

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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

**Meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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

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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.

**Maryfield Ladies Club**

The Maryfield Ladies Club enjoyed an afternoon talk by our “Historian in Residence”. This event was support by CSDS. Our Community Development Officer will continue to link in with the group to assist them with future projects.



**Inclusion and Integration Week**

Inclusion and Integration week 2023 was celebrated across Dublin City and the North Central Area from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November. Both CSDS 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. Both of the interactive sessions explored equality, diversity and inclusion from a range of perspectives. Participants had the opportunity to examine the various terminology relating to current legislation and its application. Both sessions were free to attend and were facilitated by the Irish Centre for Diversity. Both talks were well attended. The CSDS look forward to working with the Irish Centre for Diversity on future projects.

A talk was also organised by CSDS on “what does 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. This event proved to be a great success, with positive feedback from many who attended. Given the success of this event we will look to do similar in 2024.



### **Christmas supports**

A number of projects and local groups have received support for CSDS with their Christmas activities.

- CSDS supported the Ardrose Ladies Club's Christmas event this year by providing a contribution to their annual Christmas outing.
- New Life Centre Christmas activities for their after school participants was supported by providing the group with some Christmas treats.
- Golden Years, Darndale have been given funding towards their Christmas events that will be occurring throughout the month of December.
- Santry Resource Centre received funding towards their Christmas activities which included the tree lighting ceremony.
- Woodlawn and Kilmore Crescent received funding towards their annual Christmas activities.
- Newbury Enhancement and Larkhill Residents Group received support for their annual Christmas event.
- Kilmore West Youth Project received funding towards their annual ice skating trip. Many thanks to the youth project for their support of the lighting ceremony, Kilmore.
- Aoibhneas and the Greencastle Hub received their annual allocation of selection boxes for Santa to distribute.
- Greenfield Community Association have organised for Santa to visit their centre. A financial contribution has been made towards the cost of this event.
- CSDS are also supporting Kilmore bowling Club with their annual Christmas Lunch.
- Lorcan Scouts group received a number of selection boxes for their young people to receive at their annual Christmas gathering.

## **Christmas tree Lighting Ceremonies**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Location</b>
Santry	1 <sup>st</sup> December '23	8pm	Santry Christmas tree lighting ceremony with Santry Community Resource Centre, North Dublin Community Gospel Choir and special guest Santa.	Santry Community Resource Centre, Coolock Lane, Dublin 9
Darndale	4 <sup>th</sup> December '23	Santa visits from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Tree lighting at 4:30pm.	A morning of festive fun with Santa in the Bell Centre, Darndale. The Darndale Christmas tree Lighting Ceremony will be at 4:30pm.	Darndale Belcamp Village Centre, Priorswood, Dublin 17
Kilmore	6 <sup>th</sup> December '23	6pm	Kilmore Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be celebrated with Kilmore West Youth Project and Friends.	Front of Kilmore West Youth Project (Oscar Traynor Road side) Kilmore, Dublin 5.

## **Cloud Spotter performances**

The theatre production, Cloud Spotter was performed in both Whitehall & Priorswood Parish Centre's. Both events were well attended and the feedback was very positive. Many thanks to both parish centres for accommodating these performances.

## **Older People's Council, North Central Area**

The new "Older Peoples Council" for the North Central Area met on 21<sup>st</sup> November. This meeting was a great success with many new people in attendance. The council will elect their committee at their meeting in January.

## **Men Shed funding**

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has announced a new €1 million Fund to support Men's Sheds across the country.

Under the initiative, grants of up to €3,000 will be provided to Men's Sheds across the country. The funding is designed to assist Men's Sheds with their running costs such as their heating, electricity utility and insurance bills.

The individual grants will be distributed to the Men's Sheds via its representative body, the Irish Men's Sheds Association (IMSA), through an application process which includes qualifying criteria for the fund.

The information in relation to this grant has been given to all local mens sheds across the North Central Area.

For more information groups need to contact IMSA: 01 8916150 | Email: [info@menssheds.ie](mailto:info@menssheds.ie)  
I Web: [www.menssheds.ie](http://www.menssheds.ie)

## **Memory café, Whitehall**

The memory café that is based in Whitehall Colmcille's GAA Club (Puck Lane), Collins Avenue continues on a monthly basis. This café is held on the last Tuesday of every month. The next café will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January from 11am to 1pm.



**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 Colmcille's  
GAA Club (Puck Lane)  
Collins Avenue  
Dublin 9  
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In Partnership with HSE, DCC, Linné OJ,  
Alzheimer's Society of Ireland & Whitehall Colmcille GAA Club.

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