



To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

15th April 2024

**DONAGHMEDE & CLONTARF LEAS - CSDS UPDATE FOR THE
APRIL MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

International Women's Day

The two CSDS teams for the North Central, in conjunction with North Dublin Mental Health Services, celebrated International Woman's Day by facilitating a "Mental Health & Wellbeing Talk" on Friday 8th March in the Church of the Holy Child Parish Hall, Thatch Road, Whitehall. The event was well attended and there was great participation from the ladies during the talk.



Mental Health & Wellbeing Talk



St. Brigid's Seniors on their scenic tour of North Dublin to celebrate International Women's Day.



Holy Trinity Ladies Group celebrating International Women's Day.



Le Chéile Donnycarney Community & Youth Centre celebrating International Women's Day.

Pop Up Irish Dance Event – Rockfield Park



The Pop Up Irish Dance event in Rockfield Park on Saturday 16th March was a great success with over 35 people taking part on the day.

Belmayne Fun Day



The Community team supported Belmayne's Fun Day on Saturday 23rd March. The event ran from 1.00pm to 3.00pm and was held in the green open space in Parkside. There was a magic show, kids games and an Easter Egg Hunt on the day & was attended by Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste.

Easter Bonnet Competition.

The Community Development Team were invited back to judge this year's Ayrfield Circle of Friends Easter Bonnet Competition held on the 28th of March. The participants produced colourful and creative Easter bonnets and we were impressed with the skill and level of creativity that went into their making.



Opera Night



Dublin City Council's North Central Area will host an Opera Night on Wednesday 15th May at 7.00pm sharp in St. Brigid's Church, Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin 5. Tickets for the event will be €5.00 and all proceeds will go to charity. As parking will be limited we are asking people to use public transport (3 local bus routes: Raheny, Harmonstown & Killester. Bus No's H1, H2, stop directly outside St. Brigid's Church. Tickets are available from the North Central Area Office 01 222 8870 and Tony Fagan 086 8150297.

Summer Projects

The community development team is linking in with voluntary youth groups and Crosscare for this year's Summer Projects. The Summer Projects give children the opportunity to enjoy positive activities during the summer period.

Community Recognition Fund

Dublin City Council Allocates €2m to Support Local Communities

Dublin City Council would like to announce the allocation of €2,140,584 in funding under the Community Recognition Fund.

This allocation is being made from the €50 million in funding recently announced by the Department of Community and Rural Development under the fund. The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) was established to acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by communities across Ireland in welcoming and hosting arrivals from Ukraine and other countries and aims to bolster community resilience and cohesion.

The funding will be directed towards projects located in Dublin city, towns and villages hosting "Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection" and/or "International Protection Applicants", including those identified for the rapid build homes programme. These projects are intended to benefit the entire community, aligning with the fund's objective to develop facilities for future use by all members of society.

Building upon the success of the 2023 allocation, where €50 million was distributed among 900 projects nationwide, an additional €50 million has been provided for the 2024 Community Recognition Fund. This renewed commitment underscores the ongoing support for communities in accommodating new arrivals and fostering inclusivity.

Dublin City Council emphasises the importance of community engagement in shaping the allocation of funds. Proposals submitted by the local authority will be developed in consultation with impacted communities, Local Community Development Committees (LCDC), and elected representatives. These proposals must align with Local Economic and Community Plans and demonstrate targeted investment in areas with the highest concentration of new arrivals.

Eligible projects for funding must be capital in nature, delivering medium to long-term benefits for the community. They should be capable of implementation between 2025 and 2026, with a minimum expenditure of 50% of the allocation required in 2025. While the focus is on larger-scale projects, with individual funding ranging from €50,000 to €500,000, smaller initiatives will be considered provided they meet the minimum threshold.

Projects eligible for funding include the development, enhancement, or refurbishment of community and cultural facilities, sports facilities, school facilities open for community use, equipment purchases for local clubs and organisations, transport infrastructure, initiatives addressing dereliction and refurbishment of vacant buildings for community use.

In a departure from previous approaches, Dublin City Council will reserve a portion of its allocation for proposals submitted under the third application window, ensuring flexibility to address evolving community needs.

For more information on project proposals or queries regarding the Community Recognition Fund, please contact Dublin City Council by email at CRF@dublincity.ie

Link to the CRF website on dublincity.ie: [Community Recognition Fund 2024](#)
[CSDS have distributed the above information to all of our local groups.](#)

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