

**To the chairperson and members of  
North Central Area Committee.**

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The arts office is continuing its support of Creative Places Darndale steering committee as the project runs into its final year. In the year ahead an assistant arts officer will support the development of a funding application for possible further grant support from the arts council for a proposed year 4 and 5 funding of the project. On the 28th of September, Rita Burtenshaw facilitated a session with the Creative Places steering committee to reflect on the previous two years, explore the upcoming year and the possible further year 4 and 5. She also facilitated discussion of the role of the steering committee for the year ahead. A further session with wider stakeholders providing an opportunity to plan for the next stage is proposed before Christmas.

As part of the research and development outlined in the Partnership Framework between DCC and Arts Council the arts office is exploring the possibilities of collaboration with the Empowering Communities project in the Northside partnership. The aim of this pre development phase of the R&D is to build on the research project conducted in 2022 and find new pathways to increase arts capacity in the area.

The Artane Place studios are opening the first two individual studios this coming week (09/10/202) with local artists Ella Clarke and Alan Mongey moving into their new studios. Unit 35a in Artane Place, currently under construction, is aimed for completion before Christmas with the 12 designated artists moving into the studios soon after.

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