



## MANAGEMENT REPORT

### STRATEGY & POLICY

#### Libraries

Dublin City Libraries have commenced a public consultation process to inform the preparation of a new 5 year library development plan. There will be opportunities for all stakeholders to have their views heard.

#### Sports

##### **Dublin City Council Sports Plan 2024 – 2029**

- The Draft DCC Sports Plan was approved by Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- Plans are now being put in place to formally launch the in May.

#### Events

##### **Dublin Pride**

Dublin City Council will continue its support for Dublin Pride as one of the major sponsors of the event.

#### Arts Office

New toolkit on Cultural Infrastructure under the Development Plan has been launched at a conference on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Increase in Arts Grants Pilot Scheme for Arts and community development will launch in June 2024.

### INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE SPC

#### Libraries

Plans for the refurbishment of **Ringsend Library** were approved to proceed at the April City Council meeting following the completion of the Part 8 Planning process. Works to the Library include a single storey extension which wraps around two sides and rear of the existing building preserving the front elevation, and which includes the demolition of the lean-to ancillary structure to the rear. The new extension increases the building footprint from 247m<sup>2</sup> to 544m<sup>2</sup>, comprising universal access to a new entrance foyer relocated to the northern facade which includes a buggy store and public disabled access WC to the north and meeting room, flexible exhibition space, and children's area to southern half of the extension. At roof

level a green/blue roof and solar panels will be introduced in line with the DCC Development Plan 2022-2028.

**A new creative studio is now available for use in the Central Library, ILAC Centre.** The *Creative Studio* is an individual soundproof booth with -45 dB of acoustic isolation, ideal for musical practice and professional recording. It provides an immersive experience and guarantees high-quality results. For more information please contact [centrallibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:centrallibrary@dublincity.ie)

**Spring Into Storytime** is part of the national Right to Read project. All library branches are facilitating storytelling events. The Storyteller in Residence will also visit locations beyond the library walls to entertain children and promote literacy.

The 2024 **One Dublin One Book** programme ran successfully during April with over 20 events and 4000 loans of the chosen book, Snowflake in the first 2 weeks of the programme

Six novels have been [shortlisted](#) for the 2024 **Dublin Literary Award**, sponsored by Dublin City Council, which celebrates excellence in world literature. 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. The 29th winner will be announced by its Patron, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Daithí de Róiste on Thursday 23rd May, as part of [International Literature Festival Dublin](#) (ILFD), which is also funded by Dublin City Council.

The **Aontas Star Award** has been presented to the ComMUniversity programme [CoolockLibrary](#) and [Walkinstown Library](#) play a significant role in facilitating the programme which is managed by NUI, Maynooth and the Northside/South City Partnerships.

## Sports

### Sports Capital Programme Update

Sports & Recreation Projects	Progress / Current Status	Next Stage
Aughrim St Sports Centre	Works Ongoing	To be completed in Q2 2024
Irishtown Sports Stadium	Tenders to be evaluated in Q2 2024, delay due to unforeseen circumstances.	Contractor to be Appointed early Q3 2024
Donore Community Centre	Investigative Stage 1 survey report complete, issues addressed i.e. building weather proofed.	Development of tender package to go to market in Q2 2024.
Upgrade of leisure facilities including Ballymun, Finglas Ballyfermot etc.	Design Framework developed	Design framework to be established for improvement ongoing
Municipal Rowing Centre Refurbishment	Tender evaluation complete	Appoint Design Team in Q2 2024
Dalymount Park Redevelopment	Part 8 approved	Detailed design to commence in Q2 2024
All-Weather Surfaces Bluebell, Sherriff Street, Pearse Street etc. & /Irishtown track refurbishment:	Specialists project manager to be appointed in Q2 2024	Appointment of Project Manager & issue of tender documents

**Dublin City Sports and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) - Upcoming Events/Conferences:**

- Thursday , 2<sup>nd</sup> May - DCC / Rowing Ireland Grand Canal Rowing Blitz
- Thursday 2<sup>ND</sup> May - DCSWP Schools Cross Country
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – National Workplace Wellbeing Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> May – DCSWP Citywide Go For Life Games Ballyfermot (Older Adults)
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> -May Luke Kelly Festival
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Peddlepalouza
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Africa Day
- Europa League 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May - Bike Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> May - Liffey Descent Saturday & Athletics Ireland (Active Cities ) 5k Race Series
- 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> May - LSP Coordinator Days with Sport Ireland
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May Federation Of Irish Sport AGM
- National Sports Development Officer Conference 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> May

**DCSWP - Links for Information on upcoming Events/Programmes.**

**DCC:**<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/sports-and-leisure>

**DCSWP Hub:**[www.dcswpclub.ie](http://www.dcswpclub.ie)

**Twitter:** [@dccsportsrec](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec)

**Facebook:** [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing)

**Instagram:** [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)

## Hugh Lane Gallery

### Visitor Numbers

Hugh Lane Gallery's Visitor Numbers continue to be high with a total number of 65,322 in Q1.

### Workforce Plan

Recent critical vacancy appointments in line with HLG Workforce Plan include:

2x Gallery Attendants appointed in Nov 2023

1x ASO - Education Assistant appointed Nov 2023.

1x G6 Paper Conservator in November 2023

1x Clerical Officer appointed in Jan 2024

However, staff attrition continues with 1x G5 Staff Officer retired in Jan 2024, and 2x Gallery Attendants progressed to other appointments in March 2024.

### Current Exhibitions

#### Sacred trust Donations and their legacy

10.04.2024 – 04.08.2024

Recent donations generously presented by a new generation of supporters is celebrated alongside part of the original Hugh Lane collection. These donations tell a new story, both local and global. They express the concerns of contemporary artists and set up stimulating dialogues with their peers from an earlier age as well as contributing to the direction and focus which the collection is taking in the 21st century. They add to Hugh Lane Gallery's legacy of significant donations.

### 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.

### **Future Exhibitions:**

Preparations in place for **Brian Maguire: La Grande Illusion** | 03.10.2024 – 23.03.2025

Revealing how the artist has persistently responded to societal injustices and their legacies.

### **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**

The Hugh Lane Gallery's collaboration with the CDET *Foundations Project* seeks to offer children caught up in the uncertainty of living in temporary accommodation opportunities for enjoying the creative space and immersion in the cultural life of their city, Dublin through artist-led programmes of creative engagement. The current iteration of Foundations at Hugh Lane Gallery in Spring was with artist and puppeteer Niamh Lawlor, who explored the theme of joy with the children during after school workshops in our Education Space over five weeks in February and March 2024.

*Young Visionaries* is a new weekly programme developed by Education Fulbright scholar Allison Carey that offers Transition Year students the opportunity to learn about curatorial practice and museum work within the context of the Hugh Lane Gallery. This project will culminate in the curation of an exhibition inspired by the Gallery's collection, opening 9 July 2024. Through this collaborative project, Transition Year students, who were selected following an Open Call, are learning about curatorial practice within the context of the Hugh Lane Gallery and its extensive collection as well as at off site contemporary spaces at Complex and Pallas. Under the guidance of Allison Carey, the students are exploring different aspects of museum work as they collaborate with the Gallery's staff, local artists, and prominent curators across Dublin. The group is reflecting on their own perspectives as young citizens and the larger role art plays in society as they explore the unique facets of art and curatorship, and as they brainstorm and execute their own curatorial vision, which will be exhibited within the Hugh Lane Gallery. Through the Hugh Lane-Create commission, filmmaker Jijo Sebastian has brought together individuals and families united by a shared goal of building a transcultural community based on inclusivity, mutual respect and creativity. The community is engaged in a collaborative filmmaking project and commenced with the creation of three workshop short films, where participants assumed roles in scriptwriting, production, and acting. The script for the envisioned feature film comprises six interconnected segments and the community is extensively involved in acting training, children's scriptwriting, as well as script discussions and revisions. Meetings are conducted at various venues, including online through Zoom, at

the Hugh Lane Gallery, community centres, participants' residences, and public libraries. In parallel with the filmmaking project, the community is involved in additional social and community building activities organised by self-motivated participants.

## Events

### **Women's Mini Marathon (Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dublin City Centre)**

16,642 race participants took part in the 2023 event.

### **Dublin City Council Hip Hop Showcase (Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Meeting House Square, Temple Bar)**

The free family event aims to promote the emerging hip hop music scene in Dublin City Centre.

### **Dublin City Council Funtropolis (Merrion Square Park 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, and Mountjoy Square Park 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August)**

The free family friendly weekend festival returns for the third year, and has proved very popular with members of the public. Over 37,000 people attended the Merion Square Parke event, and over 18,000 people attended the Mountjoy Square Park event in 2023.

## Arts Office

New Funding opportunities for Creative Darndale and in Creative Ireland Scheme