



Date: 7th February 2024

To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 19th February 2024

**ARTANE / WHITEHALL LEA – COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION
UPDATE
FOR THE FEBRUARY 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.

Much of January has been spent re-engaging with community groups, centres and working on the sections team plan for 2024.

Older Persons Council

The Older Persons Council for North Central Area held their AGM in late January. At this meeting, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretariat were elected by the other OPC members. This has been the first OPC AGM post Covid. We are delighted to have a large amount of new members volunteer to be on the OPC for the area.

Both CSDS within the North Central Area and our central Age Friendly unit will continue to support the group as they work through their agreed objectives for the next two year's.

International Women's Day

International Women's Day will be held on Friday 8th March. This is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. International Women's day has occurred for over a century, with the first gathering recorded in 1911.

This year to mark this important day CSDS will support a number of local events.

Glin boxing club

Improvement works to the Glin Boxing Club were completed in late December. All shutters covering all windows and doors have been serviced and upgraded. This improvement project was funded through the minor works budget for 2023.

Memory Café, Whitehall

The memory café that is based in Whitehall Colmcilles GAA Club (Puck Lane), Collins Avenue continues on a monthly basis. The Making Memories café is held on the last Tuesday of every month from 11am to 1pm. CSDS will continue to support this great initiative in 2024. The café have a social media account on Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553809252101>

https://www.instagram.com/makingmemoriescafe_whitehall/



Community & Informal Adult Education Grants

The Community and Informal adult education grants for North Central Area are currently being paid to local groups. The majority of local groups should have received notification of payment or correspondence from our central community section during the month of January.

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities Joe O'Brien have today announced €6 million in capital funding under the "Department of Rural and Community Development Local Enhancement Programme 2024".

Dublin City Council has been allocated €503,189.38

The Programme has a **focus on supporting groups in disadvantaged areas**. Typical enhancements under the CEP include:

- IT equipment
- improvements to buildings
- renovation of community centres
- development of community amenities
- purchase of equipment for community usage
- improvements to town parks, common areas and energy-saving projects

The Enhancement Programme will go live on Monday 19th February, the community team will circulate all the information to the groups and advertise on the social media pages.

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