



DUBLIN
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2022

Progress Report



The NEIC Returns to Live Events



'Gospel Rising' 2022, funded by the NEIC Initiative, held in Mountjoy Sq. Park.

While we have many highlights from 2022 to share with you in this year's report, we were particularly delighted, as we are sure you were, to see the return of live, in-person events in the NEIC. From sport and music to culture, there was something for everyone!

The many events saw a celebration of the ethnicity and diversity of the many communities in the NEIC, live music festivals celebrating a wide variety of music styles, cultural events including Culture Night 2022, and sporting events like the Basketball 3x3 in Mountjoy Square. It was a year to celebrate the very best of what the NEIC has to offer!

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2. Message from the Chairperson



On behalf of the North East Inner City Programme Implementation Board (NEIC PIB), I would like to welcome you to our 2022 Progress Report.

In 2022, the Government allocated €7.5 million to the Initiative, our highest annual budget received to date. This funding allowed us to continue to achieve the goals set out in the Strategic Plan 2020-2022 and in the Mulvey Report - Creating a Brighter Future. In 2022 we took the decision to extend the Strategic Plan by a further year in light of the difficulties experienced during the pandemic.

Inside this report you will find details of the projects, initiatives and pilot programmes we funded in 2022, alongside physical improvements to the area including capital works and the ongoing greening of the NEIC.

2022 saw significant investment in capital developments. The NEIC is home to many beautiful parks and following extensive consultations with the community, work began this summer on the redevelopment of Diamond Park. When completed next year the park will include spaces for organised games, terraced seating and a café space, enabling families to enjoy the park for generations to come.

The redevelopment of Rutland Street School has been a long standing goal of the PIB and I welcomed Dublin City Council's commencement of a new tender process for the construction contract with Stage 1 advertised in

July of this year. A value engineering review has already taken place along with some necessary maintenance work. I look forward to seeing this project progress in 2023.

In July 2022, Dublin City Council voted to approve of the disposal of the Magdalene Laundry site to the Office of Public Works to allow it to be developed as the National Centre for Research and Remembrance. The centre will include a museum, an exhibition space, a central repository of records related to institutional trauma and a research centre. This will be a very important project for the area and I am proud of the involvement of the NEIC PIB in the establishment of an appropriate centre for remembrance and reflection.

In July, I was delighted to attend the official re-opening ceremony for Fitzgibbon St. Garda Station. This unique Station, with its focus on victim support and community policing, is a flagship project that is leading the way in the transformation of the North East Inner City.

Cultural events such as the Saoirse Music Festival at Liberty Park, the Gospel Rising Festival at Mountjoy Square Park and our returning Big Scream Halloween Festival were all well-attended by the local community.

After such a long period of COVID-19 restrictions it was heartening to see the community being able to attend in person.

Other projects that we are particularly proud of include the ongoing greening of the area, the establishment of a Healthcare Navigation Service, the production of an Adult & Community Education Strategy, and the Community Arts Programme.

Inside this report you will find many more examples of the innovative work being carried out across the six subgroups. Our objective for 2023 is to build upon the strong results of 2022 and focus on achieving the goals set out in the recently updated Strategic Action Plan.

Working collaboratively has always been crucial to the success of this initiative, and it would not be possible to make the strides we have to date without the continued co-operation of so many partners and community members. We are all focused on delivering our vision for the area and I want to thank all of our partners for their continued hard work and dedication to this end.

I also want to acknowledge and thank my colleagues on the PIB for their continued enthusiasm and tireless work over the past year.

Finally, I want to thank the Government for their support and the priority they have attached to this Initiative.

In 2023, I look forward to continued close cooperation with the community, businesses, Dublin City Council, Government Departments and agencies as we continue to work together to implement the updated NEIC Strategic Plan.

Michael Stone

Chairperson

NEIC Programme Implementation Board



3. Programme Implementation Board

NEIC Vision - Making the North East Inner City a safe, attractive and vibrant living and working environment for the community and its families with opportunities for all to lead full lives.

In June 2017, Mr. Michael Stone was appointed by the Government to the position of Chair of the NEIC Programme Implementation Board (PIB). The PIB meets every month and comprises the key Government departments and agencies that have statutory responsibility for delivery of services alongside community and business representatives. The minutes of all PIB meetings are made available on the Initiative's website at: <http://www.neic.ie/publications>.

The PIB has established six sub groups reflecting the priority areas for action from the Mulvey Report and the NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022. The sub groups also have representation from the community and business sectors.



Enhancing Policing

Chaired by Chief Superintendent Patrick McMénamin, An Garda Síochána.

This Subgroup works to reduce crime in the community; alleviate gangland threat in the community; build community confidence in the Gardaí; and refurbish and reopen Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station



Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities

Chaired by Brenda Boylan, Department of the Taoiseach.

This Subgroup works to address blocks for progression of young people in formal education; increase and enhancing employment opportunities for school leavers; improve adult education levels; and reduce unemployment rates in the NEIC community.



Family Wellbeing

Chaired by Deborah Talbot, Tusla.

This Subgroup works to improve family wellbeing with a focus on parenting; and improve youth wellbeing.



Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment

Chaired by Karl Mitchell, Director, Dublin City Council.

This Subgroup works to improve social cohesion and wellbeing in the community; and enhancing the physical environment, landscape and cleanliness.



Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health

Chaired by Jim Walsh, Department of Health.

This Subgroup works to improve health outcomes for people who use and misuse drugs and alcohol; and promote inclusion health for socially excluded groups experiencing severe health inequalities.



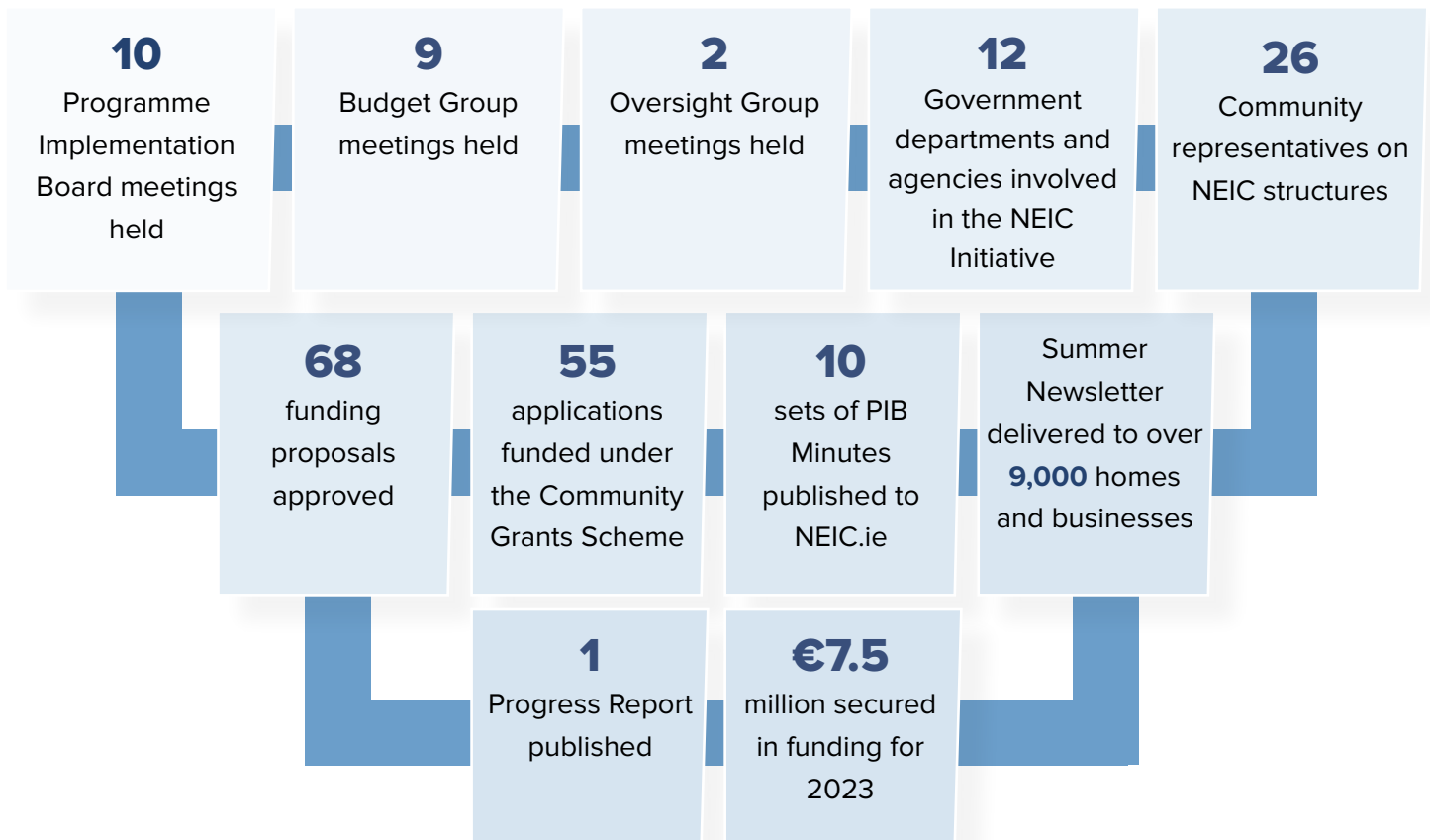
Alignment of Services

Chaired by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

This Subgroup works to integrate and align the delivery of services across government department, community services, agencies and institutions; adapt, implement and evaluate the City Connects model; enhance community leadership; and enhance early years and after-schools services.

The PIB's ambition for 2022 was to continue the implementation of the NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022, and to continue with the remaining actions as set out in the Mulvey Report – Creating a Brighter Future. The board also prioritises long-term, sustainable outcomes for the NEIC.

Capturing our Activity in 2022



Membership of the Programme Implementation Board



Michael Stone
Independent Chair



Paddy Murdiffe
North Inner City Community Coalition



Sarah Kelleher
Lourdes Youth & Community Services



Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin
An Garda Síochána



Brenda Boylan
Department of the Taoiseach



Deborah Talbot
Tusla



Karl Mitchell
Dublin City Council



Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (Position vacant)



Grainne Egan
Department of Education



Enda Hughes
Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science



Donal Cassidy
Health Service Executive



Paul Carroll
Department of Social Protection



Feargal O'Rourke
PwC



Jim Walsh
Department of Health

Did you know ...?

in 2022, the NEIC Initiative supported:



Community Grants Scheme

55 applications supported [see page 9]



Youth Project service hours extended

[see page 26]



3 videos produced and 2 more in production

[see page 21, 48, and 63]



500 people engage with Community Arts Programme

[see page 39]



LEAR team established for the NEIC

[see page 16]



Inaugural Yoga Teacher Training students graduate

[see page 48]



Childhood Restored - a community arts project

[see page 19]



Healthcare Navigation Service established

[see page 50]



City Connects Programme

[see page 21]



Diamond Park redevelopment commenced

[see page 55]



Adult & Community Education Strategy launched

[see page 23]



P-TECH Programme expanded

[see page 62]



Trauma Informed Writing Programme provided

[see page 26]



In-person student work placements resume

[see page 64]

4. Community Grants and Community Clean-ups

Now in its 5th year, the NEIC Initiative’s Community Grants Scheme continues to support local voluntary / community/not-for-profit groups whose services benefit our communities. This year’s theme centred on promoting family activities and congratulations to all of our successful applicants. See some of the outcomes below as well as [page 78](#) for full details of grants awarded.



H.O.P.E Recovery Run

H.O.P.E (Hands on Peer Education) work with people from the community who have been negatively impacted by addiction and on 24th September hosted their second annual HOPE Recovery Run.



Fáilte Isteach

Fáilte Isteach used their grant to rent a room for a year to provide English classes for migrants in the local community. The community grant funding will also cover an end of year ceremony.



Acts of Compassion

Acts of Compassion provides a wide range of supports to members of minority ethnic communities. This funding allocation allowed Acts of Compassion to run a 'Positive Parenting – Supporting Families and Family Life' programme, teaching coping skills and the importance of self-care.



Murga Fusion

Murga Fusion, an intercultural group that meets weekly to share their skills in an inclusive manner and environment, utilised their grant to fund a rehearsal space, costumes and make-up costs.





Mud Island

The Mud Island Community Garden, a volunteer led community garden, used their funding to help improve their infrastructure and visibility in the local community.



Nottingham St. Residents Group

The Nottingham St. Residents Group utilised their grant for additional seasonal planting and the replacement of hanging baskets for the area.



Belvedere Youth Club

Belvedere Youth Club ran a drama based programme involving 20 young people and put on a production of Cinderella, with a twist.



Hill Street Family Resource Centre

The Hill Street Family Resource Centre, an inter-cultural centre for families and children, organised trips to Newbridge Farm, Ardgillan Castle, Clonfert Farm and Dublin Zoo.



Courtney Place Residents Association

Courtney Place Residents Association utilised their grant to organise a family day trip to Fort Lucan over the summer.

St Louise's Early Childcare Development Service

St. Louise's ECDS, who provide early childhood care and education to children between two and six years, organised a trip to the zoo for children and parents.



Hill Street / Grenville Street Residents Group

Hill Street and Grenville Street Residents Group used their funding to organise local day trips as well as a community day.



Community After Schools Project (CASPr)

CASPr hosted a family BBQ day which as well as providing music and food, was an opportunity for parents to meet the staff at CASPr while also promoting integration within the NEIC.



Pride of Place: Community Clean-ups

In collaboration with our partners Dublin City Council, the communities of the NEIC took to the streets with litter-pickers, yard brushes, and wheelbarrows to help clean-up their neighbourhoods.

Sheriff Street: The Sheriff Street Running Club, who are funded by the NEIC Initiative, help organise regular clean-ups including a Pride of Place community clean-up day in August.



Ballybough

The Ballybough crew are a regular sight out and about improving their area and organised a Pride of Place community clean-up day in August.



Sherrard Street

The Sherrard Street Pride of Place are another crew working hard to improve and clean up their neighbourhood including organising a Pride of Place community clean-up/family fun day in August.



5. Community Safety and Engagement

Operation Cribbage

Throughout 2022, Operation Cribbage continued to target drug dealing, criminality and anti-social behaviour in the Railway Street / Liberty Park area. This has created a significant displacement and reduction in reports of criminality and anti-social behaviour from local residents in the area. Feedback from local community representatives has been positive and ensures that the operation remains responsive to the needs of the local community and publicly elected representatives.

Drug Related Intimidation

Drug related intimidation, and indeed intimidation in general, are issues which are being addressed as a priority for the NEIC's Enhanced Policing Subgroup. The issue of intimidation can and will be addressed but community leadership is required and the need for community and all other organisations including our public representatives to work with An Garda Síochána cannot be over emphasised. The Gardaí will support anyone who comes forward and will ensure all avenues open to An Garda Síochána are explored and utilised. Confidentiality is guaranteed to any persons willing to come forward and report such intimidation at (01) 6668000 or dmrnorthcentral.dri@garda.ie.

Dialogue process with Youth, Gardaí and Youth Workers in the NEIC.

The Community Dialogue Initiative, to develop and nurture better relationships between young people and Gardaí in the NEIC, is continuing to develop. The model being used is restorative in nature and this model was used at an event held in Croke Park this year. Each group - young people, Gardaí, and youth services – had an opportunity to sit in an Inner Circle surrounded by the others and be open and honest about their experiences.

During this, the Outer Circle were asked to listen without prejudice and to acknowledge the stories and experiences.

Since the event in Croke Park another residential event took place in the Cavan Centre in September with a view to look at some of the deeper issues with those who had already participated in all of the Dialogue events.

Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery (LEAR) project

In 2022, the NEIC Initiative supported Ana Liffey to establish a specific LEAR team for the NEIC area. The LEAR Project aim is to support people who have complex and multiple needs such as addiction, criminality, homelessness and mental health to engage effectively with support services, often for the first time, and to identify and achieve their goals. A key focus of the programme is supporting people to move away from criminality and antisocial behaviour and towards their personal recovery. The Project is conducted in a multi-agency approach involving Ana Liffey, An Garda Síochána and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to develop and progress shared care plans with each service user who signs up to work with the team. **Referrals are accepted through peers, self-referral and referrals from An Garda Síochána and Dublin Regional Homeless Executive**



WHO ARE WE?

Ana Liffey Drug Project provide the LEAR (Law Engagement and Assisted Recovery) project in the North East Inner City.

Our staff provide case management, addiction supports, referrals and many other types of practical supports to people who need our service. The service is free of charge and confidential.

We work in partnership with An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and the HSE to help you achieve your goals and to overcome problems.



WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

We'll come to you – we'll meet you on outreach in your area, in a café, your home, our office or wherever suits you.

We'll work with you on your goals – we can work with you on housing, health, social, legal or other issues. We'll help you with whatever is important to you.

We'll do the practical things with you and support you along the way. We'll remind you of appointments and we'll go to your appointment with you if you want.

We'll be flexible. We realize that your life might be busy so we will be flexible with appointment times.

We'll respect your rights. We will check with you regularly to see if you are still happy with the service you are getting from our team and we'll tailor it to fit your needs better if you are not.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO GET THIS SERVICE?

Just call or text any of our LEAR team who work in the area:

Alison Harte (Team Leader)
085 254 0442

Ian Dalton (Senior Project Worker)
085 224 3095

Peter Rosenshine (Project Worker)
086 014 3071

Tadhg Carley (Project Worker)
086 014 2655

Donna Kinsella (Project Worker)
086 127 8151

We are here to work with people who have a lot of complicated issues in their lives holding them back. We'll do a quick assessment with you and ask you about your issues and goals. If we think we are a good fit, we'll meet you as often as necessary to work on your goals.

NEIC LEAR team (From left to right) Alison Harte; Ian Dalton; Tadhg Carley; Peter Rosenshine; Donna Kinsella



Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station

The 4th of July 2022 was a very significant day for An Garda Síochána and the Enhanced Policing Subgroup with the official opening ceremony of the refurbished Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station. The station was re-opened by the Taoiseach Micheál Martin who was joined by the Minister for Justice Helen McEntee T.D., Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe T.D., Garda Commissioner Drew Harris, members of the NEIC Initiative, serving and retired members of An Garda Síochána and other members of the community.



2022 is the Centenary Year of the Civic Guard/ An Garda Síochána and as an organisation it understands that effective and efficient policing depends on securing the confidence, support and cooperation of local communities and engaging with these communities. Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station is a station like no other in that it is predominantly focused on supporting victims of crime and being community focused.



In support of this, on 29th April 2022 the station hosted an event for 'Go Purple' Day to help raise awareness about domestic abuse and all the local domestic abuse services and supports available to those affected in Ireland. It was a great opportunity to view the victim's support wing as well as the community wing, which is available to all of the community. To book a room for a community meeting please contact Mountjoy.districtoffice@garda.ie.

Garda Participation at Local Events

Gardaí from Store Street and from Fitzgibbon Street attended and participated in many local events in the area throughout the year.



HOPE Recovery Run



Global Village Concert



Intercultural Forum meetings
with Ethic Policing Forum & Bishop Amos



Sherrard St. Pride of Place



Sheriff St. Pride of Place



Hill Street Family Day

Local Community Safety Partnership

In 2022, the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) were able to fully engage with communities following the lifting of Covid restrictions. Key actions progressed include the establishment of four working subgroups focused on addressing – Drug Related Street issues; Anti-Social Behaviour; Senior Citizens; and Vulnerable Groups. The Partnership also visited the Safety Partnership in Derry, which has informed the new Community Safety Warden scheme for 2023 that will be funded from the proceeds of crime seized by CAB. Work in local areas included supporting communities in Sean O’Casey Ave, the pride of place groups in Ballybough and Sherrard Street, a range of safety audits and a host of community events. In 2023, the LCSP will compile their long term Community Safety Plan, and encourage the community to drop by and say hello to the Local Community Safety Co-ordinator, Sonya Keniry, based in their office in James Joyce Street.



6. Schools and Students

In his Report, Kieran Mulvey highlighted that the importance of education from early years through mainstream schools cannot be overstated. The NEIC Initiative has provided significant investment in schools in the area to encourage and develop progressive attitudes to learning and education. Some of these investments over 2022 include:



Fighting Words were able to deliver free creative writing programmes and workshops for up to 3,000 local participants of all ages.



156 dual-language books, covering 6 languages were purchase for Gardiner St. Primary School to both increase and encourage parental activity and involvement with their children's school life.



Funding was provided to all 6 NEIC Post Primary schools for an After-School Study Programme. Feedback received to date shows that this project is both boosting academic performance, and providing a safe, structured and supportive environment for students to complete class-based assignments and study.



Funding was allocated to provide a film-making class to ten children, who showed an interest in making a film from among the local primary schools who participate in the City Connects programme.



The '*Childhood Restored*', community art project ran between April and May 2022 to provide local children with a safe space to express their feelings around the pandemic and the effect it has had on them. Children from six NEIC primary schools participated in a series of artist-led workshops to create both artwork and stories inspired by their individual and collective experiences.



The project culminated with a celebration of the artwork and stories created by the children which took place at a community exhibition event on 17th June. A custom-made book of art and stories was also launched on the day, creating a historical record of the experience of primary school children in the NEIC during the pandemic.

Funding was also provided to some of the local schools in the area to improved their capacity to respond to the needs of their students.



St Laurence O'Toole Parents' room.



Mount Carmel Mural and Bio-Diversity Garden.



St. Vincent's O'Toole Kitchen Refurbishment



St Laurence O'Toole Sensory room.



Rutland St NS Nurture Room.



Rutland St NS Sensory Garden.

St. Laurence O'Tooles National School Reopening

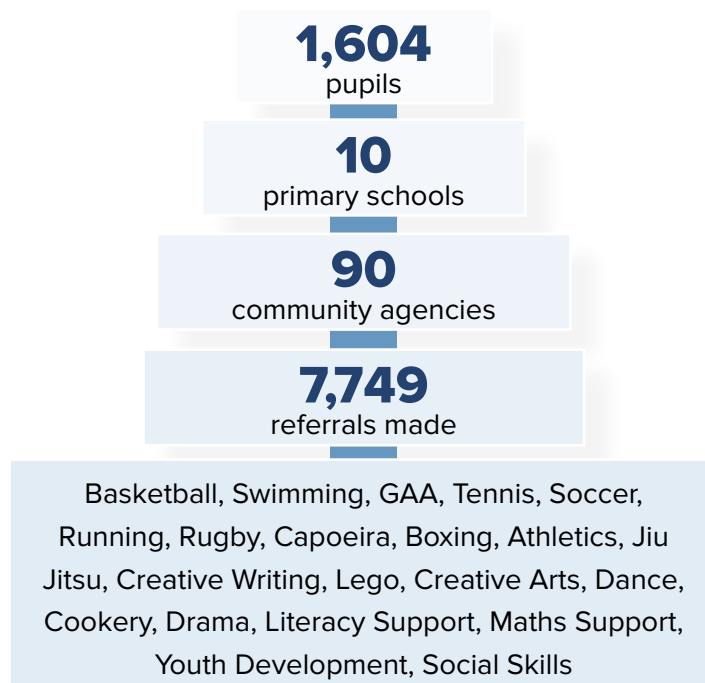
In June of this year, following a significant refurbishment by the Department of Education, St. Laurence O'Tooles' National School reopened its doors and welcomed staff and pupils back to a bright and colourful, state-of-the-art facility. Check out the video section of the NEIC website (www.neic.ie/videos) for our video capturing the children's expressions as they explore their newly refurbished school.



City Connects

The City Connects programme, now in its third year of operation, provides extra support for students by looking at each child's individual strengths and needs across different aspects of their life – *Academics, Social/Emotional/Behavioural, Family and Health* - and then matching each student with a support or services in the school or community.

The dedicated Multi-Disciplinary Team delivers a high quality, collaborative school based service across the disciplines of Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Psychology. 437 new direct referrals were made to the MDT during 2021/22 across the 10 NEIC primary schools with 1,055 intervention sessions delivered in Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and psychology. These direct referrals have reduced waiting times for these children to receive the supports they need.



Multidisciplinary Team in 10 NEIC Primary schools

The North East Inner City Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) is an interagency collaboration between the HSE and the Department of Education. The Team comprises of Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists and a Psychologist, and activity takes place in two main areas:

1. Support & Development Services

These services build teacher and parenting capacity through training, modelling of strategies in class and through consultation. Over 2022, the following were delivered:

Training and Workshops for parents and teachers

31 training sessions were provided to 625 school staff and parents (both attended multiple training sessions).

In-Class Coaching/Modelling

Members of the MDT worked in classrooms, providing 25 in class coaching/modelling sessions on a variety of strategies and interventions.

Whole Class Intervention

86 whole class interventions were delivered, supporting 591 children.

Advice Clinics

Parents and teachers also have direct access to consult with the team through regular advice clinics, 76 advice clinics were held supporting 53 teachers and 6 parents.

2. Individual Casework Services

Consultations 1,035

1,035 consultations were held with parents, school staff and other professionals as part of assessments and interventions to support children referred to the team.

Assessments 301

301 individual assessments were completed across the areas of speech and language, occupational therapy, cognitive skills, learning, social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Interventions 1,055

1,055 intervention sessions were delivered with children in the 10 NEIC schools in SLT, OT and psychology

New referrals 21/22 437

The MDT received 437 new referrals during 2021-22, representing 24% of the school population in the 10 NEIC primary schools.

7. Further Educational and Training Supports, and Employment Opportunities

- Funded by the NEIC Initiative and the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb), an Adult and Community Education Provision Strategy has been developed and was published in November 2022. A dedicated Adult Education Officer has been appointed by the CDETb to deliver on the goals of the Strategy which aim to expand the delivery of education and guidance; develop a shared vision; advocate for social change; raise awareness of provision and pathways; and develop and strengthen the capacity of the Adult and Community Education Sector in the area.
- Over 2021/22, ten childcare workers were supported through the NEIC Initiative's Childcare CPD Training Bursary to study towards achieving a Level 8 (Honours Degree) in Early Childhood Education. While some of the childcare workers are at the beginning of this journey, we would like to congratulate Rebecca Browne and Lauren McNevin who graduated the four-year course this year. The 2022/23 academic year will see support provided for eight childcare workers to continue their studies.
- Following the procurement process for employment services by the Department of Social Protection, a new Local Employment Services provider was selected to cover the NEIC area. The LAES is a new service funded by the Department of Social Protection and will be primarily focused on long term unemployed clients furthest from the labour market with barriers to labour market participation. This service forms part of the additional Public Employment Service capacity required to deliver on Pathways to Work 2021 – 2025 strategy. The new providers will also participate in NEIC Subgroup 2 which looks at maximising educational, training and employment opportunities in the NEIC.
- Over the 2021/22 academic year, the NEIC Initiative funded 11 primary school teachers to complete a Masters in Education (special option on Poverty and Inclusion Studies in Education). We are delighted to congratulate all involved on their recent graduation.
- The Social Employment Fund, funded by the NEIC Initiative, continued to support 55 posts to enhance local services in the areas of childcare, youth projects, eldercare, arts, and the environment.

8. Youth and Family

Afterschool Services

The NEIC Initiative continues to fund fun, safe and educational afterschool spaces for children between the ages of 6 and 10 through Belvedere Youth Club and Ballybough Afterschool Services. These clubs ensure that children are provided with a hot meal and homework support, as well as opportunities to build social skills and participate in recreational programmes. Currently over 260 children are catered for and increased funding will be provided for 2023 to ensure that the services can meet the needs of additional children identified through the City Connects Initiative.



HAY Youth Diversion Project

The HAY Youth Diversion Project works with local young people to divert them from becoming involved (or further involved) in anti-social or criminal behaviour through projects to facilitate personal development and promote civic responsibility. To support the work of the HAY Project, the NEIC Initiative has provided funding to enable the two projects below to advance over the coming months.

- The creation of a state-of-the-art technology hub to deliver multimedia and technology programmes to young people which will include photography, 3D printing, music technology, video making, coding, electronics, and animation.
- The creation of a youth space for 8 – 11 year olds which will facilitate 1:1s and pro-social activities, as well as a separate space for families.

Implementation of the Restorative Practice Strategy

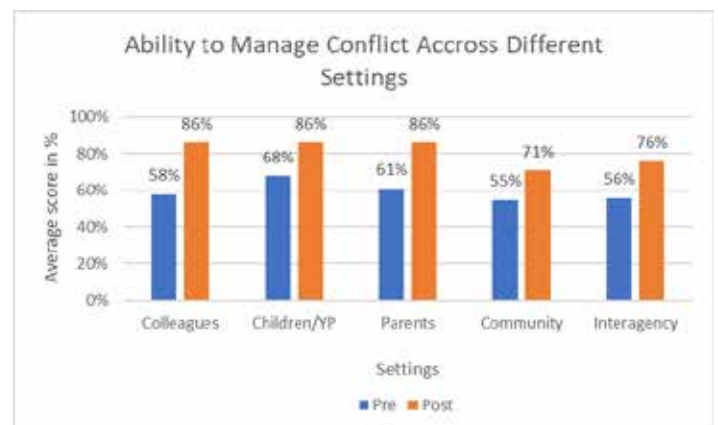
The NEIC Initiative funds the Restorative Practice Programme as part of its work to create a brighter future for everyone living in the area. Having the skills to build positive relationships, participate in restorative conversations and manage conflict is important for everyone in the NEIC, if it is to be a safe, welcoming happy place for its very diverse population.



In 2021/22, the Programme was planned, delivered, and evaluated using a blended approach of virtual and in person delivery. Over this period, 173 people, including 77 young people, received training in restorative practice with 214 attending follow-up support sessions.



Relationship Keepers - Larkin Community College



Quotes from Restorative Practice participants

[Restorative practice] is giving me the assurance that sometimes difficult conversations may need to be had to move things forward, and the tools to do this. It has built my confidence in looking to use restorative practice to overcome difficult situations where maybe before I might have just got annoyed or walked away.

[Restorative practice training] has provided a common understanding and language that we can legitimately incorporate into our team, wider team and with our external stakeholders when the opportunities arise. Our work is rooted in restoring relationships, building trust, and 'being heard', the six questions, and the circle techniques gives us a consistent framework that has considerable potential for our service to build.

Youth Project Weekend Activities

The NEIC Initiative are supporting the youth projects to enable them to expand their services over weekends. Initial funding enabled SWAN to expand services over July and August but this has recently been expanded to also include Lourdes Youth and Community Services, Ballybough Youth Project and Belvedere Youth Club.

Trauma Informed Writing Curriculum – The Rest of the Story (TRS)

Eight young adults all living and or working within the NEIC community took part in a trauma-informed community-based storytelling curriculum, designed to help participants transform trauma to voice, agency and leadership through story sharing.

Michael Patrick MacDonald who delivered the programme has a lived experience of growing up in a neighbourhood much like the NEIC. Having learned to transform his own trauma to voice and agency through trauma-informed, survivor-led community organising, and having ultimately experienced the redemptive power of memoir-writing, he developed a trauma informed writing curriculum *'The Rest of the Story'* to share the personal and community value of memory-work and story sharing.

Those who participated had this to say about what the Programme gave them



A Short Reflection on The Rest of the Story in the NEIC

October 2022

She was halfway up the ropes challenge. She looked skyward at the climb before her, then at the drop below her, as a chorus of well-meaning platitudes erupted from her Earth-bound peers. “Aoife, if I can do it, you can do it!” someone shouted from below. That was the last straw.



“I am my own person!” declared the mighty Aoife, one arm outstretched in declaration for all of Ireland to hear, the other arm gripping a soggy timber post for dear life. She began her descent then, looking quite proud that she alone was in charge, landing gleefully on solid ground and dusting herself off resolutely. She knew her limits.

I had only known this cohort of young leaders for 12 hours. They had arrived to meet me at the Cavan Centre just the evening before in a ruckus burst of energy after a two-hour journey on winding country roads. They were worlds beyond their hectic streets of north inner-city Dublin. But unlike most inner-city Americans with whom I work, they were not out of their element in the country. Rather, they were bursting with joy at the opportunity for such spaciousness and, as I learned in our sessions, whole new contexts from which to reflect. In our first meet-up upon arrival that first evening, though, one thing was strikingly clear to me: they are young and full of great energy. I wasn’t so sure they would be able to handle the process that is so crucial to The Rest of the Story.

Though TRS is a writing/storytelling curriculum, it is first & foremost a process. Informed by Restorative Justice healing and peacemaking circles we use specific touchstones and guidelines that everyone not only agrees to but owns. The accountability of each participant to the group (and to the process) is further fastened by use of the talking stick, and our storytelling sessions become as much about deep listening as they are about the telling.

We start every session with a prompt reminding us of the most precious values each of us brings to the circle as an individual. Then we write and share stories. Me is invariably replaced by Us as TRS’s specifically designed story prompts build an empathic community with shared values and common goals. And it is the process that allows us to do this both on and off the page.

A cohort will usually produce a collection of stories, but each individual story is ultimately owned by its storyteller. It is crucial to the process that each individual participant own their lived experience as well as their resulting piece of writing—where they shall go (and not go) on and off the page, whom they will share it with, how, when etc. While The Rest of the Story is a group-building process promoting community and solidarity, it is also, crucially, a process for reclaiming ownership over ones lived experiences (stories) and declaring a certain personal autonomy and empowerment in relation to our stories.

Though I had gone to bed worried on that first rambunctious night, that next morning my fears were erased by Aoife’s declaration of autonomy. Her determined descent landed like resurrection as her peers went

up and down ropes and soggy posts, totally in charge of their limits, and respectful of the limits of others. Solidarity and autonomy. It was one of those moments, essential to circle process, where teacher becomes student and student becomes teacher. I knew that the process had already begun even though we had not yet put story to page.

Once we got to our first work session, the pens were flying and pages turning. In every session, the comradeship of deep listening followed by applause (and sometimes tears) was matched by a building sense of autonomy and ownership in each participant. Participants were encouraged to use the language that is their own, whether inner city Dublin vernacular, French, Swahili, or Albanian. The ownership by each participant of their individual stories and lived experience built to a frenzy by the time we had to depart on Sunday afternoon.

Two things were certain upon departure.

Firstly, every single young person ended the weekend certain of their leadership and how they might use their lived experience—from the traumatic to the joyful—in their life calling, whether as computer programmers, as musicians and sound engineers, as teachers, social workers, and (all gleefully added) as youth workers and mentors in northeast inner-city Dublin.

Secondly, each participant was certain that they want to continue to write, and to explore personal and community storytelling as a way of connecting the dots of their past lived experience to their futures—to the rest of the story.

They are ready.

Michael Patrick MacDonald

Parenting Coordinator

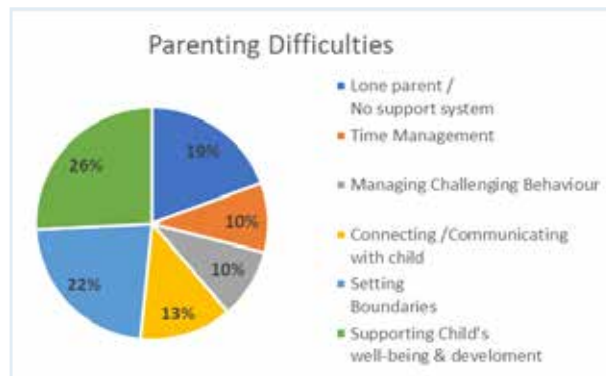


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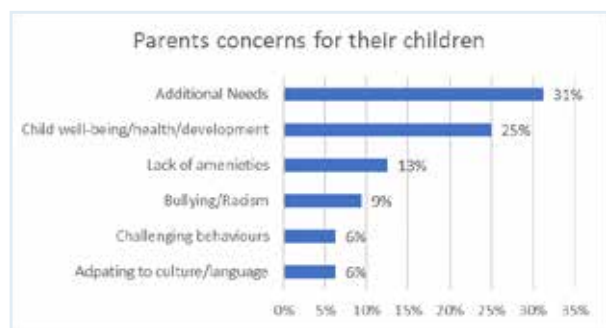
In 2021, the NEIC Initiative developed the position of the NEIC Parenting Programme Coordinator to coordinate parenting supports and give parents a say in how the NEIC can support them as children develop and grow. Information about the programme and parenting courses available in the NEIC can be found under the Resources section of the NEIC website: [NEIC Parenting Co-Ordinator](#)

The appointment of the NEIC Parenting Support Coordinator has shone a spotlight on supports for parents in the NEIC and has resulted in services giving more attention to the supports they provide to parents along with encouraging services to deliver more parenting courses and workshops.

In 2022, the NEIC Initiative launched a parenting initiative to enhance the coordination of parenting programmes and referral pathways across all age groups in the NEIC. As part of this work, Imelda worked with service providers and parents to identify parents' need and services available.



All relevant organisations were contacted to map existing supports, services and resources for parents in the NEIC. Imelda also liaised with these organisations on referral pathways and specific supports for identified parents, particularly those with children with additional needs.



Parents who responded to a needs assessment noted the difficulties they face around parenting including issues, needs, and concerns for their children. Some parents indicated they faced barriers and challenges in accessing parenting support programmes, the primary ones being a *lack of time* and a *lack of childcare*. The graphs below/across show the main difficulties encountered by parents.

When asked about their biggest concerns for their children, parents responded by identifying additional needs, and child well-being/health/development as the main areas. The graph across show the main concerns identified.

Imelda has been informing and referring parents to relevant activities in the area and a key goal for the coming year is to establish a Parenting Forum which will involve parents in the design, delivery and evaluation of parenting supports and programmes. This information gathered through the Parents' Needs Assessment and the mapping exercised by services will enable the Forum to identify gaps and what other support and/or training may be needed.

Imelda would like to thank the NEIC Parenting Strategy Steering Group, Parent Support Champions, parents, and providers of parenting programmes, and looks forward to building on the work so far into 2023.



Intercultural Coordinator



Joy Eniola is the NEIC Intercultural Coordinator and you can contact her at joy.eniola@dublincity.ie or by phone at (01) 2225308 or (087) 413 9501.

The North East Inner City is rich in diversity with so many countries, languages and cultures represented here. Joy works with community groups and organisations in the area to harness the potential of diversity and address the unique needs of minority ethnic people in the North East Inner City.

Joy is currently engaging with a number of stakeholders in a scoping exercise to review current service delivery to minority ethnic people and identify gaps to be addressed in a three year Intercultural Inclusion Action Plan. Some priority areas identified through this exercise include capacity building for minority ethnic groups and leaders; innovatively addressing intercultural competence of professionals in the area; supporting the development of clear information on policies, procedures and legislation; addressing racial discrimination; addressing issues relating to minority ethnic young people; and increasing representation of minority ethnic people among staff, community forum and representative bodies.

Intercultural Ambassadors

Over the past year, the NEIC Intercultural Ambassadors have initiated and participated in a number of intercultural initiatives through partnerships with community members, groups and organisations. They have contributed to the development of services for minority ethnic people through focus groups and consultations.



Children's art following Intercultural workshop in NEIC schools

Africa Day in the NEIC

In May, over 20 African-led groups and organisations were represented at an event in Belvedere Youth Club to celebrate Africa Day. The celebration was launched by former Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland who was also joined by Dublin based African Ambassadors. The event featured food, music, poetry and exhibitions as well as workshops and an opportunity for members of the African community to share their opinion on a variety of topics.



Celebrating Diversity: Global Village Concert

Now in its second year, the Global Village Festival is an initiative of the NEIC Intercultural Ambassadors which showcases music, dance, spoken word and food from across the world. This year's event was attended by over 200 people and saw 20 performances by artists representing more than 19 countries. The Festival was held on 13th November in Ballybough Community Centre and took place as part of Dublin City Council's Inclusion and Integration week.



Integration through Sport: Globetrotter's Badminton Club

The Globetrotter's badminton club was formed by the female Intercultural Ambassadors to bring together women of all nationalities and cultural backgrounds to engage in an active sport. The club meets on Mondays at 10am in St Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre on Sherriff Street. All welcome!



Florica and Baronita

Two cultural mediators, Florica and Baronita who recently started work in Summerhill Family Practice and the Capuchin Day Centre share their experience so far.



Question: So, you have been on this journey for almost a year now. Can you remember, why you decided to join the programme to become cultural mediators?

F: I wanted to do something different. When I went to class and I meet the other women and we share with you and Lisa, it was the best time in Ireland. And I can't believe now I am helping people from my community, when I see them understanding, I feel very good because I am doing something new, not just staying home cooking, cleaning. I feel very happy that I am doing something more.

B: I joined because I wanted to help the Roma people. I know what it is when you don't understand anything, what somebody says because when I came to Ireland for the first time I was the same. Now I want to help the Roma girls. I want to translate to them and to explain because sometimes when it is just translators they don't understand, you need to explain the words because some of the girls don't have school so you need to explain slowly with patience. I know it is important when we explain, and I really enjoy the work.

Question: Can you give an example, why you think this is important?

B: When Laura asked me to ring people, I was telling them, you have an appointment, don't forget. It's wow for me. Sometimes the women, it's their boys who pick up and they are worried. "something is wrong with my mom?" And I have to explain no, it's because of her age, it's normal this check for women, don't worry. It's wow for me.

F: Everybody knows Laura so when we ring the people to come for appointment sometimes they say, okay Laura. Then we say, no we are not Laura, we are new working here. Some of them, I know them and I say oh look, it's me, I am working here. They can't believe it, wow what are you doing there?

Question: And do you think it makes a difference that you are Roma, for the people that come in?

B: Yes for example, my first time, one lady she came and the doctor was speaking to her, and Laura was translating. She said you need to bring your child for vaccine and the lady said no, I won't bring my baby for vaccine, never. And then I asked Laura if I could speak to the woman, and I explained to her - look I am Roma like you and I have two kids and first time the doctor told me to bring my daughter for vaccine, I said same as you because I was afraid and someone told me the vaccine is not good. But believe me, I brought my child for vaccine, and she is very well because this will help your child. She said okay I'll come. And later Laura told me the lady went for the vaccine. I was very happy because I know it is very important and good for kids. But the mother was scared thinking it is not good for the child. I understand because I was the same.

Question: Now that you've started working, what is your dream?

F: [laughing] I want to take Laura's place. I would like to be like her one day. She's very good and I am learning a lot from her. I see how she is patient and explaining things to people. I think one day maybe I can do this too. But I need to get better with my English and to use the computer.

B: For me, this is my dream, to help my community. I want maybe to see more Roma people like this.

9. Arts, Culture and Events

Hill Street Lunar Festival

@ Hill Street Family Resource Centre -
February 2022

The annual Lunar New Year celebration, run in collaboration with the NEIC Initiative, took place from 1st – 12th of February 2022. The celebration, which was led by a group of parents who live locally, is an important festive and cultural celebration and was an opportunity for local communities to say goodbye to the Year of the Ox and welcome the Year of the Tiger.



Saoirse Music Festival

@ Liberty Park -
June 2022

Funded by the NEIC Initiative, the Saoirse festival took place in Liberty Park on 11th June and featured a nine hour programme of music with thirty different acts performing on two separate stages. There was also face painting and a visit from the Sensory Bus.

Approximately 1,500 people visited the event over the course of the day.



Gospel Rising

@ Mountjoy Square Park -
June 2022



Over 4,500 people visited the Gospel Rising festival which took place in Mountjoy Square on 19th June and featured performances by thirteen choirs from around the country. The line-up included the Discovery Gospel Choir from Cathal Bruagha Street and the Gardiner Street Gospel Choir. The “Forget me nots” choir for older adults and carers also performed. Other attraction included children’s entertainment and a picnic area supported with a wide range of catering outlets.



Hill St. Family Fun Day

@ Hill Street Family Resource Centre
- June 2022



Hill Street FRC celebrated its annual Intercultural Family Fun Day on 30th June with over 800 local people and local organisations attending. The main aim of the event was to celebrate diversity with a specific focus on the theme of “Welcoming”.

There were presentations and performances on the day by local children and families from both the migrant ethnic minority residents, local indigenous residents, and performances by local organisations within the NEIC.



68 volunteers supported the event, including young people from local schools and youth clubs.

Newcomen Community Cottage

Official opening –
July 2022



The DCC Central Area Office in conjunction with the NEIC and DCC Park's Department have completely refurbished Newcomen Cottage adjacent to the Mud Island Community Garden. The cottage is now open for use by a number of groups to promote community activity.

As well as the works to the cottage, additional works were also carried out as part of this project including treatment to the perimeter of the garden, new gates, access ramps and associated civil works.

The Lord Mayor was invited to formally open the cottage on 28th July, and the event was well attended by members of the local community.



Culture Night

September 2022



The Big Scream

October 2022



Arts Coordinator

Participation by over 500 people from the NEIC



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The NEIC Initiative has been actively working to support the Community Arts sector in the area over the past five years and in 2021 appointed a Community Arts Coordinator.

In 2022, the NEIC Community Arts Programme worked with over 500 people in the NEIC, from babies to older age groups delivering an exciting and diverse range of programmes as outlined below. For Spring 2023, the Programme will work with local and national stakeholders to explore and create a strategic plan that will be delivered over the next two years. The consultation process will involve focus groups, individual consultations and a community arts networking and reflection day, and will examine how to support the creative life of the NEIC communities in a meaningful way.

Early Years:

In Spring 2022, five skilled Early Years Artists worked across Early Years Settings in the NEIC: Little Treasures, North Wall, CASPR, Ozanam House, Holy Child School, Rutland Street and Hill Street FRC. In the Autumn, a programme was developed where the artists continued to work within these settings, delivering an eight week early years arts residency accompanied by a programme of CPD.



NEIC Community Arts Development Grant:

The intention of this grant was to provide an opportunity for groups to deepen the community arts engagement of participants who have already had the experience of a meaningful community arts initiative. In 2022 the Grant supported the following groups: Scoil Chaoimhín, The Dublin Concert Band, The Hay Project, Lourdes Youth and Community Services, Mud Island, Ozanam House, Swan Youth Service, Holy Child School, Rutland Street and Ambi Ireland.

Applications for this grant will reopen in February 2023.

Residencies

LYCS Singing and Music Residency: This programme was delivered by the artist Cathy McEvoy in partnership with LYCS and the DCC Arts Office. Cathy worked with a range of LYCS groups in 2022, some of whom self-selected to work together as a singing group for a programme of work directed by Cathy.

Music Residency for Children who may present additional needs: This residency is being delivered by the early year's music specialist Helen Blackmore in Laurence O'Toole's CBS. Helen worked with students in spring 2022 and is now delivering a yearlong residency for 2022-2023.

Visual Arts Residency: After a period of exploratory workshops in spring 2022, the artist Susie Maloney has returned to the students of St. Laurence O'Toole's CBS to work with them for the academic year 2022-2023.



The Try It Out Programme:

This programme was opened to any group in the NEIC who wished to explore a specific art form but required guidance and support to begin. The programme was also open to groups who wanted to augment their existing arts programme by working with new or different artists or art forms.

In spring 2022, the Try It Out Programme worked with six artists in addition to the Hugh Lane Gallery and Fighting Words, and facilitated over 28 different arts programmes with over 350 participants.

The Community Arts Programme is now engaged in the process of developing several residencies with community organisations that have emerged as a result of the Try It Out Programme.

Art and Music Workshops for Older Adults:

This programme used a methodology called Visual Thinking Strategies, to encourage participants to discuss and respond to the public art and music that is important to them. The programme was delivered in several settings for adults in the NEIC.

Spirit of the Kingdom of Kongo:

An Exhibition of Art and Heritage for children from the former Kingdom of Kongo

From the 12th October 2022 – 22nd October 2022, the NEIC Community Arts Programme in collaboration with the New Communities Partnership and Charleville Mall Library presented an exhibition for children and families, that explored art and heritage from the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Congo and Angola. In addition to the exhibition a series of workshops for schools and families were held in Charleville Mall Library to enhance the audience's experience of the exhibition.



Magic in the Mansions

The Artist Orla Kelly was commissioned to design a six-month programme of work for children, that would encourage them to explore the world around them and creatively respond to their new environment.

Making Magic began in January 2022 with children in St Mary's Mansions being gifted an intriguing parcel or small box every week, inside which would be a number of items: for example - a greeting letter, a torch, some paper cut out characters and some instructions.

The programme also enabled the children to work together in small groups to create their own stories using the shadow puppets that they had made.



The children recorded these stories with Orla to make their own short films and then had the opportunity to present their stories in the Lab Gallery in June. The children and their families were entertained by the different shadow puppet animation movies that the children had made.

2022 was another amazing year in the NEIC for sports and recreation. Take a look at some of the events and highlights below.



(At the Lab Gallery)



(At the Lab Gallery)

10. Sport and Wellbeing

Basketball

It's been a huge year for basketball in the NEIC with the area establishing its first club – The North-East Inner-City Trojans. In its first year the club will field both an U14 boys' and girls' team, building on the success of the basketball academies of the last number of years.



TROJANS



(U14 Girls Team)



(U14 Boys Team)

Shane Maughan has come on board as a Basketball Development officer for the area and is doing great work overseeing many projects. Basketball is now being delivered in a large number of schools and projects through the NEIC dedicated sports programme and schools had the opportunity to compete in an inter-schools' competition in the National Basketball Arena. Two separate weeks of summer camps sold out within hours with all children having hugely enjoyable weeks.

3x3 Basketball Tournament

For the second year running the NEIC in partnership with Basketball Ireland ran a 3x3 Basketball Tournament in Mountjoy Park in August. Over 500 entrants between the ages of 9 and 40+ competed, and people from as far away as Cork, Kerry and Belfast all turned out at Mountjoy Sq. Park on the day. Competitions were run for boys and girls at u12 / u14 / u17 and senior level.



GAA

The NEIC Sports Team are working with Scoil Uí Chonaill to provide GAA in every primary school in the area, with many young boys and girls interested in joining club teams also. The GAA Summer Camp had an unprecedented level of interest, so much so that a change of venue was needed to accommodate all of the interested children. 150 children attended with all campers treated to a fun week of coaching, new GAA gear, water fights, and even some special guest appearances from the Dublin Senior Football Team.



Cricket

Cricket has continued to go from strength to strength in the area and Cricket Leinster are working in partnership in with Dublin City Council and the NEIC Initiative to grow the sport. The tape ball programme has proved a big hit, and has taken place in Mountjoy Square regularly over the summer months.

Boxing

Boxing is more popular than ever in the area, no doubt following on from the success of our own Olympic heroes Kellie Harrington and Emmet Brennan. Boxing Development Officer Paul Quinn has been providing boxing sessions in the area, including Ballybough Youth Project, Bradóg YS, ASESP, Ozanam House, along with schools Gardiner Street, Central Model, O Connells Secondary, and St Vincent's Boys. The NEIC Initiative also supported Docklands Boxing Club to run an inter-club boxing tournament in St Laurence O Toole Centre in November. There were over 90 fighters involved on the day and after watching some of the up and coming stars it is safe to say the future is bright for boxing in the area.



Ref Garda Sgt Vincent Campbell, Store St

Athletics

2022 saw a considerable increase in numbers participating in athletics in the NEIC region. Two new adult athletics clubs were established – HOPE Recovery Runners and Sheriff Street Running Club, both of which are affiliated with Athletics Ireland.

The Sheriff Street club hosted a Couch to 3K as part of the 'Change for Life' programme in early 2022 and now has over 60 members who continue to meet and train two nights per week. Club members also ran in the Women's Mini Marathon and the Remembrance Run in the Phoenix Park in November.





In May we saw the inaugural NEIC primary school's cross county event in Fairview Park. The schools were well represented and the children were delighted to experience their first ever cross country race.

Throughout the year athletics Run/Jump/Throw programmes were offered to most of the primary schools in the region. These programmes give children the opportunity to try athletics in a fun and non-competitive environment.

In June, 350 children representing all the primary schools in the region descended on Morton Stadium, Santry to experience the thrills of running in our National Athletics Stadium. All children were given the opportunity to try the variety of athletic disciplines – sprints, relays, hurdles, long jump, high jump, javelin, shot put, discus. The day culminated with some athletes completing their final mile of the Marathon Kids programme.

Outside of the schools, children from the Foundation Project participated in weekly athletic sessions which culminated in them going to Irishtown Stadium, Ringsend to experience the joys of running on a track. Athletics sessions were also delivered to the youth groups in Ozanam House Youth Services groups.



In addition, NEIC supported the Soilse 5k Recovery Run which took place in September with nearly 100 participants braving the elements to experience a very enjoyable day.

Watersports

After a two-year delay due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the third NEIC Sail Training project took place this Summer. Thirty people from the North East Inner City of Dublin took part in the Sail Training Voyages aboard the tall ship Pelican of London and the Dublin based vessel Brian Boru. The participants were offered the amazing opportunity to become trainees on a tall ship to experience exciting voyages starting in Dublin and visiting Wales before returning to Dublin. This opportunity was made possible by funding support from the North East Inner City Initiative and Dublin City Council with trainee recruitment coordinated by Sail Training Ireland.



Kayaking

For the third year running, the NEIC Initiative supported community kayaking on the River Liffey over the summer months. Over 400 residents benefitted from the programme including resident associations, boxing clubs, youth clubs, and summer projects who all took advantage of the two hour sessions over the course of May – August.



SARI - Football for Unity

Following on from the success of last year's Football for Unity festival, hosted by Sports Against Racism Ireland (SARI), this year's Football for Unity Festival was back with a bang, taking place between 6th June and 15th July. The matches took place across a number of different North East Inner City venues, and invoked the spirit of the famous Gloucester Diamond football tournament previously held in the area. The Football for Unity Festival showcased the potential of football as an educational tool which can bring communities together to promote social inclusion for newcomers to Ireland. An amazing 40 different countries were represented in the tournament, which is a true testament to the diversity of cultures that the NEIC represents.



Rugby

Rugby has gone from strength to strength in the NEIC, with programmes spanning across numerous primary schools, secondary schools and youth community programmes in the area. Currently, there are over 350 kids taking part each week in rugby programmes run in schools by the NEIC Initiative and Leinster Rugby.

Leinster Rugby are now regularly coaching girls and boys in schools that previously didn't have Rugby Programmes. These programmes include Touch Rugby, Tag Rugby, TY Coaching Courses and Full Contact Rugby. In addition to this, Leinster Rugby have broadened their reach even further with monthly sessions and summer programmes at youth community groups like Belvedere Youth Group and Ozanam House, operated by Saint Vincent De Paul.



NEIC Yoga Programme

2022 saw the first ever group of yoga teacher trainees graduate the NEIC funded Yoga Teacher Training Programme. Thirteen candidates from around the area participated in an 11-month course to become fully certified yoga teachers and many of them have already begun teaching in their own communities around the area. We are very proud of them and wish them all the success in the future. Check out the video section of the NEIC website (www.neic.ie/videos) for our 'NEIC Yoga Teacher Training Course' video which captures the trainees' graduation day and where they speak about what the course meant to them.

A second group of yoga teacher trainees have since begun their 11-month course and are due to graduate in July of 2023.



Health and Wellbeing Festival

The NEIC's first Health and Wellbeing Festival took place in October in D-Light Studios. The festival was run in partnership between the NEIC Initiative, 5 Lamps Arts Festival and D-Light Studios. The festival had everything from cacao ceremonies, yoga classes, gong sound healing, ecstatic dancing, dedicated kids' spaces, a café and lots more. The day was a big success with many attendees from the local area and the wider Dublin area.



ExWell Medical

ExWell Medical has continued to be a part of the NEIC Sports and Wellbeing programme thanks to its huge popularity with locals in the area. ExWell provides fitness classes for people suffering from chronic health issues, under supervision and support from medical personnel. The classes took place outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic, but have now found a home in Ballybough Community Centre, providing a hugely beneficial service to all participants.



11. Inclusion Health and Drug Misuse

The NEIC Initiative is working to develop services that are evidence-based and are sustainable in the long-term. The involvement of people with lived experience of drug and alcohol and other issues is a core principle of the initiatives being supported. These initiatives are in the main a collaboration between local service providers and national and even European experts. Some of those supported in 2022 include:



Healthcare Navigation Service

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The HSE, funded by the NEIC Initiative, has developed a pilot community aftercare programme - Healthcare Navigation Service – for people leaving prison and returning to the NEIC which will support individuals to navigate and engage with health services. Prior to being released from custody, individuals will work with the dedicated Care Navigator to complete a focused health and social care needs assessment and develop an individualised care plan.

The programme will start while the individual is in custody and bridge the gap between custody and community living. Based on the individualised care plan, Clare will establish strong working relationships with existing services and will support individuals to attend appointments and advocate on their behalf where necessary. Clare will identify any personal obstacles which have previously prevented individuals from engaging with services and include some level of pre-engagement work with them.

Clare will act as a link between the individual and the services which exist within the prison and community. They will establish strong relationships with existing services to enhance the efficacy of their services by individuals who are harder to engage.

The Healthcare Navigation Service aims to improve the physical and mental health outcomes of vulnerable adults. Through goal-oriented support, service users will be empowered to advocate for themselves and manage their health and social care needs.



Prevention and treatment of non-fatal drug overdose

A too familiar feature of drug use in the NEIC is the high number of drug-related deaths and the resulting impact this has on the families of the bereaved and the wider community. While increasing access to services reduces the risk of drug-related deaths, a need was identified to develop a targeted drug death related prevention initiative among high risk groups.

Trinity College Dublin have been commissioned to conduct an exploratory study of non-fatal overdose in the community with the aim to develop recommendations around the prevention and treatment of non-fatal overdose. This is seen as a vital tool in combating and responding to drug-related deaths as real time and place information regarding the reporting of deaths will help services aid those needing help quicker. The Study has commenced and is expected to be completed in Q3 2023.

Community addiction assessment hub

Following initial funding by the NEIC Initiative, a new HSE-led service has been set up in the NEIC for individuals or family members with concerns regarding drug use or gambling and other behavioural addictions such as gambling, gaming and sexual addiction. The Community Addiction Assessment Hub has a multidisciplinary team including an addiction specialist nurse, doctor and counsellor, and the team, by referral, has access to residential stabilisation and detoxification, addiction psychiatry and case management.

This service works in conjunction with GPs to provide assessment, preparation and support for community detox. It does not provide medication (scripts) but will provide a treatment plan, supports and monitoring during detoxification and treatment. **Referrals for the service are through a General Practitioner.**



Community capacity to respond to dual diagnosis

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As part of the Dual Diagnosis Awareness workshops and Train the Trainers workshops which were delivered in 2021, participants voiced their aspiration to advance to another level of capacity building, where groups would work inclusively and collaborate to create a joined-up response to Dual Diagnosis within the community.

To support this aspiration, a community development worker has been employed to co-ordinate a further capacity building project. The project, which started in September 2022, began by engaging with stakeholders in the community including people and services working in the areas of addiction, mental health, youth, homelessness, health inclusion, GPs, community gardai, politicians, and broader community development organisations.

Following on from this initial successful engagement, an open dialogue community forum was then established which is a participatory network for action orientated activities and engagement between stakeholders.

The first meeting took place in the community on the 26th October and explored existing capacity for service providers to respond to dual diagnosis and discussed examples of good practice. The forum will hold meetings every 4-6 weeks and continue to identify what else the community needs to build into capacity to better respond and establish learning sets to develop extra capacity.

Anti-Stigma training linked to drug use and addiction

The aim of this training is to reduce the presence of drug-related stigma in NEIC services so that people with experience of drug use can avail of the services they require in a fair and equal manner. It is true to say that most people, when they stigmatise others, do not know that they are doing it and therefore have no realisation of how this negative treatment impacts on people who use drugs.

Funded by the NEIC Initiative, by early November SAOL had run two of four free trainings to just over 20 professionals in the community. Further training sessions will be provided towards the end of November 2022 and Winter/Spring 2023 for people who use services.

So far it has been a very positive experience and we are delighted be able to provide a pilot training that, when assessed by Trinity College Dublin said that it 'not only met the expectations of the participants but also had a short-term quantifiable impact on levels of stigma'.



Healthy Communities Programme

Continued support was provided for the Healthy Communities Project, delivered by Dublin City Coop. This project aims to tackle health inequalities by building the capacity of the community to address health issues affecting them. The project is implementing an evaluation and monitoring process with the objective of understanding the impact of Social Prescribing, as well as collecting more comprehensive data on the area.

Sustainable Initiatives

A key objective of the Programme Implementation Board is to develop services that are evidence-based and sustainable in the long-term. The provision of core funding in 2022 through the Department of Health to sustain the Fast-Track Counselling and Multi-disciplinary Team, previously funded by the PIB, demonstrates the success of these services.

Fast Track Counselling: The Fast-track Counselling and Therapeutic Supports Service provides critical supports to children and young people under the age of 18 experiencing mental health and wellbeing difficulties. The goal of the initiative is to offer immediate access to therapeutic supports to children, young people and their families.

Multi-disciplinary team for primary school children: The Multidisciplinary Team was set up in October 2020 comprising of an enhanced NEPS service, HSE Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Psychology. Together they provide a 3-tiered model of holistic support to all children in the 10 Primary schools in the North East Inner City.

In addition, the Department of Health provided recurring funding in 2022 to develop and expand the following community-based services as part of the NEIC initiative:

Community Alcohol Services: Funding has been allocated to enhance community-based alcohol services in the north inner city and surrounding areas. The fund is part of the strategic priority to enhance access to and delivery of drug and alcohol services in the community in the national drugs strategy 2021-2025.

Healthy communities project: The Healthy Communities Project is run by the Dublin City Community Co-operative, which has secured recurring funding under the Sláintecare Healthy Communities programme. This project aims to tackle health inequalities in the north east inner city of Dublin by building the capacity of the community to address health issues affecting them.



12. Greening our Community

Diamond Park

Welcome to the new Diamond Park. Work is underway to create a major new public space to be enjoyed by local residents and communities.





Diamond Park

Work began on the park in July of this year and you will have seen the changes underway. The design of the new park, which will reopen in Q2 2023, incorporates the views that you - the community - gave during the extensive engagement process undertaken by DCC. The new park will comprise terraced seating area, retention of existing mosaic elements, a recreation area including play spaces, skate opportunities, and multi-functional lawn area, as well as retaining some of the park's rich history with a new 5-a-side football pitch and a basketball court.



There will also be space for a café, and new soft landscaping of trees and herbaceous planting, both in the park and along Gardiner Street and Sean McDermott Street.

NEIC Greening Strategy

In 2017, Kieran Mulvey understood the value of improving the visual landscape of our neighbourhoods with trees, greenery and open spaces. Each year the NEIC Initiative has endorsed view by ensuring funding is provided to materialise that vision. It can be easy to forget how much our landscape has changed for the better and maybe that is a good thing.

Busáras Triangle – As one of the busiest junctions in the city centre, as well as one of the main entrances to the North side and the NEIC area, ensuring this was a welcoming and beautifully landscaped space was a key project for delivery in 2022. This project saw the transformation of a 600 sqm of paved area into an attractive ecological habitat with mature tree planting and wide variety of shrubs, herbaceous and bulb planting, creating an important visual amenity while supporting bio diversity and SUDS in the hearth of the city centre.



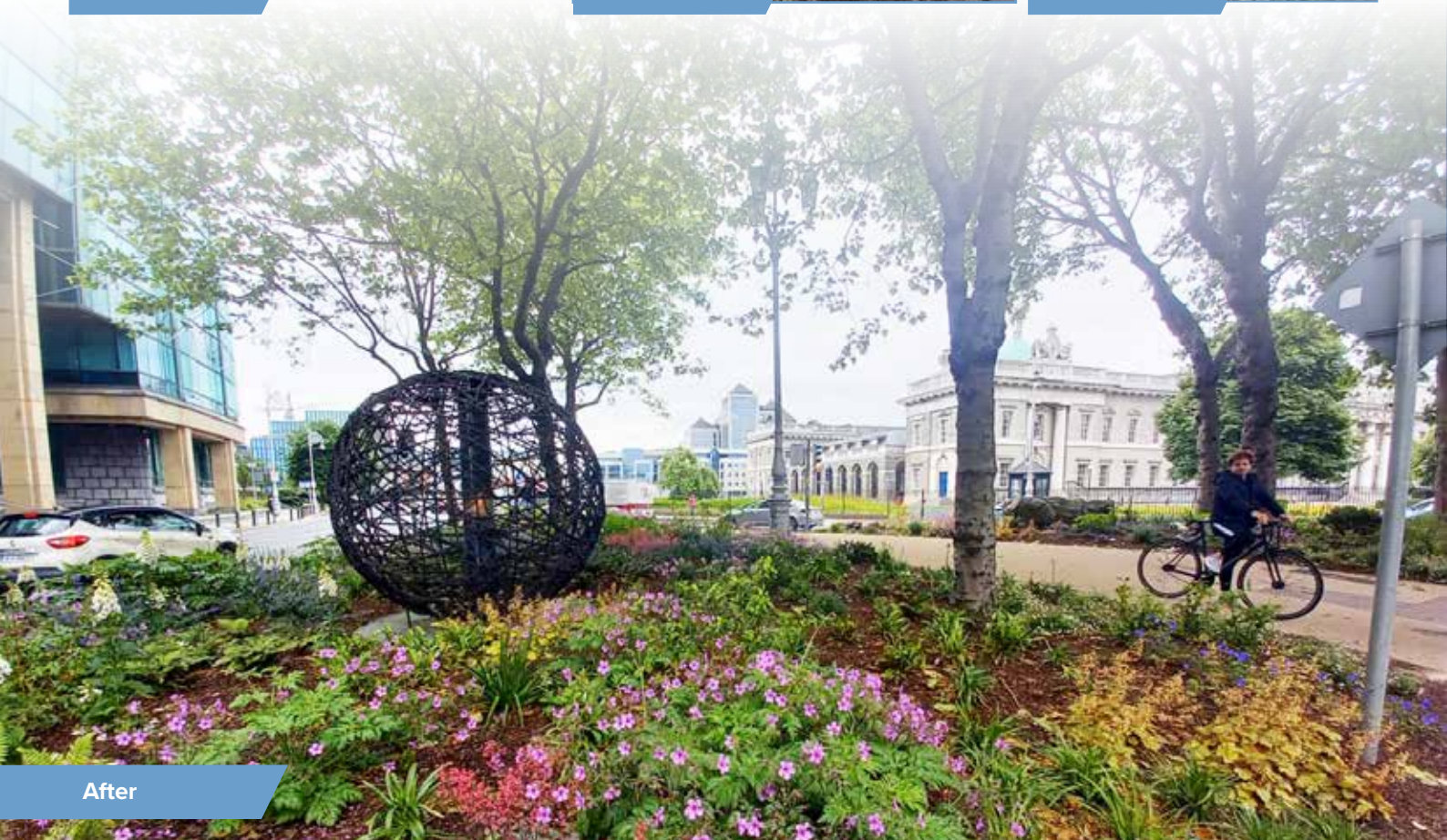
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Oriel Street – This Plaza saw a big greening transformation with over 300 sqm of hardstanding area transformed into hedge planting, feature planting beds, with four semi-mature trees, that will provide year round colour and interest. The project also saw the first installation of a Living Christmas in the city that will be a feature and focal point for the area throughout the year.



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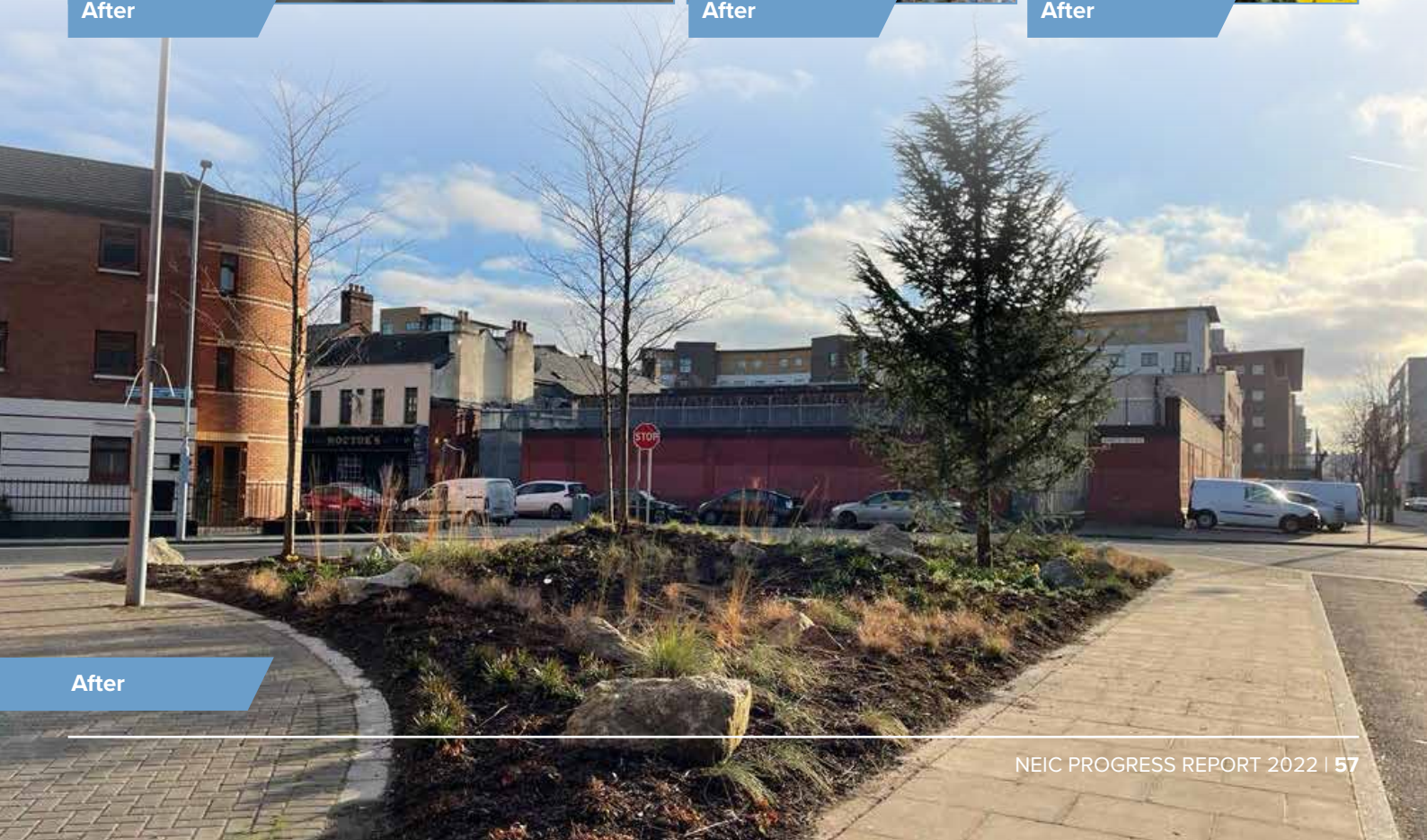
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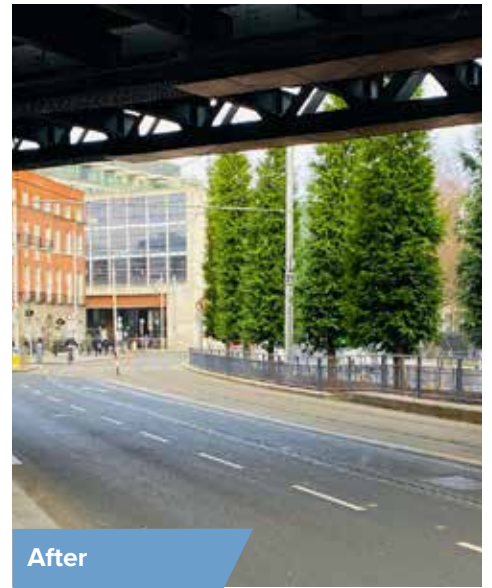
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Beresford Place

Beresford Place Central median has been transformed with over 200 sqm of hardstanding area replaced with native hedge planting and feature planting beds, six semi-mature trees that will provide year round colour and interest, and new estate fencing along its length. The shape/habit of the Thuja Plicata Excelsa (Western Red Cedar) trees complements the Palladian architecture style of the Customs House and will grow upright rather than out. This is very important due to the location of the planting zone between two main transport routes - the Luas to the North, and Beresford Place to the South. The trees will happily grow here without any impact on either route.



Memorial Row Central Median - Following on from the successful completion of the Beresford place central median tree planting works, the Memorial Row central median landscape works have added another much needed splash of green in a very urban and heavily trafficked area. The two interventions pulling on the palladian design of the customs house and the adjacent formal Georgian houses have created a real sense of structure/ style/ and aesthetic and established a human scale to what was once a very wide and inhospitable street.



Portland Row Central Median - This may have been a small project but it has had a big impact. The creation of a feature tree pit with a large specimen plane tree with understorey planting has transformed a minor central median/traffic Island into a green oasis in one of the busiest thoroughfares in the city centre.



Annesley Avenue - The Annesley Avenue greening intervention comprised of the construction of a series of tree pits and planting beds and the removal of existing features such as bollards, damaged macadam and brickwork to create a top soiled tree pit/planting area with a granite kerb upstand. The project saw the daylighting of over 60 sqm of hard surfacing, the planting of five trees and understorey planting, which will provide important habitats for biodiversity and pollinators.



Sackville Place Biodiversity Garden - This project saw a collaboration between community representatives and local residents, bringing about the transformation of a 200 sqm brown field area. These works resulted in a biodiversity garden with native tree planting and a wide variety of shrubs, herbaceous and bulb planting, creating an important visual amenity while supporting bio diversity and SUDS in the heart of the city centre.



Gloucester Place

Works at Gloucester Place Junction have improved pedestrian and cyclist safety but also enabled the installation of a constructed SUDS tree pit and planting area, as well as new granite footpaths. This greening will help mitigate flooding in the locality while the planting of herbaceous and shrub plants, as well as approximately 2000 bulbs, will provide year round interest and colour.



Ballybough Corner - Biodiversity Garden

This pocket park at Ballybough Corner was an underwhelming and uninviting location in the area. Local groups and residents requested an intervention similar to the successful completion of the Gloucester Place Biodiversity garden. The site now is a biodiversity friendly pocket park in the heart of the inner city and creates an attractive visual focal point amongst a very urban environment.



13. Business Engagement

P-TECH (Pathways to Technology)

Over the past 5 years, the P-TECH (Pathways in Technology) Model has gone from strength to strength and the first group of 155 P-TECH students from 2019 has grown to 617 students in 2022. This summer, Aidan Giblin, who coordinated and championed P-TECH since its inception, has taken a well-deserved retirement and the new P-TECH coordinator is Darrell Darcy. Everyone at the NEIC Initiative would like to congratulate Aidan on his retirement, and wish Darrell all the best in his new role.

617 pupils

2nd Year

260 Students

3rd Year

156 Students

4th Year

120 Students

5th Year

81 Students

5 post-primary schools



O'Connell School



St Joseph's CBS



Marino College



Larkin Community School



Rosmini Community School

7 Industry Partners



IBM



Cisco



Irish Life



Irish Water



Virgin Media Ireland



Salesforce



Iarnród Éireann

P-TECH Transition Year Students

Earlier this year, the first cohort of students to engage in P-TECH participated in a six-week immersive work placement with industry partners working on projects centred around digital and tech skills. Check out the video page on our website (www.neic.ie/videos) for our 'P-TECH 2022' video capturing the culmination of this work placement at an event held in IBM on 7 April where the students had the opportunity to showcase their work.



The P-TECH programme in post primary school

What's New 2022/2023

The NEIC Initiative was delighted to welcome Rosmini Community School and O'Connell Secondary School to the P-TECH Programme for the 2022/23 school year, along with two new industry partners, Salesforce and Iarnród Éireann.

2022/23 has also seen the introduction of the Senior Cycle programme - a ten credit Level 6 programme for P-TECH students accompanied by a Level 9 programme for P-TECH teachers. Both programmes have been developed by the National College of Ireland and validated by Quality and Qualifications Ireland. For the first time in Ireland P-TECH students can obtain a Level 6 Special Purpose Award while they attend secondary school.

The commitment by our school teachers' to the programme is evident and there are now 32 P-TECH teachers across the 5 schools, with 14 teachers having completed the special purpose Level 9 P-TECH award offered by NCI.

There are 416 Junior Cycle students taking short courses in Coding and Robotics and 201 senior cycle students registered with the National College of Ireland for the QQI Certificate in P-TECH special purpose award.

The P-TECH programme in post primary schools

1st year of post primary school

Students follow the normal Junior Cycle programme and participate in P-TECH taster activities, such as industry talks, demonstrations, workshops etc. Students are invited to enrol for P-TECH.

2nd and 3rd year of post primary school

Enrolled students start P-TECH, taking specially developed Short Courses as part of the Junior Cycle, e.g. Robotics or Coding. Every student is assigned a mentor from industry. Workplace learning, site visits, industry talks, visits to 3rd level colleges.

Transition Year

Students commence third-level modules, workplace-related learning, talks, mentoring engagement with industry continues. Industry partners provide work experience placement for students in term 2.

5th and 6th Year of post primary school

Students follow the normal Leaving Certificate programme, together with third-level modules, mentoring and planned internship opportunities after LC.

Special Purpose Award

A ten credit Level 6 programme for P-TECH students.

NEIC Work Experience Placement Programme



Olive Ojo is the NEIC Work Experience Co-ordinator and she can be contacted at olive.ojo@ncirl.ie or ncicareersteam@ncirl.ie.

Between 24th October and 25th November, some 139 placements were sourced from 52 organisations for the 2022 Autumn Transition Year and Leaving Cert Applied Work Experience Placement weeks. A further 100 placements have been sourced for the 2023 Spring term from organisations such as; PwC, A&L

Goodbody, An Garda Siochana, IBEC, Three, Trust in Soda, RIAI, Dublin City FM, TD Securities, City Architects and more.



The positive experience and engagement by companies is evident by their continued commitment to the students of the NEIC and in many cases their championing of the initiative e.g. sharing a Call to Action by the IAPI, has resulted in other companies reaching out to learn more about the NEIC Work Experience Initiative. (<https://iapi.ie/blog/default/opportunity-to-provide-north-east-inner-city-neic-work-placements>).

Principals and TY Coordinators in each of the 6 secondary schools- Mount Carmel, Larkin Community College, St Joseph's Fairview, Marino College and Rosmini - continue to support the programme and the opportunities it has afforded their students. Students have equally shown interest in engaging with the various organisations and expressed excitement in completing their placement week.

Pictured below are Sam & Jack, two students from Rosmini on their first day of Placement this term.



St Joseph's Fairview Transition Year class

Coffee Mornings

All of the schools who participated in the Coffee Mornings last year have expressed great interest in participating in it again as it allowed students to hear new perspectives, engage with different staff members and learn about their different roles. It also encouraged many students to continue on their education journey. The programme has been extended to some organisations who are currently remote (Salesforce & Dropbox) who cannot host students for placements. Each school will have the opportunity to attend at least 1 Coffee Morning event in one of the following organisations - Sales Force; Croke Park; Dropbox; House of the Oireachtas.

Business Hosting

In May of this year, students from Larkin Community College, Marino College, and Mount Carmel had the opportunity to visit and learn from some of our local businesses.



McCann Fitzgerald hosted local students from Larkin Community College for a 'reverse interview' event, to share wisdom and experience from the working world.

A+L Goodbody held workshops with students from Marino College.



KennedyWilson hosted a career coffee morning for students from Mount Carmel.

14. NEIC Funding 2016 - 2022

As the focus of the work of the NEIC Programme Implementation Board has been to take an innovative and radical approach to stimulate change, spending money is not the only measure of progress. However, there has been significant investment from the Government in the North East Inner City over the past number of years.

The following summary table sets out the sources and amounts of funding which have been provided by Government for the NEIC initiative from 2016 to 2022. Further detail on projects allocated funding in 2022 and Community Grants approved is provided in the Appendices towards the end of this Report.

The Government committed €7.5 million in funding for 2022 to the NEIC Initiative under the Vote of the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Funding Source Summary:

2022	Department of Rural and Community Development	€6,264,000
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,236,000
2021	Department of Rural and Community Development	€5,500,000
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,000,000
2020	Department of Rural and Community Development	€5,500,000
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,000,000
2019	Department of Rural and Community Development	€5,500,000
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,000,000
2018	Department of Rural and Community Development	€2,500,000
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,000,000
	Department of Justice and Equality	€146,810
2017	Department of Rural and Community Development	€2,500,000
	Department of Transport Tourism & Sport (Dormant Accounts Fund)	€100,000
2016	Department of Transport Tourism & Sport (Dormant Accounts Fund)	€1,040,000
	Department of Housing, Planning Community, & Local Government	€3,655,000
	Department of Children and Youth Affairs	€165,000
	Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs & Dublin City Council	€55,000
	Department of Health (Drug specific projects)	€100,000
OVERALL TOTAL:		€38,261,810

15. Programme Implementation Board Ambitions for 2023

The ambition of the NEIC Programme Implementation Board – and everyone involved with the Initiative – remains to continue to work hard to create a brighter future for everyone living and working in Dublin’s North East Inner City.

The Programme Implementation Board oversaw significant progress across a wide variety of areas throughout 2022 and that work will continue into next year. However, it remains that the COVID-19 pandemic posed challenges in advancing some of the actions within the Strategic Action Plan 2022-2023 and as such the PIB have extended the timeline of the Plan to end-2023 to enable work to continue on those actions across all Subgroups.

To this end, the ambitions identified across the six Subgroups for 2023 are:

Under the Enhanced Policing workstream, our ambition is to:

- Continue our work on Drug related Intimidation.
- Enhancing Community Safety and ensuring that a professional service is provided for victims of all crimes, and in particular for victims of domestic violence and sexually motivated crimes.

Under the Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities workstream, our ambition is to:

- Continue engagement with jobseekers in the NEIC to identify their upskilling, training and career progression needs.
- Develop and support strategies to address blocks for progression of young people in formal (primary and second level) education.
- Provide support to the City Connects programme and the work of the NEIC Education Initiatives Manager.
- Continue implementing and developing the P-TECH programme.
- Put the Social Employment Fund posts on a sustainable footing.

Under the Family Wellbeing Workstream, our ambition is to:

- Develop the role of the NEIC Parenting Coordinator by building on the work of the Parenting Strategy Group and Parenting Champions.
- Establish a Parenting Forum and ensure effective systems and supports are in place for parents in the NEIC.
- Extend support initiatives on youth mental health to take a more holistic prevention and early intervention approach and include infant, child and parent mental health.
- Engage across relevant subgroups to meet the afterschool needs of primary school children, including children from migrant and refugee families and work to mainstream its funding.
- Develop a sustainable community wide strategic plan for Restorative Practice, while retaining the existing training, mentoring and supports.
- Increase Early Years and Childcare provision specifically for the under 2s and identify new buildings within the community.
- Develop increased community based mental wellbeing supports and work toward the creation of a trauma informed community in the NEIC.
- Increase investment to extend Family Support Services.

Under the Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Landscape, our ambition is to:

- Implement creative, sports and wellbeing programmes and community events.
- Advance Intercultural initiatives in the NEIC.
- Enhance and develop the role of the Community Arts Co-ordinator in the development of local community initiatives.
- Continue work developing environmental initiatives in the NEIC to raise awareness on the impact of illegal dumping, litter and dog fouling.
- Further progress public capital projects such as Diamond Park, Rutland Street Community Hub, and Sean McDermott Street Swimming Pool.

Under the Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health workstream, our ambition is to:

- Develop a community response to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence (to support the local implementation of the national domestic, sexual and gender-based strategy)
- Develop an inter-agency response to drug-related intimidation and violence using the DRIVE model (in association with the Local Community Safety Partnership)

Under Alignment of Services workstream, our ambition is to:

- Continue to support the implementation of the City Connects programme.
- Continue to develop leadership built within the community involving the new/next generation.
- Provide support to youth leadership development programmes to provide young people's voice in local community processes.
- Support and develop further services for early years provision



(NEIC, Aerial Shot)

16. Programme Office

The Programme Office supports the work of the NEIC Programme Implementation Board (PIB) and is based at 51-53 Sean McDermott Street Lower, D01 HW44.

The work of the Programme Office focuses on funding and administration, events, sports development, environmental improvements and sustainability, community supports, communications and engagement, local employment, evaluation, assisting all subgroups, and supporting the Chair of the Programme Implementation Board. The Programme Office meets every month to discuss issues relating to the work of the Initiative. We work closely with the DCC public domain team and the community development section.

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Throughout the year, the Programme Office promotes events and projects in the NEIC areas and share updates and videos on its dedicated website: www.neic.ie.

The Programme Office continues to interact with and inform local residents and stakeholders through our social media channels: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

At time of going to print, the Programme Office has produced three videos in 2022 – the reopening of St. Laurence O’Tooles National School, Transition Year students engaged in P-Tech work experience, and Yoga Training in the NEIC.

At the time of going to print two further videos are in production, one of which will feature the newly established NEIC U14s Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Teams, ‘The North-East Inner-City Trojans. Both videos will be available on our website towards the end of the year.

The Programme Office actively encourages residents and stakeholders to get involved and share your views. You can contact us at any of the profiles listed above, or at: neic@dublincity.ie.

17. Appendix A – NEIC Funding Allocations 2022

S/G	Project	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
1	Dialogue process with Youth, Gardaí and Youth Workers in NEIC.	Action 1.4 (Mulvey Report)	€22,700.00	Community Action Network
1	Operation Cribbage	Action 1.2 (Mulvey Report)	€370,000.00	AGS
1	ACMT Outreach	Action 1.2 (Mulvey Report)	€245,029.80	HSE
Subtotal Subgroup 1			€637,729.80	
2	Child Restored – A celebration of Primary school children	NEIC Strategic Action 4.1	€24,000.00	Early Learning Initiative (NCI)
2	Kitchen Refurbishment	NEIC Strategic Action 4.1	€35,088.00	St. Vincent's GNS
2	After School Study Programme 2022	NEIC Strategic Action 4.1	€125,328.00	6 Schools (Rosmini, Mount Carmel Secondary School, St. Joseph's CBS, Larkin Community College, Marino College, O'Connell's CBS)
2	Fighting Words	NEIC Strategic Action 4.1	€30,000.00	Fighting Words
2	Training Bursary	NEIC Strategic Action 4.3	€15,000.00	ICRG
2	Childcare CPD	NEIC Strategic Action 4.3	€27,382.00	Individual Learning
2	Make a Film Workshop	Strategic priority 3.4	€4,400.00	Fire Station Artists Studio
2	Jump A Grade	Strategic priority 3.4	€20,000.00	JumpAGrade
2	Educational Guidance Proposal 2022-2023	Strategic priority 3.4	€50,000.00	Early Learning Initiative (NCI)
2	Afterschool Literacy Programme Proposal 2022-2023	Strategic Priority 3.4	€24,380.00	Early Learning Initiative (NCI)
Subtotal Subgroup 2			€355,578.00	

S/G	Project	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
3	7-10 year olds project	Action 1.10/1.11 (Mulvey Action)/ Strategic Action 21	€53,160.00	BYC
3	Crosscare Ballybough After School Service	Mulvey Action 3.7	€110,000.00	Crosscare Via Tusla
3	Trauma Informed Writing Curriculum	NEIC Strategic Action 8.4	€8,800.00	YPAR
3	Parenting Support Coordinator	Strategic Priority 6.1A	€60,000.00	Early Learning Initiative (NCI)
3	Implementation of the Restorative Practice Strategy	Mulvey Action 22.2	€43,000.00	Early Learning Initiative (NCI)
Subtotal Subgroup 3			€274,960.00	
4	Rutland Street School Re-development	NEIC Strategic Action 12	€726,000.00	DCC
4	Redevelopment of Diamond Park	NEIC Strategic Action 11.3	€400,000.00	DCC
4	NEIC Greening Strategy	NEIC Strategic Action 3.4	€562,000.00	DCC
4	Sport and Wellbeing Programme	NEIC Strategic Action 14.1 and 14.2	€300,000.00	DCC
4	Community Events	NEIC Strategic Action 14.3	€325,000.00	DCC
4	Community Arts	NEIC Strategic Action 14.4	€90,000.00	DCC
4	No 53 The Musical	NEIC Strategic Action 14.4	€30,000.00	TBC
4	Intercultural Development	NEIC Strategic Action 3.5	€30,000.00	DCC
4	Community Archive Phase 1	NEIC Strategic Action 14.5	€6,000.00	ICON
4	St Laurence O'Toole Environs	NEIC Strategic Action 10.1	€70,000.00	DCC
4	Upgrade of Killarney Court Community Hall	NEIC Strategic Action 10.1	€39,411.82	Cluid
4	Youth Engagement Photography Project	Mulvey Action 3.12	€10,760.00	DCC
4	Green Ribbon	Mulvey Action 4.4	€8,000.00	Sunflower Recycling
4	Green Ribbon	Mulvey Action 4.4	€100,000.00	Sunflower Recycling
4	Charleville Mall Library	NEIC Strategic Action 10.2	€70,000.00	DCC

S/G	Project	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
4	Planning Permission Application	NEIC Strategic Action 10.3	€65,285.00	Hill Street Family Resource Centre
4	North Circular Road Movie Premier	NEIC Strategic Action 11.3	€13,567.21	DCC
4	Lunar Festival 2023	NEIC Strategic Action 14.4	€50,000.00	Hill Street Family Resource Centre / DCC
4	Diamond Park Redevelopment	NEIC Strategic Action 11.3	€359,286.01	DCC
4	Rutland Street School Community HUB	NEIC Strategic Action 12	€800,000.00	DCC
	Subtotal Subgroup 4		€4,055,310.04	
5	Anti –Stigma Training	NEIC Strategic Action 16.4	€9,325.00	Saol
5	Healthy Communities project Evaluation	NEIC Strategic Action 16.4	€20,000.00	Dublin City Community Cooperative
5	Enhancing community capacity to respond to dual diagnosis	NEIC Strategic Action 16.2	€75,330.00	Dublin North, North East Recovery College, DCU
5	Non-Fatal Overdose Research Project (Additional funds)	NEIC Strategic Action 15.6	€8,466.00	TCD
5	Community response to Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the NEIC	Mulvey Action 16	€62,641.00	HSE
5	NEIC Drug Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement (DRIVE) Lead	Strategic Priority 15.4	€56,958.96	LCPS Via HSE
	Subtotal Subgroup 5		€232,720.96	
6	Youth Workers	NEIC Strategic Action 6	€60,265.20	BYC
6	Saturday Summer Activities	TBC	€13,436.00	SWAN
	Subtotal Subgroup 6		€73,701.20	
	Total across all Subgroups		€5,630,000.00	

Overarching Budgets	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount
Emerging Needs Fund ¹		€260,000.00
Social Employment Fund (SEF)	Action 3.12 (Mulvey Report)	€1,236,000.00
Community Grants	Action 3.12 (Mulvey Report)	€104,000.00
Programme Office ²	Action 4.5 (Mulvey Report)	€270,000.00
Community Engagement Events, Launch meetings, Conferences. Workshops, etc		€50,000.00
Communications & Engagement/Community Outreach		€70,000.00
Office Equipment (including venue & AV hire costs)		€10,000.00
Professional Services (including Design & Print)		€130,000.00
Miscellaneous Costs		€10,000.00
Subtotal for Overarching Budgets		€1,870,000.00
Total funding		€7,500,000.00

1. See Table 2 for detailed breakdown of allocations made under the Emerging Needs Fund.

2. Salary costs for Programme Office staff are not included as these are covered by the relevant parent Department / Agency in support of the NEIC Initiative.

Table 2: Emerging Needs Funding allocated in 2022

SG	Project / Organisation	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
SG2	Sensory Garden	€13,676.75	Rutland NS
SG2	Sensory Room	€29,455.42	St. Laurence O'Toole's NS
SG4	Kitchen Upgrade	€17,329.00	Crosscare
SG2	Additional Uniforms for students	€2,166.00	St. Laurence O'Toole's NS
SG1	Bridge Project	€2,821.50	SWAN Youth Service
SG2	Arts and Wellbeing Room	€10,100.00	St. Vincent's Boys NS
SG2	Art Therapy Room O'Connell's	€6,050.00	O'Connell's Primary School
SG2	Nurture Room	€5,100.00	Rutland NS
SG2	Dual Language Books	€10,437.44	Gardiner St. Primary School
SG2	Mural and Garden - Bio-Diversity Works	€2,700.00	Mount Carmel Secondary School
SG3	Refurbishment of Belvedere Youth Facility in Wexford	€27,500.00	Belvedere Youth Club
SG4	Improvements to the interior & exterior of the Cavan Centre	€6,491.36	The Cavan Centre
SG4	Try it Out – Community Arts Programme	€6,000.00	TBC

SG	Project / Organisation	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
SG4	Repaving work at North Wall premises	€2,661.21	SWAN Youth Service
SG6	Technology Hub	€20,000.00	HAY Project
SG6	Space for 8 to 11 year olds.	€5,464.00	HAY Project
	Strategic Plan	€10,000.00	LYCS
SG2	English Speaking Sessions	€7,000.00	ELI
SG4	The Big Scream Festival 2022	€46,185.00	DCC / Community Co-Op
SG6	Additional Youth Service Provision	€22,206.00	Swan, BYC, LYCS, BallyBough YS
SG6	To enable the NICCC to re-assess its governance.	€2,500.00	LYCS

18. Appendix B – Community Grants

A total of 55 applications were approved for funding totalling €103,904 under the 2022 Community Grants and details of these are outlined below. A number of further applications were deemed more suitable to other areas for consideration and were referred as such e.g. relevant NEIC Subgroup,

Group Name	Project Name	Brief description	Amount approved (€)
Mud Island Community Garden		Improve the infrastructure and increase the visibility of Mud Island in the local community	€5,000.00
North Strand Sea Scouts	Divert rain water to irrigate planters	Redivert rain water to irrigate planted containers to increase pollinators, wildlife and create pleasant green spaces for the urban community.	€885.00
Kiln & Forge Residents Group	Family Day Out	Bring 25 children & 10 adults to Tayto Park in July/August.	€1,000.00
Hen House Club	Family/Senior Citizens events	Host outdoor bingo and BBQ for residents, with games and prizes. To run trips for families and children during summer holidays	€530.00
Mary Mansions Organisation	Events for families and children in the complex	Family events in complex - bingo, face painting, balloon making, inflatable dart board, food and treats for children	€1,765.00
Seville Place Girl Guides	Family Fun Day	To celebrate 40 years of Guiding in North Wall. Aimed and children and families in the area, to bring old friends together and relive memories of guiding.	€2,500.00
Larkin Unemployed Centre	Family Event	Run a one-off event that promotes family wellbeing and social inclusion	€811.00
Daughters of Charity Child & Family Service St Louise's ECDS	Coach Hire for Family Day Out	Extra coach hires for family day out to Zoo	€1,400.00
Murga Fusion	Music/Drama Events	Hire or rehearsal space (2x week until March 2023), costume & makeup.	€1,855.00
Lourdes Day Care Centre	Weekend away for older members	To provide a trip away for 28 older people who were greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.	€5,940.00
Bayview Ave Res Assoc	Purchase of Solar security lights	Purchase 4 solar security lights for alleyways to help reduce anti-social behaviour.	€454.00

Mount Carmel Secondary School	Mentoring students	Provide study skills seminars, yoga, and trip to Tayto Park	€1,500.00
Nottingham Street Residents Group	Garden plants and hanging baskets	Purchase of seasonal planting, including composter and fertiliser for summer & winter planting 2022	€650.00
Frankfort Cottages Residents Assoc	Garden plants & wall painting	Increase planting in the area with flowerboxes, window boxes, renewing planters donated by DCC. Work with community Arts group to decorate some walls in the area with owner's permission.	€2,750.00
Hill Street Family Resource Centre	Family summer programme	Extend the family summer programme which includes, family trips to zoo, Clonfert farm, Ardgillan castle and Newbridge farm, and activities for children	€3,010.00
North Wall CDP	Family day out, equipment for creche and community garden	Dublin Bay Cruise and Zoo trip for up to 50 people. Purchase of materials for creche and community garden.	€4,000.00
Sherrard Pride of Place	Planting, multicultural cooking day	Purchase flower trellis, hanging baskets. Family pop-up day in conjunction with Green Ribbon. Multicultural cook day in conjunction with the Intercultural Co-Ordinator.	€2,500.00
YPAR - Children in Emergency Accommodation WG	Events for children/families in emergency accommodation	Provide children/families in emergency accommodation with sports, leisure and educational activities - link them with local sports/drama/dance clubs. For families, provide vouchers for cinema/bowling.	€3,600.00
ATD Ireland	Family events for those experiencing poverty	10 monthly group outings and some smaller individual outings including trips to museums, galleries, nature outings, some overnight outings. These will be followed up with workshops – arts & crafts, woodworking, gardening. Events will be recorded/ photographed so purchase of camera/video required	€2,500.00
Acts of Compassion Ministries	Provide supports to families of minority ethnic communities, in the North Inner City area.	Supports will include outreach, group programmes, drop-in, one-to-one support, visits to refugee centres.	€3,000.00
Hill Street/Grenville Street Residents group	Family Events	Trips to Fort Lucan Park (40 children, 20 adults)	€1,000.00

Patrick Heaney Crescent Tenant Association	Family day out	Trip to Tayto Park for 34 children and 14 adults	€1,000.00
Ballybough North Strand Local History Group	Expo on Irish Civil War	Hold exhibition on Irish Civil War, promote the Irish language, and hold lectures for adults and local schools.	€1,000.00
Charmed with Rhythm	Compete in All Ireland dancing competition	30 People travel to Cork to compete in the All Ireland Freestyle and Slow Dance Championship	€3,000.00
Larkin Unemployed Centre	Family event	Have a one-off family event to promote family wellbeing and social inclusion for Ballybough pre-school service for children 3-5 years old	€1,098.00
Masamba Samba School Social Economy Programme CLG	Purchase musical instruments and accessories	Purchase new musical instruments and repair current instruments, purchase protective hearing protection to cater for the increased numbers of people they now work with	€3,000.00
North Wall Community Festival Committee	Host a festival	Host a community family festival to celebrate the families and people who work and live in the North Wall area.	€1,000.00
O Connell's Secondary School	School podcast	Purchase equipment for a school podcast in order to explore the avenues of social media available to the school to connect with the community where they are situated. This adds an extracurricular activity for students not interested in sports.	€3,274.00
Uncut Diamond Players	Commemorate 100th anniversary of Ulysses.	Contribution towards microphones.	€1,000.00
St Brigid's Day Nursery	Gardening Equipment	Purchase gardening equipment to grow fruit/veg to promote wellbeing, healthy eating and parental involvement. Parents are invited to the school to plant with their children	€1,000.00
HOPE	Events for International recovery month	Hosting HOPE Recovery run, as part of annual September Recovery month celebrations.	€2,000.00
Barbara Ward Clonliffe & Croke Park Community Centre	Family Fun Day	To celebrate members of the community - young and old. Run bowling tournament with elderly residents, children and families can enjoy Reuben the Entertainer.	€1,000.00
East Wall Youth	Bus Hire for Summer Project Trips	Pay for bus hire for proposed trips with summer project, cost of bus hire has doubled in the last year.	€2,500.00
Stars Francesca Arkin's Dance School	Purchase equipment	Replace sound speakers	€1,193.00

SAOL Project	Range of family summer activities over 5 weeks	5 weeks of activities including; beach trips, visit Dublin zoo, trip to Causey Farm, Mother's Day out to Powerscourt	€3,364.00
Belvedere Youth Club	Drama based programme	To produce a production based on Cinderella storyline - poverty & family activities. Show will include 20 people. It will enable young people to express their emotions towards disadvantages of their community experience in the NEIC	€3,000.00
Holy Child Pre School	Family wellbeing project 2022/23	No school trips since pre-covid, the preschool proposes to organise parent and child trips for each class during the terms, trips include Zoo, Farm, Sealife.	€2,500.00
Deer Park Community Group	Family day out	Bring 10 children and 6 adults to Fort Lucan and provide refreshments also.	€1,000.00
Rutland/Summerhill Comm Group	Family day out	Have active fun day for families to Tayto Park	€1,000.00
Liberty House Comm Group	Family day out	Bring families to Fort Lucan and provide refreshments.	€1,000.00
Sheriff Street Running Group	Family Day out	Bring families to Tayto park, and provide refreshments.	€1,000.00
Community After School Project	Family day	Family day BBQ, music and food, promoting integration of new people into the community	€800.00
SWAN Youth Service	Holistic therapies	Provide holistic therapies for families engaged in youth diversion project as well as 2 community based Christmas events	€2,500.00
Avondale House CG	Family day	Bring families to Tayto park, and provide refreshments.	€1,000.00
Ozanam House ELC	Fun day out	Take 20 children and 40 adults to Clonfert farm	€1,000.00
Courtney Place CG	Family day out	Bring families to Fort Lucan and provide refreshments.	€1,000.00
Sean O Casey Community Centre	Additional folding tables	8 folding tables for community /family events	€1,000.00
LYCS Creche	Enhance Garden & Playground	Plant trees, a herb garden, planters.	€1,000.00
Gloucester Square Community Group	Family day out	Bring families to Fort Lucan and provide refreshments also.	€1,000.00
Clarion Quay Res Committee	Family day out	Family day out to Clara Lara	€1,000.00

Failte Isteach East Wall	Room Rental in Sean O Casey Community Centre	Rent a room for a year, to provide English classes for local migrants in local community. Grant will also cover end of year ceremony, with light refreshments	€1,130.00
Nascadh CDP	Family Fun Day	Family fun day and East wall summer parade, including music, animal farm, horse & carriage.	€1,200.00
Discovery Gospel Choir	Family fun day/ clean-up day	Clean up church and hold family day in the church.	€2,000.00
James Larkin Flats Complex	Family fun day	Family fun day out	€1,000.00
Georges Place Garden Group	Community garden	Plant flowers & trees, purchase solar lights, replace ornaments in children's fairy garden	€695.00
			€97,904.00

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Fitzgibbon Street Residents Assoc	Family day outings	Family day outings for resident during the summer and purchase equipment for family days within the complex, have a clean-up day and start up a sports programme	€2,000.00
Portland Place & District	Family day, flowers for area	Run family fun days, summer camps, and purchase flowers for area	€2,000.00
Courtney Place Residents Association	Family day and trips	Run family fun days, activities for the children and day trips	€2,000.00
			€ 6,000.00



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