



DUBLIN NORTH EAST INNER CITY

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NEIC update from Chair Michael Stone

The North East Inner City Programme has been in operation for just over a year. As Chairman of the Implementation Board, I want to make sure that we are working together to create a brighter future for all of our community. A wide range of projects and supports have been put in place as a starting point but we now need to shift the focus to actions for the longer term.

Two of the biggest issues are policing and employment. Since April, 51 new Gardaí have been assigned to increase patrols and restore community policing to the area. With patrols targeting drug dealing and anti-social behaviour black spots, this is already making a difference.

A new social employment scheme for the area funded by the Department of Rural and Community Affairs has resulted in 30 new jobs in local community projects - local childcare and youth projects, older people services and local environmental services. The new workers have been recruited



Trainees from the NEIC enjoying the Dublin Tall Ships Regatta 2018 in June

and are in place helping projects to deliver much needed services for the community.

In June, 48 local people of all ages sailed in to Dublin Port on Tall Ships from Belfast and Liverpool following a week's sail training. In itself it was a small thing - made possible by community, statutory and business working hand in hand with Sail Training Ireland. For many this was a life changing experience living and training side by side with others, breaking down barriers and overcoming fears.

It opens up a world of possibilities for many and this is what the NEIC programme is all about - new opportunities.

The Board is working with Dublin City Council to ensure the look and feel of the area is improving through refurbishment and cleaning works, greening the area and tackling derelict sites. I continue to receive support from the Government and am happy to see good collaboration between State services, community projects and local employers.

Dublin's North East Inner City is a vibrant and hard-working area. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents and community of the North East Inner City for their continued support of this project. This is your neighbourhood and your home; I look forward to working closely with you to ensure that it becomes an even better community for everyone.

Michael Stone,
Chairman

GREEN RIBBON PROJECT

The Green Ribbon project improves the environment of the North East Inner City through the greening of housing schemes and neglected plots with flowers and plants; the Green Team encourages the community to get involved.

Tommy Sands resident of Oriel Street Lower says *'The planting has made a tremendous difference; it's great to have this positive project. The plants are well looked after and I feel more inclined now to use the improved outdoor space'*.

Bernie Walsh of Sunflower Recycling who runs the project says *'We have been overwhelmed by the positive response to this initiative with residents eager to help out'*.



NEIC COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2018 ROUND 1

In June, the NEIC Community Grants scheme 2018 awarded €64,000 to a range of local projects listed below. A second round of Community Grants will be advertised in the autumn. Look out for details on www.neic.ie

- Uncut Diamond Players
- Charmed with Rhythm
- Seville Place Girl Guides
- NEC Community Garden
- Ballybough Community Group
- George's Place Environmental Group
- James Larkin Community Group
- Kiln/Forge Youth Group
- Summerhill Senior Citizen's Complex
- Flower Pot Ladies
- St. Laurence O'Toole Day Care Centre
- O'Brien Hall Youth Group
- Rising Stars
- Patrick Heeney Crescent Youth Club
- D-Light Studios
- LYCS First Steps Crèche
- Dublin Adult Learning Centre
- Hill Street Family Resource Centre
- Peadar Kearney House Youth Group
- Swan Youth Service
- Ballybough Brownies and Guides
- AkiDwA
- Henrietta Adult Community Education
- St. Patrick's Avenue Residents Group
- Thomas Clarke House Residents Group
- Foundations Project
- SAOL project
- Fáilte Isteach
- Larkin Community College Arts Programme
- Fitzgibbon Court Youth Group
- House Parents
- Community After Schools Project (CASPr)
- Mud Island Community Garden
- ACET Ireland
- Vanessa Daws (working with 6 groups)
- Belvedere Youth Club
- Ana Liffey Drug Project
- Ozanam House Resource Centre
- North Wall Community Association/ Third Avenue residents
- Residents of Clonmore & Ulster Terrace



SEAN MAC DERMOTT STREET SWIMMING POOL - EXTENDED OPENING HOURS

Exciting news! From mid August 2018 local communities will be able to enjoy additional public swimming hours on Saturday afternoon, Sunday and Monday. Dublin City Council is working with Swim Ireland to extend the public opening hours of the swimming pool to 7 days a week.

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Chinese New Year celebration at Hill St Family Resource Centre 17th Feb 2018



NEIC inter club boxing event 26th May run by An Garda Síochána, DCC and the local boxing clubs



Girl Guides Seville Place Funday on 16th June



Enjoying Cruinniú na nÓg, Liberty Park 23rd June 2018



Garda Fun Run July 5th



Enjoying Bloomsday event in the NEIC



TALL SHIPS REGATTA 2018

From 27th May to 1st June 2018, 48 trainees from the NEIC ranging in age from 18 to 71 took part in the Liverpool to Dublin Tall Ships Regatta. The voyage was a huge success and was a very special project from the beginning. This was down to the fantastic people who participated and the team from Sail Training Ireland - Darragh and Sindy. We would like to acknowledge the financial support received from the following companies to enable this event - PWC, AIG, Matheson, Facebook, Three, State Street, Citi Bank, McCannFitzgerald, A+L Goodbody and Irish Life, who sponsored the trainees who participated.

Feedback from participants:

"The experience of a lifetime. It gives you a fresh perspective on everything"

"It has given me the confidence & understanding to go on and pursue my passion"

"I have improved my communication skills as well as becoming more responsible"

"I gained things I will never experience from a textbook"

NEW SPORTS ACTIVITIES

The Adventure Project recently launched its Canal Adventures Programme at the Lock Keepers Cottage at Newcomen Bridge through the support of the North East Inner City Initiative. The Adventure Project offers a range of activities on the canal including Canoeing, Paddle boarding, Kayaking, Snorkeling and Water Safety. Everyone welcome, for more information on the activities available please contact Willie Whelan at 087-2943970 or email at willie@theadventureproject.ie



ANA LIFFEY DRUG PROJECT IN THE NEIC



Ana Liffey Drug Project NEIC Team- Natasha, Martina & Stuart

The Ana Liffey Drug Project has a dedicated NEIC team of 3 people working specifically in the Rutland Street, Railway St. and Sheriff St. areas. The members of this team are engaging directly with local people involved in anti-social behavior, low level drug dealing or addiction to substances.



The Ana Liffey Team provides practical supports and can help you to access treatment services, education, employment or any other supports you may require. The team works around each person's needs, they will meet you at a location where you feel at ease and times can be flexible. The contact numbers for the team are: Martina 085 254 0472; Natasha 085 254 0379; Stuart 085 254 0442.

What some of the clients have said about the service:

"I never thought about getting help until I met you guys, I would never have been able to do it on my own and I need to stop taking tablets."

"If it weren't for your team I would never have thought about going into treatment, now look at me!"

SHOP FRONTS SCHEME

The NEIC Shop Fronts Scheme has proved to be a winner for many business's in the area. To date over twenty shops, hotels and offices have been approved for funding under the scheme. Each applicant can avail of up to €3,000 in funding to give their premises a face lift. The scheme will be seeking applications from the Ballybough Road from the end of August.

THE BIG SCREAM HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL 2018

Did you enjoy The Big Scream 2017? We want to make this Halloween even better, so now is the time to get involved. This is the flagship community festival in the NEIC calendar and community participation in its planning is essential for success.

We want to hear your ideas on how we can improve the Festival and get everyone involved. If you have suggestions for the festival programme or would like to volunteer please contact the Festival Director, Yetti Redmond Tel. No. 087 2245 414.



TAOISEACH'S VISIT TO THE NORTH EAST INNER CITY

In February An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Minister Paschal Donohoe visited Dublin's North East Inner City.

They met with representatives from the Mud Island project, Larkin Community Garden and the Green Ribbon Initiative as well as visiting the Lourdes Day Care Centre, North Wall Community Development Project and Sheriff Youth Club.

The Taoiseach and Minister Donohoe also attended the launch of the Tall Ships Trainee Programme and Late Night Football League. Also on the day the NEIC Progress Report 2017 was launched.



GARDA FUN RUN

Gardai in Mountjoy Garda Station, Dublin City Council and the NEIC Programme Office hosted a 1k to 5k Fun Run for the local community on Thursday, 5th July. Over 160 people gathered at Sean Mac Dermott Street Church to take part, a local band playing and the sunny weather added to this good-spirited event.



VANTASTIC - LOW COST TRANSPORT

Would you, or someone you know over 65 like to use a low cost fully accessible door-to-door hospital transport service? The Vantastic Dublin North East Inner City & East Wall pilot scheme is underway Monday to Friday until December 2018. Cost is €2.50 (€5.00 return) to Mater Hospital and €5.00 per trip (€10.00 return) to Beaumont Hospital. To use the service you must become a Member of Dublin North Inner City & East Wall Pilot. <https://tinyurl.com/NEICvantastic>.

SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

The NEIC Board approved 30 new posts to a number of local projects providing vital social services in the NEIC area, principally in relation to childcare, after school services, youth work, eldercare and environmental services. Funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under a new pilot Social Employment Scheme the 30 new workers have been recruited and are in place helping projects such as CASPr, Belvedere Youth Club, Lourdes Day Care Centre and many others deliver much needed services for the community.

If you would like further information on the work of the Programme Implementation Board and Sub-Groups or if you wish to bring any matter to the attention of the Board please contact the Programme Office directly.

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Invitation to Local Community Engagement Events

The Chairman and Programme Office Team will be holding a number of local community engagement events in the NEIC. Come to meet your neighbours and learn more about what is happening in your community.

Look out for details locally and on www.neic.ie for further events.



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'What's Your Issue' - art exhibition presented by Colourful Youth Art Collective on show at D-Light Studios



A Playful Street Event at Bellman's Walk on 21st April



Apprenticeship Day held in Larkin Community College, April 2018



Big Scream Halloween Festival Finale on Killarney St



Members of the Lourdes Day Care Centre enjoyed a weekend away in Wexford that was supported by the NEIC Community Grant Scheme 2017



A Playful Street event Bellman's Walk on 21st Apr



Kellie Harrington showing how it's done at her family fun day

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