



Date: 3rd July 2024

To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 15th July 2024

**ARTANE / WHITEHALL LEA – COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION
UPDATE
FOR THE JULY MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

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.

Teen space mural, Ellenfield Park

The CSDS have been managing a mural project at the teen space in Ellenfield Park, Whitehall for the last number of months. The chosen artist has been workshopping with two local secondary schools on their design ideas for the wall which have been incorporated into the final design. Many thanks to the artist Fionnuala Halpin, St. Aidans CBS and Ellenfield Community School for all the hard work on this amazing project. A video of the mural process has been uploaded onto YouTube

<https://youtu.be/G5abJ2ch1zU?si=EAWkOndJAZv5LHHE> This video gives a good overview of the project.

Funding for this project came from the North Central Area's discretionary fund.



Summer Projects

There will be great activity happening across the Artane-Whitehall LEA during the summer months with 6 non voluntary and 1 voluntary summer project taking place. All of the 7 summer projects received funding to support their summer programme from the CSDS central budget.

Citywide, Dublin City Council contributes €90K to the programme costs of the 40 voluntary Summer Projects. All voluntary summer projects also receive zoo passes, funding for home based activities and additional funding if they are a special needs project. Each voluntary summer project is affiliated and supported by Crosscare.

Dublin City Council CSDS also give a financial contribution to the local non-voluntary summer programmes, this year 6 projects were funded within Artane-Whitehall LEA.

Dublin City Council & Crosscare will also host a thank you night for all summer project volunteers in late August. This night is organised to thank them for all their hard work.

Older People's Council Convention, Kilkenny

Up to 200 older people from across Ireland gathered in Kilkenny for the annual Age Friendly Ireland National Older People's Councils (OPC) Convention. The convention addressed the pressing issue of the technology gap experienced by older demographics. The convention discussed in detail concerns surrounding online banking, a cashless society, and automated customer service helplines; offering potential solutions to bridge this divide. The event was attended by Minister Mary Butler, TD, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People at the Department of Health, representatives from the Older People's Councils and 31 local authority representatives. Three members of the North Central Area's OPC attend the 3 day conference.



Whitehall memory café launch

The memory café, “making memories” based in Whitehall Colmcilles GAA club was officially launched in late May. This café is based in Whitehall Colmcilles GAA Club and is open on the last Tuesday of every month. The café is run by local volunteers with the support of the steering committee. This community led initiative is managed by Dublin City Council, HSE, The Irish Alzheimer’s Society, Larkhill Credit Union and Whitehall Colmcilles GAA Club. The café’s launch feature in the Irish Times newspaper on 29th May. See link below for article. https://www.irishtimes.com/ireland/2024/05/28/making-memories-cafe-in-the-past-people-like-me-would-have-been-sitting-in-a-chair-with-people-talking-over-their-heads/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter



Priorswood Parish celebrates it's 50th anniversary

The CSDS have provided €1000 to the parish centre committee to support the events that the centre's committee have planned over the coming months to mark this important anniversary.

Plant distribution

Both North Central Area CSDS teams and Public Domain have written out to all established environmental and residents groups across the area to offer them a plant voucher that they can use to assist with their planting improvement projects for their area. Over 100 environmental & resident groups from across the North Central Area have been in touch and will now receive a plant voucher to use when they require additional plants for their communal flower beds / planters.

Community Fair, Darndale

CSDS took part in this year's Community Fair that was organised for the Darndale Area by Empowering Communities & DBVC. At the fair we concentrated on advertising the Older Peoples Council and the various age friendly initiatives that communities can become involved in.



Local Enhancement Programme 2024

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

There were two successful applications to the 2024 LEP in the Artane-Whitehall LEA. Priorswood Parish Centre received €3,000 to help fund a sign for their building. Moatview EEC received €19,014 to help fund upgrades to their centre.

Community Grant and Informal Adult Education

Dublin City Council's Community Grant & Informal Adult Education grants scheme provides support to a wide variety of groups and organisations across the city annually that facilitate projects, events and activities to encourage social inclusion. It's my pleasure to announce the 2024 scheme is opening today **Tuesday 9th July 2024**.

Applications are made through Citizen's Hub using the following links with terms and conditions also provided:

<https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/grants>

Please note the **closing date** for submissions is **Friday 16th August 2024 at 1pm**.

Both Community and Social Development Teams can provide support to all groups that require assistance with their application.

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