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**To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee**

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

2019 FUNDING

Expenditure of the €6.5 million allocation to the north east inner city for 2019, under the Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme, will be overseen by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board and five Sub-Groups. The bulk of this funding will be approved for strategic priorities identified by the Sub-Groups within their respective areas of remit i.e.

- Sub-Group 1. Tackling Crime and Drugs;
- Sub-Group 2. Education, Training and Employment;
- Sub-Group 3. Creating an Integrated System of Social Services;
- Sub-Group 4. Improving the Physical Landscape; and
- Sub-Group 5. Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Services.

To date the Strategic priorities identified by each Sub-Group are as follows:

- Sub-Group 1 – Intensive focus on tackling open drug dealing in Liberty Park and environs
- Sub-Group 2 – School Attendance “Attendance is everybody’s business”
- Sub-Group 3 – Advancing interagency service delivery
- Sub-Group 4 – Public Realm Plan and Greening Strategy
- Sub-Group 5 – Integrated approach to drug and alcohol services provision

The Programme Implementation Board is also open to consideration of proposals from community-based groups if such proposals can clearly demonstrate potential to contribute to implementation of the recommendations set out in the [Mulvey Report – Dublin North East Inner City – Creating a Brighter Future](#) in new, innovative and collaborative ways.

The most appropriate route for submission of such proposals is via the North Inner City Community Coalition representatives on the Programme Implementation Board (Fergus McCabe and Noel Wardick). Alternatively, proposals can be e-mailed directly to the NEIC Programme Office neic@dublincity.ie or submitted in hard copy marked for the attention of Linda Roe / Michael O’Riordan, NEIC Programme Office, C/O Dublin City Council Central Area Office, 51-53 Seán McDermott Street Lower. Proposals will then be forwarded to the relevant Sub-Group for consideration.

UPDATE ON 2019 FUNDED PROJECTS

On recommendation of the Budget Sub-Group a further round of projects was approved by the Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 27th February 2019. This brings the total 2019 funding allocation to date to €4,432,950 (of €6.5M). The full list of approved projects / programmes is set out on Appendix A.

The latest funded proposals include the following:

Reader in Residence and Coderdojo Digital Skills

The Reader in Residence (€37,500) and Coderdojo Digital Skills (€17,500) programmes run by Dublin City Public Libraries at Charleville Mall in 2017 and 2018 were deemed to be very successful and will be repeated and developed further in 2019. It was a condition of the 2018 NEIC funding that the programmes be considered for mainstream funding in future years via Dublin City Council's budgetary process. The programmes will be co-funded with Dublin City Council this year with a view to full mainstreaming in 2020.

The NEIC funding has enabled Dublin City Public Libraries to develop the Reader in Residence model which is now being expanded to a wider geographical area. The overall statistics are as follows, a full report on the Programme is available on request.

2018	Number of Classes/Groups	Number of children	Number of sessions	Number of Library visits
Jan to June	48 groups in total plus one-to-one sessions.	857	220 sessions with classes and groups plus approx 180 one-to-ones.	86
Sept to Dec	33 groups in total plus one-to-one sessions	687	199 sessions with classes and groups plus 84 one to ones	68
Annual figure	84 groups plus one-to-one sessions	1,544	419 sessions plus 264 one to ones	154

The Coderdojo Digital Skills Project offers children and young people living in the NEIC area the opportunity to learn basic computer programming for free by attending a CoderDojo in their local DCPL library. At Dojos young people learn about technology in fun, safe, and creative club environments. They develop deep technology skills, but also through the experience and environment, learn a host of transferable skills including, creativity, problem solving, communication, leadership and teamwork.



○ *Teens participating in the Coderdojo at Charleville Mall Library in 2018*

On an average week three coding sessions are delivered, two for 7-12 year-olds on a Saturday morning in Charleville Mall Library and one on a Wednesday afternoon for teenagers. It caters for between 30-40 children and young people over an average week. The CoderDojo Foundation has been very supportive of the project and have donated multiple copies of their Nano books for each library in the DCPL network. A full report on the NEIC funded Digital Skills Project is available on request.

NEIC Community Grants Scheme 2019

Following approval of €100,000 funding the 2019 NEIC Community Grants Scheme will open for applications by end March and this will be widely promoted across the community development sector. As in 2018, in order to facilitate seasonal proposals this year's scheme will be being run in two rounds Round 1 Spring/Summer with a closing date of Tuesday 30th April 2019 and Autumn/Winter to be advertised in Sept. The purpose of the Scheme is to financially support North East Inner City communities in delivering their own projects locally to benefit the defined NEIC area. Priority will be given to applicants that can be linked to delivery of actions and recommendations contained in the Mulvey Report. For the 2019 Scheme it has been agreed to focus on two priority themes i.e.

- Theme 1. Environmental awareness and improvement
- Theme 2. Active Living, Recreation and Wellbeing

The Guidelines and application forms are currently being finalised and will be available via www.neic.ie or by contacting the Programme Office neic@dublincity.ie

NEIC Greening Strategy – Implementation Phase 1

The NEIC funded Greening Strategy is now a working document with no material amendment following the period for public submission which concluded in Dec. 2018.

In addition to the longer-terms projects currently underway i.e. re-development of Mountjoy Sq. Park and Diamond Park, a range of smaller scale greening projects for Phase I implementation (2019) were costed, recommended by Sub-Group 4 and approved by the NEIC Board for funding in the sum of €350,000. The selected projects are as follows:

- o Belvedere Plaza (NCR Junction with Belvedere Place;
- o Guild St. Plaza (St Sheriff St. / Spencer Dock junction;
- o James Joyce Street tree planting;
- o Greenwall at Seville Place; and
- o Tree planting on 1 no. residential street to be identified.



OTHER UPDATES

Community Events

Following the approval by the Programme Implementation Board of a funding allocation for 2019, planning is well underway to deliver a series of local community events in 2019 similar to 2018. Event highlights currently being planned for the north east inner city include collaborations with the Five Lamps Arts Festival 2nd – 7th April 2019; NEIC “Try-a-Tri” Triathlon event Sunday 7th April in association with An Garda Síochána and Triathlon Irl.;

and Gospel Rising Festival 2019 to take place on 17th – 19th May <http://gospelrising.com//>. Further details on these events will be brought to the April meeting.

Chinese New Year Celebration at Hill Street Family Resource Centre



The annual Chinese New Year Community Celebration, hosted by Hill Street Family Resource Centre in partnership with the North East Inner City Initiative, took place on Saturday 9th February from 14.00-19.00. The event has grown significantly in recent years and in the interest of public safety it is no longer possible to hold it within the site of Hill St. Family Resource Centre. The NEIC Programme Office worked with HSFRC and to programme and produce a spectacular public event on Hill St. itself. Approximately 3,800 people attended throughout the day. This local event was promoted as part of the citywide Dublin Chinese New Year Festival.

NEIC Social Media Strategy

The Programme Office, working with Together Digital, is developing a media strategy for the next 4 months to raise the profile of the NEIC including promoting community and sporting events, opportunities in training and education, and the wide range of new initiatives and supports. Recognising the importance of communications and outreach, the Programme Office hopes to focus on the many positive aspects of this area and it's strong and vibrant community.

Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool

With the support of NEIC funding, the partnership agreement between Dublin City Council and Swim Ireland to extend the public opening hours of Sean MacDermott St. Swimming Pool has been underway since mid-August. The partnership arrangement facilitates the opening of the pool 7 days a week with Swim Ireland opening the facility to offer 39 hours public swimming on Saturday p.m., Sunday and Monday. Dublin City Council continued to

accommodate a range of local schools, clubs and community groups Tues. – Fri. A further round of promotional activity will be run in the lead up to the final three months of the trial period. In the meantime, discussions will continue between Dublin City Council, NEIC and Swim Irl. regarding the future beyond the trial period.

Measuring the Impact of the North East Inner City Initiative

In December 2018 the Programme Office publicly invited tenders from suitably qualified and experienced research organisations to produce a report setting out recommendations and indicators on how best to evaluate the impact of NEIC Initiative. Following completion of the tender process *Just Economics Research Ltd.* have been commissioned. Just Economics bring a wealth of experience in evaluation of regeneration and social programmes from the UK and Ireland and specialise in developing cost-effective methodologies that are practical to implement and accessible to stakeholders.

Evaluation is seen as crucial part of the Initiative to demonstrate the impact that the investment is having to date. Moreover, it will enable the Board to consider what elements are working well and identify areas for improvement in the future. The next stage of the process will involve a series of workshops with the members of each of the NEIC Sub-Groups.

If any further information is required in relation to the above projects please contact the Programme Office directly neic@dublincity.ie. General information is available on www.neic.ie

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APPENDIX 1
NEIC Initiative – 2019 Funding Proposals Approved to date

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme (formerly RAPID) Allocation (€4.4M of €6.5M)	
Sub-Group 1 Tackling Crime and Drugs	
Anna Liffey Drug Project ACMT Project (to end 2019)	155,000
Garda Surveillance Vehicles and Equipment	50,000
Drugs Related Intimidation RFT	100,000
Sub-Total	€305,000
Sub-Group 2 Education Training & Employment	
Career LEAP	36,480
JUST (Jesuit University Support Training)	7,770
Social Enterprise RFT	25,000
Reader In Residence (Charleville Mall Library – co fund with DCC)	37,500
Digital Skills Project (Charleville Mall Library – co fund with DCC)	17,500
Sub-Total	€124,250
Sub-Group 3 - Creating an Integrated System of Social Services	
Youth Training Bursary (Inner City Renewal Group)	10,000
Non-violent Resistance Training	4,500
Afterschools Research (YPAR)	15,840
Youth Leadership Training (YPAR)	6,600
Mens Health & Wellbeing Programme (Larkin Unemployed Centre)	44,760
Increase YPAR Capacity by 2.5 days a week	51,000
Sub-Total	€132,700
Sub-Group 4 – Improving the Physical Landscape *	
Community Events	300,000
Sport & Wellbeing Programmes	170,000
Arts Projects (incl. Street Art)	100,000
The Green Ribbon	150,000
Public Domain Improvements	150,000
Greening Strategy Implementation Phase 1	350,000
Sub-Total	€1,220,000
Sub-Group 5 Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Services	
Homeless Case Management Team	390,000
Drug & Alcohol Response Team	346,000
Residential Stabilisation Programme	430,000
NEIC Co-ordinator (for Sub-Group 5 Projects)	70,000
Monitoring and Evaluation	55,000
Sub-Total	€1,291,000
NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups	
Programme Office direct operational and administration costs	100,000
Programme Management (incl. Community engagement, PR & Comms.)	60,000
Programme Evaluation	100,000
Social Employment Fund	1,000,000
Community Grants Scheme 2019	100,000
Sub-Total	€1,360,000
TOTAL	€4,432,950

* Note: Sports & Wellbeing; Arts and Community Events projects fall within the remit of Sub-Group 4 and will be managed by Dublin City Council