



DUBLIN NORTH EAST INNER CITY

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE NORTH INNER CITY ANNOUNCED!

Dublin's North Inner City has been chosen to be a pilot location for a new Local Community Safety Partnership. The North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership is a new initiative which brings together statutory services, the voluntary and community sector, local councillors and community members to work together to identify and tackle community safety issues locally. The Partnership will work to ultimately make the North Inner City a safer more attractive environment for everybody.

Meet the Team!

Cormac Ó Donnchú has been appointed as the voluntary independent Chair of the North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership. Cormac's role will be to bring different stakeholders together and get the work of the Partnership off the ground.

Cormac shared the following with us for this newsletter:

That the North Inner City features as a pilot location offers us a chance to lead the way in demonstrating how really active community engagement can deliver practical results on our streets. For us to both be safe and feel safe requires input and action from us all. From helping ensure our streets are kept clean to the reporting of serious crime, everyone has the opportunity to take part in helping improve our community safety and improving the quality of life in your community.



Cormac Ó Donnchú, Chairperson of the of the North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership



Rachel Meade, Community Safety Administrator



Paddy Craig, Community Safety Coordinator

Cormac will be supported by Paddy Craig (Community Safety Coordinator) and Rachel Meade (Community Safety Administrator). They will have an office based at 4 James Joyce St. in the heart of Dublin 1, and can be contacted at:

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Congratulations and the best of luck to Cormac and the team, working to make the NEIC a safer place for all! ■

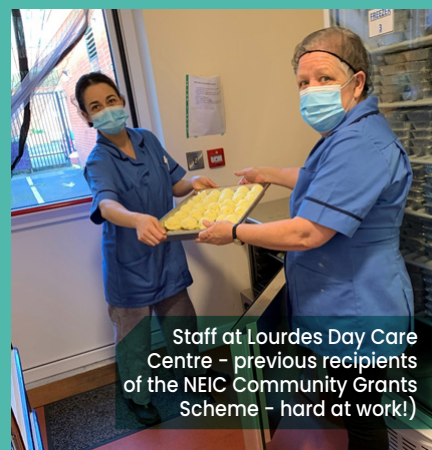
2021 NEIC COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME IS NOW LIVE!

The 2021 NEIC Community Grants Scheme is now taking applications, so if you are involved in a project that benefits the local community we want to hear from you!

The theme for the 2021 NEIC Community Grants Scheme is 'Emerging from COVID-19' and will focus on providing financial assistance to residents, voluntary groups, and clubs across the community and voluntary sector as they return to providing their respective regular full-time services.

This scheme really focuses on helping some of the smaller groups that provide invaluable services across the area, from keeping the area clean to providing recreational programmes for young people and plenty of other hugely important heroes helping out in the area.

Applications are open until May 31st, so make sure to spread the word and visit the NEIC website for full details on the scheme and how to apply! ■



Staff at Lourdes Day Care Centre - previous recipients of the NEIC Community Grants Scheme - hard at work!

<http://www.neic.ie/news/the-neic-community-grants-scheme-2021-is-now-taking-applications>



Proposed Mountjoy Square Park redevelopment – Artists impression

REVITALISING DUBLIN – MORE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS ON THE WAY!

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, recently announced €121.3 million in funding for regeneration projects in the North Inner City.

What projects can I expect to see completed?

Just some of the approved projects for completion are:

- Mountjoy Square Construction project, which consists of a number of restoration measures and refurbishment of the existing community building.
- Five Lamps Public Realm works, involving improvements to public lighting, street paving, street art and furniture.



Proposed Mountjoy Square Park redevelopment – Artists impression

We here at the NEIC Programme Office think this is more fantastic news for the area and will be sharing all of the progress on these public works in the months to come. Make sure to follow us on our social media channels to keep up to date with this exciting news! ■



Celebrations for Chinese New Year, the year of the Ox, hosted by Hill Street Family Resource Centre



BALLYBOUGH PRIDE OF PLACE – GOING THE EXTRA MILE!

We've promoted Ballybough Pride of Place in this newsletter before, and thought it would be a great idea to feature them and their great work fully for our spring newsletter!

Ballybough Pride of Place was initially set up in 2012 but became much more active with the support of Dublin City Council from September 2019.

The aims of the group are to:

- Showcase the work they do and the "positive vibes" happening in our area.
- Highlight and tackle illegal dumping
- Provide hanging baskets on the main thoroughfare of Ballybough and North Strand
- Rid the streets of dog fouling
- Showcase the stunning houses and great community in the area
- Provide greening for the area and improve dull spaces
- Providing wild flower meadows in the spaces provided

Ballybough Pride of Place are very active on social media so give them a follow, you'll be glad you did!

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Ballybough/>



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN THE NEIC

Hill Street Family Resource Centre (HSFRC) in partnership with the North East Inner City Initiative and Dublin City Council hosted this year's Chinese New Year celebrations. This year is the year of the Ox, a year of career advancement, success in business, prosperity, and wellness for all zodiac signs. A range of wonderful online activities and workshops were featured, created and presented by the families of Hill Street and the HSFRC. ■



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Healthy Food Made Easy

A free six week course for people living in the North East Inner City. You will learn to cook healthy meals on a budget.



- ✓ Cook and taste healthy recipes
- ✓ For all ages and abilities
- ✓ Learn about healthy eating
- ✓ Get tips on food shopping
- ✓ Plan meals on a budget

Certificate on completion!



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NEIC HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROJECT

The NEIC Initiative and Healthy Ireland are excited to announce co-funding for the Healthy Communities Project, which will be run by the Dublin City Community Co-operative. This project aims to tackle health inequalities by building the capacity of the community to address health issues affecting them.

The project will deliver health-related training programmes such as 'We Can Quit Smoking', 'Healthy Food Made Easy' and 'Stress Management' courses. The project will also be working with Health Professionals and the local community to raise awareness and address health literacy in the NEIC. It's easy to get involved if any of this speaks to you.

Further details on the project can be obtained from Catherine Heaney, Healthy Communities Project Coordinator. ■

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VITAL IT SUPPORT FOR NEIC STUDENTS

The NEIC Initiative recently delivered over 450 tablets and devices to local schools in the area, to help students continue with their studies through the lockdown, and provide valuable hardware for the years to come. Local students were delighted with the new devices and shared the following for this newsletter:

'We don't need to share 1 between 4 anymore!' – Amy

'My work is more interactive.' – Sophia



EXWELL MEDICAL PROGRAMME-LOOKING AFTER THE COMMUNITY

ExWell Medical is now offering community-based, supervised exercise classes to people with different long term illnesses in the North East Inner City. ExWell Medical is an established, not for profit community-based chronic illness rehabilitation programme that is made up of a team with extensive knowledge and experience. The course is led by Dr. Noel McCaffrey and participants are encouraged to become fit and active in a friendly, safe and enjoyable environment. At ExWell, enjoyment and fun are a priority along with safety.

These unique classes are now being offered to the residents of the NEIC. Classes are taking place in Sean McDermott St Church Carpark on Mondays and Thursdays. ■

For more information or to get involved contact your local GP, call 0852525499 or email info@exwell.ie



NEIC YOGA TEACHER TRAINING

The North East Inner City Initiative together with Reformation Studios have collaborated to provide a unique opportunity to residents of the NEIC.

A special yoga teacher training programme will run for 11 months in D-Light studios in the heart of Dublin 1, and places were snapped up fast!

The course is funded in full by the NEIC Initiative and students will become fully qualified 200hr yoga teachers on completion. The best of luck to all the students, we'll be sure to feature your progress again in a future newsletter! ■



'Looking up facts is so quick'. – Alisha

'The Chromebooks have opened up the world of ebooks' – Katie

The funding helped to provide the laptops and tablets necessary to deliver live lessons and regular schoolwork to students across 16 schools in the NEIC. Schools will also use the hardware as part of future digital learning plans and all future remote learning. A great result for all! ■



A student learning thanks to the tablets and laptops provided by the NEIC Initiative



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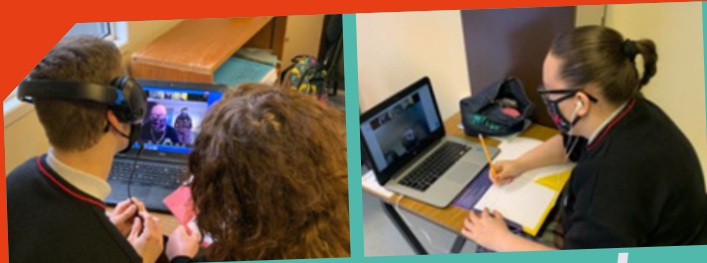
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NEIC FLASH MENTORING / VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Well done to all the Transition Year (TY) and Leaving Cert Applied (LCA) students that participated in the NEIC Work Experience and Flash Mentoring Programmes so far this year. Both programmes are designed to give students unique insights into the world of work and have been received with great feedback from all who participated.

All TY & LCA students in Mount Carmel, Marino College and Rosmini have already joined online work experience sessions with A&L Goodbody and PwC, and the team are excited for the May sessions planned with McCann Fitzgerald, State Street and Three for Larkin, St. Joseph's & O'Connell's.

"After the day with A&L Goodbody I came away thinking differently. I had always thought only certain people could do those types of jobs, I now know anyone can" – student, Marino College

In March, St. Joseph's were added to the list of schools participating in Flash Mentoring, with the LCA students putting some great informational interview questions to mentors from AIG, the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and the National Treasury Management Agency. There are 6 more sessions planned for TYs and LCAs, as well as more Flash Mentoring for Larkin, Marino, Mount Carmel and Rosmini over April and May.

Well done to all involved! ■



Summerhill median

As part of the ongoing NEIC Greening Strategy, the Summerhill central median was chosen to help transform the area. The project saw the introduction of new trees and day lighting of over 450sqm of soil while also introducing a hedge and understory planting along the median. The project helps to improve air quality, reduces flood risks, and also helps to support urban biodiversity.

Meanwhile, students from O'Connell Secondary School were working on their own project 'Planting for Hope 2021', with a little help from Dublin City Council and the NEIC greening team. This will be an ongoing project and the students are looking forward to a new edition this year of a polytunnel that will help them grow crops within the school grounds.



O'Connell School 'Planting for Hope 2021' project underway!



O'Connell's students tree planting at North Richmond St.

Keep an eye out all summer long as we continue to 'go green'! Well done to all involved! ■



Mud Island community garden members

MUD ISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN ARE NOW ONLINE!

Mud Island Community Garden have now launched their brand new website! Their website is kept active with posts on their latest news, and great growing tips for all of the amateur gardeners out there. Mud Island is a friendly, welcoming gardening committee, encouraging bio-diversity and local food growth. There's always a committee member on hand to offer advice and tips, even if you're only at the start of your path as an amateur gardener and grower. The Mud Island community have also held plenty of great events in the past, such as markets, festivals and fairs, so keep an eye on their site for plenty of must-attend events in the area for 2021!! Go and visit them at: <https://mudisland.ie/> ■



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INFORM WOMEN TRANSFORM LIVES



(Left to right) Tracey Byrne, Annie Kirwan, Rebecca Sheridan, Nicola Kelly, Amran Malik, and doing the splits is Abi Kelly

Dublin was announced on International Women's Day, 8th March 2021, as one of 13 cities selected to join U.S. based NGO 'The Carter Centre' in a global communications campaign 'Inform Women Transform Lives'.

The campaign promotes female participation in active lifestyles and the benefits for overall health and wellbeing. The virtual Change For Life Challenge is just one element of the NEIC Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme which encourages and motivates women to get active and maintain a healthier lifestyle.

This eight-week course covers a myriad of classes including yoga, dance, bodyfit & body conditioning, nutrition & wellbeing and total body workout. The campaign will run until the end of September 2021.

Be sure to follow us on social media where we'll be keeping you up to date on everything to do with this really significant campaign. ■

NOTTINGHAM ST., GOING GREEN!



The Nottingham Street Residents' Group is doing their bit to make the NEIC a brighter, more attractive place for all with their ambitious year-round planting programme to bring a touch of green to the area. The group, proudly supported by funding from the NEIC Initiative, will be back in spring and summer to add to their programme. Take a look at what they've already done to date! ■



Planting work done on Nottingham St. in the NEIC

SWAN YOUTH SERVICES SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISTS



Aaron Connolly is a member of the SWAN youth arts collective 'Reckless'

SWAN Youth Services has helped to set some young local artists on an exciting path, thanks to their recent investment in multimedia tech equipment. SWAN has been running workshops with interactive t.v's encouraging the creative side of their members, and unearthing some genuine talent in the area!

SWAN have also been collaborating with Ballybough Youth Project, Lourdes Youth and Community Services, Belvedere Youth Club to develop their skills in photography and create



Jade Campion and Dario Esteves at work together creating characters for their upcoming book

artwork for their upcoming exhibition on June 12th as part of Crinniu na nOg.

Fair play to all, it's fantastic to see such exciting up and coming local artists! ■



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NORTH STRAND SCOUTS

DOING THEIR PART!

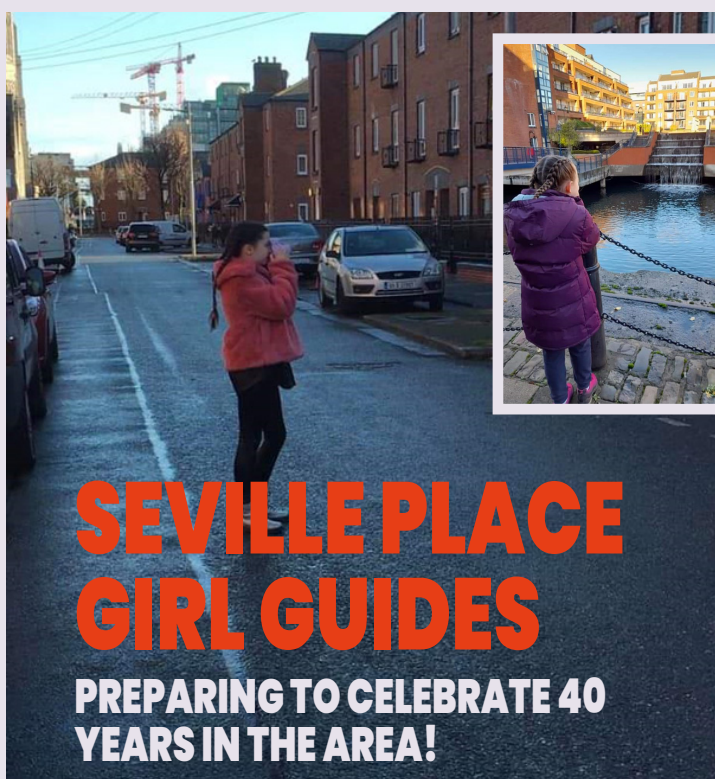


NSS Cubs collecting litter, Bull Island

Although their programme of regular activities has been affected by the COVID-19 restrictions, the North Strand Scouts (NSS) have still stepped up to help improve the local area, recently spending a cold, but sunny afternoon collecting rubbish from the tide line at Bull Island. They were supported by members of the Bull Island Action Group who were very grateful to have the NSS assist with the clean-up. Well done to all the cubs and beavers on such a fantastic thing to do for your local area! ■



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SEVILLE PLACE GIRL GUIDES

PREPARING TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS IN THE AREA!



Local girl guides, photographing the NEIC in preparation for their 40th year celebrations

The Seville Place Girl Guides have started an exciting project ahead of their upcoming 40 year anniversary in 2022. They are on a mission to photograph the area and capture all the memories of being a part of the girl guides, including digging out all of their historical photos from their members of the past. Their project will culminate with a display of the photography projects for their celebrations; where past members will be invited to relive their memories of being a Girl Guide. Fair play to the Seville Place Girl Guides! ■



Everybody STILL has a role to play to stop the spread of COVID-19, so continue to practice good coughing etiquette, wash your hands thoroughly, use face masks in shops and on public transport and anywhere it's not possible to maintain social distance. Dublin City Council and the NEIC Programme Office are here to help, and have information available in a variety of languages that we are happy to share. For further information we can be contacted at neic@dublincity.ie



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