

UPDATES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



★ Larkin Community College:
Congratulations to Alex Kennedy,
who represented Ireland at the TED-Ed youth conference in New
York City, accompanied by Ms. Fallon (English Teacher) on 8-9th
February. Alex is a 4th year student and was selected following a
nationwide competition. What an achievement! Also congratulations
to 6th year student, Jake Redmond who has been nominated in the
Primerica Spirit of the Community awards.



★ Well done to Kellie Harrington on winning silver in the International
Boxing Tournament Strandja in Sofia, Bulgaria. Congratulations to both
Troy Parrott and Jack Bryne who got their first senior caps playing football for
Ireland in November. Both have very strong NEIC ties and we are proud of this
fantastic achievement.

★ Dublin North Central Garda Youth Awards took place in Croke Park
on 15th February. Congratulations to the winners and all of the
nominees. The awards celebrate outstanding young people between the ages
of 13 and 21 who are
resident in the local
community area and
make their communities
a better place to live.



★ Delighted to announce that Dublin Bus routes
53 and 53A have been updated to service more
areas of the North East Inner City. Check out the new
timetables on www.dublinbus.ie



CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL



Hill Street Family Resource Centre in partnership with the North East Inner City
Initiative hosted a wonderful outdoor celebration of Chinese New Year 2020 – Year
of the Rat, on Saturday 25th January. The event was a spectacular showcase of live
performances from local Chinese talent, as well as traditional interactive Chinese
workshops featuring food and drama to Tai Chi, origami and calligraphy. The
celebration of Chinese New Year at Hill Street Family Resource Centre has grown
organically since it started in 2014 and has become a flagship winter event in the
local area. Several months of preparation go into the event involving local families
who attend the centre. The festival is an important cultural celebration providing an
excellent opportunity to celebrate inclusion and diversity in this part of the city. The
event was open to the public and 4,500 people attended throughout the afternoon.



Craft workshop



Chinese New Year fruit



Origami volunteers

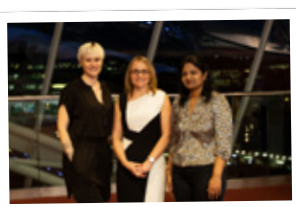


Workshop



CAREER LEAP GRADUATION

Congratulations to all 30 graduates from the Career
LEAP work readiness programme in 2019 and the 44
mentors from the local business community who also
received their certificates following completion of their
training. The graduation ceremony took place in the
Convention Centre Dublin on 3rd February.
Career LEAP is an evidence based work-readiness
training programme which was designed to support
young unemployed adults in the north east inner
city, transition to employment, further education and
training. The programme was developed by Professors
Carmel O'Sullivan of the school of Education, Trinity
College, Professor Jennifer Symonds, UCD and
Professor Jos Akkermans, VU Amsterdam.
Career LEAP adopts a creative approach which
increases the participants' engagement during training
modules and the involvement of business people
directly in the training gives a real life perspective on
the work environment and prepares participants for
work placement. 64% of the 2029 participants are in
fulltime employment or fulltime education, with 23% in
part time employment.



NEIC WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

An ambitious programme to secure quality work experience placements for 4th and
5th year students from the six secondary schools in the NEIC was launched in 2019
in partnership with the National College of Ireland (NCI). The NEIC Work Experience
Placement Programme is a coordinated effort to open doors, raise awareness and
aspirations and ultimately to provide students in the NEIC with access to many
professions and career paths. 426 high quality placements have been secured for
students to date in private and public sector organisations.



Lots of news and videos available on www.neic.ie/news and www.neic.ie/downloads

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NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022

Welcome to our latest NEIC (North East Inner City) newsletter. We started this
social and economic regeneration initiative
in 2017 and continue to carry out a wide
range of projects to ensure that Dublin's
North East Inner City is a flourishing
community. I want to acknowledge the
significant contribution that many of you
are making to your local community. This
newsletter will give you a flavour of some
of our recent activities.

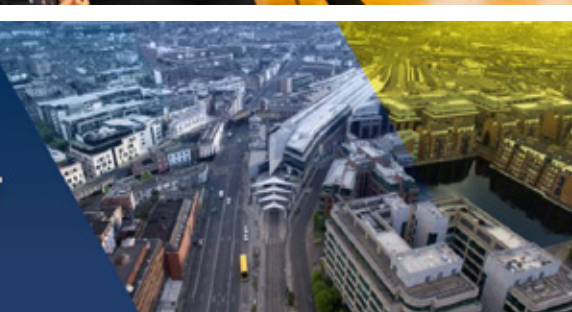
More details of our work can also be found
in the NEIC 2019 Progress Report which
is available online at <http://www.neic.ie/downloads>. This is our third NEIC Progress
Report and I hope you agree that it gives
a great sense of the broad variety of
projects supported by the NEIC initiative.

2020 promises to be another busy and
productive year for us all. In December,
in consultation with the community, I
launched the NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-
2022 to focus on long term sustainable
outcomes. This plan sets out our priorities
across matters of policing, employment,
education, health, environment, sports,
families and children for the next three
years.

I look forward to continued close
cooperation between everyone in the
community, businesses, Dublin City
Council, Government Departments and



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2020 – 2022 STRATEGIC PLAN



state agencies as we work together to put
the NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022 into
action.

I encourage you all to follow the latest
news on our website www.neic.ie/news
and on our social media platforms (details

here on the back page). I remain focussed
and committed to the NEIC initiative and
will continue to work to ensure that it will
be a success for all of the community.

Michael Stone
Chairman

CHANGE 4 LIFE PROGRAMME

The Change 4 Life Programme commenced in late January through 5 local area programmes (Summerhill, North Wall, East Wall, Georges Place and Ballybough, Clonliffe, North Strand). The programmes will run for 7 weeks. There are a large variety of activities on during the week including Yoga, Dance Fitness, Box Fit, Hillwalking, Aquafit, Couch to 5k, Self-Defence, Pilates, GAA for Ma's and many others. Over 100 local people have signed up to the programmes to date. For further information contact bruce.mcdevitt@dublincity.ie (087-1253231) or md.macauley@dublincity.ie (087-1822010)

FITZGIBBON STREET GARDA STATION UPDATE

The refurbishment of Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station will create a new community-oriented policing centre. Works are well underway with the main contractors on site since January 2020.

Facilities at the new station will include a fully equipped victim's suite, i.e. community engagement room, doctor's room, interview suite, refreshment and rest facilities for victims and their families. The works are set for completion in 2021.



SHERIFF STREET ST PATRICK'S PARADE



Sheriff Street will celebrate 'druids and snakes', on Friday 13th March at 11:30am with music and a parade. Great preparations are already under way. Everyone welcome to attend!



A new project called NEIC Connects is being developed for 10 primary schools in the NEIC. It is an evidence-based programme which looks at the strengths of each individual child within a school setting and identifies a set of supports which can build on these strengths, while addressing areas of need. The planning phase will continue into early 2020 identifying

resourcing needs of schools, roles and responsibilities, the pattern of partnering between schools and services and where gaps lie in service provision in the area. The project is based on Boston College's City Connects programme and is supported by the Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.

GREENING STRATEGY PROJECT IN FOCUS - JAMES JOYCE STREET TREE PLANTING



James Joyce Street is looking great following the redesign of the street layout and car parking. 12 new large mature native Birch trees have been added along with 15 cycle stands. Each tree has been under planted with a variety of shrubs and bulbs with a rustic style picket fence surround.

As part of the works a number of new designs are being incorporated such as the addition of Bio-char in 6 of the 12 pits to test the effect

the Char has on the trees establishment. This experiment will test the reported positive effects of Bio-char which include improving plant performance through neutralising acidity, providing improved water and nutrient retention (especially in sandy soils) and enhancing beneficial microbial populations over a long period of time. If the experiment proves positive, this will reduce the maintenance cost and increase the longevity of the trees and be a valuable tool within the public realm.

The project is one of a number delivered by Dublin City Council Parks & Landscape Services as part of the North East Inner City Greening Strategy. Further projects will be undertaken in 2020. The Greening Strategy document is available on <http://www.neic.ie/downloads>

FIVE LAMPS FESTIVAL 28TH MARCH - 5TH APRIL



The annual Five Lamps Arts Festival will take place from 28th March - 5th April with events happening all around Dublin North Inner City. The full programme will be launched shortly. Keep an eye out for "Champions of the area by local artist Tara Kearns" and "Village in the City" by photographer Jeanette Lowe, which will be exhibited jointly in CHQ from 1st-5th April providing a great opportunity to celebrate people from the area and to connect to other communities. There will be a chance to ramble through Dublin North Inner City with guided walking tours featuring Mapping the North Wall; Monto; Sean McDermott Street and Bram Stoker. Dance artist in residence Emily Kilkenny Roddy will be engaging with community through inclusive workshops with local schools and youth centres.

Prints of this specially commissioned painting of the Five Lamps by Tara Kearns will be on sale throughout the Festival. Follow Five Lamps Arts Festival social media channels for more festival information @5lampsarts.

INCLUSION HEALTH HUB



In July 2019, a new Inclusion Health Hub was opened in the former HSE Health Centre on Summerhill. It provides a one-stop-shop with a range of person-centred services for vulnerable service users living in the area. The hub also facilitates outreach work to clinics and hostels and supports public health initiatives (e.g. Breast Check). It is the first Inclusion Health Hub in the country, a collaboration between the NEIC, Department of Health and the HSE and is a prime example of our potential to break new ground in the NEIC.



NEIC COMMUNITY GRANTS - SEPTEMBER 2019

In September, NEIC Community Grants 2019 Round 2 were awarded to the groups listed below. In total, €100,000 was awarded throughout the year.

- Dublin Concert Band
- The Oasis Centre
- O'Connell's School
- The Cavan Centre
- Central Model School
- LYCS Creche
- Rising Stars Dance Club
- Killarney Court Sheltered Housing
- Ballybough community Group
- Patrick Heeney Crescent
- Voice of New Communities Drugs & Alcohol Network
- St. Joseph's CBS Annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party
- Partners in Catalyst
- Charmed with Rhythm Dance Club
- Kiln & Forge Residents Association
- New Communities Partnership
- D1 Men's Group
- Ballybough Brownies
- Portland Place & District Youth Club
- Akidawa
- Ozanam House
- Lourdes Day Care Centre
- A4 Sounds Community Engagement
- Adventure Project
- Revolting Women
- East Wall Art Group
- Hill Street Family Resource Centre
- North Wall CDP/Little Treasures
- 99th, 2nd Port North Strand Sea Scouts
- BABS empowerment project
- The House Presents
- Five Lamps Arts Festival
- Gardiner Street Gospel Choir
- St. Joseph's Co-Ed Primary School
- Mud Island Community Garden
- East Wall Youth



John Scott - Dance Performance



North Wall - walking tour



Free Tai Chi class as part of the Community Picnic in Mud Island



Rising Stars

In 2020, Round 1 of the community grant scheme will be open on 1st April. Full details will be shared on www.neic.ie