



MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Strategy and Policy

DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES Dublin City Libraries will commence a public consultation process in Spring 2024 to inform the preparation of a new 5 year library development plan. There will be opportunities for all stakeholders to have their views heard.

A public information evening on the plans for a **new public library on the Crumlin Road** will be held in March (date TBC) Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with library staff and DCC architects working on the project before the planning process officially commences. Date and location will be shared on libraries social media.

EVENTS

Dublin City Council Events Community Fund.

The total net amount of ticketing fees received from Merrion Square Park as part of Dublin City Council Dublin Winter Lights 2023 was €30,649 and will form part of the 2024 Events Community Fund.

Information relevant to SPC

DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES

Following a successful competition, Simone Schümmelfeder has been appointed to the role of Dublin City Libraries Storyteller in Residence for Children. She will work across the city in Libraries and outreach locations to promote literacy by supporting children to engage with storytelling in all its forms. Simone will liaise with Dublin City Libraries' Events and Partnerships and Community, Children's Services and Social Inclusion sections to promote the library service to children within and beyond our library branch network.

Dublin City Council's **Historian in Residence** programme welcomes two new historians for 2024. Elizabeth Kehoe and Katie Blackwood will be working in the Dublin Central and Dublin North Central areas respectively. They join Cormac Moore, Mary Muldowney and Cathy Scuffil. Dervilia Roche continues as the Historian in Residence for Children. Read more [here](#)

Extended Self-Service Opening Hours are now available at Inchicore Library at Richmond Barracks. See more [here](#)

The Dublin Literary Award 2024 longlist has been published. Novels by four Irish authors are among the 70 books nominated by 80 libraries around the world for the 2024 Dublin Literary Award, which is sponsored by Dublin City Council. Now in its 29th year, this award is the world's most valuable annual prize for a single work of fiction published in English, worth €100,000 to the winner. Details [here](#)

Girls Rock Dublin & Dublin City Libraries have teamed up to offer teenagers a brand new and FREE music gear loan service: the GRD Gear Library! You can now borrow one of our instruments, amps, pedal effects and accessories just like a book. Each loan lasts 3 weeks and can be renewed on the phone or by email. This is the gear that Girls Rock Dublin use for their summer camps, workshops and events and they are excited to be sharing it with you. The GRD Gear Library operates in Pearse Street Library (Dublin 2) and in Ballyfermot Library (Dublin 10).

LOTE Ar Líne

Tá leabhair ann san Ungáiris (teanga nua), agus teidil eile sa Ghréigis agus sa Tuircis. San iomlán tá os cionn 1500 leabhair pictiúir ann i 50 Teangacha Domhanda! Clliceáil ar an nasc [inár bhféinainnéis](#) agus roghnaigh ‘r-acmhainní’ le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais. Léigh níos mó [anseo](#)

EVENTS

St. Patricks Festival (Fri 15th –Sun 18th March www.stpatricksfestival.ie)

The festival parade will for the first time feature a ‘Relaxed Parade Space’ in College Green, sponsored by Dublin City Council, and supported by the Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste. Its purpose is to create a space, which will be designed to support the needs of neurodivergent families and individuals, and those with sensory processing differences.

Dublin City Council Sensoria (Sunday April 28th, Merrion Square Park)

Following a public procurement process an event management company has been appointed to deliver ‘Dublin City Council Sensoria’, a new one-day neurodivergent family friendly event in the city centre, providing a creative, innovative, fun, relaxed and safe environment to attendees.

Dublin City Council Luke Kelly Festival (Sat 18th-Sun 19th May, Smithfield Square)

Following its success last year as a one day festival, the Dublin City Council Luke Kelly festival will return for a two day festival in May. The festival will once again will pay tribute to the Dublin music icon Luke Kelly via a combination of live music, discussion sessions, and family-friendly arts & crafts.

HUGH LANE GALLERY

Visitor Numbers

Hugh Lane Gallery’s Visitor Numbers hit a record high in Oct 2023, with 37,197 people visiting the Gallery’s critically acclaimed “Andy Warhol- Three Times Out Exhibition”.

Followed by 34,687 in November and 25,325 visitors in December 2023.

October and November are the highest monthly totals since we began recording in May 2006.

Workforce Plan

2x Gallery Attendants and 1x ASO - Education Assistant were appointed November 2023.

1 G6 Paper Conservator in November 2023 and 1 Clerical Officer appointed in Jan 2024 in line with Hugh Lane Gallery Workforce Plan.

However, staff attrition continues with 1 G5 Staff Officer retiring Jan 2024

Current Exhibitions

Andy Warhol Three Times Out

Must end 28th January 2024!

The phenomenal success of this remarkable exhibition has proven Hugh Lane Gallery to be among world museums in presenting an exhibition of this calibre.

Over 250 works on loan from public and private collections in the US, Canada, Europe and the Warhol Museum in Pittsburg are included. Organised by Hugh Lane Gallery, Andy Warhol Three Times Out has been five years in the making and includes major works from each period of the artist's output.

Future Exhibitions

Sarah Purser: Artist, Collector Activist

12 June – 20 October 2024

Sarah Purser (1848 – 1943) was a hugely influential figure in Irish artistic circles, both as an artist and as an organiser. This exhibition, drawn largely from the HLG collection, will present her life and work from three different perspectives: artist, collector and activist. Purser was born in 1848 in Dún Laoghaire and studied in Switzerland, Dublin, and Paris before establishing herself as a leading portraitist in the city. Hugh Lane Gallery has a fine collection of her work, with sensitive portraits of Edward Martyn, Maud Gonne, W. B. Yeats and others. She was also an active collector and numerous works from her collection were given in her memory through the Friends of the National Collections of Ireland, which she had founded in 1924. Purser was an energetic advocate for the visual arts in Ireland and her home at Mespil House was a meeting place for various cultural figures. She founded the stained glass studio, An Túr Gloine. She arranged the 1901 exhibition by Nathaniel Hone and John Butler Yeats that was a catalyst for Hugh Lane's interest in modern art, which in turn led to the founding of Hugh Lane Gallery. It was later through her efforts that Charlemont House was secured as the permanent home for the gallery.

Online Collection

Hugh Lane Gallery's online collection has been updated and intergrated into the Gallery's new website. It can be accessed through the homepage or via

<https://onlinecollection.hughlane.ie>.

Education

A superb programme of talks, film screening, art workshops, community engagement and more has been curated by Gallery's Education team exploring themes arising from Andy Warhol Three Times Out and includes an ambitious programme of events taking place in DCC Public Libraries throughout the city. Our primary schools city-wide project Zoom@ Hugh Lane Gallery is now in Phase VI and we are also facilitating huge demand for tour requests to visit the Warhol exhibition. **We Can Can Can** is an Education and Community Outreach project by visual artist **Liliane Puthod** in response to *Andy Warhol Three Times Out*. Based on Andy Warhol's famous Campbell's Soup paintings and sifting it through the lens of Irish culture, the project is built on four chapters titled *Can of Beans*, *Silver Can*, *Revolving Can* and *Humming Can*, each exploring media and themes used by Andy Warhol as a way to initiate a dialogue around the production of singular and multiple objects within an everyday environment. With the incremental addition of artwork made during this project, Gallery 6 becomes a space to question the relationship between time, value, individuals and society. **Chapter 1:** *Can of Beans* with Cabra For Youth, Batchelors Beans Factory and Damn Fine Print. **Chapter 2:** *Silver Can* with Lourdes Youth and Community Services, Colorman Packaging and Printing Company, James Collins and Tom McDonnell with Pavee Point Roma Centre. **Chapter 3:** *Revolving Can* with Beneavin De La Salle College, Finglas, Irish Film Institute (The Irish Adverts Project) and visual artist Helena Gouveia Monteiro. **Chapter 4:** *Humming Can* with St Mary's Secondary School, Glasnevin, Dublin Digital Radio and band Acid Granny. Also among our community outreach projects is *High Expectations*, a year long Early Years artist residency with artist Helen Barry in collaboration with Ozanam House and NEIC.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Capital Programme Update

Sports & Recreation Projects	Progress / Current Status	Next Stage
Aughrim St Sports Centre	Contractor appointed	Accessibility works commencing in February 2024
Irishtown Sports Stadium	IDT Tender closes in January 2024	Evaluate tenders and appoint design team.
Donore Community Centre	Stabilizations works complete	Investigate Surveys commenced in December and stage 1 report due at the end of February
St. Catherine's Sports Centre	Works Completed	Handover has taken place
Upgrade of leisure facilities including Ballymun, Finglas Ballyfermot etc.	Design Framework developed	Design framework to be established for improvement
Municipal Rowing Centre Refurbishment	Tender Documents to be update following CPU input	Design Team Tender currently advertised on etenders
Dalymount Park Redevelopment	Part 8 Lodged	Part 8 to be submitted for Approval at February Council Meeting
All-Weather Surfaces Bluebell, Sherriff Street, Pearse Street etc & /Irishtown track refurbishment:	Specialists invited to tender for specification development	Issue tender in Q1 for construction.

➤ Dublin City Council Sports Plan 2024 - 2029

Dublin City Sports Plan will be presented to the SPC February 2024 meeting.

New plan to align with the City Development Plan & National Sports Policy
Final Draft to feature two separate but inter-related documents:

- Sports Infrastructure Strategy
- Sports Provision & Programming Strategy (including review of DCSWP)

New Appointments: Two Sport Inclusion & Integration Officers (3 year temporary) were appointed in January to maximise delivery and increase reach of sport inclusion programmes. Two Sport Officers (permanent) have been appointed which will address vacancies in the North Central and North West areas. Commencement dates early March. Dates TBC.

National and International events

DCSWP continues to link in with major local, national and international sport, health and physical activity events in order to maximise promotion of the service. New programmes and initiatives in 2024 run in tandem with major events and/or ongoing relevant programmes are promoted/highlighted across DCSWP social media and communication platforms.

Ongoing/Upcoming

- Change For Life (Jan to March 2024): 8 week programme aimed at Underactive Communities. Runs in tandem with Operation Transformation
- Operation Transformation 5k Run: Saturday 17th February
- Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge: Sandymount Night Run 12th March. BHAA Road Race 6th April.
- International Women's Day – 8th March/Women In Sport Week: 4th – 10th March. Planning has commenced for 2024
- School cross-country in partnership with Athletics Ireland – March/April