

Date: 8th November 2023

To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 20th November 2023

ARTANE / WHITEHALL LEA – COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM UPDATE FOR THE NOVEMBER 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.

Halloween in the community

Kilmore Recreation Centre Halloween activities

Kilmore Recreation Centre was transformed into a Halloween Fun House with the support of CSDS, the recreation centre staff, “*Kilmore West Youth Project*” and “*Get Kilmore Going*”. The day long free Halloween activities consisted of magic & science shows, with old fashioned Halloween games, arts & crafts, balloon modelling and face painting. Great fun was had by all who attended the event.



Darndale Together After Dark:

“*Darndale Together After Dark*” was a great success. Many thanks to all the local community organisations and groups that helped on the lead up to the event and on the night itself.



Santry Community Resource Centre:

Santry Community Resource Centre was taken over by ghosts and ghouls on Halloween night! Over 100 local young people attended a Halloween themed party to celebrate the day. CSDS provided the centre with goodie bags for this event.



Woodlawn:

Woodlawn continued the tradition of celebrating Halloween night locally. CSDS supported their small event with Halloween treats.

Coolock Environmental Actions

CSDS met with Chanel College in relation to the ongoing development of their community garden. Pupils and staff have worked very hard on this project and to assist them with their progress, CSDS have given a contribution of €500 towards buying plants and equipment.

To assist Coolock Tidy Village group with their plans to enhance the existing planters, CSDS have committed to providing funding towards top soil and winter bedding. In conjunction with our Public Domain Section, we will continue to work with the group and assist with their plans for 2024.

Maryfield Ladies Club

Community Development Officer, Hugh Flanagan recently met with Maryfield Ladies Club.

Hugh plans to link the group in with Cormac, our “Historian in Residence” and has arranged a Christmas quiz. We will also work with the group for a plan for activities in 2024.

Christmas Events

Santry Christmas Tree lighting ceremony has been organised for Friday 1st December at 8pm. All welcome to attend. CSDS have provided funding for this event.

CSDS will link in with local groups and support community & residents groups where possible with their plans for Christmas activities.

Inclusion & Integration week 2023 – North Central Area

Inclusion and integration week 2023 was celebrated across Dublin City and the North Central Area from 6th to 12th November. Both CSDS teams and Sláinte Care collaborated this year and organised / supported events across the North Central Area.

Local community groups and organisations were invited to attend two online “*introduction to diversity and inclusion*” sessions. These interactive sessions explored equality, diversity and inclusion from a range of perspectives. Participants had the opportunity to examine the various terminologies relating to current legislation and its application. Both sessions were free to attend and were facilitated by the Irish Centre for Diversity.

A talk was also organised by CSDS on “*what do the words mental health mean?*” for local mens groups across the North Central Area. The speaker on the day was Regina Lafferty, a mental health practitioner with the HSE. This free talk was held in St. Brigid’s Resource Centre, Killester.

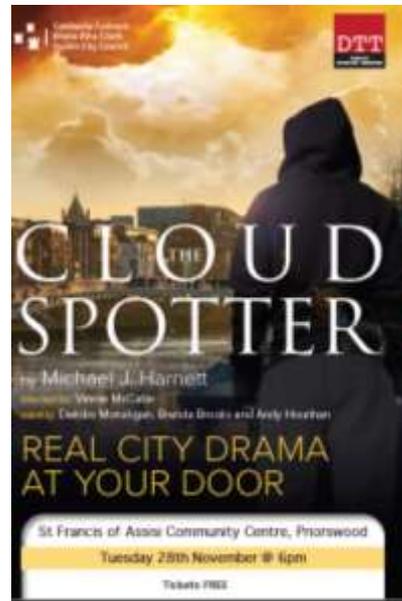
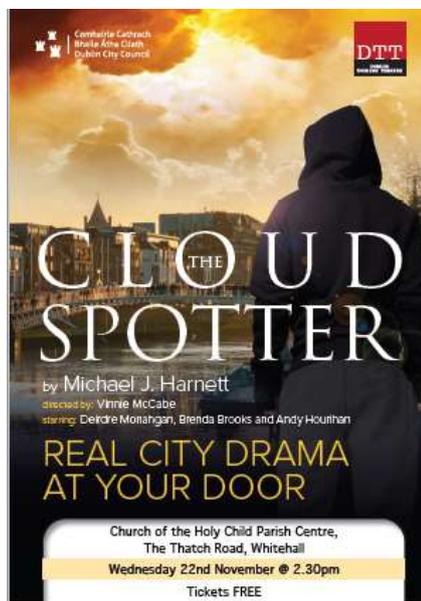
As part of Inclusion & Integration week, a six-week memory, movement & mental health programme called “*Memory Movers*” commenced on Monday 6th November. This programme is being run in St. Brigid’s Resource Centre, Howth Road, Killester. The programme is for individuals experiencing memory difficulties or families who are caring for someone who has memory difficulties. It is being delivered by North Dublin Mental Health Services for Older Persons Team (MHSOP) and Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership in conjunction with Dublin City Council’s North Central Area Office.

The CSDS team in conjunction with John Sweeney, Sports Officer, ran two active retirement functional fitness classes with the following groups;

Foxfield/Kilbarrack Seniors Group on Wednesday 8th of November at 2.00pm in Parish Hall, St. John the Evangelist & “*The Marino Tuesday Club*” on Tuesday 7th of November at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall, Fairview Church.

Theatre in the Community

The CSDS have supported the Arts Office & Dublin Touring Theatre to facilitate two community theatre performances within the Artane/Whitehall LEA. The play that will be performed is called Cloud Spotter by Michael Harnett. This production is currently touring across the city in alternative community venues. The production will be performed in Priorswood Parish Hall on Tuesday 28th November at 6pm and in Whitehall Church Parish Hall on Wednesday 22nd November at 2:30pm. Both are free to attend and no pre booking is required.



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