

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

**Meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

**Newtown Court Environmental Group**

CSDS have provided funding to Newtown Court Environmental Group to assist the group in completing their environmental improvement project that they started in 2023.

**International Women's Day**

International Women's Day was celebrated on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Events in Priorswood and Whitehall were supported. The main North Central Area event was held in Whitehall Parish Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Dublin City Council in partnership with the HSE held a talk on minding your mental health and wellbeing.



## **Senior Citizens complex activities – Kilbarron Court**

CSDS are working in partnership with the Liaison Officer for Kilbarron Court with a view to organising activities within their common room. CSDS are planning to survey the residents to see what activities they would like to see being organised for their community space. From the results of the survey it is hoped to organise a calendar of activities.

## **Summer Projects**

CSDS Assistant Community Development Officer, Antoinette Hayden is currently linking in with voluntary youth groups to ensure that they link in with Crosscare to assist them with the relevant training in advance of their summer project. It is hoped to increase the number of voluntary summer projects this year. Should a group within the Artane-Whitehall LEA wish to enquire about setting up a local summer project they can contact Antoinette directly on (01) 2228856 or [antoinette.hayden@dublincity.ie](mailto:antoinette.hayden@dublincity.ie)

## **Local Enhancement Programme 2024 (LEP)**

The Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), through the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Dublin City Council, is funding a Local Enhancement Programme 2024 (LEP).

A total of €516,456 is available under this fund for **capital costs only**. Of the €516,456, the DRCD has allocated €83,864.90 ring-fenced funding for capital costs in Women's Sheds under the Dublin City LEP 2024.

This programme was launched on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024, applications to this fund are now being welcomed by the Dublin City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

Applications can be made online from the following

link: [https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/Local\\_Enhancement\\_Programme\\_Online\\_Form](https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/Local_Enhancement_Programme_Online_Form)

The aim of the LEP 2024 is to support non-profit, community-based and/or voluntary sector organisations or groups based in Ireland who are seeking support with their capital costs. Capital costs incurred only in calendar years 2023 and 2024 are eligible.

Applications to the Dublin City LEP 2024 should also demonstrate how their proposal will contribute to Goal 2 of the Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 - 2021:

*“Work in partnership with communities to promote social inclusion, tackle poverty and disadvantage and promote participation, empowerment and positive social change”.*

Applicants are required to register with Dublin City Council's Citizen Hub in order to submit an application for this fund. To help groups when applying, detailed guidelines, terms and conditions and eligibility checklist are also available online.

Please note the **closing date** for receipt of online applications is **13.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2024**.

All local groups within the Artane-Whitehall LEA have been informed of the Local Enhancement Programme. Also, both North Central Area Office CSDS offered support through a zoom workshop that was held on 29<sup>th</sup> February.

If any groups have any queries they can contact ourselves in the CSDS or the central LCDC team: Sarah Fagan on [087 758 9980](tel:0877589980); or Brenda O'Reilly on [087 100 3449](tel:0871003449); or Email [lcdc@dublincity.ie](mailto:lcdc@dublincity.ie)

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