

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Community Development Section Report

At present a large amount of community work is taking place in villages across the South East area in completing the Autumn – Winter Season and 2018 year, Reviewing and supporting 2019 environmental improvements and planning the full Christmas programme

November:

- **Friday, 23rd November at 5pm** – Ranelagh Seniors' Christmas Party at Woodstock Court (Private event)
- **Friday, 23rd November at 8pm** – George Reynolds Old Folks Christmas Party at Irishtown House
- **Saturday, 24th November at 5pm** – Harold's Cross Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Harold's Cross Park
- **Sunday, 25th November at 2pm** – Santa on his Sleigh at South Hill Green, Milltown Road, Dartry
- **Sunday, 25th November at 5pm** – Ranelagh Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Ranelagh Triangle
- **Tuesday, 27th November at 7pm** – Rathmines Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Plaza in front of Swan Leisure
- **Friday, 30th November at 5pm** – Sandymount Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Sandymount Green

December

- **Saturday, 1st December from 11-6pm** – Bumper Christmas Market at Terenure Car Park
- **Saturday, 1st December at 4pm** – Terenure Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Terenure Car Park
- **Sunday, 2nd December at 1pm** – AMBI Brazilian Christmas Celebration at Archbishop Byrne Hall, Synge Street
- **Sunday, 2nd December at 1pm** – Ringsend Christmas Party at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre
- **Sunday, 2nd December at 4pm** – Beggars Bush Christmas Celebrations at Beggars Bush Credit Union Car Park
- **Sunday, 2nd December at 7pm** – Donnybrook Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Donnybrook Plaza

- **Sunday, 2nd December at 3pm** – Ranelagh ARA Christmas Party at Beechwood Community Centre (Ticket-only event)
- **Tuesday, 4th December at 2.30pm** – Charlemont Court Christmas Party, Charlemont Mall
- **Thursday, 6th December at 10am** – Terenure Parent & Toddler Group Christmas Party at the Evergreen Club
- **Thursday, 6th December at 7pm** – Rathgar Village Christmas Celebrations
- **Friday, 7th December at 11.30am** – Cóisir na Nollag at Charlemont Court, Charlemont Mall
- **Saturday, 8th December at Time TBC** – Portobello Christmas Market & Santa Visit at Portobello Harbour
- **Monday, 10th December at 2.30pm** – Greenore Rostrevor Christmas Party at Greenore Community Room, off Macken Street
- **Tuesday, 11th December at 7pm** – St. Joseph’s Christmas Concert featuring the Garda Band at St. Joseph’s Church Parish Centre, Terenure
- **Wednesday, 12th December at 1pm** – Terenure Evergreen Club Christmas Dinner (Invitation-only)
- **Thursday, 13th December at 2.30pm** – Verschoyle Court Christmas Party at Verschoyle Court Community Room, Off Lower Mount Street
- **14th -16th December from 1-5pm** – Merrion Square Art Christmas Party Exhibition at Merrion Square
- **Friday, 14th December at 2pm** – Terenure Christmas Tea Dance at the Evergreen Club
- **Friday, 14th December at 2pm** – Let’s Walk & Talk Christmas Party at the Academy Plaza Hotel (Ticket-only event – sold out)
- **Friday, 14th December at 7.30pm** – Beech Hill Court Christmas Party at Beech Hill Court Community Room, Donnybrook
- **Saturday, 15th December at 10.30am** – Santa Visit to Terenure Parent & Toddler Group Christmas Party at the Evergreen Club
- **Saturday, 15th December from 11-1pm** – “Santa Express” at Swan Leisure, Rathmines (in aid of *Trust* charity)
- **Tuesday, 18th December from 10-12pm** – Christmas Party at Wood Quay Venue, Civic Offices TBC
- **Wednesday, 19th December at 5.30pm** – Santa at George Reynolds House, Irishtown
- **Wednesday, 26th December at 11am** – Wren Boys’ Festival in Sandymount Village
- **Lighting Up the Neighbourhood for Christmas** – Christmas Lighting at Friends of Green Spaces projects at Peter’s Place, Whitefriar Gardens, McDonagh House and George Reynolds House

Men’s Shed’s Project:

Two new projects are being developed in Donnybrook and Ringsend.

Older Persons’ Cold Weather Initiative

Dublin City Council’s Community Development Section, in association with ALONE, the gardaí and Dublin Fire Brigade are running a campaign that focuses on older and vulnerable people this winter time and are asking Dubliners to spare five minutes to check in on the elderly and

vulnerable. The cold weather reminds us how frightening an experience it is to be without shelter, warmth, food or essential items such as medication. We are appealing to all communities to look out for each other - especially vulnerable people and some older people who may live alone, may have no family or relatives and who may be at risk of becoming ill or suffering from cold, malnourishment or poor medical care. This campaign is part of Dublin City Council's commitment to an Age Friendly City.

Dublin City Council South East Area DCC Community Grants 2019:

All grants have been received and are being processed at present. We hope to have these to present to all councillors in the coming weeks.

Weekly Activities:

- Every Tuesday at 11am – **Dance for Life** dance classes for older people at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure
- Every Tuesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street
- Every Tuesday from 3-4pm – **Chair Yoga** at Woodstock Court, Ranelagh
- Every Wednesday from 11.30am-12.30pm – **Chair Yoga** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
- Every Wednesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in Spanish** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street
- Every Thursday at 10am – **Parent & Toddler Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure
- Every Thursday at 2pm - **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at Sandymount Green
- Every Thursday from 3-5pm – **Knitting Classes** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
- Every Friday at 11am - **Let's Walk & Talk as Gaeilge** walking group, meeting at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar
- Every Friday at 2pm - **Let's Walk & Talk in French** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street
- Every Saturday at 10am – **Parent & Toddler Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure
- Every Saturday from 11-4pm – **Terenure Village Market** at Bushy Park
- Every Saturday at 2pm - **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at the car park next to the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown
- **Friends of Green Spaces** Projects at 30+ locations
- **Allotments** at Ringsend Park and Herbert Park

Friends of Green Spaces:

Specific work and projects in:

Peter Place, Beech Hill, Dunville Avenue, Heskin Court, Macken Street, Magennis Square, Northbrook Avenue, Pearse House, Ringsend, Verschoyle Court and York Street.

Tidy Towns and DCC City Neighbourhood Competition Results will be finalising and developing end of year reports and we will be supporting villages with improvements on recommendations for 2019 and helping with winter planting in Donnybrook, Harold's Cross, Lansdowne Park, Palmerston Park, Rathmines, Ranelagh, Terenure and Sandymount.

A special focus on spring bulb planting took place in the following areas this Winter:

- Shelbourne Park Apts.
- Bride Street
- Brunswick Place
- George Reynolds House
- St Patrick's Boys' school
- St Patrick's Girls' School
- Ringsend / Irishtown Tidy Towns
- St. Peter Place

- YMCA Hub
- Digges Street
- Beech Hill
- Gateway Project
- Rutland Grove
- McDonagh House
- White Friar Gardens
- York Street
- South Georgian Core
- Heskin Court
- Magennis Place
- Macken Street
- Verschoyle Court
- Whelan House
- Carmelite Centre
- Cambridge Court
- O'Rahilly House
- Oxford Court
- Ross Road
- Lansdowne Area
- St. Andrew's Centre
- St Declan's Special School
- Haddington Road Boys' School
- Haddington Road Girls' School
- Pearse House
- City Quay
- Boyne Street
- Donnybrook
- Sandymount
- Ranelagh
- Harold's Cross
- Terenure
- Milltown

Dublin City Council South East Area Community Team thank you for all your support in 2018. We wish you and yours a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all the very best of wishes for the New Year 2019. Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go leir.

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Environmental Services Unit Report

Pride of Place Awards 2018

4th Port Dodder Sea Scout Group came 2nd in their category in this year's competition.

Leaf Collection Initiative

Leaf collection initiative almost completed for this year. Approx. 850 requests were made for collection of filled bags of leaves from groups and individuals.

Abandoned Bikes

A total of 156 abandoned bicycles / part bikes have been removed from the South East Area so far this year, most of these were in the city centre area. This operation frees up space for bicycle parking as well as clearing the area of frames etc. Bicycle locks that are abandoned are also removed.

Events

New Year's Festival Dublin 31st December to 1st January 2019.

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department
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Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 28th November 2018. The group and local volunteers are partnering with An Taisce's Clean Coasts to facilitate corporate clean-ups as part of our Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme. The Canal Ambassador Scheme pilot was launched by Waterways Ireland. Waterways Ireland, with support from Fáilte Ireland, is developing a Dublin Canals' brand including new website to be launched in Spring 2019. A Christmas market and event will be held at Portobello Harbour on Saturday 8th December 2018. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held in January 2019.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The redesign of Herzog Park is the final element of the Rathgar VIP to be undertaken. The Nature Play Area was officially opened by the Lord Mayor on 13th September 2018. Works to construct the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the bowling-green commenced on 19th November 2018 and will run for approximately 12 weeks. This will constitute phase 2 of the works. Works to re-align the bring centre are ongoing and should be completed by the end of 2018. Internal landscaping, boundary treatment and the car park area will be addressed in phase 3 in 2019.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

Cleaning of the main entrance archway to the park was carried out in April 2018. A contractor has been appointed by Parks Services to upgrade the paths in the park and to address the drainage issues at the Chelmsford end. These works will be carried out in October / November 2018. Replacement of park benches will be considered, subject to funding, for 2019.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. It is now proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October. A meeting with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements is scheduled for 5th December 2018. A public workshop for all stakeholders will be held in January 2019.

Cambridge Road: (Redscape Architects) An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre on Thorncastle Street. Meetings with internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs have been drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop / meeting on 28th November 2018. It is expected to proceed with the Part 8 process early in 2019.

Terenure Village

Five additional lamp standards were identified for upgrade in 2017 and were installed in summer 2018. Proposal to screen recycling bins in car park on Terenure Road North is being examined in partnership with Terenure 2030 / Tidy Towns and Waste Management Services as a project for 2018.

New Playground at Sean Moore Park

Community gain funding has been approved to provide a new playground at Sean Moore Park. Consultations took place with local schools and a tender has been prepared to appoint consultants to design a new playground for Sandymount at Sean Moore Park. Pre Part 8 report was brought before the July 2018 South East Area Committee. The Part 8 Planning Application was lodged on 17th September 2018 and one third party submissions was received during the appropriate period. The recommendation of the Planning and Property Development Department's report is on the agenda for this South East Area Committee meeting and the item will be put on the agenda of the meeting of Dublin City Council in January 2019.

O'Carroll Villas

We are currently awaiting a drawing of the landscaping proposal from Housing Maintenance.

Cabbage Patch

We have a quotation for the installation of CCTV for the Cabbage Patch. We have written to Kevin Street gardaí and have requested that the CCTV be connected to the Garda Station and monitored as the need arises. If the gardaí are happy with this proposal then the cost of the installation could be included in the discretionary fund for 2019.

**Culture, Recreation & Economic Services Department
Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Section**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
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Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Report

DUBLIN SPORTSFEST REVIEW

From 23rd – 30th September the first ever Dublin Sportsfest week took place across the city. The week-long event was scheduled to coincide with the European Week of Sport.

The festival itself comprised of a week-long programme of innovative events & promotions across many of the sports clubs' resident in the City in addition to Dublin City Council's facilities, parks and urban spaces. The purpose of Sportsfest was to bring together the people, the clubs, the sports and the spaces of Dublin in a celebration of sport and physical activity in our City. The focus was on encouraging sustainable participation across all ages, backgrounds & abilities. The vast majority of events & activities across the week were free of charge. The event was also a unique opportunity to showcase and promote Dublin City Council's Sport & Recreation centres and facilities.

Partners in the event included Dublin City Council Sport & Recreation Services, Dublin Festival of History (Public Libraries), Cycling Ireland (Great Dublin Bike Ride), Parkrun, Junior Parkrun, Ireland Active, Sport Ireland, NEIC, Ballyfermot Youth Service and a large number of National & Regional Governing Bodies for various sports. This was in addition to a host of sports clubs from across the city.

Highlights included the Lord Mayor's Liffey Paddle event delivered in partnership with Ballyfermot Youth Services, Dockland's Fiffest on National Fitness Day run in partnership with Ireland Active, Sports Stadium at Dalymount Park, Sports History, Glow Sports, City Hall Yoga which provided six free yoga sessions for members of the public over the week, and Girls 5 Fest football tournament in Irishtown stadium organized in partnership with the FAI.

A full evaluation of the event is currently being carried out by the Project Manager to assess the event's impact. Feedback is being sought from the various partners that supported and participated across the week and the information collated will be used as a foundation to make recommendations and inform decisions in relation to the planning of Sportsfest going forward.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Nial Ring, who officially launched Sportsfest in Irishtown Stadium on 4th September and participated in many of the events throughout the week hosted a reception in the Mansion House, Dublin to thank those involved in the events' planning and execution on Tuesday 20th November.

SPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

Grants were advertised in mid-May via email to clubs and sports contacts, newspaper advertisement and via social media. Deadline for receipt of applications was Friday, June 29th 2018 at 4pm.

Applications were open to Sports Clubs and Organisations within the Dublin City Area affiliated to a National Governing Body providing opportunities for young people aged 10 -21 yrs. of age to participate in sport & physical activity.

120 applications were received and 112 were approved for payment. To date payment has been received for over 98% of approved applications.

More information can be found at:
www.dublincity.ie/smallgrantscheme2018

COUCH TO PARKRUN (CORE) Underactive Adults

Couch to Parkrun participants are encouraged to steadily improve their running ability over an 8 week programme aiming to comfortably negotiate a 5k run at its conclusion.

- The following Couch to Parkrun programme is being delivered in the South East Area throughout November and December;
- **Programme:** Couch to Parkrun
Dates/Times: Mondays at 7pm
Location: Bushy Park, Terenure
Participants: Mixed Adults.

FOREVER FIT (CORE) Older Adults

Forever Fit programmes are aimed at older adults and focus on activities to improve balance, increase mobility, strength, and coordination and fall prevention.

- Details of Forever Fit programmes running from September – December in the South East Area are outlined below.
- **Programme:** Chair Fit
Dates/Times: Mondays evenings. 7pm
Location: Mount Drummond Court
Participants: Older Adults
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga
Dates/Times: Ongoing Tuesdays. 3pm
Location: Woodstock Court, Ranelagh.
Participants: Older Adults
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga
Dates/Times: Wednesday mornings at 11.30am.
Location: Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
Participants: Older Adults

GAGA – GET ALL GIRLS ACTIVE (CORE) Teenage Girls

The programme is aimed at teen girls and is run in conjunction with local youth services and schools. A wide variety of activities are delivered as part of the programme including dance-fit, fencing, yoga, boot-camp and adventure activities.

- The following Zumba classes are being run in the South East Area as part of the GAGA programme.
- **Programme:** Zumba
Dates/Times: Ongoing. Fridays at 11am.
Location: Presentation Secondary School, Terenure.
Participants: Teenage Females.
Partners: Presentation Secondary School, Terenure.

GET DUBLIN WALKING (CORE) Underactive Adults

DCSWP Sport Officers, in partnership with the HSE and DCC Community Section continue to roll out a series of walking groups across the city under the banner of 'Get Dublin Walking'.

- **Programme:** Walking Group
Dates/Times: Tuesdays at 9am
Location: Harold's Cross
Participants: Mixed Adults
Partners: Home School Liaison Officers.

YOUTH FIT (CORE) Youth at Risk (10-21 Years)

Youth Fit programmes are multi-sport and fitness initiatives aimed at young people in the area aged 10 years and over.

- In partnership with Rugby Development Officers Ken Knaggs and Larissa Muldoon and local rugby clubs in the area, a Metro Rugby League will be delivered for girls aged 10-16. The programme has been extended to run until 12th December.

Programme: Metro Rugby Girls League.
Dates/Times: October – December. Times agreed with local schools.
Location: Various schools in the area.
Participants: Females 10-16 years.
Partners: Co-funded Officers/Local rugby clubs

- The UEFA Inner City football programme will conclude with a final in Irishtown stadium in early December. Full details are outlined below;

Programme: UEFA Football Programme Final
Dates/Times: Friday 7th December 6-10pm.
Location: Irishtown Stadium
Participants: Mixed 12+

GENERAL

- **GAGA (Get All Girls Active)** is an initiative aimed at engaging female participation in sport and physical activity. There are two strands to the initiative; the first comprises of focused 6-8 week sport/physical activity programmes in communities around the city targeting teenage girls; the second is an online campaign #GAGA day to increase female engagement via live dance-fit classes, prize giving for uploads of photos/videos plus a citywide Glow Fit event. In 2017, the first year of the initiative, #GAGA day was a huge success trending at number 5 in Ireland on the day. #GAGA day will take place on December 5th 2018.
The South East area will host a Float Fit class in Markiewicz Leisure Centre as part of #GAGA day at 6.20pm followed by an Aqua Aerobics class from 8pm.
As a Local Sports Partnership DCSWP will be linking #GAGA into the women in sport 20x20 "If she can't see it, she can't be it" Campaign <https://20x20.ie>. This campaign is an all-inclusive movement to shift Ireland's cultural perception of women's sport by 2020 with a 20% increase in media coverage of women in sport, a 20% increase in female participation at all levels of sport and a 20% increase in attendance at women's games and events.
- In partnership with Athletics Ireland DCSWP has appointed two new co-funded Athletics Officers to promote the sport across the city and deliver Athletics based initiatives and programmes. Updates from the officers will be included in the 2019 Area Reports.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- The following football projects will take place in the South East Area in November/December;
- **Sprog soccer:** The sprog soccer programme for 4 - 8 year olds continues in Sports and Fitness Irishtown on Fridays with 60 children participating, the YMCA on Wednesdays 9.30am with 80 children participating and in St. Catherine's sports centre on Mondays with 20 children taking part.
- **Men's league:** The football men's league is ongoing on Monday's and Wednesday's in Sports and Fitness Irishtown from 6pm to 8pm.
- **Football for all programme:** The Football for all Programme is targeted at children with learning difficulties and physical disabilities. The programme is delivered in Irishtown stadium on Saturdays at 10am with 10 to 15 children attending.
- **Girl's nursery academy blitz.** The nursery academy blitz for 4 to 6 year old girls who attend soccer programme in Irishtown stadium, we will be playing other nurseries
- **Soccer Academy:** A soccer academy programme will be delivered on Saturday mornings in Pearse Street.
- **Girl's development:** Soccer sessions aimed at encouraging female participation will be delivered every Tuesday and Thursday evening in Ringsend for girls 8 - 12 years.

BOXING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- The **Startbox** Initiative, a partnership between the IABA and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, represents an ideal way for young people (10 – 17 years) to first engage with amateur boxing, Ireland's most successful Olympic sport. It is delivered by our 5 dedicated IABA/DCSWP Development Officers via local schools (primary & TY level) in communities across the Dublin City area. Approx. 2,000 young people take part each year.

The Programme is structured into Bronze (non-contact), Silver and Gold phases. The first phase focuses on general strength & fitness, method and technique. The Silver Programme consists of higher intensity sessions & limited contact and the Gold phase takes it on to another level again. The DCSWP/Leinster Rugby Development Officer is currently engaging with schools across the South East Area.

For further information on Boxing programmes in the South East Area please contact the Boxing Development Officer at Michael_carruth@ymail.com.

CRICKET DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- The following cricket projects will take place in the South East Area in December/January 2019;
- The Cricket Development Officer will liaise with Sport Development Officers in the area to organise the delivery of cricket programs in 2019.
- School coaching visits will be delivered in the following schools during the period;

- Star of the Sea BNS (Wednesdays)
- St Matthews NS (Mondays)
- Provincial cricket sessions continue on Friday nights from 5.00pm-9.30pm in North County Cricket Club; a number of players from the South East area involved in these sessions in particular players from the Sandymount/Ringsend area. Players are between 10-18 years of age.
- The annual Dublin City U12, U14 and U17 Christmas and New Year Camps will be taking place on the 27th and 28th of December and the 2nd and 3rd of January in North County Cricket Club from 10.00am-16.30pm. Participants attending from the South East area will be from the Sandymount/Ringsend area.

ROWING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- The following rowing projects will take place in the South East Area in December;
 - A 'virtual' row around the world initiative continues with student rowers from Australia, UK, US and South Africa. Participants are currently rowing their way through Iran. Students are encouraged to clock up the metres to complete the world wide trip.
 - The Rowing Officer will also support the #GAGA (Getting All Girls Active) Day on Wednesday 5th December 2018 to ensure all female rowing students are getting active and having fun.

RUGBY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

- The following rugby projects will take place in the South East Area in December/January 2019;
 - A girls Tier 2 Blitz will take place on 11th of December in Donnybrook. Secondary school students will be participating in both contact and tag rugby. Schools currently playing tag rugby will be given the opportunity to take part in an Introduction to contact rugby.
 - In the New Year Primary Tag rugby blitzes will commence in local clubs and in Irishtown Stadium.
 - Primary and secondary school programmes are ongoing in the area.

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