



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

Meeting: 15th July 2024

ARTS OFFICER JULY REPORT TO THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

Artane Place Artist Workspaces

Dublin City Council's Arts Office has been working with Xestra management to convert unused spaces in Artane Place Retail Park into artist workspaces. Unit 35a is now finished construction and final viewing and handover of keys will take place on Tuesday 9th July 2024. The artists have been issued their draft tenancy agreements and it is proposed that the artists will be in their studio by the end of July 2024. Inquiries from the artists on tenure and additional costs such as utilities are being addressed pre-occupancy. Once this happens there will be 12 active artist studios in Artane Place, housing 13 artists who live and work locally.

Creative Places Darndale

Creative Places Darndale has successfully secured an extension year funding with the Arts Council for year 4. The application achieved the maximum amount available, which was €70,000. Almost 50% reduction on the funding of the previous three years. The steering committee is currently developing the job spec for a new Community Arts Coordinator for this year to develop the local programme for the arts for *Creative Places Darndale*. As part of this year the fund will transfer from *Sphere 17* to the local *Northside Partnership* as *Sphere17's* three year commitment has ended. The steering committee is keen to continue developing the arts locally. The Arts Council is supportive of the move as the intention of the Creative Places programme is to embed the arts in a sustainable and accessible way locally.

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