

Date: 5th October 2023

**To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee**

Meeting: 16th October 2023 .

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

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

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Older People's Council

North Central Area CSDS held an information morning on Thursday 28th September for residents of the area that may be interested in getting more information on the function of their local OPC. The information morning also gave people an opportunity to sign up to join the North Central OPC.

There was a great turn out on the day, with over 40 people attending. CSDS will arrange a follow up meeting with those attendees that have expressed an interest in joining the OPC in November with our Age Friendly Unit.

Positive Ageing Week

CSDS supported a number of events to mark positive ageing week which included the OPC information day.

A coffee morning was organised by “Golden Years” (in collaboration with ourselves and NEAR FM. This event subsequently was broadcast on the radio station to highlight the week. Click on link to listen to the broadcast <https://nearfm.ie/golden-years-outside-broadcast/>

CSDS also organised for groups / individuals to attend a talk & tour with NEAR FM radio station.



Halloween

Kilmore Halloween activities – Tuesday 31st October in Kilmore Recreation Centre.

11:30 – 1pm (5-7 year olds) Spooky Halloween magic show, face painting, balloon modelling and some frightening surprises!

2pm – 3:30pm (7-10 year olds) Halloween mad science show, face painting, balloon modelling and some scary surprises!

This is a free event, however, booking is essential and all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

This event is in collaboration with Kilmore West Youth Centre and Get Kilmore Going and will be advertised locally. All event/booking details will be placed on the poster.



Darndale Together After Dark – 31st October 4-7pm, Darndale and Belcamp Village Centre.

Darndale and Belcamp Village Centre on October 31st from 4-7pm for our Halloween Festival - Darndale Together After Dark. Crazy Carousels, Sphere 17s Haunted House, Arachnid FX Comicon walkabout characters, Face Painting, Spooky Art Workshops and the Darndale Together After Dark cabaret. The cabaret features Dance X, Women of Worth Witches Dance, Carrie Deway and Regina George Drag act, comedy with Shaday, musician Mark Flynn and special guests Shakalak. Join us at 6.40pm for our lantern procession. Something for all the family to enjoy.

CSDS are also supporting a number of residents associations and centres with their local based Halloween activities.

Climate Action grants information session

CSDS organised a zoom information session for community/voluntary groups across the North Central Area on the Climate Action Fund with our colleague Dean Eaton, Community Climate Action Officer.

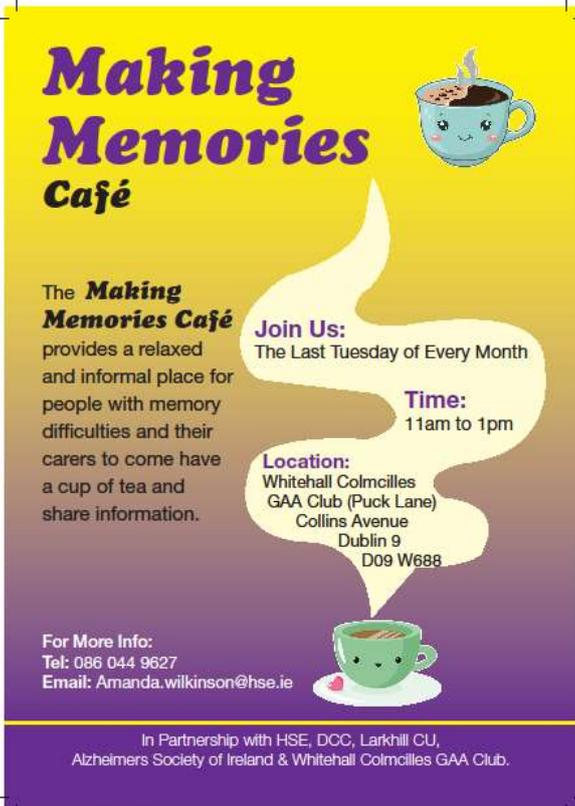
Dublin Inclusion & Integration Week

This year's Dublin Inclusion & Integration Week will take place from 6th to 12th November.

The calendar of events to mark this week is currently being compiled by the North Central Area's Community Development Teams & the Sláinte Care Healthy Communities Programme.

Memory Café – Whitehall

On Tuesday 26th September the first memory café in Whitehall was launched. This successful day was very well attended and also had a great turn out of volunteers who have committed to help out at the monthly café. Our Age friendly unit sponsored the catering for this event. Many thanks to the attendees and volunteers. The café is on the last Tuesday of every month from 11am-1pm in Whitehall Colmcille's GAA, Collins Avenue, Dublin 9.



Making Memories Café

The **Making Memories Café** provides a relaxed and informal place for people with memory difficulties and their carers to come have a cup of tea and share information.

Join Us:
The Last Tuesday of Every Month

Time:
11am to 1pm

Location:
Whitehall Colmcilles
GAA Club (Puck Lane)
Collins Avenue
Dublin 9
D09 W688

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In Partnership with HSE, DCC, Larkhill CU, Alzheimers Society of Ireland & Whitehall Colmcilles GAA Club.

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