



MANAGEMENT UPDATE

1. Strategy and Policy

LIBRARIES

The new **national public library strategy** will be launched on the 17th July in Portlaoise. The new strategy titled '**The Library is the Place: Information, Recreation, Inspiration**' 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.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

The DCC Sports Plan underway. Consultation with the area committees and public to be undertaken in June and July.

2. Information relevant to SPC

LIBRARIES

Dublin City Libraries will open a new branch library in **Finglas** on the Seamus Ennis Road in August. The existing library in Finglas Village Centre has served the community well over the last few decades and closed its doors on Saturday the 24th June 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.

Libraries have developed **3D virtual video tours** of 5 of our branches that offer sensory services and facilities. Tours of Ballyfermot, Cabra, Coolock, Pearse Street and Walkinstown libraries have been completed. The objective is to build on inclusive and accessible library services using 3D virtual tours to help visitors navigate the library space and services and prepare for their visit.

The tours will help both parents and teachers of children with autism to plan their visits and build confidence together as well as assisting people with mobility issues in preparing for a library visit. The tours build on existing resources such as social stories and promote sensory services in the library, e.g. sensory cubbies and magic tables.

Dublin City Libraries **Summer Programme** has been launched and will offer a variety of workshops and performances for all ages and interests to enjoy, all of which are absolutely free. The programme includes magical storytelling sessions, puppet shows, drama workshops, arts and crafts sessions, cutting edge 3D printing, robot making workshops, and interactive music programming events. With over 45+ events to choose from, including several

family friendly events, there will be opportunities for parents and children to join in the fun together. The programme includes events for children of all ages, with a selection of ASD friendly events, along with events as Gaeilge.

The Children’s Art in Libraries programme will run during the summer at the Creative Hubs in Ballyfermot, Cabra and Coolock libraries. This is a Dublin City Libraries and Dublin City Arts Office initiative delivered by The Ark. The programme features a dedicated Early Years strand with others for older children, and their grown-ups. A selection of events are especially suited to and developed for neurodivergent children, and their families. Thirteen separate events with multiple performances of each will be delivered for children by professional artists in our Creative Hubs during July and August. Events are FREE but registration is required.

<https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2023-06/Creative-Hubs-summer-events-web.pdf>

Glac páirt sa Fleadh Laighean rian seisiún i leabharlanna brainse roghnaithe le foinn do na páistí. Is imeacht teaghlaigh é seo atá oiriúnach do pháistí idir 2 - 4 bliana d’aois, ina mbeidh ceol agus gluaiseacht idirghníomhach.

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais féach [anseo](#)

Update on the City Library, Parnell Square

The project design team have completed Stage 1 of the project and have moved to Stage 2a. A period of engagement with project stakeholders including the city library service and the Hugh Lane Gallery has just been completed. 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 25 Parnell Square North. The design brief also includes tender analysis, construction supervision and handover to client.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

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	Tender for accessibility works issued	Appointment of contractor for access works to be made in July. Revised design being developed for new Part 8 for other works.
Ballyfermot Leisure Centre	Tender issued	Tender issued no returns received. Ongoing

Gym/Façade Improvements		
Irishtown Sports Stadium Improvement Works	Tender developed	being Construction tender documents to be issued August 23.
Donore Community Centre	Design Appointed	Team Design Team developing construction tender documents, investigative works tender issued.
Northside Swimming Pool	Feasibility Complete	Study Tender to be developed for appointment of a Design Team in Q2/23
Sean Mc Dermott Pool	Construction	Pool re-opened 11 th July 2023
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Design Appointed	Team Contractor appointed with works to commence in August.
Clontarf 11 a-side all weather pitch	Complete	Project complete.
Clontarf GAA all-weather Pitch	Tender Issued	Tenders received. Contractor appointment pending. Works over Summer Months.

DCSWP Ongoing Projects

- Strategic Review – Ongoing.
- Governance Code – Ongoing.

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
HELL & BACK 2023	Ireland's largest and toughest obstacle course challenge is back this year.	Training programmes are being run across the city for young people in the run up to the 7km adventure challenge. in Kilruddery, Co. Wicklow
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>July 2023 Highlights</p> <p>DCSWP are delighted to be supporting the inaugural FUNTROPOLIS Free Family Fun day. For more information see link below.</p> <p>Funtropolis - Dublin.ie</p>

	Planning has commenced for upcoming flagship events such as Her Outdoors Week , European Week of Sport Sportsfest 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing sport & physical activities at the Rose Garden festival on the 15th /16th July • Promotion of Women's World Cup • Co funded Summer Camps • Summer Projects & DCSWP Summer initiatives • Local sports camps
Active Cities	July will see the official launch of Boxup which will be rolled out in Mount Bernard park in Cabra and Sundrive Park in Kimmage.The idea behind Boxup is to make sports accessible to all.	Pilot programme initially two DCC parks. For information on this project please visit; https://boxup.app/en/
Sport for young people grant	The grant is provided to clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport with members between the ages of 4 to 21,	170 applications received, board members will be requested to sign off by mid-August
DCSWP Social Media supports	DCC: https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure DCSWP Hub: www.dcswpclub.ie Twitter: @dccsportsrec Facebook: DublinCitySportandWellbeing Instagram: @dublincitysportandwellbeing	Internal and external promotion of DCSWP programmes and events ongoing. Virtual Hub managed to maximise promotion of service.

EVENTS

Mobile Sensory Unit for Outdoor Events

A trailer mounted mobile sensory room has now been introduced for use at Dublin City Council Outdoor Events. The unit was used at the Funtropolis event on July 8th and 9th in Merrion Square Park, and will be used at other upcoming events in August. The unit is available for use by all Dublin City Council Departments and Area Offices.

Dublin Winter Lights Open Call 2023

In total 67 submissions were received for the open call.

GPO: 47 submissions

Custom House: 20 submissions

8 submissions for both GPO and Custom House were chosen by an assessment board to develop their proposals further to a standard that can be digitally projected onto each of the buildings.

Successful applicants have been notified and upon receipt of finished artwork in September will each receive a fee of €2,000 each for their work.

An international judging panel will assess the artworks once they have been projected onto both buildings as part of Dublin Winter Lights 2023 in December. One winner will be chosen for each building. Each winner will receive an award of €15,000. This amount would be in line with other successful international lighting festivals at the upper end of the scale.

Luke Kelly Festival Sunday August 13th

Dublin City Council Events are delighted to launch its first Luke Kelly Festival to be hosted in Smithfield Square 1200-1800. This is a free family event celebrating the life of the cultural icon. The main aims of the festival are;

1. To celebrate of one Dublin's most inspiring cultural icons in the context of being a product of the inner city and the working classes.
2. To create a programme that reflects the cultural diversity, intellect, humour and passion of the inner city.
3. To examine various aspects of Luke Kelly's life and through a series of live performances and panel discussions.
4. To create awareness and "pride of place" of Luke Kelly's status as a cultural pioneer.

Ms. Paula McCann (niece and spokesperson for the Luke Kelly Family) and Mr. John Sheahan were both involved in the programming of the event.
See <https://dublin.ie/lukekelly> for more details.

Funtropolis Mountjoy Square Park Sat 19th and Sun 20th August

Funtropolis will return to Mountjoy Square Park again for two days of entertainment and fun this year (1200-1800). The event is free, family focused, and similar to last year will promote the rich cultural diversity of the area.

See <https://dublin.ie/whats-on/listings/funtropolis/> for more details.

Smithfield Fleadh and American College Football Sat 26th and Sun 27th August

After last year's success, the Smithfield Fleadh will return again the same weekend as the American College Football Game between Notre Dame v Navy. 40,000 American supporters will visit the city that weekend and it is intended that that the Fleadh will showcase the wealth of traditional Irish musical talent the city has to offer to both Dubliners and international visitors alike for two days 1200-1800. In addition Dublin City Council in partnership with Notre Dame College Football will host a tailgating type event in Notre "Dame Street" on Sat 26th Aug 1200-1700. Both the Fleadh and the tailgating event are free to attend by members of the public.

HUGH LANE GALLERY

Workforce Plan

Recruitment is underway for a number of posts:

- Paper Conservator: interviews completed.
- Attendant Invigilators: shortlisting in progress
- Operations Officer: shortlisting in progress
- Assistant Operations Officer : shortlisting in progress
- Head Attendant: shortlisting in progress
- Collections Curator: Sanction to recruit has been received from Department.

A number of other critical vacancies are in progress. Recruitment will be scheduled to fill these posts in the coming weeks.

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

Current Exhibitions

BOWN + BACON

19 July to 19 November 2023

The photographer Jane Bown worked for The Observer newspaper for sixty years from 1949, shooting many famous faces of her time. In 1980, Bown photographed Francis Bacon in his studio at 7 Reece Mews, London, to accompany an interview by Miriam Gross. She later recalled, "I was rather frightened of him, I think, but what a face!" This display features a selection of Bown's photographs of Bacon at 7 Reece Mews, recently donated by Jane Bown Estate, along with selected items from the Gallery's Francis Bacon Archive. The display will be accompanied by a publication.



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. Organised/curated by Hugh Lane Gallery, *Andy Warhol Three Times Out* has been five years in the making and includes works on loan from private collections and major institutions based all over the globe, including the Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, US

Collection Displays

Focused displays of the Gallery's recent acquisitions closed on 9 July. A publication on the recent acquisitions is in preparation. Galleries 2 to 5 have been rehung ahead of the Andy Warhol exhibition, with rooms devoted to the figure in art, Impressionism and related movements, Irish art of the 1920s and 30s and selected paintings by Sean Scully

Education

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