



DUBLIN NORTH EAST INNER CITY

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Chairperson's Message

Welcome to the Autumn 2020 edition of the North East Inner City (NEIC) Initiative newsletter. I hope that you are keeping well at this time. Since our last newsletter in Spring 2020, much has changed in the NEIC, the country and indeed the world with the onset of COVID-19. We have all been affected by this in many ways and I would like to offer my sincerest sympathies to anyone who has experienced loss or difficulties as a result of the pandemic.

The NEIC Programme Implementation Board (PIB) and our partners within the community have continued working to provide support to the community throughout this time. The PIB and each of the Sub-Groups have continued to meet each month, to advance the goals set out

in the NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022. If you are not already familiar with this plan, it sets out our priorities across matters of policing, employment, education, health, environment, sports, families and children for the next three years and is available to view on our website www.neic.ie.

Although this has been a challenging time for us all, I can assure you that we will continue with our work. There was a very positive response from all sectors to support the vulnerable and the marginalised over the past number of months. Well done and thanks to all who supported this effort. From the PIB, Programme Office, community groups, businesses, Dublin City Council, government departments, state agencies

and everyone in the community I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution that many of you are making to the local community.

Much has continued to happen within the community over the last 6 months, details of which you will find in this newsletter. I would encourage you to follow us on www.neic.ie and our social media platforms for details of more exciting projects and initiatives throughout the rest of 2020 and beyond.

Michael Stone
Chair of the NEIC Programme
Implementation Board
October 2020



Royal Canal Cycle Way

Get on your bike because the next phase of the Royal Canal Cycle Way opened in July!

Phase 2 of the route is 0.75km in length and runs from Sheriff St Upper to North Strand Road. When complete, the entire route will be over 7km in length and will link Ashtown to the North Quays.

"The Royal Canal Greenway is one of the flagship projects in NTA's Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan, and the completion of the stretch we are opening today is a watershed moment for cycling in the Greater Dublin Area," said Anne Graham, Chief Executive Officer, National Transport Authority. "We know from the recently-

published Bike Life Report that if we can make cycling attractive, safe and easy to access, more people would be willing to switch to the bike for their daily commute. I believe that this route does all of those things. I have no doubt that the Royal Canal Greenway will prove to be very popular among cyclists in the months and years ahead, and NTA is delighted to provide funding for it."

The Royal Canal Premium Cycle Route is one of a number of routes being developed by Dublin City Council as part of its overall plan for 470km of safer cycling routes throughout the city, and is great news for both cyclists in the city and for residents of the NEIC.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE

The Dublin City COVID-19 Community Response to assist vulnerable members of our community is being managed via Dublin City Council's Customer Services Centre.

If you know someone who needs assistance or you need assistance yourself, the contact details are:

- Tel. 01 222 8555
- E-Mail covidsupport@dublincity.ie
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. 7 days a week

Further details available at
<http://www.dublincity.ie>

BALLYBOUGH PRIDE OF PLACE

CLEAN UP OF BALLYBOUGH & NORTH STRAND, DUBLIN 3
SAT 31ST OCT (2-4PM)
SAT 28TH NOV 2020 (2-4PM)
SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES APPLY

All picker, gloves and blue bags can be collected at 149 Clonliffe Ave. We are asking people to clean their own street. The level of dumping in our area has reached crisis levels.
DOWNLOAD THE 'SEE IT, SAY IT' APP. ON YOUR PHONE TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING TO D.C.C

E-MAIL: waste.management@dublincity.ie

Let's work together as a community and keep our area clean and tidy. If you have old photos or memories of the area feel free to upload your items on our social media channels.

Twitter, FB, Instagram www.ballyboughdublin.ie

E-mail us at: ballyboughdublin@gmail.com

There is a great initiative ongoing between local residents in Ballybough and Dublin City Council to remove illegal dumping and waste. Further details of future clean-up days can be found below. Congratulations to all involved with the tidy-up process in the Ballybough area!

Please report all illegal dumping to:
Dublin City Council, Waste Management Services

Tel: (01) 222 1000

Fax: (01) 454 4830 or (01) 222 4509

Email: waste.management@dublincity.ie

FITZGIBBON STREET GARDA STATION UPDATE

We're delighted to announce that the refurbishment of Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station is progressing well. The Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station redevelopment project will create a new community-oriented policing centre which is great news for the NEIC.

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. With a slight delay due to COVID-19 when construction workers could not be on-site, the works are now set for completion in March 2021.



An exciting new pilot programme, called 'City Connects', will be implemented in the 10 NEIC primary schools from the start of October 2020. This will involve City Connects Co-Ordinators being allocated directly to those schools and supplying an improved range of support services to NEIC students.

The City Connects Coordinator works with teachers in every classroom to review the strengths and needs of every student each year. The Coordinator will develop student support plans tailored for every student in their school. They will also work with school and community partners to help students every step of the way, making sure every student is getting what they need to succeed.

In conjunction with the City Connects pilot, the HSE have recruited 2 speech and language therapists, 2 occupational therapists and a clinical

psychologist to provide dedicated services to the students in these 10 schools. The initiative is a huge development in terms of supporting the needs of NEIC pupils, and a big step forward in linking up crucial support services.

Gerry Cullen, former Principal of Mount Carmel secondary school has been seconded to the post of Programme Manager for the NEIC City Connects Programme pilot.

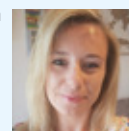
The Co-ordinators assisting Gerry with this work are:

Martin Shovlin - St. Vincent GNS, St. Vincent Infants BNS, O'Connell

Sinead Armstrong - Gardiner Street, St. Laurence O'Toole NS and SNS

Alison Scully - Central Model infant NS, Central Model SNS, Rutland St. NS

The Programme Office would like to wish Gerry and his team all the best with this exciting new project.



HERE TO SERVE YOU!



Chief Superintendent Paddy McMenamin and his team received 2 extra vans to provide increased support to residents of the NEIC over the past number of months. The vans have been used to deliver shopping to elderly residents during COVID-19 and to be of general assistance within the NEIC. If you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact your local Gardaí @: 01 666 8000 or e-mail dmr.northcentral.community@garda.ie.

NEIC GOES GREEN!



Adopt a tree planning with Mud Island community garden

The next phase of the NEIC Greening Strategy will see a number of exciting projects that will include community and volunteer groups and local residents, which means you!!! They have been designed to promote greening opportunities in selected areas; e.g. green walls and biodiversity gardens. The North East Inner City Greening Strategy team will provide expertise, guidance and resources to give people the opportunity to carry out their own fun greening projects.

One of these projects to be initiated shortly is the 'Adopt a Tree Project' that will aim to educate everyone on the importance of trees in their community and provide a selection of suitable trees for private gardens to choose from.

Education on how to plant and care for their tree will also be provided by our team.

Urban gardens help to create attractive routes for walking and cycling as well as sites for physical activity, recreation and social interaction with friends and neighbours. Green spaces are also important for mental health. Physical activity with the natural environment and the creation of greenery in the community can go a long way in helping create a healthier environment and community for us all.

Keep an eye on D.C.C's social media channels for more details of this upcoming project, or contact us at: neic@dublincity.ie.

Five Lamps Art Festival



Congratulations to all involved in the running of this year's Five Lamps Arts Festival In celebrating Irelands National Heritage Week. The Five Lamps Arts Hub continues to run all manner of creative and historical projects throughout the year, including historic walks, plays and concerts. Be sure to keep up with them at their website <http://fivelampsarts.ie/>



NEIC COMMUNITY GRANTS 2020

In July the NEIC Community Grants for 2020 were awarded. In total, €100,000 was awarded to fund projects that will make a difference in your community. This funding will enhance the facilities and equipment of your community organisations and services. In total funding was provided to 39 different bodies and organisations within the NEIC.

Our successful applicants were as follows:

- Nottingham Street Residents Group
- Voice of New communities Drugs & Alcohol Network (Acts of Compassion Ministries)
- St. Laurence O'Toole Church
- St. Mary's Early Years' Service
- O'Connell Secondary School
- Crosscare
- After Schools Education & Support Programme
-New tables, chairs and changing stations
- St. Laurence O'Tooles National School
- Larkin Childcare Facility
- The Five Lamps Arts Festival
- Lourdes Day Care Centre
- North Wall CDP-Little Treasures Community Crèche
- Seville Place Girl Guides
- SAOL Project CLG
- Mud Island Community Garden
- St. Brigid's Day Nursery
- The Cavan Centre CLG
- Rising Stars Dance Club
- Edmund Rice Camp
- Mount Carmel Secondary School
- Portland Place & District
- Sherrard Avenue Residents Association
- Adventure Sports Project
- Belvedere Youth Club
- ACET Ireland
- HOPE Hands on Peer Education
- After Care Recovery Group
- Larkin Unemployed Centre
- Sunflower Recycling
- Sheriff Youth Club
- International Youth Club
- SWAN Youth Services
- Discovery Gospel Choir
- D-Light Studios
- Dublin Simon Community
- Daughters of Charity Community Services
- Fairview Parkrun
- The Oasis Centre
- 99th 2nd Port North Strand Sea Scouts

We would also like to say a big thank you to Gillian Van Turnhout; former Independent Senator, who helped with the selection process. Congratulations to all of our successful applicants!



OPERATION RE-ACTIVATION

D.C.C. Central Area Office in association with the NEIC Programme Office and Dublin football legend Michael Darragh Macauley ran a number of activities for NEIC residents of all ages throughout the summer. A wide range of events were run to encourage people to stay active and interact in a safe, positive manner throughout the Covid-19 restrictions. They included:

- Local residents of the NEIC enjoying a kayaking session on the river Liffey. Free kayaking sessions ran every Tuesday during the summer months.
- Kids from the NEIC participating in the 2nd Annual NEIC GAA Cúl Camp in association with Scoil Uí Chonaill. The camp was a huge success and participants even got a special tour of Croke Park.

- Residents from Laurence O'Toole Court enjoying a sing song and bingo every Wednesday over the summer.
- Senior citizens from Brendan Behan Court being put through their yoga paces by Michael Darragh Macauley! Classes were held every Friday afternoon.



A NEW MEMBER OF THE NEIC TEAM!

Dublin City Council have hired an Intercultural Development Co-Ordinator. This is a new role, focused on championing diversity and inclusion in the NEIC.



Joy Eniola started in this role on June 22nd. Joy has worked professionally and in a voluntary capacity with many different groups over the years including youth, elderly, people recovering from addiction, and families affected by HIV/AIDs. Most recently, Joy worked with Crosscare, supporting individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Joy loves travelling and has lived with and worked with people from all over the world and has seen how acceptance of others with different cultural and religious backgrounds can enhance individuals and communities. She loves hearing people's stories and believes there is a lot more that connects us than separates us. One of her favourite quotes is one from W.B. Yeats "There are no strangers here, only friends you haven't met yet". Having worked in the area for nearly five years, Joy loves the community feel and buzz around the NEIC, the resilience of the people who live and work here, and the enthusiasm of community groups and organisations to make a real difference despite the many challenges. Joy can be contacted at: joy.eniola@dublincity.ie We all wish Joy every success in her new role.

**GET
OUT
OF
MY
FACE**

**GIMME
SPACE**

**HELP STOP CORONA VIRUS.
YOU CAN SPREAD IT.
YOU CAN STOP IT.
WASH YOUR HANDS!**

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Everybody 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. D.C.C. and the 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



Lourdes Daycare Centre



The NEIC Programme Office is delighted to share this picture of another great team, mother and Daughter Sheila and Shelly King of Lourdes Daycare Centre. The centre has been working throughout the pandemic supplying meals to approximately 75 local elderly people, seven days a week. The NEIC Board was happy to assist the operation of this vital service by providing funding for a new blast chiller for the kitchen. Well done to all at the Lourdes Daycare Centre!!



TRIBUTE TO FERGUS MCCABE

All of us at the NEIC would like to pay tribute to Fergus McCabe who passed away recently. Fergus was a passionate and powerful campaigner for the Inner City for over 40 years. During that time, as well as being deeply involved with a wide variety of community projects, Fergus also sat on numerous state-appointed task forces and high-level strategy groups including the National Drug Strategy Team and the North East Inner City (NEIC) Programme Implementation Board.

Whilst working tirelessly for the community, Fergus always had time to offer advice to those who sought it and he will be fondly remembered by all those who worked and campaigned with him.

On behalf of the Programme Office and Programme Implementation Board, we would like to offer our sincere condolences to his family and his wide circle of friends.

May he Rest in Peace.

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

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