



## DUBLIN CITY PPN NETWORKING MEETING

Over 80 groups sent representatives to the recent PPN networking meeting in Smock Alley, it was a great opportunity for groups to mingle and make connections.

Olivia McCormack, Coordinator of the Dublin City PPN, spoke about active citizenship as the focus of the PPN in providing a connection between community groups and Dublin City Council.

John Lonergan, former Governor of Mountjoy spoke passionately about the value of the community and volunteer sector and the contributions and difference they make in their own area and with individuals.

Sometimes these volunteers may never know the impact of their contributions and the difference that they make.



### KEEP THE DATE

Dublin City PPN Secretariat Elections – **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
The PPN Secretariat who were elected at the plenary meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 are about to complete their one year of service.

The work of the Secretariat includes:

- Attend monthly meetings for a period of time
- Ensure the proper functioning of the PPN including registration of groups
- Coordinate activities of PPN
- Communicate extensively and regularly with all PPN Members and in the process disseminate information concerning relevant activities as widely as possible.

A call for nominations will be circulated prior to the elections.

An election for a new secretariat will take place:

**Date:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 at 6pm

**Venue:** Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council

Eanna Ni Lamhna, environmental consultant, nature enthusiast and radio and television presenter will be the guest speaker on the evening.



A beautiful basket of locally produced candles and goods was presented to John Lonergan on behalf of the PPN.

On behalf of society he thanked all the volunteers for their hard work.



# NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING WEEK 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Charities, not for profits and social enterprises are being encouraged to embrace new ways of volunteering during National Volunteering Week.

The importance of volunteers was highlighted in a new survey of 400 volunteer organisations, the survey found that 53% of organisations that involve volunteers said they could not survive without them.

Dublin City Volunteer Centre Manager Edwina Dewart said charities, community organisations, sports clubs



and social enterprises can all benefit greatly from looking at different ways to involve volunteers – and this year's campaign is about encouraging them to do so.

“The nature of volunteering is changing. Volunteers are increasingly looking for more skilled roles, virtual volunteering opportunities (using technology to volunteer from home) and project specific short term volunteering.

“I would encourage organisations in Dublin to identify the specific skills which they require and to look for a fit that best meets this need.”

“We want to encourage voluntary sector organisations to broaden their perception and expectation of what volunteering is. Skilled volunteers provide a valuable opportunity to engage with experienced workers who want to give back to their local community. Everyone has something to give and so much to gain.

“The fact is that volunteering is critical to daily life. Many of our essential services such as the Coast Guard, Civil Defence, Garda Reserve, Mountain Rescue, Scout Leaders, Sports Coaches, Referees, Guide Dog trainers and Blood Bikes are volunteer delivered. We could not live as we do without them,” she said.

National Volunteering Week is coordinated nationally by Volunteer Ireland and locally through Ireland's network of 21 local Volunteer Centres and six Volunteering Information Services which cover most counties. A range of local events will take place to help not for profit organisations to develop new volunteer roles.

**National Volunteering Week** takes place from May 16-22. More at [www.volunteer.ie](http://www.volunteer.ie)

## Green Communities visit to Russborough Gardens near Blessington

**WHAT:** a talk about Dalia Care and Cultivation. Afterwards we will be helping out with Dalia planting and the taking of Dalia transplants. After lunch we will take a tour around the gardens with an explanation by RHSI volunteers.

**WHEN:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2015, 12pm to 4pm (approximately).

**WHERE:** RHSI Garden Russborough, Russborough House, Blessington, County Wicklow.  
(Lifts available from Bus stop to Russborough Gardens)

Further information available from:  
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### Latest Funding Point Digest Available

Get latest information about what funding, grants and bursaries are available to community groups see:

[www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-community/funding-opportunities](http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-community/funding-opportunities)



### Celtic Seas Workshop

The Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly is developing a Strategic Management Framework and stakeholder engagement model for Dublin Bay as part of a wider EU Life+ project titled the Celtic Seas Partnership. This project has relevance to various stakeholder groupings, as it address issues of current and upcoming relevance to



**CELTIC SEAS**  
PARTNERSHIP

This workshop examines Marine Spatial Planning in Dublin Bay and a draft Strategic Management Framework will be presented.

#### Event to be held on:

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 from 9:30am to 1:00pm

Ballymun, Civic Centre

3rd Floor

Ballymun Civic Centre

Dublin 9 Ballymun

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# Street Feast Day - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

On Sunday 12th June we are hosting the 7th annual Street Feast day, the national day of street parties and community celebrations.

Street Feast is an Irish local community initiative and this year is part of the State's 1916 / 2016 Centenary Celebrations.

In partnership with the Centenary Programme, we are calling on people nationwide to come together at 12.00 noon on Sunday, 12th June to enjoy a bite to eat with their neighbours for a simple and fun way of reconnecting with those that live near them.

In years gone by, it was likely you knew all your neighbours, not just the ones next door. Today, findings tell a different story:

Just **47%** of people said they "knew their neighbours to say hello to but that was it". Remarkably almost a **quarter** of people said they didn't know their neighbours at all.

**30%** of people said they hadn't spoken to their neighbours in the past six months, with **8%** saying they had never spoken to their neighbours at all.

**64%** of people said they wouldn't bother to go and welcome a new neighbour into their neighbourhood

**62%** said that they would like to be welcomed if they moved into a new area.

**72%** of people said they have no involvement in their local residents association or group.

Free Street Feast party packs are available to any groups who register to host a Street Feast on [www.streetfeast.ie](http://www.streetfeast.ie)

Further information available from [samuel@streetfeast.ie](mailto:samuel@streetfeast.ie)



# CONFLICT + THE CITY

## Free Public Conference

### 31<sup>st</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June

The street conflicts in Dublin from 1916 to 1922 – as key moments and aspects in pursuit of Irish independence - led to major architectural destruction, which in turn brought about not insignificant urban rebuilding schemes. Thinking about the physical make-up of the city, especially the commercial spaces of Dublin's north city centre, much of how we move through, spend time in and experience the city comes out of these 1920s reconstruction projects. So then, the scars of conflict and the efforts towards rebuilding resonate through Dublin's architecture today, almost 100 years later. In reality, conflict underpins architectural, and especially urban history. Its processes of destruction and then reconstruction have made and remade cities across the world and through time. Dublin is not

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unique in this. We want to gather architects, historians, archaeologists and geographers together to share research and knowledge about what happened to Dublin's buildings and streets during the 1916 Rising, and through the heady years of 1921 and 1922; while unpacking elements of the reconstruction of Dublin from 1917 and then, from 1924. But as well as that, we want to place Dublin in a greater European context, and to draw on contrasting and comparative examples of conflict's role in city formation.

Staying in the twentieth century, this two-day public conference will present research into various architectures of war and cities in repair: from contemporary Beirut to Blitz-time London; from Cold War bunkers to Belfast's peace-lines. Presentations will be highly visual and varied. Taken together, the two days of papers will highlight issues of renewal, rupture, defence, bias, heroism, vision - throwing light on the complex effects of conflict upon urban architecture. The conference will end with a special screening in collaboration with the Irish Film Institute.

Date: 31st May to 1st June 2016

Venue: Liberty Hall Theatre

**Free to attend.**

Booking essential see website [www.conflictandthecity.ie](http://www.conflictandthecity.ie)

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dublin Plus Event as part of the Polish Eire Festival, Final concert after the vocal and music workshop. Dublin Plus will show different songs and music.

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 at 3.00 pm,

**Venue:** Luther House 24 Adelaide Rd. Dublin 2

**Fee:** €5 collection.



## Consultations

Dublin City Council is undertaking a process of Public Consultation regarding proposed Traffic Management Measures at College Green and surrounding streets as set out in the document (right).

Representations in relation to the proposals may be made in writing to:

### The Executive Manager

Dublin City Council  
Environment and Transportation Department  
Block 2 Floor 6  
Civic Offices  
Wood Quay  
Dublin 8

Or by email to: [traffic@dublincity.ie](mailto:traffic@dublincity.ie)

Submissions must be made on or before Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Further information available from:

<http://www.dublincity.ie/college-green>

