



## **DUBLIN, A WELCOMING CITY**

### **Baile Átha Cliath, Cathair Fháilteach**

#### **Celebrating Diversity in our City**

#### **What is Social Exclusion?**

Social Exclusion is the process by which individuals or entire communities of people are prevented from enjoying full access to the rights, opportunities and services that are easily accessible to the other groups in society.

At the individual level, it refers to barriers to participation in everyday social activities and to building meaningful social relations.

The causes of social exclusion also go beyond material poverty and encompass a wide range of reasons why individuals or groups might be excluded, such as discrimination against immigrants, ethnic minorities, the disabled or the elderly. One can be socially excluded in a multitude of ways for a multitude of reasons.

#### **What Can We Do?**

Small changes to the way we do things which can make a big impact on social exclusion:

- Actively involve the community and voluntary section in decisions on issues which affect them
- Consult with and listen to all our customers
- Look closely at accessibility of our services
- Design our communications around an awareness that 1 in 4 adults have difficulties with literacy
- Ensure that our services meet the needs of all age groups including older people and children
- Take account of cultural differences and respect them
- Actively work to support the participation of minorities in our communities

Achieving social inclusion is a core objective of Dublin City Council but it cannot on its own create a city that is socially inclusive. The Council can provide civic leadership on the issue and help make the city a better place for people to live in, work in and visit.

Social inclusion is about making all groups of people within a society feel valued and important. Dublin City Council is committed to developing an inclusive city where all our residents are valued equally and where everyone has an opportunity to participate and contribute to making the city a great place to live.

## How does the Dublin City Council celebrate diversity and social inclusion in the city?

**Dublin, A Welcoming City: Celebrating Diversity in our City 2017:** This is a month long calendar of a diverse range of events promoting social inclusion in the city, recognising issues such as cultural diversity, people with disabilities, homelessness, civic participation, older adults, youth, LGBT, mental health, human rights and much more.

The aim of these celebrations is to raise awareness of both social inclusion and exclusion and to bring about awareness on how we can all work to make our city a fairer, more equitable and inclusive place where everyone has a voice and highlight the City Council's role in reducing exclusion and promoting community involvement.

## Dublin, A Welcoming City: Celebrating Diversity in our City

### DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL'S SOCIAL INCLUSION CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR 2017

Date	Event /Activity	Location/s
Sept 14 - Thurs	<b>Dublin: A Welcoming City</b>  The Lord Mayor will announce a calendar of diverse events and activities to celebrate social inclusion in the city	12.00pm  Palace Street
Sept 17 - Sun	<b>MEASC - Family Day:</b> Festival celebrating the rich diversity of cultures, faith and communities in Dublin  <a href="http://www.dublincityinterfaithforum.org">www.dublincityinterfaithforum.org</a> <a href="http://www.dublincity.ie">www.dublincity.ie</a>	Merrion Square Park  12 – 6pm
Sept 18 – Mon	<b>Arts Facilitation Programme:</b> For parents and children availing of Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People Services  Dublin Regional Homeless Executive / North West Inner City Network	Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People Services
Sept 19 - Tues	<b>Culture, Faith, Cohesion: Moving from Tolerance to Inclusion</b> Conference to raise of growing religious diversity in our cities and highlight the important contributions our faith communities make to civil society  Dublin City Interfaith Forum / Council of Europe	Richmond Barracks  9.30 – 5.00
Sept 20 - Wed	<b>Dublin Comhairle na nOg</b> Showcase event to launch the video on Youth Homelessness and Aftercare System.	Smock Alley Theatre  1.45 – 4.00
Sept 20 – Wed	<b>Irish Sign Language Week: Drumming Traditions of the World Workshops:</b>  Workshop 1: Students from Holy Family School for the Deaf participate in a hands-on workshop	National Museum of Ireland Decorative Arts & History Collins Barracks  11.30

	<p>on drumming traditions of the world.</p> <p>Workshop 2: Hands-on energetic workshop where participants will learn to play traditional rhythms together on congas, djembes, bongos and dun duns. Email: <a href="mailto:bookings@museum.ie">bookings@museum.ie</a></p> <p>Dublin's Culture Connects / Irish Deaf Society</p>	1.00
Sept 27 - Wed	<p><b>Premiere of Sightless Cinema 2017</b> A programme of short radio plays in surround sound, where all the pictures will be in your head! Project is a lively mix, devised and performed by groups of blind and visually impaired people.</p> <p>White Cane Audio Theatre / NCBI / DCU</p>	<p>Light House Cinema Smithfield</p> <p>6.45 (running time 90mins)</p>
Sept 27- Wed	<p><b>Sports Day for Older Adults: 55 +</b> Multi sports and activities.</p> <p>Dublin City Sports &amp; Well-Being Partnership</p>	<p>Trinity College</p> <p>10.00 – 3.00</p>
Sept 27 – Wed	<p><b>Voters Registration Awareness:</b> Promotion of migrants rights to vote in local elections. Information stand and workshop to extend and enhance the understanding of democratic engagement and participation</p> <p>Immigrant Council of Ireland / Public Libraries</p>	<p>Central Library Ilac Centre</p> <p>12.00 – 3.00</p>
Sept 27 – Wed	<p><b>"Memories and Melodies"</b> A musical tour of Richmond Barracks and experience the lost untold chapters of Irish History for older people.</p> <p>Age Friendly, Housing &amp; Community</p>	Richmond Barracks
Sept 28 - Thurs	<p><b>Launch of book "Our Stories"- an Intercultural Storytelling Project</b> The ISP was set up to encourage community building and a two way model of integration between the established communities and the new Irish who are coping to understand the language and culture of their new home.</p> <p>Dublin City Intercultural Language Services</p>	Central Library Ilac Centre
Sept 28 – Thurs	<p><b>"KNOWING DUBLIN"</b> – Public Libraries Launch of an updated guide to how Dublin City Council works; how it achieves its aims and where to find out more about issues that affect all citizens and encourages civic participation.</p>	Central Library Ilac Centre
Sept 28 - Thurs	<p><b>National HIV Conference:</b> HIV Social Inclusion, Stigma &amp; Social Policy 1987-2017 Conference will focus on Irish policy responses to date, gaps and barriers that exist today in responding to rising figures in Ireland and proposed solutions.</p>	Smock Alley Theatre

	<a href="http://www.hivireland.ie">www.hivireland.ie</a>	
Oct 4 - Wed	Photographic exhibition showcasing the social inclusion work being done by the Housing & Community Department throughout the year	Atrium Civic Offices
Oct - tbc	<b>Thrive Program:</b> Multi activities for adults with mental health difficulties.  Dublin City Sports & Well-Being Partnership	tbc
Oct 4 - Wed	<b>"Dear Me" Postcard Campaign</b> Campaign to raise awareness in society of the challenges and difficulties of "coming out".  All Sorts LGBT / Talk About Youth Project / St. Andrew's Resource Centre	Atrium Civic Offices
Oct 20 - Fri	<b>Let's Walk &amp; Talk for Migrants</b> By Eanna Ni Lamhna	11.30 Botanic Gardens
Oct - 11 - 13	<b>Zeminar</b> An Education, Empowerment & Well-Being movement dedicated to GenZ – aged 15-20. This event provides a supportive and innovative environment to highlight and address what really matters to young people in Ireland today. It brings all those invested in the development and well-being of young people to one place.  <a href="http://www.zeminar.ie">www.zeminar.ie</a>	Main Hall, RDS
Oct 19 - Thurs	<b>Diwali - Festival of Lights</b> Festival to celebrate Irish Indian contemporary culture.	City Hall  7 - 10pm
Oct 21 - Sat	<b>Dublin Human Rights Festival:</b> Celebrating human rights in Dublin. Diverse series of workshops, talks, debates and exhibitions. Opportunity to engage with the audiences on issues such as women's rights, LGBTI rights, refugee rights. <a href="http://www.frontlinedefenders.org">www.frontlinedefenders.org</a>	Science Gallery  12 - 6 pm



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