

Arts, Culture, Leisure and Community SPC
Minutes of Meeting held on 25th September, 2013
8:00 a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall

Attendance

Members:

Cllr. Mary Fitzpatrick (Chair)
Cllr. Jim O'Callaghan
Cllr. Gerry Breen
Cllr. Vincent Jackson
Cllr. Séamas McGrattan
Cllr. Padraig McLoughlin
Cllr. Damien O'Farrell
Cllr. Pat Crimmins
Cllr. Henry Upton
Cllr. Seán Paul Mahon
Siobhan Bourke, Irish Theatre Institute
Maurice Ahern, Irish Sports Council
Ciaran Moore, Dublin City Community Forum
Noel Kelly, Visual Artists Ireland
Willie White, Dublin Theatre Festival

Officials present:

Brendan Kenny, Assistant City Manager
Paul Clegg, Executive Manager
Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian
Jim Beggan, Senior Executive Officer
Máire Igoe, Senior Executive Officer
Leslie Moore, Parks Superintendent
Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer
Ruairi O' Cuiv, Public Art Manager
Paula Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer

Other Councillors present:

Cllr. John Gallagher
Cllr. Mannix Flynn

Apologies:

Cllr. Aine Clancy,
John Costello, GAA County Board

The Chair congratulated The Dublin GAA County Board, The Team Manager, Jim Gavin and the Dublin Senior Football Team on winning the All Ireland. The Chair also proposed that a letter of commiserations be sent to the Mayo GAA County Board and the defeated Mayo Football Team.

Action: Agreed

- 1. Minutes of meeting held on 24th July 2013**
Agreed.
- 2. Arts and Culture Sub-Committee**
Draft Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2013
Noted.
- 3. Public Art Advisory Group**
Draft Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2013
Noted.

The Chair enquired if an assessment in relation to the possible relocation of the Molly Malone statue to Henry Street/Moore Street area was carried out in line with the motion passed at the Central Area Committee meeting held on 14th May 2013. The Public Art Manager stated that no such assessment took place.

Action: It was agreed to bring the issue of an assessment of the possible relocation of the Molly Malone statue to Henry St/Moore Street back for further discussions to the next Public Art Advisory Group meeting before any decision is made and report back to this SPC.

Cllr. Flynn suggested that a memorial to commemorate the deceased artist James McKenna to honour his outstanding work should be erected in the city.

4. Commemorative Naming Committee

Draft Minutes of meeting held on 11th September 2013
Noted.

It was suggested that a short biography to honour the 4 remaining names from the shortlist of the naming of the bridge be published in a booklet by the Libraries.

Action: Agreed, City Librarian to arrange.

Cllr. Flynn raised the issue of the removal of a James Joyce Ulysses plaque from the façade of the Ormond Hotel.

Action: Refer to the Planning Department.

5. Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Special Committee

Draft Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2013
Noted.

6. Presentation on the National Public Library Strategy 2013 – 2017 Margaret Hayes, City Librarian

Presentation was welcomed and noted.

Action: The link to the Draft Strategy for Public Libraries 2013 – 2017 public consultation to be circulated to all members.

Noel Kelly, Visual Artists Ireland, commended the presentation and suggested that for such in-depth presentations, that briefing documents be circulated in advance of the meetings and have questions rather than presentations.

Action: Management agreed to take this suggestion on board.

7. Report on filming/promotional activity in the City.

A discussion took place around the introduction of administrative fees for film and T.V. productions. Currently no fees apply (apart from standard charges for road closures). Currently there is very little income generated and the introduction of this fee would go towards the promotion of events and festivals in the city.

It was suggested that protocol/procedures be expanded.

It was agreed that Management would report back to the Committee with a set of categorised fee proposals for approval and also to invite the Irish Film Board to make a presentation at the next meeting.

Action: Report back to Committee with categorised scaled fees.

Invite Irish Film Board to make a presentation at the next meeting prior to the Committee making a decision on the issue.

8. Report on Little Museum of Dublin – Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer

Issues arose regarding the role of this committee in the granting of a Licence to the Little Museum of Dublin. The Asst. City Manager stated that the seven conditions as outlined in the report of the City Arts Officer can be attached to the Licence.

Planning and Development Department should not bring this to the full City Council until these conditions have been satisfied.

Action: The Committee agreed to recommend the Licence Agreement be proceeded with, subject to compliance with the seven points outlined in the report of the City Arts Officer.

9. Motion – Councillor Mannix Flynn

“With regard to the increase in private retail food and other goods markets now present in Dublin and with the recent planning application by Waterways Ireland for new and extended markets on the Grand Canal as well as the near complete rejuvenation of Dublin City Council Fruit and Vegetable market – that this SPC create a sub committee to assess the best practice and delivery of such economic social and cultural infrastructure.”

A discussion took place regarding establishing a sub-committee for markets under the Arts SPC.

The Asst. City Manager stated that this would come under the remit of the Planning and Economic SPC rather than the Arts, Culture Leisure and Community SPC.

Action: Agree the motion, taking on board the Manager’s statement regarding the remit of this SPC and write to the City Manger informing him of this Committee’s support for this motion and seeking a possible re-allocation of the responsibility for the Smithfield Market to this SPC and to keep the Committee informed.

10. Management Update.

Coilín O’Reilly gave an update on the Horse Pound and Seizure Services.

Dublin City Council received a letter from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine recommending that we reduce the number of days horses are retained prior to being reclaimed, from 7 to 5 days. The current average cost per horse seized is approximately €700. The Department have advised that they would be reducing the recouped funding per horse seized to €450 in line with the 5 day horse retention recommendation. The change in retention period will require a change in Dublin City’s Control of Horses Bye-Laws.

Action: Write to the Department of Agriculture, who have taken the decision to cut funding and highlight this Committee’s concerns and the impact this will have on animal welfare.

The Committee agreed that a report on proposed amendment to Control of Horses Bye-Laws be submitted to the City Council for approval, prior to public consultation.

Noel Kelly, Visual Artists Ireland raised the issue of the Jobbridge Scheme and Local Artists and if there was a policy in place regarding the payment of interns.

Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer stated that the matter of pay for such interns is the responsibility of the Department for Social Protection and is based on current welfare payments plus a sum of €50 per week.

Noel Kelly also requested clarification on the status of St. Anne's Park Studios. Ray Yeates, City Arts Officer informed the Committee that a review of the buildings at St. Anne's was carried out and deemed to be not fit for purpose because of the listed nature of the building and the cost of insulation and the very large amounts of money being spent on utilities, the building was ecologically not sustainable. There is a decrease in demand for artist studios because of the availability of space in other areas and economic factors. The Parks Department are reviewing how to restore the building and retain its listed status and have upped its use as art programming as opposed to Artist Studios.

The Committee complimented the Manager on the significant programme of events which took place recently e.g. Flightfest, Screening of the All Ireland in Smithfield, the Dublin Team celebratory "Homecoming", Culture Night etc.

Culture Night in Dublin was a strong success, the Committee agreed that extra supports should be put in place for institutions that are becoming part of Culture Night. The Committee suggested that a review of Culture Night be undertaken and suggested that a national debate should take place to maximise the great impact Culture Night has throughout the country.

It was suggested that the item Management Update be moved further up the Agenda.

Action: Agreed

Cllr. Flynn informed the Committee that it was Irish Sign Language Week and stated that this language should be a recognised language for communication and asked that the Committee support the campaign.

Sub Committees:

A discussion took place regarding the report of the Assistant City Manager on revisions to the Sub Committee structures.

The Committee agreed to accept the revisions at Items 2, 3 and 4 and review Item 1 after a 6 month period.

Action: The relevant sub-committees, at their first meeting of the revised structure, to re-examine their Terms of Reference.
All Terms of References to be circulated to members.

The Chair informed the Committee that due to the resignation of Cllr. Julia Carmichael, a position on the Public Art Advisory Group was vacant and she put herself forward for that position.

Action: Agreed.

Cllr. Upton requested if the starting times for future SPC's could be re-considered.

Action: To be put on the next Agenda.

Next meeting will be Wednesday 27th November 2013 at 8.00 a.m.

Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick
Chairperson

Date: _____

MANAGEMENT UPDATE

ARTS OFFICE

Arts Plan and Cultural Strategy

Work on both documents ongoing to meet target of presentation to SPC meeting in November, 2013.

Job Bridge and Local Arts

1 intern has been placed with a second due to start on the 16th September. Re- advertising for 2 organisations who did not succeed in securing suitable placements previously will take place in September. Discussions are underway with 3 other organisations who have expressed an interest in the process. A Service Level Agreement has been drafted and agreed between the Arts Office, Human Resources and host organisations

Festival Partnerships

The Arts Office in partnership with the Lord Mayor will host a one day gathering of key Dublin Festivals on Thursday the 17th October, in the Mansion House to explore the potential in relation to co-programming and collaboration on artistic content.

Culture Night at the LAB

In addition to the NINE exhibition a programme of workshops for families and young people will take place between 5pm and 10pm on Culture Night, Friday 20th September, 2013. The programme will include work by 2 artists who have completed a residency at Albert Cottages, interpreting in art form their experience of Albert College Park

The LAB Studios

The LAB studios and workshop spaces have continued to see a high level of usage throughout the summer. It was great news to hear that the theatre company **Brokentalkers** production "*Have I No Mouth*" won the Total Theatre award at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The following message was sent by **Brokentalkers** to the Arts Office following their win:

"Thank you so much to all at Dublin City Council for their support we share this award with you"

Brokentalkers received arts grant funding from Dublin City Council and were also awarded our Incubation Award that provided them with the use of our incubation space here at the LAB to develop and research new work. Brokentalkers spent several weeks in 2012 developing their award winning production at the LAB.

The LAB Gallery

Our NINE exhibition continues at the Lab Gallery until October, 2013. The exhibition includes works by Irish artists **Alan Butler, Aideen Barry, Maeve Clancy, Sam Keogh** and designer **Oonagh Young**. NINE explores a pivotal developmental time in a child's life. This is identified as the age when children are expanding their ideas about the world and becoming autonomous human beings, yet still need lots of security and reassurance from their family group. A special series of talks and workshops will take place around the theme of the exhibition for families, schools and artists.

Public Art

The roll out of Dublin City Public Art Programme continues with commissions by Sven Anderson, Julie Merriman and Theatre Club in progress. Contracts have been signed with Wide Open Opera to develop five 'pop-up operas' on the theme of a 'Day in the Life of Dublin' which will be performed in areas with high footfall, e.g. shopping centres, stations, public spaces, etc in summer 2014. The statue of *Philip Lynott* was reinstated in August and the sculpture *Trace* by Grace Weir has now been dismantled by heritage contractors and is safely in storage while new traffic layout is being constructed to facilitate the Luas Cross City works. The sculpture will be reinstated on a new traffic island at the same location.

Children's Art in Libraries

The summer programme saw artists working with children from under 5 up to 12 years of age, in libraries across the city. The artists included among others the award winning **Theatre Lovett** who told fantastic Fables, Tales and Tall Stories in Coolock, Rathmines and Pearse Street, visual artist **Maeve Clancy** and Soprano **Cliona Cassidy** who supported children in Ballyfermot library to create their own paper set for an opera based on the story of Pinocchio and musician **Eamon Sweeney** who brought children on a musical storytelling adventure in Cabra and Terenure. **Margaret Callan Bergin** created Dublin Fairytales in Finglas and Donaghmede through drama and creative writing. **Aine Ivers** explored primitive art-making in the Central Library. Children developed their 3-D installation and printmaking with artist **Elaine Leader** in Raheny and Marino. **Michelle Browne** drew inspiration from the action painting of Jackson Pollock and Kline to explore different approaches to drawing in Walkinstown and Chareville Mall Libraries.

The **Children's Art in Libraries** series continues with an autumn programme that includes **Journeys through Space and Time** with artist **Kitty Rogers**, where children will have the opportunity to make their own inventions for space and time travel and **Grainne Mhaol – The Pirate Queen** with artists **Gabrielle Breathnach and Bryan Borroughs**, a specially commissioned interactive storytelling event, where children will explore the world of this very Irish Heroine.

Northside Music Festival 2013

This year's Northside Music Festival featured a family and young people focused music programme across several Northside venues. Music was provided by local and national bands and featured Irish Trad, Reggae, Rock, Hip-Hop and children's drumming workshops. The festival opened with An Urban Fleadh at Wolfe Tone Square. A review of the programme will take place as part of our programme planning for 2014.

Opera in the Open

Opera in the Open has successfully concluded its 14th season. In addition to the regular programme of lunchtime performances in August, additional programming was provided in June in Merrion Square. Due to inclement weather, one event programmed for the Civic Offices Amphitheatre was Re-located to Meeting House Square, this alternative venue working very successfully. The Lord Mayor launched our first ever programme, on sale for €2, detailing synopsis and cast biographies for our entire season.

Profits from the sale of this programme are due to go to the Lord Mayor's preferred charities - Temple Street University Hospital, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin and The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght.

Further opera events were programmed for inclusion in Dublin Gardens Squares Day on Saturday 14th September in Mountjoy Square and Merrion Square.

Cinemagic International Film Festival for Young People - Junior Festival programme

As part of this programme the Arts Office supported the delivery of a schools workshop programme (for under 12s) and screenings of films for young people throughout Dublin. The schools film and television workshops focused on natural history, zoology, entomology, biodiversity, meteorology, landscapes and space exploration to inspire motivate and educate the young people participating in film.

Red Stables and North Bull Island

The Red Stables Art and Ecology Summer School took place in St. Anne's Park and North Bull Island. The summer school included **'Biosphere Interactions'** an afternoon of talks on various art and ecology themes and a walk on Bull Island. It also featured Jenny Brady's short film, **Carve Up** that drew on questions around the nature and conception of species with a focus on the wild orchids growing on Bull Island. The film was recently accepted for the next **Tulca** Visual Art Festival in Galway. As part of her research, Jenny engaged with orchid specialist, Brendan Sayers who conducted an orchid walk on Bull Island. Volunteers from the **Bull Island Action Group**, a local voluntary group who meet once a month to clean Bull Island, took part in her film. **'The Interpretive Project'** was collaboration between Rhona Byrne, Vaari Claffey and Ciara Moore. The artists hosted a live event at the Interpretive Centre on Bull Island. Dancers from the **Showtime Theatre Group**, a local theatre group based in Clontarf, participated in the performance which was choreographed by Janna Kemperman.

Family Drop in Art Workshops and Children's Summer Camp

Family drop in art workshops facilitated by Mary Noonan took place every Saturday in The Tack Room at Red Stables during July and August, with a focus on a different theme each week relating to nature and St. Anne's Park. Over 260 children took part in the 5 day summer camp facilitated by Martina Galvin in August that involved making art relating to the diverse ecology of North Bull Island.

Residential Spaces

Studios at Red Stables

Kevin Kirwan was selected for The Irish Residential Artists' Studio Award and will be using the coming year at The Red Stables to develop and produce a new body of work using image, video, text and sculpture. He will be using St. Anne's Park as a starting point to explore modes of representation, photographic processes and object making. Tyna Ontko a USA based print maker, in association with Black Church Print Studio, was resident in The International Artists' Studio for the month of July.

St Patrick's Lodge and Albert Cottages

St. Patrick's Lodge has been fully booked for July and August with Temple Bar Gallery & Studios and the Irish Writers Centre taking up residence. Mark Clare took up residence in 7 Albert Cottages in July for 12 months. Ed Devine and Dáinne Níc Aoidh completed their 13 month residency in 6 Albert Cottages at the end of August. Artist Margaret O'Brien starts her residency in September. St Patricks Lodge had a memorable visit by Mrs Breda Porter from Canada and her twin brother, Seamus Murphy, who resides in Dublin. Breda and Seamus are the two remaining children of James Murphy, Head Gardener at St Patrick's Park from 1935 to 1959.

Units 3 & 4 James Joyce Street

Unit 3 is currently occupied by Paul McAree until May 2014. Paul and a collective of artists will be using the space to showcase 6 exhibitions and projects under the gallery name FLOOD which focus on social and political issues, as well as asking important questions about current practices in contemporary art.

Unit 4 is occupied by Marisa Ronan, Cultúr Lab Founder, collaboration between UCD and Dublin City Council to create a project that will champion Ireland's intellectual and cultural capital. The long-term goal is to establish a collaborative space and events programming venue in the heart of the city that will champion the role of cultural and creative production for Irish Society. Cultúr Lab will house cultural start-ups and provide space for grassroots arts projects to grow. The venue hopes to be a hothouse for intellectual and cultural activity and will host talks, seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions, and performances. It will act as a centre for Irish creativity, championing collaboration between established and grass roots initiatives, showcasing the breath of intellectual and cultural activity whilst nurturing start-ups and building a creative innovation network.

Eblana House

Basic Space is a Contemporary Art Practice Group based in Dublin and currently operating from its gallery and studio space at Marrowbone Lane. They took up residence in Marrowbone Lane in March and they offer support to artists in 3 different strands:

1. A core group of Studio Artists make use of the space on a permanent basis as an open plan communal workspace.
2. Artists can make use of the space as short-term work/exhibition space. Project Artists are appointed by invitation or on the strength and suitability of their proposal.
3. Basic Space Projects/Exhibitions are curated and developed by the Basic Space team.

Cork Street.

After a well attended Viewing Day, interviews are taking place with shortlisted applicants for these restored buildings.

DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVE

Presentation for information re National Public Library Strategy 2013 – 2017

1. KPIs for the first six months of the year, Open 145 days

- 1,318,557 visits were made.
- 1,290,015 items were loaned.
- 505,595 virtual visits were made.
- 245,524 internet access sessions availed of.

2. Children's Summer Reading programme

Going Places with Books – Summer Reading Buzz 2013 ran in all Dublin City Public Libraries during July and August and also in libraries in the three other Dublin local authorities and in Longford and Kildare. The scheme encouraged children to read 10 books during the summer holidays and was supported by a packed programme of activities and events themed on books, stories and fairytales.

6,000 membership cards for the reading programme were distributed in Dublin City libraries and schools during June, July and August. In September, each Dublin City branch library will hold a prize draw and a family ceremony to award certificates of participation in the Reading Buzz to children. A report on the reading programme, including detailed figures of participation, will be available in October.

In tandem with this, the Summer Reading Project Team from the six participating local authorities, have compiled a list of 'Reading Champions' i.e. famous people who support and promote reading for children. This will be promoted later in the year via print and web.

3. Genealogy Open Days in Dublin City Library and Archive

Three free 'Trace your family tree' open days took place in Dublin City Library and Archive, Pearse Street on 26th July, 9th and 16th August from 10.30 until 4.30.

Several professional genealogists offered people one-to-one help and advice on their genealogical research and carried out searches for them on various online genealogical resources. Five genealogical organisations hosted information stands at the open days to promote their work, and also offered advice on family history research.

Library staff promoted the genealogical and local studies collections in the Dublin City Library and Archive and many people applied for Research cards for the Reading Room while they were waiting to speak to a genealogist.

Attendance: 232 people attended the 3 sessions.

The open days proved very popular with Dubliners and visitors, with people from USA, Canada, the UK, and South Africa availing of the service. Tourists included 5 families from the USA (including one woman who came straight off the plane!)

4. The Dublin Festival of History

This first city-wide Festival of History will take place in Dublin Castle and city libraries from 26th September to 9th October 2013. Headline speakers include Simon Schama, Jung Chang, Tom Holland, Richard Overy and a keynote address by Baron Roy Hattersley on the Shared Heritage of Britain and Ireland. Well known Irish historians, Margaret MacCurtain, Jane Ohlmeyer, Padraig Yeates and Patrick Geoghegan are also participating while Myles Dungan, Ryan Tubridy, John Bowman, Joe Duffy and Caitriona Crowe are among the moderators for events.

All lectures are free with online booking available on the festival website www.dublinfestivalofhistory.ie using the Entertainment.ie booking facility.

Interest in history is reflected citywide in library loans and reference enquiries at Pearse Street library and Archive which totalled in excess of 100,000 activities in 2012.

5. Heritage Week and Autumn Programme

Over 40 events were organised throughout the branch network as part of Heritage Week, 17th to 25th August. The Autumn Programme was launched and among the highlights are:

- Culture Night, Friday 20th September - Rathmines Library and Marino Library are taking part in addition to Pearse Street, and Coolock Library will host a 'Culture Afternoon'.
- Open House 4th - 6th October - Rathmines Library will take part
- Start Your Own Business – this popular programme returns to the Central Library, from 26th September to the end of October.
- Maths Week - 12th to 20th October – a programme of events in selected branch libraries.
- Children's Book Festival - Month of October – an extensive programme of events in all branch libraries.

- Children's Art in Libraries - an Arts Office programme - in selected branch libraries during October and November.
- Anne Frank + You - a major exhibition from the Anne Frank Trust U.K. - will be in Dublin City Library & Archive Exhibition Room from 23rd October to 27th November - open to the public and for bookings from schools.
- 'Crime in the City' - a series of talks by Irish writers of crime fiction and non-fiction - Thursdays in October.
- 'Rathmines 100' - an extensive programme of events marking 100 years of library service in Rathmines - October.
- As part of the Dublin Book Festival - five authors will visit five of our branch libraries, 14th & 15th November.
- Science Week - 10th - 17th November - an extensive programme of science related events throughout our branch libraries.

6. City Library, Parnell Square Cultural Quarter

Communications – Consultations

The report of the 1st phase consultation process has been completed and the results will inform the brief for the design team. Work on a dedicated website for the project is underway: the website is expected to go live in October.

7. Ballyfermot Library

The official opening of Ballyfermot Library by the Lord Mayor took place on 17th September.

8. Archives

The Dublin City Archaeological Archive [DCAA] was established in July 2008, under the joint management of Dublin City Archaeology, Dublin City Archives and Dublin City Council's Heritage Office. The DCAA's remit is to preserve records arising from archaeological investigations conducted in Dublin City by archaeologists working in the private sector, with special reference to excavations carried out before 2004. Collections are deposited on the basis that they will be held on closed access for three years. The first collections, 25 in total, will be formally opened by the Lord Mayor on 18th of September.

9. Dublin UNESCO City of Literature

Dublin UNESCO City of Literature Office has organised a series of *Great Writing Great Places* events this autumn starting on 24th September with *Blood on the Page* in the Irish Architectural Archive on Merrion Sq.

Author P.D. James will talk to Declan Burke in the Exam Hall in Trinity about *Death Comes to Pemberley* - her homage to Jane Austen.

A unique opportunity to visit Oscar Wilde's childhood home at 1 Merrion Square is on 22nd October when Jarlath Killeen talks about Oscar, Lady Wilde and Merrion Square. *Dublin on a Plate* at Le Pont restaurant will feature Rosanne Hewitt-Cromwell (author and food blogger), Bidy White Lennon, (author and food writer) and Gillian Nelis (Managing Editor with The Sunday Business Post) discuss the art of food writing, while the audience tuck in to a main course, dessert, tea and coffee. *Looking to the Stars* is an event on 19th November in the Royal Society of Antiquaries where literary stars of the future will introduce their work. With the exception of the food event, all events are free.

TOURISM PROMOTION AND EVENTS

Post Event Updates:

The Laya Healthcare Street Performance World Championships

The Laya Healthcare Street Performance World Championships took place in Merrion Square Park from the 12th July to 14th July 2013 with over 200,000 in attendance on both days. A world record, as part of the Ministry of Silly Ideas, was set on the 14th July for the most water balloons thrown at one person at one time. 1200 people threw water balloons at Ray D'Arcy to make this world record happen. An Irish Act, Lords of Strut, Cork's comedy acrobatic duo were voted World Champion by the public, this is the second time an Irish Act has won the title during the 8 years of this event. This Irish Act beat off stiff competition from other international finalists from 9 countries including Australia, USA, Hungary and Japan.

The Dublin Rose Festival

The Annual Rose Festival took place in St. Anne's Park, Raheny from the 20th July to 21st July 2013 attracting up to 5,000 people on both days. This family fun filled event included horticultural, art and craft trade stalls, live music, archaeology workshops, animal farm, bouncy castles, face painting, climbing tower and much more.

Rock n' Roll Marathon

The inaugural Rock 'n' Roll Dublin Half Marathon benefiting Serious Fun Children's Network took place on Monday, 5th of August, with over 5,000 athletes from 52 countries taking on the 13.1 mile challenge. Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport Leo Varadkar took to the start line to mark the official start of the race, along with Rock 'n' Roll Dublin Half Marathon ambassadors Roz Purcell and Ciaran Whelan, along with 3300 other Irish participants from all over the country. This event attracted over 1,000 participants from the U.S. Everyone got to experience some of the city's historic landmarks: setting off from St Stephen's Green South, runners headed by St Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church, down the quay's past the Guinness Brewery, up into Phoenix Park, past Kilmainham Gaol with a fast finish back to the National Concert Hall on Earlsfort Terrace. Bands kept runners moving along the course and to the finish line festival where the Delorentos rocked the crowds. It is proposed to have this as an annual event and is supported by Failte Ireland.

Dublin City Liffey Swim

The 94th Dublin City Liffey Swim took place on Saturday 24th August with 335 participants. The men's swimming race started at 12.30pm at the Loop Line Bridge with 219 men taking part. Ciaran O'Driscoll from Half Moon Swimming Club in Great South Wall in Dublin won the men's race with an impressive time of 26.16 minutes. The women's race followed an hour later with 116 women taking part. Gina Murphy from Glenalbyn Masters in Stillorgan, Co Dublin crossed the winning line at the East Link Toll Bridge after only 32.22 minutes.

A special presentation with the Lord Mayor took place on the Cill Airne at 3.15pm when the winners were awarded their winners cups as well as a print of the historic 1923 Jack B Yeats painting titled "The Liffey Swim."

The infectious atmosphere of the swim was carried on in "The Liffey Living Festival" presented by Dublin City Council in Grand Canal Dock where they were treated to an evening of free family activities such as giant sized street games, a live band "The Ships", ambient DJ and a specially erected floating open-air cinema, showing the classic movie "The Swimmer"!

Riverdance - The Gathering

This event took place in the City Centre from the 15th to the 21st of July with a series of events celebrating Irish dance. On Saturday 20th July an evening concert on Merrion Square West took place with music performances and screening of selected highlights of Riverdance through the years, a family fun day also took place within the park. The event concluded on the 21st July with a successful attempt to set a new world record for the longest riverdance line. Lead by Jean Butler and Padraic Moyles, the Riverdance line featuring 1,693 dancers from 44 countries stretching for 1km along the banks of the river Liffey. The dancers were watched by an audience of thousands as they danced for 5 continuous minutes in an unbroken line into the record books

Upcoming Events in the City Sept - Dec:

The Calendar of Festivals & Events for the balance of the year will continue with many more exciting festivals and events, including gatherings events taking place through the rest of the year. We continue to drive and promote a host of events in Dublin City, improving the experience of the City for visitors and residents, bringing animation and vibe to the City's streets and providing safe, exciting and quality entertainment with something for all ages and cultures to enjoy.

Upcoming Events – September – December 2013.

Date	Event	Description
01/09/2013	Rahayatra – Festival of Chariots	Annual Parade / Festival for Kishna consciousness
01/09/2013	All-Ireland Football Semi-Final	GAA All-Ireland Football Semi-Finals
10/9/2013	Grant Thornton 5K Run	Athletics Association of Ireland in partnership with Grant Thornton held their annual corporate team challenge event. Over 700 teams ran the 5K route mainly in Docklands Area North and South Quays with the event starting on City Quay at 7.30 and finishing at the same location.
13/9/2013 – 14/9/2013	Harvest Festival	Dublin Community Growers are hosting their annual Harvest Festival in Wolfe Tone Park, Jervis Street, Dublin 1 on Saturday 14th September from 12 – 5 pm to demonstrate the benefits of organic food. There is free entry into the event which will provide a variety of entertainment. The festival will also feature workshops on bee keeping and apple pressing which will allow adults and children to make their own apple juice using apples collected from trees all over the city. Attendees are also welcome to bring their own apples for juicing. In addition, there will be an opportunity for everyone to get their hands dirty in seed bomb and grass head making.

13/9/2013	Dublin Civic Trust – Garden Squares Day	Walking Tours around Merrion Square Parnell Square and Mountjoy Square Parks. Opera in the Open series will also take place in Merrion Square and Mountjoy Square Park as part of this event.
15/9/2013	Flight Fest Irish Aviation Authority	FlightFest is a once-in-a Lifetime, international fly past event taking place between 12 noon to 6 p.m. with a potential audience capacity of 100,000 approx. The event will involve more than 40 aircraft from Ireland and abroad flying along the path of the River Liffey between Eastlink Toll Bridge and the Matt Talbot Bridge. Free Family Fun Day spectacular flight past of aircraft in the City with street entertainment. The type of aircraft includes Boeing 727, the Airbus A320, A321, A300, A330 and A340. The Irish Air Corp and royal Air force will also participate and spectators will enjoy a variety of helicopters and vintage aircraft including the World War II Spitfire and the B-17 Flying Fortree. There will also be on street theatre, kid's zones and Fun-Fair activity.
18/9/2013	Ranelagh Arts Festival (11 days)	Ranelagh Gardens – A series of short plays as part of the Ranelagh Arts Festival
20/9/2013	Culture Night – Outdoor spaces – South Frederick Street Blue Fire Events – Wolfe Tone Square	City Centre mainly indoor venues Themed night of singers dances, music & art Music Event
20/09/2013	Dublin Parking Day	Parking Day is an annual worldwide event where artists, designers and citizens transform metered parking spots into temporary public parks. Over 180 cities now take part. It is about creating awareness of sustainable travel and the need for better streets and public spaces. Consistently the cities with the most liveable streets are rated as the best cities to live and do business in. Good quality public spaces also make people healthier and happier. 15 spaces were used last year and it is hoped to increase the number of spaces to 30 this year.
22/09/2013	All Ireland Football Finals	Croke Park
05/10/2013	ICTU-Lockout Commemoration	Event marking the arrival of food ship SS Hare – Comprising of re-enactment of the ships arrival in 1913 with an evening of storytelling about the river and its role in people's lives living close to it.

6/10/2013	Charme Dublin	5K & 10K Run in St. Annes Park
10/10/2013	Autism Ireland	Decoration of Ha'penny Bridge with Roses for Autism Ireland
12/10/2013	Maths week – Waterford IT	Engaging members of the public with fun ways of promoting maths and the importance of maths through puzzles and games.
13/10/2013	Torch of Hope Relay – Arc Cancer Support Centre	Relay walking event two starting points Bullock Harbour and Howth Harbour meeting Samuel Beckett Bridge at approx 6 p.m. Closing ceremony in CHQ building.
26/28/10/2013	Bram Stoker Festival	Dublin City will celebrate the life, work and legacy of Irish horror novelist Bram Stoker and his gothic novel ' <i>Dracula</i> '.
27/10/2013	Airtricity Marathon Breakfast Run	Docklands Area short run.
28/10/2013	Airtricity Dublin Marathon	Dublin City Marathon Start/Finish Area Merrion Square
29/10/2013	Dublin Web Summit Food Fair – Herbert Park	Food Fair for 8000 delegates taking part in Dublin Web Summit being held in the RDS
13/11/2013	Run for Mark in the Dark	5K & 10K charity run Docklands Area
23/11/2013	Clontarf Half Marathon	Half Marathon and 10Km Run.
24/11/2013	Defence Forces Ceremony	Garden of Remembrance
24/11/2013	Lord Mayors Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony O'Connell Street	Family Fun event and street entertainment to switch on the Christmas Tree light on O'Connell Street
8/12/2013	Santa Dash Dollymount Beach	Charity run
18/12/2013	Focus Ireland Christmas Trees Lighting Ceremony top of Grafton Street	Charity event with celebrity and music
21/12/2013	City of Dublin Solstice Celebration Smithfield Square	Family festival with street entertainers, story telling music and refreshments.
31/12/2013	NYE Festival	New Years Eve outdoor Concert and street entertainment.

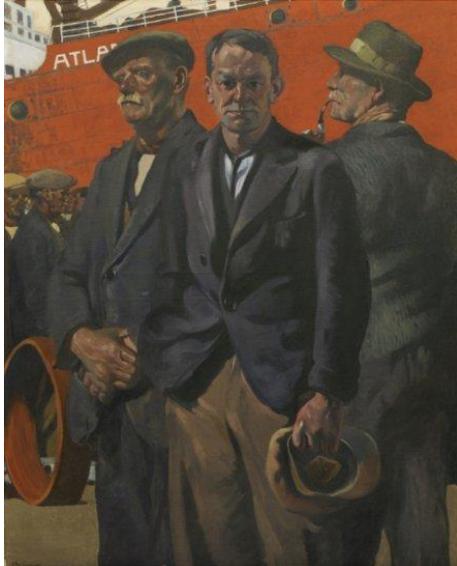
Summary Table of Guidelines and Processes Review:

Item	Status	Comments
Street Performance Bye-Laws 2013	Draft Bye-Laws Completed	Approved by City Council on the 2nd September to go to public consultation.
Lightpole Banner Guidelines	Guidelines prepared	Approved by City Council on the 2nd September.

DUBLIN CITY GALLERY THE HUGH LANE

Dublin Divided: September 1913

26th September 2013 – 2nd February 2014



Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane is pleased to present the exhibition, *Dublin Divided: September 1913*, marking the centenary of the Dublin Lockout of 1913.

Dublin Divided: September 1913 provides an opportunity to reflect on the different agendas of the individuals involved in that momentous and bitter dispute and explore how the history of the Gallery was interwoven with the Lockout. The workers' leader, James Larkin, though raised in poverty, appreciated art and beauty and sought the cultural as well as economic and social liberation of the manual labourer. Seán O'Casey noted that Larkin wanted the rose along with the loaf of bread on a worker's table.

The exhibition features paintings, sculpture and drawings by artists including John Lavery, Sarah Purser, John and Jack B. Yeats, Casimir Markievicz, Auguste Rodin, Sarah Cecilia Harrison, Maurice MacGonigal and Louis le Brocqy. 78 works have been prepared by conservation for this exhibition.

Dublin Divided: September 1913 is curated by Margarita Cappock. A fully illustrated catalogue will be available with essays by Padraig Yeats, Margarita Cappock and Helen Carey.

**Education Events:
UCD Lecture Series**



Hugh Lane in conjunction with UCD
Autumn 2013, 2pm-4pm

8-week course, 8 lectures in total

Title: *Lockout 1913*

Description: Taking the exhibition *Lockout 1913* as a starting point, this lecture series will examine significant artistic, social and political movements in Ireland during this period. 1913 was a complex and controversial year in both the history of Ireland and in the establishment of The Hugh Lane Gallery itself, making for a unique and poignant venue to tell the visual story of this turbulent time. Features slide illustrated lectures, Gallery tours, tutorial sessions and behind the scenes tours.

Location: Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane

Course organised by: Sile McNulty-Goodwin, Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane.

Sunday Lectures: Have been extremely well attended, with last Sunday's lecture on the Pre-Raphaelites having a full house.



Talks and Events for Dublin Divided :September 1913

A full schedule of talks and events has been organised relating to the Lockout and our exhibition *Dublin Divided: September 1913* running from September to February 2014. These include Sunday lectures, workshops and coffee conversations.

Joe Duffy Lecture: As part of the *Dublin Divided* Lecture series, RTÉ presenter Joe Duffy will deliver a lecture on 3rd November at 3pm entitled 'James Connolly: Cause before Comfort'.

Children's Summer Camps & Workshops ran throughout July and August. They were all fully booked. September will see special workshops in conjunction with Flight Fest, Dublin Garden Squares Day and Culture Night.



Free Sunday Sketching: for children will continue every Sunday at 3pm throughout September, after a short break in August.

Tiny Tots courses: A new four week course started on 3 September.

Portfolio Classes: We have two new Portfolio Courses starting on 15 September, both of which sold out rapidly.

Adult Classes: We have three new classes commencing on 14 September which are nearly fully booked, (Life Drawing, Painting, and Drawing).

Free Sunday Focus Tours: Every Sunday at 3pm in August we had free focus tours of Claremont House, Bacon Studio, The Municipal Gallery Revisited Exhibition, Irish Art and the Impressionists which proved highly popular.

Coffee Conversations: due to popular demand and by the request of regular attendees the coffee conversations continued every Wednesday throughout July. They took a break for August but have started again in September with great attendance.

Flight Fest Art Competition 2013

The Flight Fest children's art competition takes place every year and this year the finalists' pieces will be displayed in the Hugh Lane education space for a week, from Friday 13th September. We are also running a workshop in conjunction with the festival On Saturday 14th September. Thousands of people are expected to come to the city for the festival and the art competition display should be a draw for the Gallery.



Sleepwalkers

The Hugh Lane continues its programme of showcasing diverse contemporary art practice with Sleepwalkers. The *Production as Process* phase of the Sleepwalkers ended on 26 June followed by two solo exhibitions by **Sean Lynch** and **Lee Welch**, which are running from 10 July to 29 September.

A blow-by-blow account of stone carving in Oxford explores the work of 19th century stone carvers John and James O'Shea whose work can be seen in Dublin (e.g. The Museum Building, Trinity College) and Oxford. Lynch's exhibition features a carving of a monkey within an architectural setting, completed by carver Stephen Burke in the tradition of the O'Sheas, alongside a slide installation exploring the work and legacy of the O'Sheas. Sean Lynch's exhibition will tour to Modern Art Oxford in early 2014.

Welch's exhibition reflects his interest in how environments filter perceptions. Gallery 8 was painted with a series of vertical stripes which transformed the gallery and the viewer's perception of it. A series of events – both within and outside The Hugh Lane – has been organised by the artist and all are welcome to participate.



Gallery events include **Tai chi classes** with Natalia Krause at midday on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, an artist's talk on 17 July, and a Sunday concert featuring Sean Carpio on 1 September. Off-site events include an installation on Francis Street, Dublin 8, the *Ulysses* reading Group at Sweny's Pharmacy, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2 and a performance at on Royal Hibernian Way, Dublin 2.

'Lee Welch: Two exercises in awareness and observation on view at Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane', [artdaily.com: http://artdaily.com/news/64112/Lee-Welch--Two-exercises-in-awareness-and-observation-on-view-at-Dublin-City-Gallery-The-Hugh-Lane](http://artdaily.com/news/64112/Lee-Welch--Two-exercises-in-awareness-and-observation-on-view-at-Dublin-City-Gallery-The-Hugh-Lane)

Culture Night



There will be a series of events this coming Culture Night, 20th September 2013. The community radio station **Near FM** will be broadcasting live from the Gallery on the night, and interviewing locals and staff members from the Parnell Square area. The Gallery will host a night of activities for all ages, including:

- Tours of the Gallery and exhibitions
- Workshops for children
- Drawing stations – areas for visitors to sketch the collection
- Tai Chi as part of the ongoing Sleepwalkers exhibition
- Tours of the building and the collection
- Live music by Deborah and Katie
- As part of the Family Culture Trail, visitors will discover Auguste Renoir's masterpiece Les Parapluies.

PARKS AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES

Bull Island UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

The UNESCO Biosphere Reserve designation on the Bull Island is an important conservation status which acknowledges the need for integrated economic, social and environmental development. The promotion of the Biosphere reserve status is important for local communities and business but also to promote the 'green credentials' of the City.

A feasibility study is being procured to assess the potential for increasing the visitor numbers to the interpretive centre, which potentially could become quite a significant visitor attraction for the city. Both Failte Ireland and Dublin Port Company have agreed to partner the City Council on the feasibility study.

Dublin Port Company has also announced significant funding from a 'community gain' fund for the Bull Island which will also fund the recommendations of the feasibility study. They are also proposing to transfer their lands adjoining the Bull wall to the City Council.

Open Space Strategy

Geographic Information Systems mapping of parks/open space and green infrastructure is progressing. A questionnaire is available on line as part of the public consultation process to gather the thoughts of park users and to inform the strategy. This is available at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/parks/parks-questionnaire>

Dollymount Beach:

Beach Cleaning: The daily maintenance during the bathing season includes both manual and mechanical beach cleaning and sand raking. Bins are emptied as required.

Algae on the Beach: Ectocarpus algae has been an ongoing challenge all summer long as the weather conditions have resulted in it continually being washed ashore, the overall

volume, results from factors such as level of sunshine, water temperature and nutrient availability. The algae is gathered and allowed to drain for a period and dried in line with National Parks and Wildlife Service guidelines and is used to repair and reinforce dune systems.

Invasive Species: In line with Wildlife/Nature Conservation Legislation a programme has been implemented to remove Sea Buckthorn from the island. In cooperation with Royal Dublin Golf Course and St. Anne's Golf Course, work continues on eliminating this invasive species with considerable success; however it will take some years before it will be completely eradicated.

Showers: Improvements to the facilities at the beach in 2013 included the installation of 2 beach showers. These were installed on a pilot basis and subject to further assessment consideration will be given to the installation of some additional units in 2014.

Life Guard Stations: Given the excellent summer weather the number of hours worked by the life guards in August was extended and this will be considered for future years depending on the level of use of the beach for bathing. A new life guard boat is also being procured for 2014.

Water Quality: During the 2013 bathing season all water quality readings on Dollymount Beach were within both national Blue Flag standards.

SPORT AND LEISURE SERVICES

Swimming Pools refurbishment project.

The tender submissions have been received and reviewed. A contractor has been selected based on the tender submissions. The contractor will be advised shortly of the acceptance of their tender and the unsuccessful contractors will be so advised. The next step will be to discuss with the successful contractor the specifics of moving onto the three sites and the timeline for the works programme.

Sports and Recreation

Annual Older Persons sports day organised by the Sports and Recreation Officers will take place in Ballyfermot Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25th September 2013 from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm. The Lord Mayor will launch the event at 10.15am

Sport Development

The Lord Mayors 5 Alive Challenge – We are in discussions with the Lord Mayor with a view to organising this challenge again in 2014. The challenge in 2013 involved recruiting 200 people to participate in five 5k races. In 2013 the challenge proved to be both extremely popular and successful with the participating numbers remaining high through the five races.

Recreation Centre Summer Camps 2013

- 13 venues across City.
- Average length of summer camp – 6 weeks
- Approximately 40 local volunteers involved across city – (3 Volunteers per centre)
- 46 summer (staff) students involved
- 51 Full time DCC staff
- Number of trips made 234
- Age range of children 6 - 16

Venues for trips:

- Tayto Park
- Fort Lucan
- Rathbeggan Lakes
- Bray
- Dublin Zoo
- Dun Laoghaire
- Sea Safari
- Newgrange Farm
- Malahide Demesne
- Aviva Stadium
- Fantasia Waterpark
- Clara Lara
- Speedboating
- Kylemore Karting
- Cosy Farm
- Swimming Pools (City Council facilities)

In house activities

- Pool Competition
- Arts & Crafts
- Discos
- Indoor Soccer
- Magic Shows (mammy & baby)
- All Weather Soccer
- Hip Hop Dancing Classes

Value for Money

- Each centre granted €1,923 for Bus Trips
- Average cost per trip (child) €5 (heavily subsidised by DCC)
- Many trips given free
- Approximate number of children in summer camps - 910
- Average of 70 children per centre
- 90% of summer camps were cashless transactions with suppliers, so no money was held onsite.

**CAUSEWAY “MAD 4 SPORTS” BRITISH IRISH EXCHANGE YOUTH PROGRAMME
4TH - 7TH JULY 2013**

Dublin City Council, Sports Development Section completed a Causeway Youth Exchange on the 7th of July. The Causeway Exchange Programme has been developed as a means of helping to strengthen and improve relationships between young people on the islands of Britain and Ireland. Youth Groups from Dublin, Omagh & Warrington, areas which were affected by the troubles in the past seen twenty six young people take part in four days of action packed days of Sports, Physical, Educational & Cultural activities across Dublin.

The group were treated to a presentation by Olympians Paddy Barnes & Michael Conlon at the Aviva Stadium which was followed by a questions and answers and training session with another Olympic Medalist, Michael Carruth and his team of Boxing in the Community Officers who are part funded by Dublin City Council. The young people gave a power point presentation in the press conference room of the Aviva which had been compiled on the weeks leading to the Dublin visit. The group participated in activities such as football, power

boating, pier jumping, physical training session at the Hi Performance Gym at the National Boxing Stadium; muscular endurance, cardio vascular, flexibility and body composition, running trails along the liffey and in the Phoenix Park, viking cultural tour and a walk through Dublin City.

On the final day the groups were taken on a visit to Croke Park where our national sport was highlighted for the first time to many of the Warrington Group with the skyline tour. The group also attended Croke Park to see Dublin win the Leinster Hurling Final.

Derek Ahern, DCC, Sports Development Officer & Causeway Exchange Co-ordinator says the group behaved impeccably however the positive intensity of activities over the four days didn't leave much scope for energy during free time. The memories and friendships that occurred naturally despite the cultural difference of the groups during the four days in Dublin will live on with this being the first stage of this tri-lateral exchange programme. The young people developed on so many levels which makes events like this so worthwhile. A great working relationship has started with our partners and in light of all the recent trouble in Northern Ireland, it's refreshing for young people to be involved in something so positive.

Below is a link about the visit to the Aviva on the first day;

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5SftAQhOhY>

CABRA FOR YOUTH TAKE TO WATER FOR SUMMER 2013

CABRA. for Youth over the last few years recognised an interest in water based activities and as a result explored the development of the use of Royal Canal. The Cabra Step Up Project (Garda Youth Diversion Programme), which is part financed by the European Union; and received funding through the European Social Fund to purchase Kayaks to deliver kayaking activities along the Royal Canal adjacent to the Cabra area. The vision for this initiative is to promote and develop interest in kayaking, to learn new skills whilst availing of a local amenity at the Royal Canal.

Since the start of the summer a number of young people have had experience of kayaking on the canal and many have expressed interest in participating in more water based activities locally. Some young people participating in the kayaking taster sessions will now progress on to a Level 2 course in Kayaking, Co- funded by the European Social Fund through the Irish Youth Justice Service which is the executive office of the Dept of Justice and Law Reform.

Feedback regarding this initiative has been extremely positive with one local resident commenting that it was great to see young people being able to make use of a local amenity such as the Royal Canal in a positive way. Feedback from the young participants has also been very favourable with one participant saying "It's great to have the opportunity to be able to do water based activities in our own area. My friends and I are really enjoying taking part in this project."

The group expressed their gratitude to Maz Reilly Sports Development Officer, Dublin City Council, Waterways Ireland and our funders for assisting and supporting CABRA For Youth Ltd in getting this programme operational. It is hoped that this programme will encourage community support and aid further developments for both the local canal and wider water based activities. We ask for your continued support.

CABRA for Youth is a community youth service based in Cabra Parkside Community and Sports Centre funded by Young Peoples Facilities and Service Fund through the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. CABRA for Youth also includes a Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme (12-17 years) "Cabra Step Up Project". A range of services are delivered to

young people of the area. These include group work, one-to-one support, issue based programmes, seasonal events and outreach services for young people aged from 10-21years living in the Cabra area.

BALLYMUN DUATHLON

Ballymun Regeneration Limited and Dublin City Council Sports Development Officers organised a duathlon on Saturday the 6th of July. There were 200 participants registered for the event. As hoped the day turned out to be a great success and an extremely proud day for Ballymun. This event came from the dedication and enthusiasm of Rosie King Sports and Recreation Officer with Ballymun Regeneration Limited, Gerard Prendergast from J.R Bootcamp, Ciara Lowry from An Garda Síochána, Eileen Gleeson from DCC Sports Development Officer. Not to forget the amazing volunteers and stewards.

Also a big thank you to Setanta Hurling Club, Unidare RFC, DCC Community Section - Brian Mongey and Niamh O Reilly, Ballymun Leisure Centre , Taine King Photography, Sweet Events Catering, Orla Kelly Global Action Plan, DCC Parks Department, Trinity Comprehensive School, Dublin Bus and Action Timing

This event could not have happened without the financial support and assistance of our sponsors:

- Dublin City Council,
- Ballymun Regeneration Limited
- Next Door Off Licence
- Robert Murphy -Super Value Ballymun
- Dean O'Neill – Musgrave's
- Tom Quinn - Quinn's Centre Ballymun
- Matthew Prendergast- Body Works Gym

It is the hoped to develop and run this event again in 2014

MUN FUN & REMEMBRANCE RUN

The Mun Fun & Remembrance Run took place on the 24th April 2013. It was a great day for so many different reasons, 570 runners, walkers and joggers took to the streets of Ballymun. It was fantastic to see so many young people and adults come together to do their bit for charity, their own fitness and celebrate loved ones that have passed away and give the message of hope that we can all have a healthier future.

Also a big thank you to Supervalu for supplying bottled water and bananas for all competitors also thank you to An Garda Síochána, volunteers, parents , teachers and everyone that came out and supported the event today.

SUMMER PROGRAMMES

Yet another successful Summer Programme was delivered by the Sports and Leisure Service Section this year with a variety of action packed activities included in the programmes. The summer programmes were delivered by the Sports Development Officers, The Sports and Recreation Officers, The Boxing in the Community Officers, The Rugby in the Community Officers and the FAI Development Officers in partnership with clubs, and organisations throughout the city. The summer programmes has gone from strength to strength each year with participant numbers increasing all the time and the programme of activities getting better each year. This year two new and exciting activities were included in the timetable Footee and Zipit:

FOOTEE

Footee is the newest top class novelty sports game that blends two of the world's best and most popular sports – football and golf. It is a competitive, skilful and addictive sports game that mixes the passion and strength of football with the elegance and tradition of golf.

Footee is played on a golf course by individuals or in groups but instead of swinging golf clubs and hitting golf balls, players kick footballs. The game rules are identical to golf – each hole carries a par and the aim is to get the football in to the (bigger) hole on each green in as few shots as possible.

Situated in Tallaght just off the M50, footee is for people of all ages and fitness levels, males and females, young and old. A number of the sports development officers across the city included Footee course as part of their summer programme. Session last just over the hour and all groups that participated really enjoyed the challenge.

ZIPIT

Sports Development Officers introduced a new and exciting activity to their summer programmes for 2013, Zipit course located in Tibbradden, Dublin 16 in the wonderful Pine Forest Zipit Forest Adventures is a forest adventure company specialising in adventurous trail courses in the treetops, challenging participants to push the boundaries and experience the fun and adventure of an outdoor activity. Zipit introduce adventure to participants whilst challenging and motivating them to reach beyond their perceived limitations. This acts as a bridge to introduce people to our natural countryside and make them more aware of the huge range of recreational opportunities that are available across the country. All groups that participated in this activity gave very positive feedback and have requested us to include it in future programme timetables.

LIBERTY SAINTS RUGBY

The Liberty Saints Rugby coaches took a group of 23 young people away for a pre-season one night camping outing before the young people returned to school routine. The group travelled to Rathdrum on Friday 16th August and will set up camp followed by a friendly game against Rathdrum RFC and returned on Saturday 17th August.

They traveled to Rathdrum to set up camp followed by lunch and a light training session. The local rugby club agreed to play a friendly match with us that afternoon / evening followed by a BBQ. For evening activities the group travelled to Wicklow for pier jumping session.

The following morning the group went to Brittas Bay for a training session on the beach, followed by return to the camp site for lunch and then to take down tents and pack up for return. The group was back for approx 6pm that evening and unloaded and pack away equipment. The trip away was a great success and enjoyed by all that attended.

Rugby within the city is going from strength to strength due to the successful partnership between the Dublin City Council Sports and Leisure service section and the Leinster Rugby Community Development Officers. For 2014 it is the intention to build on the success to date and increase participation numbers and introduces people to the game of Rugby within the Dublin City Council area.

THE ISPCAN YOUTH FORUM

The ISPCAN Youth Forum will take place in Dublin in the Offices of the Ombudsman for Children on 14th September 2013. The Youth Forum is being facilitated by EPIC an organisation that works throughout the Republic of Ireland, with and for children and young people who are currently living in care or who have had experience of living in care. There will be a total of 30 young people involved and about 8 to 10 staff from both EPIC in the republic and VOPIC from Northern Ireland. EPIC are working with VOYPIC, their equivalent

organisation in Northern Ireland, to bring a group of young people together from across the island of Ireland to explore two of the conference's themes:

- Addressing children's rights and participation
- Children in out of home care

The forum will be an interactive event where young people will discuss these themes and at which they will produce a message for the ISPCAN Conference. The event is supported by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs for the Youth Forum and the Office of the Ombudsman for Children will provide the use of their facilities. The forum organisers would like to acknowledge the contribution of the staff of EPIC, VOYPIC, St. Catherine's Foyer and the Sports Development Section in Dublin City Council in facilitating this event.

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING COURSES

The Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland is for the benefit of everyone involved in children's sport – children, parents/guardians and Sports Leaders, etc. By following the principles, policy and practice guidelines contained in the Code, adult sport leaders are playing their part in providing an enjoyable and safe environment in which children can learn and thrive. Four Code of Ethics courses were scheduled over June and July and 61 people attended. The next Code of Ethics course will take place in October, please refer to the DCSN web site for further details.

DUBLIN CITY SPORTS NETWORK GRANTS

The Sport for Young People Small Grant Scheme is an initiative of the DCSN. The Dublin City Sports Network (DCSN) was established in 2001. Its aim is to promote participation in Sport & Physical Activity throughout Dublin City, by raising awareness of the activities and facilities available in the city and by developing programmes and events to encourage people to participate in sport & physical activity. The purpose of the Sport for Young People Small Grants scheme is to provide a small grant which will help to increase participation in sport by young people across the city and to increase participation by young people throughout Dublin in physical activity. 100 clubs and groups were successful in 2013 under the small grants scheme. €49,405 was allocated through the grant scheme with each group receiving € 495.

SCHOOL MEALS

Dublin City Council administers a school meal scheme under the [Social Welfare \(Consolidation\) Act, 1981](#). There are currently 183 schools availing of the Scheme providing food to approximately 24,500 school children on a daily basis. The total annual cost of operating the Scheme is €1.4 million. This includes an amount of €150,000 paid directly to participating schools as a contribution towards their administrative costs. 50% of food costs are recoupable from the Department of Social Protection.

HORSE POUND AND SEIZURE SERVICES

To the end of August 2013, 204 horses have been seized. The contract with the current horse seizure contractor which expired on 8th August 2013 has been extended to cover the period up and until the new contract is awarded. Dublin City Council in conjunction with Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council are currently working on the tender for a new Control of Horses Contract. The Control of Horses section has received correspondence from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine recommending several changes in protocol with regard to the horse seizure service which have been outlined in a previous management update. These changes will have several impacts with the most relevant being the need to cap the number of horses seized in any one year at a certain point.

We will need to introduce a system of either a quota per area or evaluation of every case of a stray horse with only those causing an immediate danger to public safety being seized. This is an unfortunate step to take but following the reduction in funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine it is the only course of action left to Dublin City Council without having significant negative budgetary implications.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS

Dublin City Council is still processing applicants for Higher Education Grants whose course initiated prior to 2012.

The 2013/2014 scheme has been announced by the Department of Education and Skills. Dublin City Council will reduce the number of students availing of the scheme from 1,730 to approximately 1,200 in 2013 as some of our remaining students graduate or cease studies.

For academic year 2013/2014 Dublin City Council have received 758 applications, 156 have still to be processed, 438 are awarded, 20 refused, 3 have withdrawn and 141 are awaiting further information.

All applications for the 2012/2013 & 2013/2014 academic years are being processed by SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland).

SMITHFIELD HORSE FAIR

The September 2013 Smithfield Horse Fair was the second to be held under the new Smithfield Horse Fair Bye-laws. Attendance on the day was a little lower than in March 2013 but this would follow the usual pattern with the March Fair being the most popular of the year. Attendance on the day was good with 1,500 people attending with 45% of these being tourists. Additional activities were provided to add to the atmosphere on the day including farrier display, music, children's story area and tack sales.

COMMEMORATIVE NAMING

Dublin City Council at its meeting held on 2nd September, 2013, having considered Report No. 272/2013 of the Assistant City Manager, Mr. Brendan Kenny agreed to proceed to take a poll of the Members to determine the future name of the bridge near Marlborough Street.

The City Council did not agree to suspend Standing Orders to allow the introduction of any additional names to the shortlist of proposed names contained in the report. It was agreed that the decision would be taken by way of Referendum and Councillors N. Ring and Ruairi McGinley were appointed as tellers to the count of the votes. Councillor D Lacey, in his capacity as chairman of the Commemorative Naming Committee, was mandated to be present at the count as an observer.

Ballot papers were distributed to each Member and placed by them in a sealed ballot box. Counting took place in the Members' Room and a result sheet was prepared and signed off by all present at the count and handed to the Lord Mayor. The name of the bridge was declared to be Rosie Hackett.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Dublin Age Friendly Cities and Communities

The Dublin Age Friendly Cities project has now reached the stage where all five areas have established inter-agency alliance groups to drive this project in each of Dublin City Council's five administrative areas. The North Central Area's group was the 5th group to form and met for the first time on September 11th. All five areas are in the process of consulting with people over the age of 55 on how to improve the quality of their lives. A plan will be produced for each area by each alliance. These will then be combined to form a city wide strategy for Dublin City for a three year period.



Lets Walk and Talk

Lets Walk and Talk has continued throughout the summer. A new weekly walk has been added on Saturdays along the River Dodder. In addition to the weekly walks the historical walks have also proved very popular.



Community Support

Community cleanups and environmental projects continue to be supported while local festivals, family fun days, summer projects, garden parties and street parties took place throughout the city with residents groups, community/voluntary sector and DCC working together to ensure their success. Some highlights were the Pearse House Photographic Exhibition, the Finglas summer programme for young Traveller's, the 'Runamuck' outdoor environmental play programme and the 'Fun Inc' programme.



Intercultural

The Migrant Forum is now in place. The Intercultural model and ideology continues to be supported in order to manage integration and cohesion of diverse communities. Groups are encouraged to host events for example Ballymun Intercultural Group organised an intercultural day in July which was funded through Dublin City Council's community grants 2013 and sponsorship from Safer Ballymun & Ballymun Whitehall Partnership.



Comhairle na nÓg

Comhairle members are in the process of recording a DVD on Mental Health promoting the importance of communication and one good adult for young people's mental health. Members have participated in a number of facilitated workshops and written their scripts for the DVD which will comprise of 4 clips and be launched at a music showcase on 28th September.

Comhairle members were interviewed for the TV3 Midweek Programme Special Report on Cyber Bullying due to the work they have done in this area. They also represented young people by participating in The Martin Luther I have a dream event.



STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SUB- COMMITTEES

Based on the decision approved at the last S.P.C the following revisions to Sub Committee structures will be implemented from October:

- 1) The existing two separate sub-committees for Public Art and Arts and Culture will be merged into a single committee called Art and Culture.
The existing terms of reference for the Public Art Committee will be retained and be a key part of an overall Terms of Reference for the new merged committee. A draft Terms of Reference for the Art and Culture Sub- Committee of this S.P.C will be presented at the October meeting.
The membership of the new merged Committee will consist of the existing members of the two existing committees i.e. Councillors Gerry Breen, Pdraig McLoughlin, Vincent Jackson with Siobhan Burke, Willie White, Noel Kelly, Sarah Tuck, Sean Hillen and John Twomey as external members.
A chairperson should be selected by the committee at its first meeting (October).
The S.P.C should consider nominating additional councillors to this committee.
- 2) The Sports Sub-Committee will be expanded to include issues on Play, Events, Parks and Health Promotion.
The current membership consists of Councillors Seamus McGrattan, John Gallagher, Henry Upton and John Paul Mahon. The external members are John Costello and Maurice Ahern. It is Proposed to invite a representative from the Health Promotion Unit of the HSE to become a member of this committee. A new Terms of Reference will be presented for approval at the October meeting.
- 3) The casual Trading Sub- Committee will be retained to deal with recommendations on Casual Trading Bye Laws and related issues.
Existing membership consists of Councillors Gerry Breen, Mannix Flynn, Anthony Conaghan, Jane Horgan Jones and Jim O'Callaghan.
A revised Terms of Reference for this committee will be presented at its next meeting.
Consideration will be given to sourcing some external members.
- 4) The Commemorations Sub-Committee will remain in situ.

These committees are Sub-Committees of the Arts Strategic Policy Committee and will report to the S.P.C accordingly.

The two special Committees that are attached to this S.P.C will continue i.e. the Parnell Square Cultural Quarter Committee and the Commemorative Naming Committee.