



MANAGEMENT UPDATE

1. Strategy and Policy

LIBRARIES

A new **national public library strategy** was launched in July. The new strategy, *The Library is the Place: Information, Recreation, Inspiration. 2023-2027*, sets out 66 strategic goals under 9 strategic goals and 3 strategic enablers for public libraries in Ireland over the next 5 years.

EVENTS

Mobile Sensory Unit for Outdoor Events

Dublin City Council Events commissioned an outdoor mobile sensory unit for events, and has been used successfully this year at Funtropolis park events, Luke Kelly festival, and Smithfield Fleadh. It will also be available for this year's Bram Stoker festival and Dublin Winter Lights in Merrion Square Park.

The unit is now available for use by any DCC Department or Area Office through a booking system now available on CitiDesk.

[Sensory Unit Requests \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com)

SPORT AND RECREATION

The DCC Sports Plan is underway. Public consultation to be completed during August/September 2023 including input from young people. Plan to be adopted by year end.

ARTS OFFICE

Turkey and Associates working with the Arts Office and Planning on new Developers Toolkit on Cultural Infrastructure

2. Information relevant to SPC

LIBRARIES

Dublin City Libraries has opened a new branch library in **Finglas** on the Seamus Ennis Road. Working on the premise that the greenest building is the one already built, the opportunity was taken to repurpose the vacant An Post Sorting Office as a public library. The decision was underpinned by the sustainability agenda of Dublin City Council. The architects, Cotter & Naessens, have created a calm and serene space, full of light, for people to visit and to feel at home in. The original building enclosure, which was uninsulated, has been thermally upgraded to a BER of B1. The addition of the micro park and a garden to the rear has increased biodiversity and will provide a green space for the citizens of Finglas to enjoy.

See images of the new library [here](#). A celebratory opening event will be held in the Autumn.

Our Library in the Community service has been shortlisted in the twentieth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023 in the Diversity & Inclusion category. This category seeks to celebrate the range of projects which have promoted inclusion, enhanced accessibility, or improved the quality of life of those from diverse or marginalised groups. The winners will be announced at a ceremony on Thursday 23rd November.

Dublin City Libraries have received a grant from the ALL Strategy Fund for €14,200 to set up a **'Library Literacy Champion'** programme. As part of the programme, library staff will receive training in Adult Literacy techniques. Funding for the initiative is from SOLAS and the project runs from September to December 2023.

The **2023 Dublin Festival of History** will run from 25th September to 15th October with 200+ in-person and online events in libraries and other venues around the city. The big weekend will take place in the Printworks in Dublin Castle from 29th-31st September with talks by Mary Beard, Tom Holland and Dan Stone among many others. Details and booking [here](#).

Club Léitheoireachta Bí linn agus muid ag trácht ar eachtraí bleachtairachta an fileolaí mór le rá. An tAthair Pádraig Ó Duinnín agus é ag tabhairt faoi míreanna mistéireachta a fágann na póilíní i bponc. Beimid ag cruinniú ag 2.30 sa Lár Leabhann, Lárionad ILAC, BÁC 1 ar 6ú Mheán Fómhar.

Leabhair le fáil ach iarradh orthu.

Dublin City Libraries launched a **Children's Literacy Project** on Wednesday 6th September in Croke Park. The Lord Mayor was in attendance along with players from the Dublin Senior Ladies football, Camogie, and Men's teams. The project has two elements:

1. A literacy/numeracy activity book entitled 'Sky Blue Stars: The Dublin GAA Activity Book'. This book was produced by Dublin City Libraries in partnership with the Dublin GAA County Board and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media. Library branches will distribute copies of 'Sky Blue Stars' to sixth classes of every school in their catchment area. Classes will be invited by the branch manager to visit their local library for a tour and to receive the activity books.
2. A series of GAA-related literacy events for children will be held in libraries and schools in the autumn and winter. Libraries Events will provide events in branches as part of their Children's Book Festival and Healthy Ireland programmes. The UNESCO team

have organised a series of workshops with Fighting Words that will take place in schools throughout the autumn.

EVENTS

Bram Stoker Festival (27th-30th Oct)

Bram Stoker Festival is preparing for its programme launch in the first week of October. Programming is now complete, with a large-scale spectacle on Dublin city's northside, the flagship event in 2023. Business engagement, production, marketing and PR staff are all now working on the festival in preparation for the October Bank Holiday weekend.

Dublin Winter Lights (1st Dec - 1st Jan)

The deadline for the Dublin Winter Lights Open call artwork has been set for September 30th. All artists chosen by the assessment board that submit their work by that date will each receive a fee of €2,000.

SPORT AND RECREATION

Sports & Recreation Projects	Progress / Current Status	Next Stage
Aughrim St Sports Centre	Contractor appointed	Accessibility works due to commence
Irishtown Sports Stadium	Tender documents complete	Advertise & Evaluate tenders and appoint contractor.
Donore Community Centre	Strip out contractor appointed	Strip out & survey investigative works to be completed
Northside Swimming Pool	Feasibility Study Complete	Design Team to be appointed in Q4/23
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Works Commenced	Will be complete by the end 2023
Clontarf GAA all-weather	Works Commenced	Will be complete by the end of 2023
Upgrade of leisure facilities	Design Framework developed	Design framework to be established for improvement works to Ballymun, Finglas, Ballyfermot etc.

DCSWP Ongoing Projects

Project	Progress/Current Status	Next Stage
Governance Code	Review completed and submitted to Sport Ireland to be included on register of organisations in compliance with the Governance Code For Sport	Consult with Sport Ireland on Next Steps
Dormant Account Funding	DCSWP has been notified by Sport Ireland that all government processes are now complete with regards to DAF	Launch of the fund through media release
Sport for Young People Small Grant Scheme	170 applications received. Sport Ireland Contribution €80,000. First Phase of the assessment nearing completion. DCSWP Advisory Board member to be nominated to assist in Phase two of the assessment of applications.	DCSWP Advisory Board member to be nominated to assist in Phase two of the assessment of applications.
Delivery of DCSWP Programmes		DCSWP Sport and Co-funded Officers (Athletics Ireland, Boxing, Cricket, FAI, Health Improvement, Rugby, Rowing and Swimming Ireland) Officers continue to work closely with community groups, clubs schools and services in the delivery of multi-sport and physical activity programmes aimed at core target groups across communities. Core target groups include older adults, underactive communities, schools, ethnic minorities, mental health groups, people with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities and youth at risk (young people age 10-24 years)
National and International events	DCSWP continues to link in with major national and	European Week Of Sport/Dublin Sportsfest 23 – 30 Sep Active Age Week 3 – 9 Oct Fit For All Week 11-17 Oct Dublin City Marathon 29-30 October

international sport, health and physical activity events
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HUGH LANE GALLERY

Workforce Plan Recruitment of Critical Vacancies:

Workforce Plan of recruitment in progress and completed =

1. Operations Officer
2. Head Attendant:
3. Assistant Operations Officer
4. Marketing Management

Gallery Attendants and Paper Conservator being appointed September 2023

Current Exhibitions

The photographer Jane Bown worked for *The Observer* newspaper for sixty years from 1949, taking portraits of 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!" Bown used three rolls of film, first shooting the artist in his studio, then at his front door. She did not like the light in Bacon's studio but on leaving, saw the opportunity for "the jackpot picture, that haunted face against a simple, dark background."

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 Studio Archive.

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 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. Opens 6th October Ticketed exhibition.

Collection Displays

Bown + Bacon publication

HLG has released a publication to accompany the current *Bown + Bacon* display. It features photographs of Francis Bacon taken by the renowned photographer Jane Bown in his studio at 7 Reece Mews for the *Observer* in 1980. It includes texts by Barbara Dawson, Logan Sisley and Luke Dodd along with a reprint of Bacon's 1980 *Observer* interview.

Education

Our Education team have curated an exciting programme of education and community outreach programmes exploring themes arising from *Andy Warhol: Three Times Out* including *We Can, Can, Can* a community engagement project in four parts led by artist Liliane Puthod. Artwork made during this project include specially made wallpaper will be on view in gallery 6. Our Education Dept is also collaborating with the Irish Writers Centre and also DCC Public Libraries, the latter of which will see an exciting and innovative city-wide series of talks, art workshops, podcasts and more programme to take place in DCC libraries throughout Dublin city.

ARTS OFFICE

Creative Campus Procurement still in drafting phase. Hope to issue Tender In October. Two Artists about to occupy studios in Artane Place and all contracts now signed.

25th September 2023