advertise the public consultation. Submissions can be made via this link: [Parks Questionnaire 2023 - Dublin City Council - Citizen Space](#).

Visitor Access Management Plan (VAMP) - North Bull Island Nature Reserve

The North Bull Island Nature Reserve supports nine internationally important habitats and a range of protected species. There is an estimated two million visitors to the island each year and most people understand and appreciate the value of the nature reserve. Surveys were

commissioned over the last number of years which revealed the significant negative impacts caused to wildlife as a result of people walking in sensitive areas and dogs being off lead.

In consideration of the survey findings and following consultation with stakeholders, Dublin City Council is proposing a Visitor Access Management Plan that requires people not to access the salt marsh or northern tip of the island. Migratory birds feed and roost on the Salt Marsh and seals pup and haul out on the northern part of the island.

'Zones' will be marked with signage and colour coding as follows:

- Red Zone: No Access;
- Blue Zone: Dogs kept on lead; and
- Green Zone: Dogs permitted off lead outside of bathing Season / bathing hours.

An information and awareness raising campaign is underway to support the Visitor Access Management Plan. We welcome feedback on this proposal which was implemented from April 30 2023. For further information, see [North Bull Island | Dublin City Council](#)

ARTS OFFICE

The City Arts Plan is now in the Consultation phase and will be published before the end of 2023. Turley and Co have been appointed through procurement to draft through consultation of an Arts in Infrastructure policy.

2. Information relevant to SPC

SPORTS & RECREATION

Departmental Capital / Other Projects: Sports & Recreation have carried out a thorough review of the Sports Capital Programme within the context of funding, significant inflation, availability of professional services, supply chain delays and compliance with strict procurement procedures. Please see below update on current significant projects and realistic timeframes for development and delivery.

Sports & Recreation Projects	Progress / Current Status	Next Stage
Aughrim Street Sports Centre	Part 8 withdrawn – to allow maximisation of space for anchor tenant	Tender package for accessibility works issued Contractor to be appointed in June 2023. Revised design being developed for new Part 8 for other internal improvement works.
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre Gym/Façade Improvements	Tender issued	Tender issued no returns received. Review underway in relation to scope of works and next stages.

Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Tender being developed	Construction tender documents to be issued Q2/23
Donore Community Centre	Design Team Appointed	Stage 1 of design process initiated which will include strip out of fire damage and agreement of scope of works. Preliminary clean out underway
Northside Swimming Pool	Feasibility Study Complete	Tender to be developed for a Design Team in Q2/23 for Kilmore Leisure Centre
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	In Construction	Works are progressing in line with programme, construction due for completion end of May 23. Then a deep clean, refill pool tank, treat/heat water etc to prepare for re-opening in July.
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Tender assessment underway	Tender assessment complete, awaiting approval to appoint successful tenderer.
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Under construction	Works ongoing some delay due to poor weather.

DCSWP Ongoing Projects

- Strategic Review
- Governance Code – ongoing.
- Local Health & Safety Statement – Submitted to Corporate Health & Safety.

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
	Active Cities & Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership are working with local schools to provide more opportunities for physical activity for schoolkids through the instillation of playground games and markings.	If any schools or community groups are interested in having the stencils installed in their play areas, please contact us on email at sports@dublincity.ie https://www.instagram.com/p/Cqp1mwTlifR
Sport for Young people Small Grant Scheme	The grant is provided to clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport with members between the ages of 4 to 21, with the aim of increasing participation in sport by young people throughout Dublin City.	The Grant will be advertised in early May

DCSWP Calendar of Events	Developed to align delivery of DCSWP programmes and events with major national and international initiatives to maximise impact of ongoing local programmes.	<p>May 2023 Highlights</p> <p>Sat 14th - Sun 22nd Bike Week</p> <p>Dublin City - Transport for Ireland</p> <p>Sun 15th - Sat 21st National Volunteering Week</p> <p>Tues 17th - Sat 21st Walk to School Week</p> <p>Mon 16th - Fri 20th European Public Health Week</p>
DCSWP Social Media supports	<p>DCC:https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure</p> <p>DCSWP Hub:www.dcswhub.ie</p> <p>Twitter: @dccsportsrec</p> <p>Facebook: DublinCitySportandWellbeing</p> <p>Instagram: @dublincitysportandwellbeing</p>	Internal and external promotion of DCSWP programmes and events ongoing. Virtual Hub managed to maximise promotion of service.

EVENTS

Dublin Winter Lights Open Call 2023

An Open Call to artists is currently underway for this year's Dublin Winter Lights. Closing date Friday 19th May. Two landmark buildings have been chosen for the open call.

1. GPO (with the theme of "Connection")
2. Custom House (with the theme of "Navigate")

[Open Call to Artists for Dublin Winter Lights 2023 – Dublin Winter Lights](#)

Bram Stoker Festival Open Call 2023

Applications for the Open Call opened on March 6th and closed on April 5th. The applications spanned a number of art forms and events including; academic talks, storytelling, spoken word, theatre, puppetry, music, cabaret, comedy, visual art, film, graphic novels and comics, burlesque, digital and audio experiences, events for Stokerland and sustainable fashion.

The applications were assessed and scored by Maria Schweppe & Tom Lawlor (Bram Stoker festival co-directors), with an independent assessor, Derek O' Connor (Editor, RTE Culture). A selection meeting was held on April 11th, Marcus Costello (BSF Production Manager) also reviewed the applications and fed into the meeting.

In total 29 applications were received, and 6 were deemed to be of high quality to be included in the 2023 programme. Some will require further discussion with the applicants regarding budgets and venues.

Family Event Meeting House Square

Dublin City Council Events section is launching “Urban Circus”, a new family event in Meeting House Square on Sunday 28th May (1200-1800).

[Dublin City Council launches new ‘Urban Circus’ event at Meeting House Square | Dublin City Council](#)

HUGH LANE GALLERY

Current Exhibitions

Richard Gorman *Living through Paint(ing)*

Hugh Lane Gallery is currently presenting a survey exhibition by Richard in collaboration with the Contemporary Art Museum of Villa Croce, and Oriental Art Museum E. Chiossone, Genoa, Italy. Ends 20th August 2023

John Beattie: *Reconstructng Mondrian*

This exhibition is based on his filming of Mondrian’s reconstructed Paris Studio, in collaboration with Frans Postma, the Director of STAM, Delft Holland (the architect of Mondrian’s Paris reconstructed Studio). Ends 6th August

Future Exhibitions

***Andy Warhol Three Times Out* 6th October 2023 – 28th January 2024**

The exhibition examines Andy Warhol’s work in exploring the role of the individual in ever shifting and recurring social-political landscapes.

Recent Acquisitions/Collection Displays

The continuing series of displays of recent acquisitions now features two powerful paintings by Rodney Dickson, and exquisite works by Hannah Levy and Mairead O’hEocha. The *Landlines and Robes* print portfolio by Sean Scully is also on view. The series, donated by the artist, complements the artist’s paintings in the collection. A publication on the recent acquisitions will be released in the summer.

Education

New Three-part programme for people with a Visual Impairment

Building on our live online art discussions for people with a visual impairment, a new three part pilot programme curated as part of the Gallery’s Education programme will include a short film with audio description, a live online discussion and an in-person visit. The first iteration of this three-part programme is an exploration of the exhibition *Richard Gorman: Living Through Painting(ing)*. 1. A short film with audio description is available via our YouTube channel, 2. A live online discussion via Zoom with Fala Buggy is taking place on Monday 8 May at 4pm. 3. The in-person visit for people with a visual impairment to the

Richard Gorman exhibition is taking place on Friday 12 May at 2.30pm with Kimberly Griffith Walsh and will be followed by tea/coffee and further discussion. This new three part programme is a pilot project and will evolve through participant led discussion and feedback.

Solder: Global Connection through Art

18 May -11 June 2023

Solder: Global Connection through Art is the culmination of two years intense work by adult participants in the Lourdes Youth & Community Services Global Citizenship project. Inspired by their visits to Hugh Lane Gallery Stained Glass Room, these stained glass artists were invited to investigate and reflect upon Global Citizenship Education and the UN Social Development Goals. This resulting *Solder* exhibition of stained glass panels connects local and global issues in an immediate and visually striking way.

The exhibition of *Solder: Global Connection through Art* stained glass panels celebrates the creativity and active citizenship of the participants as well as further encouraging creative connections between the Hugh Lane Gallery and the community of Dublin1.

Founded in 1984, Lourdes Youth & Community Services (LYCS) is an integrated community development organisation that provides education, training, social and developmental opportunities to local people living in the Northeast Inner City (NEIC) of Dublin

<http://www.hughlane.ie/lectures/forthcoming-lectures>

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LIBRARIES

Dublin UNESCO City of Literature

The winner of the **Dublin Literary Award** will be revealed on Thursday 25th May at the International Literature Festival Dublin. Watch dramatized readings from the 6 shortlisted novels here: [Dublin Literary Award - YouTube](#)

Dr Máire Kennedy will present the 26th annual **Gilbert Lecture**, 'Documenting Dublin's History: John T. Gilbert as a book collector'. Dr Kennedy's lecture will look at the art of Victorian collecting and how Gilbert's library came to occupy such a significant place within Dublin City Library and Archive. Tuesday 23 May at 7pm in The Oak Room at The Mansion House. The event can be booked [here](#) and will be live streamed on YouTube.

The Central Library ILAC Centre have introduced a number of innovations in recent months including a new Work which is a private bookable booth for individual and small group (up-to four) interviews, training and tuition. The library is currently offering Six Conversation Exchanges weekly in Italian, Spanish, French, Japanese, German and English as well as a number of themed book clubs, discussion groups and Irish Language events including a pop-up Gaeltacht.

Dublin City Libraries will open a new branch library in **Finglas** on the Seamus Ennis Road this summer. The existing library in Finglas Village Centre has served the community well

over the last few decades and will close its doors on Saturday the 24th June at 5:00pm in preparation for the move to the new building. The opening date of the new library will be advertised widely on social media in July, date to be confirmed.

Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival that celebrates the arts and creativity as we age.

DCL will host a series of interactive talks and workshops encouraging people to get creative and try something new, including Crafts, Creative Writing, Literature, and Music.

Branch libraries are preparing **Social Stories** to support autistic children when visiting the library. More information [here](#)

Update on the City Library, Parnell Square

The project design team have completed Stage 1 of the project and have moved to Stage 2a. There will be a period of engagement with project stakeholders including the city library service and the Hugh lane Gallery. The programme for completion of the detailed design works is approximately one year. The project will then go to tender, which will take in the order of seven to eight months. Construction of Phase 1 is expected to be completed in 2027.

The scope of design works for the Parnell Square Project Phase 1 includes detailed design of the City library, design review and necessary redesign of the proposed works at the Hugh Lane Gallery and proposed works to the Georgian houses numbers 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 and complete renovation design to house number 27 Parnell Square North. The design brief also includes tender analysis, construction supervision and handover to client.

ARTS OFFICE

Capital funding is now secured from the Department of Tourism Culture Sports Arts Gaeltacht and Media to refurbish 7/8 and 9 Merchants Quay, Artane Place and the former Eden Restaurant. The Procurement and Planning process has begun with construction estimated to begin mid-2024. The Department of Tourism Culture Sports Arts Media and the Gaeltacht are in negotiation with Dublin City Council to draw down Capital funding to facilitate safe temporary use of 7/8/9 Merchants Quay, The Former Eden Restaurant building and privately owned buildings at Artane Place.