

Date: 18th September 2023

To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

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**ARTANE / WHITEHALL LEA – COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION UPDATE
FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

The Community & Social Development Team (CSDS), Artane - Whitehall LEA continue to meet and support a wide range of community & residents' groups in the area on an ongoing basis.

Memory Café – Whitehall

Dublin City Council have partnered with the HSE, Larkhill Credit Union, the Alzheimer's Association and Whitehall Colmcille's GAA, in setting up a new memory café. The aim of memory cafés is to support people living with Dementia. This café will provide a space for people affected by Dementia to come and have a cup of tea whilst also being in a space for information sharing.

This initiative will be supported locally by both North Central's CSDS and Age Friendly Dublin City. The Memory Café will run for a 2 hour period on the last Tuesday of every month, from 11am to 1pm in Whitehall Colmcille's GAA Club, Collins Avenue, Dublin 9. The café will be advertised across the North Central Area.

Positive Ageing Week

This year's positive ageing week will be celebrated from 1st - 7th October 2023. Positive Ageing Week 2023 celebrates ageing and the contribution of older people. CSDS will host a number of events to mark the week. The calendar of events will be advertised across the community once finalised.

Kilmore West Youth Project (KWYP) - Junk-Yard Fashion Show

KWYP ran a 12-week junk-yard fashion programme over the summer months which concluded with a fashion show at the end of July.

The KWYP staff observed a continued interest by the young people to discuss the topic of "fast fashion". This was an on-going topic of discussion within sessions, through online shopping and the pressure young people feel to keep up with up-coming trends amongst their peers. From their discussions, staff and young people came up with the idea of a "Junk-Yard Fashion" project, to highlight the current environmental issues and the massive role "fast fashion" plays in that.

Staff and young people explored the issues of excessive textile waste & the excessive use of toxins within fabrics causing pollution. They also highlighted the issue of manufacturing facilities and the poor treatment of staff. A 12-week programme was formed whereby young people and staff collected used recycled goods, such as single use items. Alongside this, young people collected old clothes that were due to be thrown into the bin and old twigs and flowers cut from the projects garden. All these recyclable items were used to create sustainable, yet "trendy" fashion.

KWYP 12-week Junk-Yard Fashion Programme had a target audience of ages 14 –18. The scope behind this was to also implement early intervention to those who are nearing the age of consumerism.

Having formed the original programme the young people began to show a great interest in the issue and the concept of a fashion show was born. The overall aim of the Junk-Yard Fashion show is not only to showcase their hard work, but also to promote the importance of sustainable clothing and its role in preserving the world we live in.

To support this great initiative CSDS and Public Domain Section covered the cost of the Junk – Yard Fashion Show event. Well done to all the staff and participants involved in the workshops and the show itself.



Community Support Fund 2022 recipients

Ministers Humphreys and O’Brien announced the Dublin City’s list of approved projects under the 2022 Community Support Fund on 27th July ’23. The list of successful groups within the Artane / Whitehall LEA are listed below.

Artane Sister Sheds
Moatview Fairfield Development Association
Artane / Beaumont Recreation Centre
Bonnybrook Art Group
Community Law & Mediation
Grow in Ireland T/A Grow Mental Health

Northside Partnership
Pinebrook Residents Association
Priorswood Parish Centre
Dublin City University
The C.A.R.I Foundation

Fun Day support

CSDS has contributed to a number of local family fun days over the summer months. This included providing refreshments for fun days in Kilmore, Larkhill, Beaupark, Kilmore Crescent, Moatview, John Vianey FC and Greenfields, Santry.

In conjunction with Northside Partnership, the CSDS covered the ticket cost for residents living in Artane Place to visit Dublin Zoo during the summer.

Recovery Month

Recovery Month is observed every year in the month of September & aims to promote awareness and understanding around substance misuse including alcohol and drugs. Recovery month also aims to champion and celebrate individuals from all walks of life who have managed to carry out a successful recovery.

Dublin City Council's, Community & Social Development Section has made a financial contribution to the Dales to support the local events that have been organised.

The calendar of events has been widely advertised and we will continue to promote the month on our social media pages.

Older People's Council information day

North Central's CSDS in conjunction with the current North Central Area OPC, has organised an information day for local people who are interested in joining their local OPC. This information day will be held on Thursday 28th September from 12pm – 2pm in Northside Civic Centre, Bunratty Road, Coolock, Dublin 17. An advert is being placed in the Northside People advertising this information day and the poster has been circulated amongst our contacts and on DCC social media pages.

It is hoped from this information session that we will be able to recruit new members onto the OPC. For more information please contact Niamh Reilly on (01) 2228841 or the CSDS team on (01) 2228870.

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OLDER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL (OPC) INFORMATION DAY

Dublin City Council launched its Age Friendly Strategy in 2014, which aims to make Dublin a more Age Friendly City.

Older people themselves are an important part of this strategy.

We would like to invite you to join our North Central Areas, Older People's Council to ensure your voice continues to be heard and represented.

If you are interested in becoming involved in North Central Areas Older People's Council (OPC) we are holding an open day for residents who would like to join or would like more information on their local OPC.

VENUE
Northside Civic Centre,
Bunratty Road,
Coolock,
Dublin 17.

DATE
Thursday 28th September

TIME
12-2PM

CALL OR EMAIL THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Halloween

CSDS in conjunction with Get Kilmore Going Group and Kilmore Recreation Centre has organised Halloween activities for Kilmore on 31st October. Both Halloween themed events will be held in the Kilmore Recreation Centre. These events will be advertised in the lead up to Halloween.

The community team is also working in collaboration with Creative Places and other local groups on the Darndale Halloween Festival.

Hampstead Court Chair Aerobics

The CSDS has agreed to cover the cost of another block of chair aerobic sessions for the residents of both Hampstead and Albert College Court. This activity has been organised in conjunction with the Sports & Wellbeing Partnership. The sessions will return from early September. Due to the size of the room being used, spaces are limited to the tenants in both complexes.

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