

2021

Progress Report



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Olympic Heroes



Homecoming event for Kellie Harrington and Emmet Brennan August 2021

One highlight of 2021 in the North East Inner City was the return of our two local Olympic heroes, Kellie Harrington and Emmet Brennan. Kellie and Emmett made us all proud with their passion and commitment throughout their Olympic journeys, going from local to national stardom during some very memorable summer weeks, culminating in a well-deserved homecoming party in the NEIC for both of our local heroes.

Kellie won an Olympic gold medal in the lightweight boxing final in Tokyo in her unanimous decision victory over reigning world champion Beatriz Ferreira of Brazil. Both Olympians continue to support the work of the NEIC and inspire the next generation of NEIC sporting legends.

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1. 2021 NEIC in Numbers



€100,000

in Community Grants provided to **44** community organisations.

10

NEIC primary schools and their students are now fully engaged with the City Connects programme.



389

students have used services provided by the NEIC/HSE **Occupational Therapy/Speech and Language Therapy** initiative. Wait times have reduced by **46 weeks** in 2021.

1

newly refurbished Garda Station in Fitzgibbon Street.



9

playground improvements completed in 2021.



457

laptops and devices provided to schools **during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

70

local participants in Gaelic Games through Scoil Uí Chonail.



275

Trees planted within the area of the NEIC as part of the **Greening** strategy.



Training delivered for

10

local schools in the 'Nurture Rooms' Programme.

9

childcare workers in the NEIC approved for a continuous professional development bursary.



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NEIC parenting coordinator recruited.

16 intercultural ambassadors recruited from **12** nationalities speaking **21** languages.

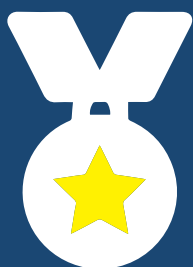


14

local participants involved in a dedicated Yoga Teacher Training programme.



2 Olympians and **1 Olympic Gold Medal** brought home to the NEIC.



75

people participated in the Dual Diagnosis awareness workshops



The NEIC Initiative provided up to

59

laptops and **81** Robotic kits to NEIC secondary schools to support **coding and robotics education programme** under the P-TECH Programme.



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 2021 Progress Report.

2021 has been a challenging but industrious year for the NEIC PIB, with the subgroups and the Programme Office continuing to work on behalf of the community in the NEIC. The €6.5 million funding allocation that we received from Government in 2021 enabled us to continue to implement a range of programmes and initiatives to achieve the goals of the Mulvey Report - *Creating a Brighter Future* - and the NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022. An overview and details of this work can be found in this report.

We have continued to innovate and find new ways of working to deliver tangible results for the community. I would like to acknowledge the resilience of the community despite the many challenges faced this year in assisting to drive change in the area.

In 2020 the NEIC PIB agreed to support the establishment of a Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP). February 2021 saw the appointment of an Independent Chairperson to lead this initiative. I am pleased to see that the LCSP has been established and I look forward to working collaboratively with them to deliver key priorities for the community.

The refurbishment of Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station, which was a key objective for the NEIC PIB, has been completed and reopened to the public in October 2021 following an extensive programme of work. This state-of-the-art facility will have a focus on victim support and community policing, which is informed by international best practice. This will assist us in our

efforts to build a brighter future for all and to make the NEIC a safer, more attractive area to live and work.

I was pleased to see two pilot projects, Fast-track Counselling and the Multi-Disciplinary Team, are to be funded directly by the Department of Health from 2022. The provision of funding to sustain these projects, previously funded by the NEIC PIB, demonstrates their success and will also allow for consolidation of both initiatives into the future.

The P-TECH programme has continued to thrive in 2021. This education initiative, which provides young people with the necessary skills required for 21st Century Jobs, involves the collaboration of secondary schools, industry partners, the National College of Ireland (NCI), the Department of Education (DE) and the NEIC PIB. To date, this programme is being delivered in 3 secondary schools, however, the necessary planning and resources have been provided to extend the programme to include the other secondary schools in the area in 2022.

In order to enable students of the NEIC to continue their studies from home during the COVID-19 lockdown, 457 laptops and tablets were provided by the NEIC for local schools. The devices were distributed by the schools to the students that required them.

The NEIC PIB's ambition for 2022 is to maintain the focus on ensuring quality services in the NEIC. This includes ongoing engagement with the community and the delivery of landmark capital projects such as the refurbishment of the former Rutland St. School.

The work undertaken as part of the Greening Strategy has greatly enhanced the look and feel of the area. The colours on display when the plants are in bloom are superb and they will improve and develop as the planting matures. Among the areas that have been planted include the Summerhill median, Seville Place Plaza and Oriel Street Plaza. Further greening works are planned for 2022.

On behalf of the NEIC PIB, I would like to extend my gratitude to Brendan Kenny for his involvement with and unwavering support of the programme since its inception and I would like to take this opportunity to wish Brendan a long and happy retirement.

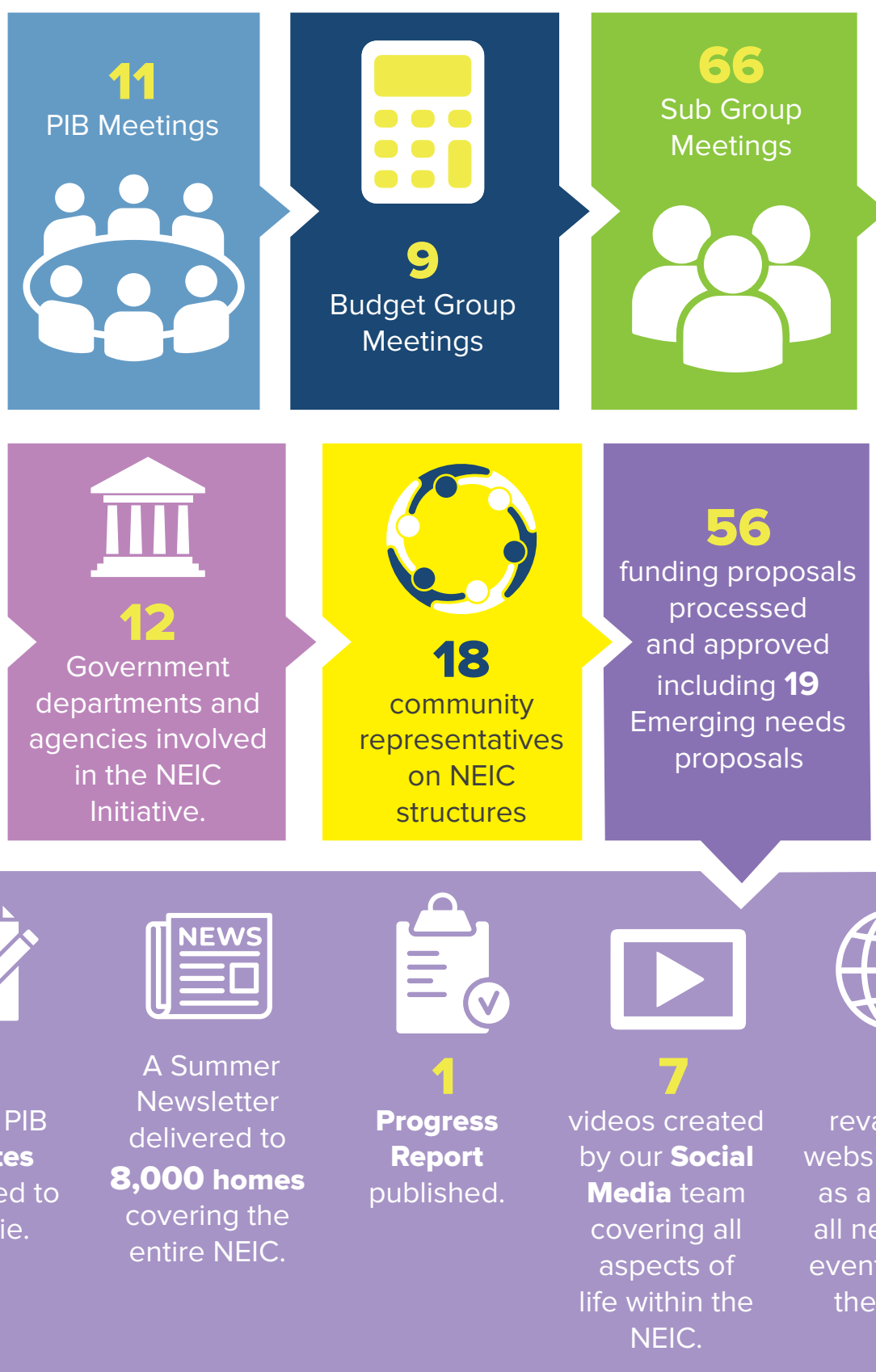
Finally, I want to thank the Government for their support and the priority they have attached to this Initiative. In 2022, I look forward to continued close cooperation with the community, businesses, Dublin City Council and Government Departments and agencies as we continue to work together to implement the NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022.

Michael Stone

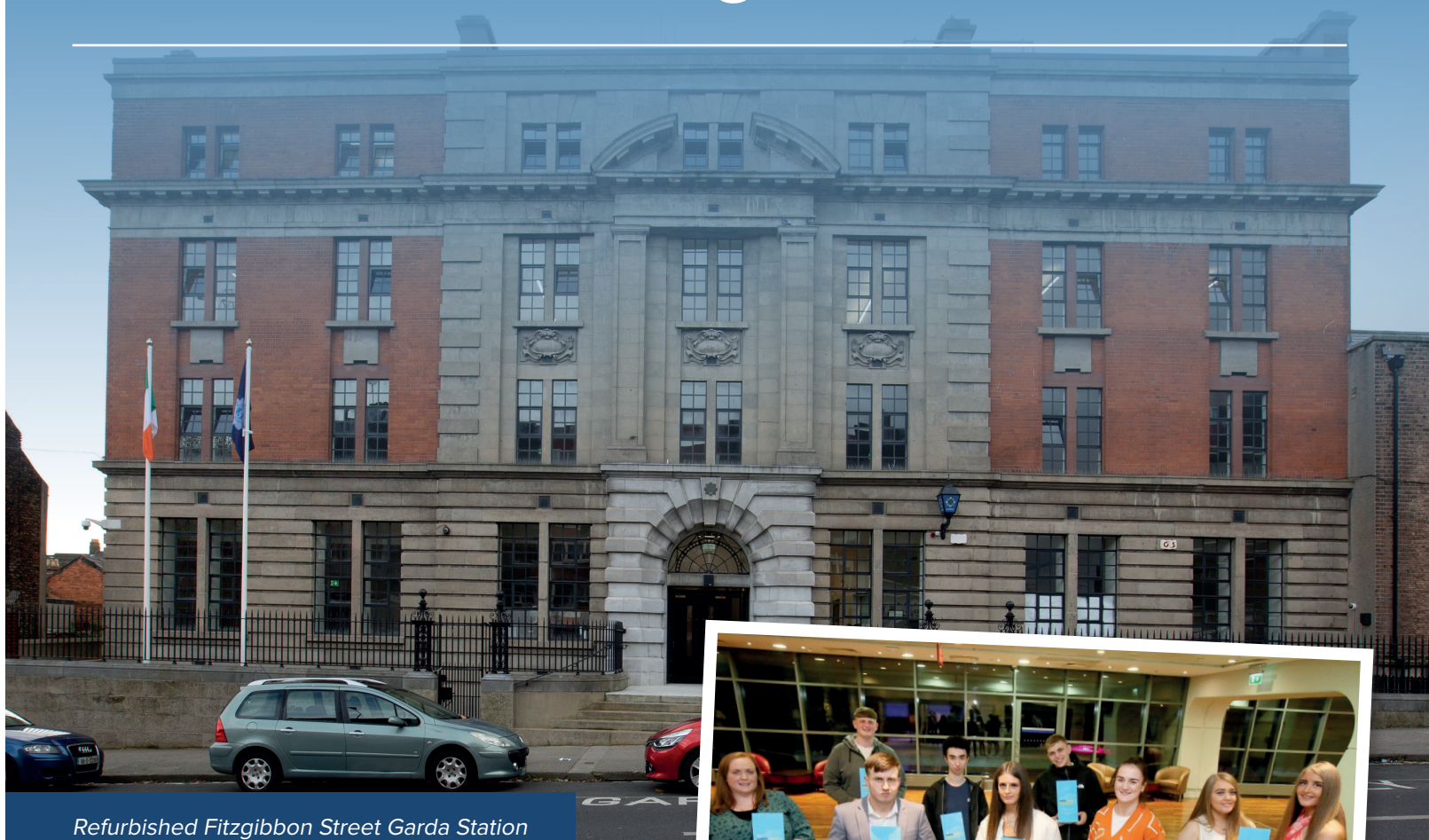
Chairperson,
NEIC Programme
Implementation Board



3. Capturing our Activity in 2021



4. Enhanced Policing



Refurbished Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station

Reducing crime in the community. Alleviating gangland threat in the community. Building community confidence in the Gardaí. Refurbishing and reopening Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station.

This sub group is chaired by Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin, An Garda Síochána.

Some highlights from this year's work of the sub-group on Enhanced Policing include:

- October saw the re-opening of **Fitzgibbon St. Garda Station**, a key action as part of the NEIC Strategic Action Plan 2020-2022. This station will be a vital resource for the community going forward, helping to safeguard the NEIC for years to come.
- Juvenile Liaison Officers took part in a committee with local community representatives and community policing Sergeants to seek nominations



Recipients of Dublin Metropolitan Region North Central Area Garda Youth Awards

for candidates for the Dublin Metropolitan Region (DMR) Garda Youth Awards. The Dublin Metropolitan Region Garda Youth Awards, now in its fourth year, received nominations from youth groups, community groups, Juvenile Liaison Officers and community Gardaí. Despite difficulties experienced during the pandemic, strong nominations were received with worthy winners selected at the awards ceremony.

- The Local Community Safety Partnership covering the North Inner City is now established and receiving strong support from the local Gardaí.
- The **Community Dialogue Initiative** continued in 2021 with Gardaí, Youth Workers and Children continuing to have constructive dialogue on local issues following its success in the previous year. Community Action Network (CAN) ran the second instalment of the programme using Zoom, which featured Gardaí from Mountjoy and Store Street stations who attended and engaged over several weeks. In this programme, Gardaí and Youth Workers in the NEIC engaged on a number of topics that relate to children in the NEIC.
- The Youth Workers and CAN continued to work with children in the lead up to a residential dialogue in November, held at the Cavan Centre, a voluntary organisation with strong ties to the NEIC. These dialogue days allow Gardaí to engage with children and youth workers to consider issues relating to their lives in the NEIC. This is supported by Juvenile Liaison Officers (JLO's) and Community Policing.
- A **Drugs Related Intimidation (DRI) team** was established in the Dublin Metropolitan Region (DMR) North Central. One Inspector and three Sergeants are now dealing specifically with DRI incidents. Investigation supervisors are tasked with highlighting any incidents to the Inspector that may be DRI related and posters containing contact information and advisory content are displayed in prominent locations throughout the NEIC. A number of 'days of action' have been taken with various successes in taking the supply of drugs off the streets of the NEIC.
- With the restrictions of COVID-19 affecting all of our lives, the **Community Policing Office** created a "Be Kind Online" campaign and released a video online showing young people how to be safe online and how to be kind to each other.
- The **NEIC-funded Garda Community Support Vehicle** was in use throughout the year, supporting the most vulnerable in society during the most severe parts of the COVID-19 lockdown, including collecting prescriptions and groceries for older people.
- A **Halloween Awareness Campaign** was carried out by Community Gardaí in the East Wall Youth Club to discuss the dangers of bonfires and fireworks with young people in the area.
- **As part of Operation Blizzard**, Gardaí ran an operation at Store St. Garda Station to prevent bicycle theft in the area. Gardaí invited members of the community to have their bicycles inscribed with a unique identifying number to help trace bicycles in the event of them being stolen. The community responded very positively to the event, helping to strengthen links between An Garda Síochána and the local community.

Project in Focus

Community Policing Football for the NEIC

With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions later in 2021, the Community Policing team based at Store St. Garda Station undertook to organise football games as a way to continue to engage with the local community.

One of these games was held between An Garda Síochána (AGS) and residents of Sherriff Street and the North Wall Community. It was held on 14 October at the grounds of the Shelbourne Football Club, who were very accommodating hosts to both teams. The Garda Band opened the evening's proceedings and a highly competitive and enjoyable match followed.

The match was played in great spirits and was closely contested throughout. In the end, AGS had a narrow victory of 4-2. The match was a great success and hopefully will be the first of many.



The NEIC Select team



The match between NEIC Select and An Garda Síochána

5. Community Safety

North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership

‘Community safety is about people being safe and feeling safe in their community’.

‘Every community has the right to be and feel safe in order to thrive and flourish’.

This year saw the continuation and growth of the Local Community Safety Partnership pilot in Dublin’s North Inner City. The community safety approach recognises that the problems communities face are not just limited to policing issues. Bringing the right services together, working with each other to tackle the underlying issues that impact our community, and the sense of safety within the community are at the heart of the safety model, but it is the community itself that will drive the agenda and objectives of the partnership. The model is built on the principle that the community needs to be central in identifying what it needs and in helping to shape solutions.

This initiative has a mandate to work collaboratively with local communities, Gardaí and public services to make the North Inner City a safer, better place for families, residents and businesses. The North Inner City Safety Partnership has now replaced the Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for the area. The Partnership is made up of key decision-makers from state services, including Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána, HSE, Tusla and the Probation Services – alongside locally elected councillors, and NEIC – and community representatives.

2021 – Local Engagement

In February, Cormac Ó'Donnchú was appointed as an independent, volunteer Chairperson of the Local Community Safety Partnership. Following this, a series of intensive consultations took place with residents, community groups, public representatives and other stakeholders to establish their views on a localised approach to getting the important work of the



Local Community Safety Partnership Office, James Joyce Street

Partnership up and running.

This led to a wider invitation to all residents and stakeholders to attend a series of online public meetings to give their views and also to hear about the aims of the Partnership.

These sessions were promoted through a substantial poster and social media campaign in Dublin’s North Inner city with the support of the Dublin City Council. Letters were sent to every household in the area to encourage as much public engagement as possible.

At the consultations the broad concept of community safety was outlined, and it was emphasised that to be most effective the work of the Partnership should be community-led at a local neighbourhood level.

The work of the Partnership was impacted by necessary public health restrictions due to the pandemic, and the first meeting of the Local Community Safety Partnership took place online in late July.

The Partnership has established a new public office in James Joyce Street, in Dublin 1.

In the coming months, the conversations, dialogue, interactions and outreach will continue as the Partnership continues its efforts to work with local

people in making their community a safer, welcoming space for all.

Fitzgibbon St. Garda Station

As part of the establishment of the North East Inner City Initiative by the Taoiseach in 2017, it was decided, in consultation with the Garda Commissioner, that Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station should be refurbished before being reopened. The importance of the re-opening of Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station and its value as a resource for the community are recognised in both the Mulvey Report - Creating a Brighter Future and the NEIC Strategic Action Plan 2020-2022.

In October 2021, the station once again opened its doors to the public following an extensive refurbishment programme. Fitzgibbon Street station is a state-of-the-art facility, specialising in supporting progressive, community-based policing.

The refurbished station will be victim-orientated with a focus on community policing, informed by best practices internationally. The new building features interview suites for victims of crimes as well as special rest rooms and a separate entrance to the station. At Fitzgibbon Street station, every effort is made to safeguard the privacy and security of people at their most vulnerable. Everything at the station is geared towards supporting victims and, consequently, suspects in criminal cases will be taken to a neighbouring station rather than to this one.

Stand-alone office space has also been provided for a doctor, a child protection office and a juvenile liaison



Fitzgibbon Street Station Community Wing



Fitzgibbon Street Community Wing

officer. The Child Protection Office for the area is based at Fitzgibbon Street station and will deal with TUSLA referrals and missing persons cases.

One of the most progressive additions to the newly refurbished station is the 'Community Wing'. This area features a conference room and a community lobby room. It also includes a small kitchen and a dedicated space where local groups are encouraged to meet to discuss community matters. Certain rooms have also been set aside for meetings with state agencies, such as TUSLA. In the summertime, Gardaí will set aside the courtyard area where community groups can have outdoor meetings. Entry to the Community Wing can also be gained through a separate door to the main Garda Station access door.

In addition, Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station will house officers from the District Detective Unit, a Community Policing Office and a Divisional Protective Services Unit, which caters for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. A 'Community Response Team' will operate from the station and allow Gardaí to respond to issues raised by residents. Through the opening of the new station and the increase in resources for the area, An Garda Síochána will increase visible policing for the NEIC area.

6. Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities



NCI Early Learning Initiative 2021

Addressing blocks for progression of young people in formal education and increasing and enhancing employment opportunities for school leavers. Improving adult education levels. Reducing unemployment rates in the NEIC community.

This sub-group is chaired by Brenda Boylan, Department of the Taoiseach.

Some highlights from the year's work of the sub-group on Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities include:

- The NEIC PIB continued to provide funding for 55 posts under the Social Employment Fund, thereby enhancing service delivery in childcare, afterschool care, youth work, elder care, and environmental and arts projects in the NEIC.
- An educational bursary was created for teachers in NEIC primary schools to allow them to complete a bespoke Masters in Education (Special Option Poverty and Social Inclusion in Education) with a view to further developing social inclusion expertise among educators, increasing teacher retention in the area, and attracting new teachers to take up posts in the area.
- Through the Initiative's Emerging Needs Fund, 457 laptops and tablets were supplied to local schools to address an urgent requirement to facilitate remote learning throughout the pandemic and beyond.
- Research is ongoing to develop a strategy document on community, adult and further education in the NEIC in partnership with City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETB).
- Training was delivered for ten local schools in the 'Nurture Rooms' Programme, which is aimed at responding to the social and emotional needs of children. This programme leads to improved self-esteem and wellbeing and healthier relationships with peers and staff, resulting in improved attendance and punctuality and increased learning outcomes.
- A transitional translation service was provided to

schools in the NEIC area to support new communities by helping to remove language barriers.

- A bursary was made available to support individuals in the NEIC community preparing to commence training or employment.
- The NEIC Principals' Network (a network of local school principals providing opportunities for collaboration and shared learning) continued to meet regularly in 2021 and has strong representation on the sub-group.
- There was continued support for Career L.E.A.P. – an evidence-based work-readiness programme that supports young people facing additional and significant barriers to entering the workforce.
- An educational and continuous professional development bursary has been made available for childcare workers in community based childcare

providers was funded.

- Funding was provided to set up an Arts and Wellbeing room in O'Connell Primary School. The room provides a space to practice the arts, while also providing a space for both children and staff to practice mindfulness and wellbeing.
- Funding was provided to supplement career guidance support for second-level students and to promote educational engagement in the NEIC.
- Significant work was undertaken by members of the group to expand the P-TECH programme to additional secondary schools within the area.
- The Department of Social Protection continued to provide flexible services throughout the pandemic, including through producing a variety of videos, hosting online events and issuing mailshots with content relevant to individual job-seekers.

Project in Focus

Public Appointments Service Schools Engagement Programme

In 2021, The Public Appointments Service (PAS) launched a brand new programme for second-level students, which aims to spark interest in the wide variety of career opportunities that are available across the public sector. This programme was supported and heavily promoted by the NEIC Initiative. The Public Jobs Schools Resource Kit presents information about public sector careers in a new way for guidance counsellors and other teachers, to build confidence around discussing career options in the public sector with students and their parents.

The initiative is a 'pick up and teach' resource that speaks to the school curriculum and is accessible online. The Resource Kit contains six lesson plans, covering diverse career paths and entry routes to the public sector, as well as employee videos that bring lesser-known roles to life. The resources, which are all free to use, can be found on a dedicated schools microsite on publicjobs.ie and are available in both Irish and English. As part of an advertising challenge to be launched in 2022,

students will have the opportunity to pitch a career in the public sector to their peers and a panel of judges.

The NEIC Initiative, and the Sub-group on Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities in particular, aims to showcase aspirational career choices to the many young people living and going to school within the NEIC. The NEIC Initiative dealt directly with representatives from PAS and with local school principals to encourage the roll-out of the Schools Engagement programme. The sub-group will continue to utilise progressive initiatives and campaigns such as this to encourage local students to consider all career options and educational opportunities open to them and work to open more doors for more people in 2022 and beyond.



A local secondary student (and a friend!) promote the launch of the Public Appointments Service Schools Engagement Programme.

7. P-TECH Programme

The P-TECH (Pathways in Technology) Model, pioneered by IBM in partnership with educators, is an initiative that integrates elements of third-level education and workplace experience alongside second-level schooling, with a focus on college attainment and career readiness. P-TECH enables students to complete their Leaving Certificate while also potentially attaining a Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Level 6 Award that is directly aligned to job opportunities in the area of digital technology. P-TECH also works as a way to show students career opportunities they may not have previously considered or been aware of.

P-TECH has three goals:

1. To provide students in the area with an innovative and highly relevant education that enables them to enjoy an enriching educational experience and to earn a third-level qualification along with the skills required to continue their education or to enter into competitive digital technology careers.
 2. To realise the potential of students by instilling a unique culture built upon ambition and high expectations for students and adults alike, so that the students see themselves as “college students” and “on a career pathway” from the moment they begin the P-TECH programme.
 3. To address the “skills gap” and strengthen the economy by building a digital-ready workforce with the technical and professional skills required for 21st-Century jobs.
- The P-TECH Programme aligns with the vision for Dublin’s North East Inner City as set out in the recommendations contained in the Mulvey Report, “Building Brighter Futures”, and goals listed in the NEIC Strategic Action Plan 202-2022.
 - P-TECH requires a three-way partnership between school, third-level institutions and industry partners, with each required to commit to the success of the school and its students.
 - It includes a structured workplace learning strand with mentoring, worksite visits, speakers, project days and skills-based paid internships.
 - Whilst the acquisition of relevant IT skills in key areas are included in the course work, P-TECH also seeks to encourage and develop students’ problem-solving and creativity and it emphasises teamwork, collaboration and communication skills.



Students enjoying the P-TECH Programme

- In November 2018, P-TECH was launched as a pilot programme with three post-primary schools in the NEIC by the Taoiseach, Minister for Education and Minister for Finance. The programme is supported by the Department of Education, the NEIC PIB and third-level partner, the National College of Ireland. The current business partners are:

- o IBM
- o Cisco
- o Irish Life
- o Irish Water
- o Virgin Media Ireland

- The three original participating schools are St. Joseph's CBS, Marino College and Larkin Community College.

2021 Progress

- In August 2021, teachers from the initial three schools started P-TECH Level 9 special purpose award offered by the National College of Ireland (NCI).
- The NEIC PIB has provided funding to expand the P-TECH programme to other Post-Primary schools in the area during 2022.
- In addition to Department of Education funding for the project and support from the industry partners, NEIC PIB committed €103,600 in 2021 for frontloading of the required IT infrastructure in the three additional NEIC post-primary schools.
- Initial survey responses of students, industry partners and mentors who have participated in P-TECH at junior cycle has been very positive. Monitoring and evaluation of the project by the Department of Education will continue, as these students will now experience P-TECH during Transition Year. The programme will be reviewed again by QQI in three years when this cohort of students has completed senior cycle.
- In August 2021, the Level 6 programme developed by the National College of Ireland received initial validation from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI). For the first time in Ireland, a course of study with the potential to lead to a Level 6 qualification may be commenced while students attend second-level schools.

8. Family Wellbeing

Improving family wellbeing with a focus on parenting. Improving youth wellbeing.

This sub-group is chaired by Joy McGlynn, Tusla.

Some highlights from the year's work of the Family Wellbeing sub group include:

- The sub-group has continued to build on its work in 2020, focussing on parenting support and youth mental health.
- Funding was provided for parenting courses and after-school programmes; ongoing funding was provided for counselling and Restorative Practice, as well as for critical incident work with local services.
- Funding was secured through the Department of Health for the provision of Fast-Track Counselling to service users within the NEIC.
- There was continued engagement with local youth services in the area.



Sports Hall, Belvedere Youth Club



Sing song in the Music Room, Belvedere Youth Club

- A dedicated parenting coordinator was recruited and a bespoke parenting forum for the NEIC was set up.
- The sub-group continued to engage with and support the work of the NEIC City Connects Programme, which ensures that each student receives all the services and resources he or she needs to succeed and thrive in school and to achieve their full potential.



*NEIC Summer Nature Walk
Restorative Practice - Effectively Building Relationships*

Project in Focus

Fast-track Counselling and Therapeutic Supports

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. This initiative also supports parents and guardians of the targeted children and young people. The initiative, established through YPAR (Young People at Risk), has been funded by the NEIC Initiative since 2018. The goal of the initiative is to offer immediate access to therapeutic supports to children, young people and their families experiencing mental health and wellbeing difficulties.

In 2021 over 50 young people and their families benefited from these services. The benefits to children, young people and families include a reduction in anxiety, stress and trauma, and increased happiness and confidence, increased ability to build positive and trusting relationships, improved family relationships, and a reduction in family stress and anxiety. Further benefits include improved school engagement and better school social relationships for young people, including a reduction in the burden for schools having to deal with harmful and disruptive behaviours. Work is ongoing with relevant departments and agencies to secure sustainable funding for the Fast-track Counselling and Therapeutic Supports service.

Project in Focus

Meitheal – Working together to help families, children and young people in the NEIC

What is Meitheal?

Meitheal is a way of helping children, young people and their families who are facing a difficult time to make changes and improve their lives. With Meitheal, families and services work together to find the right help and support that is needed to overcome those difficulties. Services involved in Meitheal include early years services, schools, youth services, family resource centres, a range of medical services, and many others.

The NEIC initiative fully supports the rollout of Meitheal in the North East Inner City. Through the work of the NEIC PIB a renewed impetus and drive has been given to the service providers in bringing this innovative approach to making sure service users get the right supports for themselves and their families at critical times. Through the ongoing collaboration of service providers and the support offered through the NEIC PIB, Tusla are supported in providing this layered, ground-breaking service to over 100 vulnerable families across the NEIC.

What can Meitheal help with?

Here are some examples of challenges where Meitheal can support families:

- Education difficulties;
- Difficult behaviour;
- Mental health issues;
- Financial/housing difficulties;
- Parents not getting on with their children; and
- Illness or disabilities.

What difference is Meitheal making?

- Meitheal has helped **130 children and their families** in the area since 2016.
- **Over 50 local services** have worked together to help those families.
- Right now **31 families** are getting support through Meitheal.

What do parents say about Meitheal?

“I would recommend Meitheal to other families. It takes the stress off parents when things are difficult”

“Meitheal is a great help! It makes sure everyone works together and everyone is on the ball”

“Without Meitheal my daughter wouldn’t have all the help she has got. It’s made a huge difference”

“Meitheal was good... they break down the big words, it’s coordinated, gets the right people to the table...”

“How can I put it into words, it was amazing... When I look back on how hard life was at the time and how much the Meitheal helped, I’m a better person now. I learned how to deal with situations... I know how to approach things differently...”

“It was very helpful for me... It got everything done much quicker working together, if I had to go to each of the people it would take me ages. In a one-hour meeting, we got so much done”

Project in Focus

CASPr After School Workshops

As part of the Community Arts Programme 2021, funded by the NEIC, the Community After School Project (CASPr) carried out a series of art workshops with 45 children, which started on 17 May 2021 and finished on 20 July 2021. The workshops were facilitated by artist Jole Bartoli, who was engaged by CASPr to work with children creatively and artistically to:

- Explore their reflections and perceptions of health and well-being;
- Express feelings of stress juxtaposed with feelings of peace; and
- Explore their sense of identity and belonging in terms of family and/or educational setting such as school/ after schools and how those feelings contribute to their sense of health and wellbeing.

The programme

The programme was divided into two phases: 'I AM' and 'MY STORY'

- During the first phase, I AM, each child engaged in reflective work.
- The second part focused on MY STORY, during which children took part in creating a narrative through both individual and group work. This phase focused on story-making and story-telling.

The programme was delivered through a series of workshops designed to guide the children gently through a series of playful art activities, which included drawing, painting and a collage.

This programme was carried out on Zoom over two days and both CASPr after school projects participated - i.e., Mountjoy Square Park and Sean McDermott Street Project.

The children used a variety of materials to experiment as widely as possible and get familiar with various materials and mediums.



Children from CASPr displaying their completed Art Work

Phase 1 – Reflective work

I AM

Developing observational skills and a sense of self.

I AM a Tree

Developing imagination skills and a sense of self.

I AM a bird

Developing observational, imagination, manual skills and sense of self.

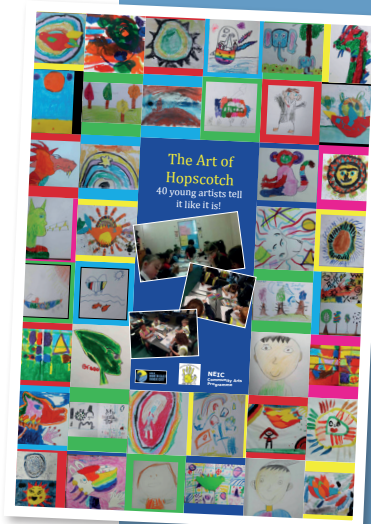
I AM a star

Developing a sense of belonging.

Phase 2 – Narrative and group work

MY STORY

In the second phase of the programme, the children have built confidence to start working in collaboration, first within groups and then all together. The children were free to choose how their journey unfolded by exploring and expressing playfully through the arts. This format gave the children the opportunity to include in their artwork elements from their specific cultural backgrounds, family ties and traditions.



Participants artwork designed into a display poster

9. Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment

Improving social cohesion and wellbeing in the community. Enhancing the physical environment, landscape and cleanliness.

This sub group is chaired by Karl Mitchell, Director – North City, Dublin City Council.

Highlights from the year's work of the Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment sub group include the following:

Establishment of Intercultural Ambassador Programme.

This leadership programme highlights intercultural issues and barriers within the NEIC and works towards a more inclusive environment for all. The first group of Ambassadors comprise of 16 people representing 12 nationalities and 21 languages. The programme was formally launched in May 2021 by the Lord Mayor of Dublin against the backdrop of a newly installed large scale complementary-themed artwork in Mountjoy Square Park. Under strict Covid-19 guidelines, the Ambassadors graduated in November 2021 and

facilitated in numerous key events as part of *Inclusion and Integration Week 2021*.

Diamond Park Re-development Project

Progress is ongoing through the statutory Part 8 Planning process. Dublin City Council Parks and Landscape Services Department is currently finalising detailed design in preparation for tender stage by year end.

Green Ribbon Project

Further funding has been approved by the NEIC PIB in May 2021. This environmental project in partnership with Sunflower Recycling provides part-time employment for 11 operatives under the NEIC Social Employment Fund.

Poover Machine

A new electric *POOVER* machine, specifically designed to tackle dog fouling, was piloted by Dublin City Council Waste Management crew in selected streets including Buckingham street Upper and Lower, Killarney street, Sean Mac Dermott street lower, James Joyce street, Foley street, Beaver street and Railway



Intercultural Ambassadors' Graduation



POOVER Dog Fouling Removal Machine



Mountjoy Square Mural



Summerhill central median

street. The machine was co-funded by Dublin City Council and NEIC PIB. The trial was successful and the initiative has now expanded to other streets.

The following Infrastructural projects were planned/ progressed:

Rutland Street School Re-development

A tender process is underway to redevelop Rutland Street School as a community hub. With an estimated cost of €22.5M, additional funding was secured from Central Government under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) fund and a further €900,000 committed by the NEIC PIB. This flagship project will facilitate local adult & youth services, community crèche, community garden, Dublin City Council Area Office, enterprise space and more.

55 Amiens Street

Funding has been approved from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage under the

Historic Structures Fund. The funding will contribute to the structural support, conservation and restoration of this historic shopfront in the short-term pending development of longer-term plans for the building.

The following playground improvements were carried out in 2021

- Rory O'Connor (Full Resurface)
- North William Street Flats
- Avondale House
- Ballybough House
- Dunne Street
- James Larkin Flats
- Courtney Place
- Liberty House
- Fitzgibbon Court

Project in Focus Greening Strategy

The NEIC Greening Strategy identifies opportunities to develop and improve streetscapes and open spaces within the area for the benefit of the local communities and visitors alike. It further aims to improve the quality of life of local residents through greening enhancements of the physical environment with the hope that, in the context of the Mulvey Report - Creating a Brighter Future - the North East Inner City becomes a safer, more appealing neighbourhood, offering high quality recreational resources, rich in biodiversity within a healthy environment.

Since the publication of the strategy in 2018, a large number of projects have come to fruition with considerable progress made in the overall enhancement and improvement of the physical landscape. With a further allocation of €545,000 approved by the NEIC Board in 2021, the following list of projects were advanced:

1. **Summer Hill Central Median**
Landscape Refurbishment Works
Complete
2. **Royal Canal Phase 2 – Linear Park**
10,000 spring bulbs planted this autumn along with an additional native hedgerow.
3. **Seville Place Plaza** Landscape refurbishment works complete.
4. **Oriel Street Plaza/Pocket Park**
Work complete.
5. **Suicide Plot - Biodiversity Garden**
Landscape Refurbishment Works
Complete
6. **Sackville Place Biodiversity Garden**
Landscape Refurbishment Works
Complete.
7. **O’Connell’s Secondary School Greening Grant (Outdoor classroom)**
Ongoing Greening Projects and support.
8. **Annesley Avenue** Work complete.



Seville Place Landscape Re-development.

In summary

Over **275** semi mature street and parkland trees have been planted in the NEIC, equating to nearly a **30%** increase in the tree cover in the area.



Over **2,400sq/m** of hard surfaced area has been transformed to planting beds.



Over **900** linear meters of native hedgerows have been established.

Approx. **450sq/m** of wild flower areas have been created



10. Project in Focus: Community Arts Co-ordinator

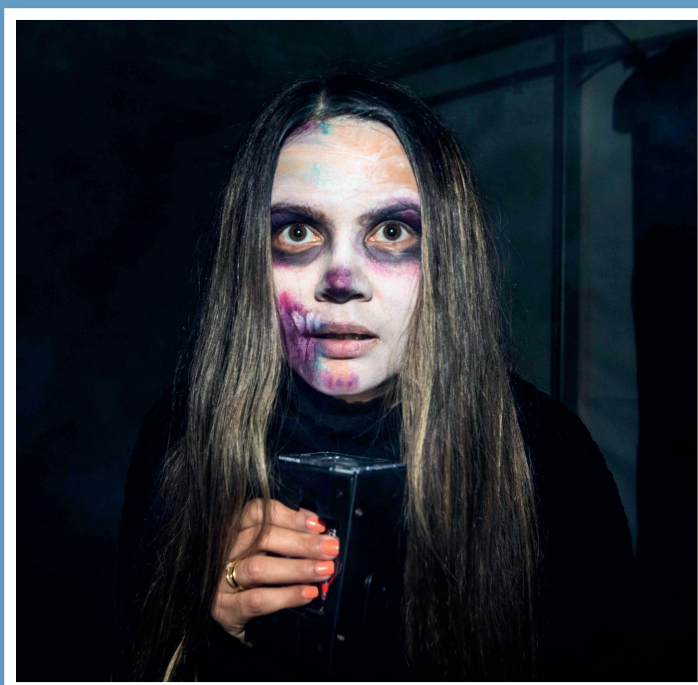
In 2021, the NEIC PIB allocated funding of €155,000 to create and provide a community arts programme which celebrates and builds on the creative arts programmes that have taken place in the NEIC to date. The role of a Community Arts Co-ordinator is key to this programme.

August 2021 saw the appointment of Irma Grothuis, as Community Arts Co-Ordinator. As Community Arts Co-ordinator, Irma will manage all operational and administrative matters relating to the planning, organising and delivery of a comprehensive community arts programme. She will lead on artistic and creative content which is being developed through consultation with the community, childcare, resident and youth groups, including local artists and arts organisations involved in the project.

Irma has worked within the area of community arts for the past twenty years. Originally coming from a theatre background, she has worked for The National Association for Youth Drama, (Now Youth Theatre Ireland), youth services, and in more recent years her work has involved working with Local Authorities to develop meaningful arts programming and policies that can help to play a role in giving voice to and empowering communities who may experience marginalisation and/or disadvantage. Her work is underpinned by the belief that arts engagement within the community context should listen, be inclusive, consistent, developmental and of a high quality.



Ghost Walk, Big Scream Festival



Canalaphobia, Big Scream Festival



Fairy Garden Mountjoy Square Park, Big Scream Festival



Fairy Garden Mountjoy Square Park, Big Scream Festival



Dracula gets a fright at the launch of the Big SCREAM festival in Mountjoy Square park

Project in Focus Mountjoy Square Mural

The NEIC initiative in conjunction with Creative Ireland, Dublin City Council Arts and Central Area Office came together to create a mural celebrating diversity in the area. Created by the community for the community, this installation encompasses a community committed to inclusion and integration. Larkin Community College, Bradog Youth Service, and Community Afterschools Project (CASPr), worked zealously to shape, build and complete a piece they felt, was inclusive, for everyone living in their area. The works were led by Fionnuala Halpin and her team and ably assisted by over 50 youths from Larkin, Bradog, and CASPr over a period of 5 days. The project won a Garda Youth Award for engaging with and bringing the community together.



Mountjoy Mural

Project in Focus Kellie Harrington Fun Day

A Fun Day to honour local hero and Olympic Gold Medallist Kellie Harrington took place on the 26th September in the North East Inner City. With events including boxing, gym challenges, music, children's entertainment and more to choose from, the event proved a great success. Over one hundred and fifty people attended the event including Kellie with many having the opportunity to meet and have their photograph taken with their local hero. The event was organised by Dublin City Council Central Area Community team, in partnership with the NEIC Initiative's Sport and Wellbeing Programme.



Kellie Harrington Fun Day



Project in Focus 80th anniversary of North Strand Bombing

A series of events were organised to mark the 80th Anniversary of the World War II bombing of the North Strand in 1941. A local committee was formed and worked closely with the NEIC Programme Office, Dublin City Council Central Area Office, the Commemorations Committee and Library Service to mark the occasion. The Lord Mayor of Dublin and the German Ambassador took part in the wreath-laying ceremony at the monument to the victims at Marino College, followed by a special viewing of a community led exhibition of the events including an exhibition of materials curated by the Library Service.

Additional activities included:

- The production of new video material by the Local Community Commemorations Group and the Libraries Service.
- 28 miniature boats were constructed and launched into the canal each bearing the name of one of the deceased.
- 3,000 contemporary newspapers were reproduced and distributed around the area.
- The monument at Marino College including the cobbled walk ways were cleaned in advance of the anniversary.
- A live streamed concert by the Dublin Concert Band.
- Search lights over North Strand on the evening of the 31st.



Former Lord Mayor Hazel Chu at the wreath laying ceremony to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the North Strand bombings at Connolly House North Strand

11. Sports Recreation and Wellbeing Programme

2021 Programme Highlights

North Strand Sea Scouts – Discovering the Waterways of Dublin North

The NEIC Initiative provided funding to support the 99th Dublin 2nd Port North Strand Scouts to embark on a memorable weekend's adventure aboard the Brian Ború in June this year. Spread out over two days and in two separate groups, 16 young adventurers, ably supported by six leaders, Captain Hugh and First Mate Johnny, gained an education (and their sea legs!) by learning

about sails, manning the wheel and dropping anchor.

Participants also learned other important life skills, such as the importance of teamwork and responsibility. The trip involved sailing out to the Muglins and returning via the Dalkey Island Channel. Well done to all of our amateur sailors!





*ExWell Programme
Participants*

ExWell Medical

Chronic illness health classes ran throughout 2021 as part of a new programme to assist groups not previously targeted in the area. Participants were referred through their local GP's. The programme provided bi-weekly bespoke activity for the participants involved.

Yoga Teacher Training Course

The NEIC Initiative Yoga Teacher Training Course began in April 2021. The course accommodated 14 local participants who are partaking on an 11-month course linking in with Reformation Studios. Upon completion, participants will be fully qualified to teach anywhere in the world. The course took place in D Light Studios.



Yoga Teacher Training April 21

Basketball

The NEIC Basketball Academy ran throughout most of 2021 at Aldborough Place MUGA for 7-14-year olds. Basketball sessions were also provided in a number of local schools in the area. A Basketball camp for sixty 7-12-year olds was held in July. A Coaching course was held for teachers and youth workers in the NEIC. A highly successful 3 versus 3 competition was held in Mountjoy Square in August.



Basketball, Mountjoy Square Park



Operation Reactivation Summer Programme

In line with COVID-19 guidelines, Dublin City Council parks were filled with multiple activities during the summer months, with yoga bootcamps, tai chi, capoeira, Afro-Brazilian dance and Gaelic football fitness classes provided throughout the NEIC area. The programme was run in conjunction with the Five Lamps Arts Festival and Lourdes Youth and Community Services and was incorporated into the Carter Centre 'Inform Women, Transform Lives' campaign.

Capoeira dancing, Liberty Park

Gaelic Games Development

Scoil Uí Chonaill continue to provide Gaelic Games opportunities for Juveniles in the area with up to 70 local participants on their Under 9 – Under 18 teams. The Scoil Uí Chonaill Nursery continued to take place throughout the year at O'Connells School's football pitch with up to 70 participants in regular attendance.



Scoil Ui Chonaill Hoppers

Boxing

Boxing Development continued throughout 2021 with introductory boxing sessions developed with CASPr, Ozanam House, ASESP, Swan, Ballybough Youth Project and Bradóg YS. A primary schools programme was rolled out with schools such as Gardiner Street, Central Model Senior School, O'Connells Secondary School and St. Vincent's Boys. Local Boxing clubs Docklands, Ballybough and Corinthians were supported throughout 2021.

Cricket

Cricket activity continued at O' Connells Secondary School throughout 2021 and is a highly popular activity within the school. Cricket Leinster, in conjunction with Dublin City Council and the NEIC Initiative developed a Tape Ball programme in Mountjoy Square over the summer months where families got to partake and learn about the game.

*Cricket Practice, O'Connell's
Secondary school*



Soccer

DCC and the NEIC Initiative continued to support soccer development in the area through the local clubs. All clubs have seen increased numbers participating in their small sided games.

Sports Activities including new activities for Youth

The NEIC Initiative supported the Five Lamps Arts Festival and co-funded Development Officers to deliver a wide range of sport and wellbeing activities over the summer and autumn months through youth services, schools and after schools programmes. Groups that worked with these programmes included Ozanam House, The Foundation Project, ASESP, Belvedere Youth Club and Ballybough Youth Service. Schools included St. Laurence O'Toole's and St. Vincent Boys. New activities included Capoeira, Afro- Brazilian Dance and Jiu-Jitsu.

12. SARI Football for UNITY



SARI women's team from round three of the competition

To mark the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the UEFA European Football Championship, the North East Inner City Initiative hosted its first 'Football for UNITY' Festival in June and July, in partnership with Sport Against Racism Ireland (SARI), local stakeholders, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Irish Refugee Council, Dublin City Council, the FAI and a host of local youth organisations.

Sport Against Racism Ireland (SARI) was started in 2002, using football as the universal language to unite the global community to tackle social change. The NEIC is an area of our city with a very diverse population and this was seen as an excellent opportunity to bring all of the NEIC community together using the SARI 'Football for UNITY' model.

The Festival took place in line with Euro 2020 finals at venues across the NEIC, and involved many high-quality, evenly-contested games. It commenced on 14 June and concluded in a finals evening at St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre on 16 July 2021. Matches took place at a number of local all-weather astro pitches across the NEIC, including Larkin Community College, O'Connell School, Hubert Fuller Park at St Mary's, East Wall Youth Centre and at St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre.

The tournament served as an opportunity to showcase the potential of football as an educational tool and to bring communities together and promote social inclusion for newcomers to Ireland. Over three hundred young people took part, and the tournament received lots of very positive comments from the participants, community members and team supporters alike. Although it was the inaugural year of the tournament, it's easy to see the potential for growth and its potential to be a positive driver of integration between communities, both established and emerging.

The Festival was supported by a strong social media presence, where all participants were encouraged to post, tag and share their games and results, resulting in lots of positive online media coverage and dozens of great photographs showcasing players' skills and unity through participation.

The NEIC Initiative looks forward to teaming up with SARI again next year to put on another bigger, better Football for UNITY tournament. Congratulations to all involved in such a worthwhile cause and for helping to drive positive change in the NEIC.



SARI Football for Unity tournament winner's presentation with Michael Darragh MacAuley



SARI Football for Unity tournament Launched by Brian Kerr



SARI Football for Unity tournament

13. Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health



Saol participants in the outdoor classroom

Improving health outcomes for people who use and misuse drugs and alcohol. Promoting inclusion health for socially-excluded groups experiencing severe health inequalities.

This sub-group is chaired by Jim Walsh, Department of Health.

It has been another productive year for this sub-group, which featured strong collaborative work with

sister groups within the NEIC Initiative. Some of the highlights of the group's work this year include:

- The group worked with the NEIC sub-group 'Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities' to strengthen labour market progression options for people leaving drug rehabilitation projects and other drug treatment services. Funding was provided by the Department of Social Protection to establish an individual placement and support project (IPS)

within the local employment service for people with drug and alcohol addiction.

- The group recommended funding for a Recovery Worker in the HOPE service. The aim of the specialised post is to further develop an interagency continuum of care for those recovering from substance abuse. Funding has been allocated for an initial one-year period, with the HSE to consider further funding for an additional year.
- The Department of Social Protection provided funding to the Local Employment Services at St. Andrew's Resource Centre to establish an individual placement and support project (IPS) for people with drug and alcohol addiction. The project seeks to demonstrate how employment and health supports can support a person with dependencies on alcohol and/or drugs to enter mainstream employment.
- The group successfully proposed and received funding for an after-care programme to meet the health and social care needs of individuals upon release from prison. The transition from prison to the community is a period of high risk for offenders, as they can experience discrimination and stigma, and struggle to engage with community health services. The focus of this programme will be on the initial release period (four weeks). It will engage with recently-released individuals and their families and assist them in accessing mainstream health and social care services. Subgroup 5 has established links with the RECONNECT programme developed by the NHS in England, which develops pathways of care out of custodial settings. It is hoped that these linkages will guide the development of the NEIC programme.
- The group initiated a programme concerning the prevention of drug-related deaths. One feature of drug use in the NEIC is the high number of drug deaths. This initiative seeks to prevent and reduce



HOPE Recovery Run 2021

drug-related deaths among high-risk groups, such as people who are homeless and polydrug users. It will involve consultation with service providers, people who use drugs and their families to gain insights and increase awareness within the wider community. It will seek to increase the availability of naloxone among service providers, people who use drugs and their families and to identify mental health supports for people at risk of a drug overdose.

- Funding was provided to the Recovery Academy of Ireland to set up a recovery resource hub to enhance addiction recovery services in the north inner city. The hub will operate as a social enterprise and include a café and open space. The HSE is providing the premises for the hub and the capital costs to refurbish the building. The NEIC Initiative assisted with the fit-out of the café and year one running costs.
- The Group continued to support the Healthy Communities Project, which aims to tackle health inequalities in the NEIC by building the capacity of the community to address health issues affecting them. It ran several community health programmes: We Can Quit Smoking, Healthy Food Made Easy, Health Literacy, Mental Health, Stress Control and Wellbeing.



Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland at Yoga Yoga Liberty Park-
International Overdose Awareness Day

Project in Focus Dual Diagnosis Training

One of the key actions for this sub-group is to consider further proposals to enhance services and strengthen collaboration for dual diagnosis, which is the coexistence of mental health and substance use for an individual.

To this end, the PIB funded the Dublin North, North East Recovery College to facilitate a community learning intervention on dual diagnosis. The college provided awareness workshops, and then 'Train the Trainer' workshops to help organisations and people in the community continue to build capacity around dual diagnosis awareness after the initial series of workshops.

Four two-day dual diagnosis workshops were delivered, and two one-day 'Train the Trainer' workshops, all online. The workshops were targeted at care provider professionals, people with dual diagnosis experiences (self and/or family) and residents with a desire to learn more about how people, communities and services can respond to dual diagnosis in their community.

Seventy-five people participated in the dual diagnosis awareness workshops and thirty people in the 'Train the Trainer' workshops. The majority of participants came from community organisations. There was a larger uptake of the 'Train the Trainer' workshops than anticipated, which has the potential to lead to a greater impact on community capacity.

Overall, the experience for participants in terms of learning, networking, and gaining a greater understanding and appreciation of dual diagnosis was positive. It generated a collective awareness and motivation to further engage in a joined-up response to dual diagnosis. The workshops added to the participants' knowledge of people living with dual diagnosis and what that may entail.

Going forward, it is hoped to hold face-to-face workshops with a broader representation of people with self-experience and statutory services to promote a whole system of learning and engagement.

14. Alignment of Services



Swan Detached Youth Workers

Integrating and aligning the delivery of services across government department, community services, agencies and institutions. Adapting, implementing and evaluating the City Connects model. Enhancing community leadership. Enhancing early years and after-schools services.

This subgroup is chaired by John Cole, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

- 18 youth-related services engaged in consultations, which led to the development of the Roadmap to Alignment: Integrating Youth Work Projects and youth related services in Dublin's NEIC plan.
- The City Connects programme was implemented in ten primary schools in the NEIC. The City Connects Coordinators worked across the ten schools during the 2020/2021 academic year, gathering data on students' strengths and needs, and identifying



Swan Detached Youth Workers

where students require additional in-school supports and/or making referrals to relevant services.

- Data from City Connects' student surveys provide clear indications to all stakeholders on activities in which children in the area would like to participate. The top three activities were swimming, cookery and art.
- A dedicated Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) of HSE

speech and language and occupational therapists, psychologists and an enhanced level of NEPS psychologists is working across the ten NEIC primary schools. This team provides direct support to students and their families, as well as indirect support through the provision of capacity-building supports for teachers.

- The Liberty Park Residents Group is working to maintain pro-social behaviour in the park and surrounding areas.
- A research project has commenced to assess current and emerging unmet needs for 0 to 5 year-olds in the NEIC. The final report is expected to propose a sustainable wrap-around model of early years/childhood services and supports that can be flexible and tailored to address the needs of all children and families in the area, including those with additional or special needs.

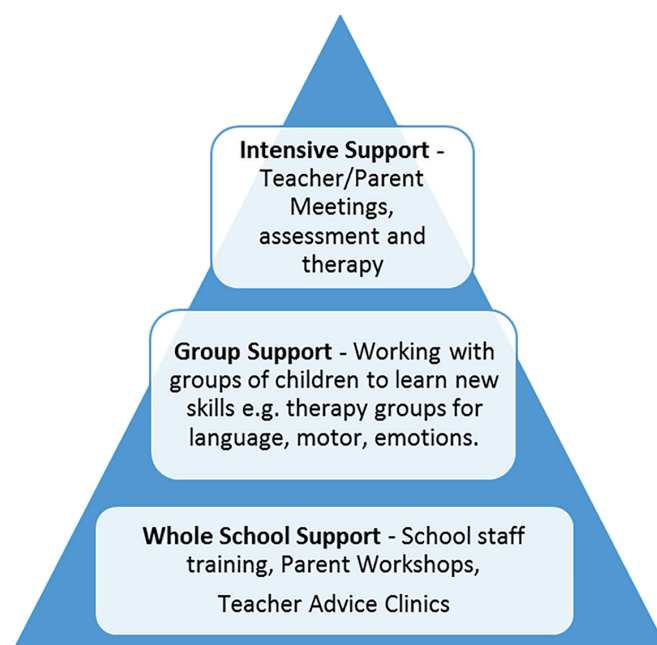


Belvedere Youth Club 2021

Project in Focus NEIC Multi- Disciplinary Team

A dedicated Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) has been working in ten NEIC primary schools since September 2020. The MDT comprises staff from the HSE and the Department of Education, including three NEPS psychologists, one HSE psychologist, three HSE occupational therapists and three HSE speech and language therapists.

The MDT is a needs-based school service that responds to the presenting issues for each child, their family and school. The MDT understands that not every child needs the same amount of support to do well in school and at home. MDT members work with the whole school community, parents/guardians, whole classes, small groups of children and individual children. The MDT works with school staff within existing structures, such as the Continuum of Support, which promotes skill development with appropriate differentiation for individual needs.



Project in Focus NEIC Multi- Disciplinary Team

The MDT works in two main ways in schools:

1. **Support and development work:** our capacity-building work impacts all children, all staff and all parents/guardians in these schools. The MDT works with schools/parents/guardians to enhance the experience for children, to create school environments that prevent difficulties emerging and also to identify needs in a timely fashion and to respond with an appropriate evidence-based intervention. Support and development work includes:
 - School staff training - 18 training courses were delivered across occupational therapy (OT), speech and language therapy (SLT) and psychology, with 637 school staff attending the training courses and some attending multiple trainings.
 - Teacher and parent/guardian advice clinics - 189 in attendance.
 - Targeted teacher/parent interventions – 337 in attendance.
 - Resource development - 34 resources developed across all disciplines.
2. **Casework with the children, their parents and teachers:** where a child is referred by the school to the MDT, a decision is made in consultation with school, parents/guardians/child as to the pathway deemed most appropriate to that child's need. Casework includes:
 - Whole class interventions - 554 children
 - In-class coaching - 71 sessions
 - Targeted group - 146 sessions
 - 1:1 assessments - 292 assessments were completed across all disciplines
 - 1:1 interventions - 868 sessions were completed across all disciplines (commutative)

Without access to the MDT, these children would be on waitlists in the traditional single-discipline primary care services, with wait times of between 18 months and three years to access clinical services. This represents a significant improvement in access to services for children in these ten schools and has reduced the pressure on waitlists to access HSE services in the community. It is also noteworthy that SLT wait times have been reduced by 46 weeks over this period.

The NEPS service to schools has also been enhanced. Within their role in the NEIC, MDT and NEPS, direct involvement with individual cases has increased fivefold over one year; with 27 cases opened in 2019-2020 increasing to 156 cases opened in 2020- 2021. This fivefold increase in direct casework represents the vastly increased NEPS capacity to work with children and school staff in the NEIC. Enhanced NEPS capacity under the NEIC MDT Pilot Project has also facilitated psychologists to engage in interventions for social emotional learning (SEL) and to design and deliver a range of bespoke training for school staff in response to identified needs.

The MDT works collaboratively with other in-school services, such as Home School Community Liaison, School Completion and the City Connects Coordinators. The MDT also liaises with community partners such as CAMHS, Meitheal and Young People at Risk (YPAR) to maximize wrap-around supports for children, their schools and families.

15. Operation Re-Activation and NEIC Sports



Virtual activities included:

1. Coaching workshops.
2. Scoil Uí Chonaill weekly Zoom nursery.
3. Dublin City Council (DCC) virtual hub provided dance, yoga, fitness and strength classes.
4. Couch to 3k.
5. Multiple classes were available daily throughout the most restrictive periods of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Operation Re-Activation ran for 20 weeks in 2021, aligned with the Government's COVID-19 protocol.

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activities were covered under Operation Re-Activation and the Dublin City Council Sports Programme, including:

1. **Football:** 1 SARI Football for UNITY tournament hosted, with over 300 participants across multiple venues in the NEIC.
2. **Basketball:** taster classes involving local schools (Central Model SS / Rutland College St Vincent's Junior School and St Laurence O'Toole's).
3. **Boxing.**
4. **Athletics.**
5. **Rugby:** 2 Leinster rugby officers working through 5 schools in the area
6. **Kayaking.**
7. **Cricket:** 1 cricket officer working with O'Connell's School, 'Tapeball' introduced in Mountjoy Sq. and Fairview Park.
8. **Capoeira.**
9. **Ju-Jitsu.**
10. **Tai chi.**
11. **High intensity bootcamps/ HIIT.**
12. **GAA and GAA** for Ma's, including support for the Scoil Uí Chonaill nursery, with up to 80 kids in regular attendance.
13. **Yoga**, including yoga for children with additional needs.
14. **Capoeira.**
15. **Afro-Brazilian dance.**
16. **Olympic handball.**
17. **Archery.**
18. **Taekwondo:** Sean Mc Dermott Street Taekwondo Club held its annual Taekwondo exhibition supported by the NEIC Initiative and DCC.



**Events run up to
7 days a week
throughout the
summer period**



**Hundreds of
participants
across all our
range of sports
and activities.**

**Anti-racism and
mental health
workshops ran
in local schools
in May**



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venues used

(both indoor and outdoor),
including:

1. Mountjoy Square Park
2. Liberty Park
3. Diamond Park
4. Lourdes Parish Hall Area
5. St Laurence O'Toole MUGA
6. Fairview Park
7. Sheriff Street open space (Rainbow Park)
8. Larkin Community College
9. O'Connells Secondary School MUGA
10. Hubert Fuller Park MUGA



16. Engagement with Business

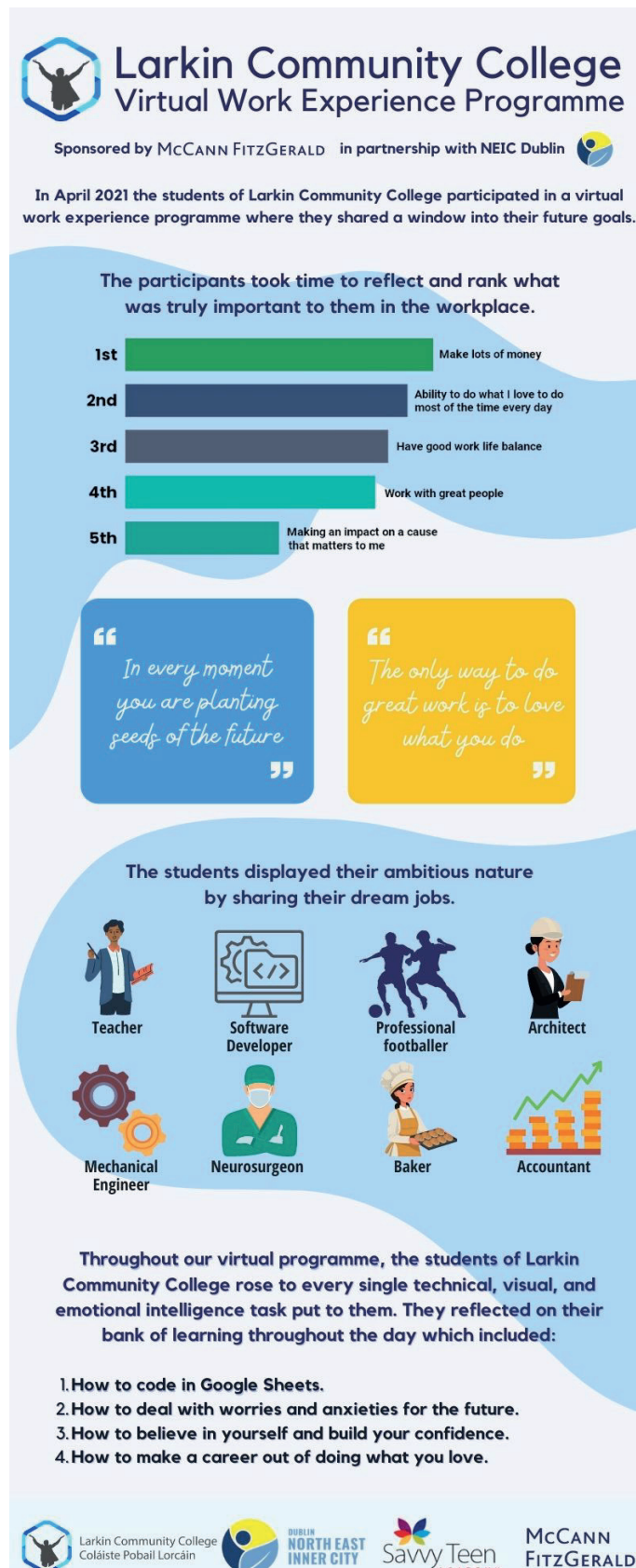
Transition Year “Flash Mentoring” and virtual work experience:

Owing to the challenges posed and the restrictions that were in place due to COVID-19, the provision of onsite work experience was not feasible. However, in order to provide support for TY students, a “Flash mentoring” system was developed and implemented. Flash mentoring gave the students an opportunity to meet with a variety of professionals across a range of career paths. In every flash mentoring session, each student would meet a new professional from different organisations and career backgrounds. This structure provided students with the opportunity to meet mentors they related to, and opportunities to hear about a wider variety of career areas. For example, a typical student may have had a one-to-one meeting with a solicitor, a civil servant, a Garda, a site manager and an accountant.

One of the unique features of the programme is that it is student-led with an informational interview structure. The aim of this approach was to push students out of their comfort zone and to give them the opportunity to build their confidence in a supportive environment. To support this structure a student workbook was created.

To support the “flash mentoring” programme, 169 volunteers were recruited and Garda-vetted from 35 organisations, 45 online events were hosted and 200 one-to-one sessions were delivered.

Organisations involved included: A&L Goodbody, PwC, the ethe Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, the Department of Education, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, Learn Signal, Mater Hospital, State Street, The Wheel, Trust in





Flash Mentoring

Soda, Eversheds Sutherland, Ibec, Kennedy Wilson, The Magic of Music, An Garda Síochána, TD Global Securities, AIG, An Post, Bord Bia, Cairn Homes, Cpl, National College of Ireland, Policing Authority, Activate Capital, Matheson, McCann FitzGerald and the NTMA.

In addition to the flash mentoring and thanks to sponsorship from PwC, A&L Goodbody, Three Ireland, State Street and McCann FitzGerald, a virtual work experience programme was developed and delivered to the six second-level schools in the area. The programme was delivered by Susan Hayes Culleton and her team. Nine events in total were delivered, with each event tailored following consultation with the teachers in the school to meet the needs of the students.

The sessions were interactive and task-focused to have each student engaged throughout and finishing the day with tangible learnings and outcomes.

Students were guided in using tools such as Google Sheets to code and create percentage views based on class views of the topics discussed.

Students were tasked with examining their assumptions of the working world, such as *“you have to go to college to get a job”* or *“most people dislike their jobs”*. These assumptions were later put to guest speakers from the companies sponsoring the session to give live feedback with the aim of breaking down negative perceptions of the working world. Students also examined their own perceived weaknesses and were challenged, with help, to consider careers in which these weaknesses might be considered a strength. The final task of the day was to create vision boards.

17. NEIC Funding 2016 – 2021

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 NEIC over the past number of years.

The following summary table sets out the sources and amounts of funding that were provided by the

Government for the NEIC initiative from 2016 to 2021. Further detail on projects allocated funding in 2021 and Community Grants approved is provided in the Appendices at the end of this Report.

The Government has 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:

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 and Sport (Dormant Accounts Fund)	€100,000
2016	Department of Transport Tourism & Sport (Dormant Accounts Fund)	€1,000,000
	Department of Housing, Planning Community and Local Government	€3,655,000
	Department of Children and Youth Affairs	€165,000
	Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs;	€55,000
	and Dublin City Council	€100,000
	Department of Health (Drug specific projects)	
OVERALL TOTAL:		€30,761,810

18. Ambition for 2022

Since its inception in 2016, the NEIC Initiative has made significant progress on implementing the Mulvey Report. 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.

2021 was the second year of implementation of the NEIC Strategic Plan 2020–2022 and significant progress was made, as outlined in this Report. Implementation of the NEIC Strategic Plan will continue next year and, to this end, priority actions have been identified across the six work streams in 2022:

- **Enhanced Policing**
- **Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities**
- **Family Wellbeing**
- **Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Landscape**
- **Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health**
- **Alignment of Services**

Under the Enhanced Policing workstream, our ambition is to:

- Enhance policing services in the community with an emphasis on visible policing;
- Continue to support the piloting of the North Inner City Local Community Safety Partnership in line with the approach advocated by the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland;
- Continue to support Juvenile Liaison Officers,

Young Persons Probation (YPP) and Extern (Bail Supervision) who are working together to keep children out of the justice system or to exit them from the system as soon as possible;

- Develop and implement a proposal for the Probation Gardaí Programme, focusing on engagement with the community and appointing a ‘face of policing’ for the community.

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

- Support and enhance employment, education and training opportunities for all NEIC residents;
- Continue to support NEIC residents with training and career progression initiatives through the implementation of a bespoke NEIC Adult and Community Education Strategy;
- Continue implementing and expand the P-TECH programme;
- Put initiatives for NEIC students on a sustainable footing (e.g., TY / 5th Year Work Experience Programme and Flash Mentoring Initiative);
- Commence implementation of Social Impact Plan priority actions;
- Put the funding for Social Employment Fund posts on a sustainable footing.



SAOL Project 2021

Under the Family Wellbeing Workstream, our ambition is to:

- Initiate and complete research into the delivery of services for 0 to 7-year olds in the area;
- Support the work of the Parenting Support Coordinator;
- Design and implement the Community Case Management One Year Pilot initiative;
- Formalise data-sharing arrangements between Tusla and other support agencies (e.g., An Garda Síochána, HSE);
- Continue to raise awareness of the importance of trauma-informed service provision and give youth workers the necessary tools to support young people who have suffered trauma from crime and violence;
- Engage across relevant sub-groups to meet the after-school needs of primary school children,

including children from migrant families;

- Develop a community wide strategic plan for the use of restorative practice across the NEIC.

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

- Continue the implementation of public realm initiatives (including the Greening Strategy and Green Ribbon Project), and of creative, sports and wellbeing programmes and community events;
- Further progress public capital projects in the area, such as the Rutland Street Community Hub and Sean McDermott Street Swimming Pool;
- Increase intercultural initiatives in the NEIC;
- Enhance and develop the role of the Community Arts Co-ordinator in the development of local community initiatives;

- Continue to deliver dedicated community events, and sports and community arts programmes for the NEIC.

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

- Improve access to mental health services for vulnerable groups;
- Develop alternatives to coercive sanctions for drug-related offences, including a diversion programme to drug and alcohol services;
- Support the provision of addiction recovery services and supports in conjunction with voluntary service providers, such as the Recovery Academy;
- Promote access to HSE-led programmes on alcohol misuse and mental health;
- Consider ways to further improve access to health care services for socially excluded groups, linked to the inclusion health hub.

Under Alignment of Services workstream, our ambition is to:

- Continue to deliver the 'Young Leaders for Active Citizenship' youth leadership programme;
- Continue to provide support for occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and psychology services for children in the NEIC;
- Deliver full implementation of the City Connects pilot programme;
- Carry out needs assessment of young children in the NEIC with regards to early years childcare provision;

- Undertake research to inform delivery of alignment and integrated services delivery framework for NEIC youth services;
- Finalise and implement alignment and integrated services delivery framework plan as a pilot initiative.



Fun at CASPr 2021

In 2021, the members of the NEIC Initiative sub-groups and service providers within the NEIC continued to demonstrate their ability to work through extraordinary times while continuing to make important, measurable progress on issues that really matter to the people of the NEIC – a process that will continue into 2022. By concentrating its efforts in the areas outlined above, the Programme Implementation Board will continue its significant progress towards achieving its vision of making Dublin's 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.

19. Programme Implementation Board Update

Mountjoy Square

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/resources>.

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

The sub groups are:

- Enhanced Policing
- Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities
- Family Wellbeing
- Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment
- Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health
- Alignment of Services

The PIB's ambition for 2021 was to continue

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 has also been prioritising long-term, sustainable outcomes for the NEIC.

Membership of the Programme Implementation Board (PIB)

- Michael Stone, Independent Chair
- Brenda Boylan, Department of the Taoiseach*
- Ruth Doggett, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
- Donal Cassidy, Health Service Executive
- Mary Cregg, Department of Education
- Noel Hand, Department of Social Protection
- Karl Mitchell, Dublin City Council**
- Paddy Murdiffe, North Inner City Community Coalition
- Joy McGlynn, Tusla
- Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin, An Garda Síochána
- Feargal O'Rourke, PwC
- Jim Walsh, Department of Health
- Noel Wardick, North Inner City Community Coalition
- * Replaced Mary Keenan in September 2021
- **Brendan Kenny (Retired October 2021)

20. Programme Office

St Mary's Mansions

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, environment, community, communications and engagement, local employment, evaluation, assisting all sub-groups, and supporting the Chair of the PIB. The Programme Office meets each month to discuss issues relating to the work of the Initiative.

Current staff:

- Áine Behan
- Nuala Collins
- Ursula Donnellan
- Stephen Doyle
- Liam Harding
- David Leavey
- Dermot McAuley
- Bruce McDevitt
- Audrey McPartlin
- Michael O'Riordan
- Elaine Redmond
- Marie Scally

- Throughout the year, the Programme Office have shared updates, news of events and on-going projects on its re-designed website: www.neic.ie
- The Programme Office has expanded its online reach in 2021 and continues to interact with and inform local residents and stakeholders through our social media channels;
- NEIC Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DNEIC>
- Instagram: https://instagram.com/neic_dublin?igshid=s8y9tnpjxjoj
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/neic_dublin
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/neic-dublin/>
- In 2021, the Programme Office produced a number of videos to provide information on the NEIC Initiative in an accessible format, all of which are available at neic.ie/videos

21. Appendix A – 2021 NEIC Funding Allocations

S/G	Project	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
1	Operation Cribbage	Action 1.4 (Mulvey Action)	€370,000	AGS
	Training Course in Domestic Violence and Child Protection Issues	Action 1.3 (Mulvey Action)	€1,600	Saol
	Domestic Abuse Training	Action 1.5 (Mulvey Action)	€5,600	AGS & Saol
	Subtotal Sub-group 1		€377,200	
2	Masters in Education (Special Option Poverty and Social Inclusion) Year 2	Action 4.1 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€42,900	DCU
	Nurture Room Training for NEIC Primary Schools	Action 4.1 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€6,675	Schools
	Adult and Community Education Strategy for the NEIC	Action 4.1 and 6 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€12,750	DALC
	ICRG Training Bursary 2021	Action 3.4 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€10,000	ICRG
	Childcare CPD Training Bursary	Action 4.3 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€28,050	Programme Office
	Career LEAP	Action 4.3 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€79,697	TCD
	O'Connell Primary School Arts and Wellbeing Room	Action 3.4 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€16,556	O'Connell Primary School
	PTECH [Preparatory costs related to the expansion of the PTECH Initiative]	Action 4.1 and 6 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€103,600	Schools
	Doodle Den	Action 3.4 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€51,000	Early learning Initiative, NCI
	Educational Guidance for Second Level Schools.	Action 4.3 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€50,000	Early learning Initiative, NCI
	Work Experience/Flash Mentoring Coordinator	Action 4.3 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€66,906	NCI
	Subtotal Sub-group 2		€468,134	

S/G	Project	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
3	Belvedere Youth Club 7 to 10-year-olds project	Action 1.10/1.11 (Mulvey Action)	€48,764	BYC
	Fast track Counselling for U18s	Action 8 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€97,750	ICON (YPAR)
	Parenting Support Coordinator	Action 6 (NEIC Strategic plan)	€60,000	ELI
	Parenting courses	Action 6 (NEIC Strategic plan)	€5,000	Ozanam House
	Brighter Future Restorative Practice	Mulvey 3.13 / Strategic Action 22	€43,000	Early learning Initiative, NCI
	Subtotal Sub-group 3		€254,514	
4	NEIC Greening Strategy	Action 11.2 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€545,000	DCC
	Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme	Action 14.1/14.2 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€200,000	DCC
	Community Events Programme	Action 14.3 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€325,000	DCC
	Community Arts Programme 2021	Action 14.4 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€155,000	DCC
	Intercultural Development Coordinator	Action 3.5 / 14.6 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€60,800	DCC
	Green Ribbon	Action 13.2 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€146,000	Sunflower Recycling
	Rutland Street School Re-development	Action(s) 12 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€900,000	DCC
	Public Domain	Action 10.1 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€328,108	DCC
	Subtotal Sub-group 4		€2,659,908	
5	NEIC Recovery Coach Internships	Action 3.17 (Mulvey Action)	€16,400	RAI
	Recovery Case Manager	Action 12 and 13 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€21,000	HOPE
	The Recovery Hub	Action 5.1 & 15.7 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€55,000	RAI
	Community aftercare programme to meet the critical health and social care needs of offenders upon release from prison	Action 16 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€90,000	TBC
	Initiative to reduce and prevent drug-related deaths	Action 15.6 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€30,000	TBC

S/G	Project	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
	Subtotal Sub-group 5		€212,400	
6	Swan – Detached Youth Workers	Action 17 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€150,000	Swan
	City Connects	Action 3.5 (Mulvey Action) Action 18.5. (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€314,680	D/Education Mary Immaculate College (MIC)
	Multi-disciplinary Team (Psychologists, Speech & Language and Occupational Therapists)	Action 15.1 and 15.2 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€405,777	HSE
	Research Proposal to Assess Current and Emerging Unmet Needs of Early Years (Prenatal –5 Years) Services in NEIC	Action(s) 20 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€35,850	Childhood Development Initiative (CDI)
	Youth workers	Action 17 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€30,000	Belvedere Youth Club
	Subtotal Sub-group 6		€936,307	
	Subtotal across all Sub-groups		€4,908,463	

Overarching Budgets	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount
Emerging Needs Fund		€231,537
Community Grants ¹	Action 3.12 (Mulvey Report)	€100,000
Social Employment Fund (SEF)	Action 4.5 (NEIC Strategic Plan)	€1,000,000
Programme Office	Action 4.5 (Mulvey Report)	
Community Engagement Events, Launch Meetings, Conferences, Workshops, etc. ²		€12,000
Communications and Engagement / Community Outreach		€98,000
Office Equipment (including venue and AV hire costs)		€15,000
Professional Services (including Design & Print, Feasibility, etc.)		€120,000
Miscellaneous Costs		€15,000
Subtotal for Programme Office		€260,000
Subtotal for Overarching Budgets		€ 1,591,537
Total funding approved to date		€6,500,000

1. See Appendix 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 2021

Project / Organisation	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
Meeting priority technology needs of NEIC schools to facilitate remote learning	€96,760	NEIC Schools
Translation services for NEIC schools	€24,000	Programme Office
Accommodation costs	€10,128	LYCS
Hill Street Family Resource Centre	€1,760	Hill Street FRC
Lourdes Day Care Centre	€5,392	Lourdes Day Care Centre
Mental Health Supports	€12,250	OASIS
Sensory toys for children	€5,029	Larkin Unemployed Centre
Minor outside work	€3,405	Larkin Unemployed Centre
Outdoor classroom	€7,260	Larkin Community College
Outdoor space upgrade and maintenance of outdoor equipment	€8,758	St Louise's ECDS
Kitchen installation	€4,973	Praise Tabernacle Ireland CLG
Outdoor play equipment and COVID-19 safety	€4,423	North Wall CDP
Replacement fridge	€2,116	Sean O Casey Community Centre
Outdoor classroom construction	€4,570	Ozanam House Children's Centre
Network upgrade	€4,979	Hill Street Family Resource Centre
Refurbishment of shower room at CASPr premises in Mountjoy Square	€8,104	CASPr
Youth Service Network – mental health awareness workshops	€7,230	Belvedere Youth Club
Installation of a Sensory Room in St Vincent's Boys School	€13,200	St Vincent's Boys School
Additional Addiction Counselling	€7,200	HOPE
Total	€231,537	

22. Appendix B – 2021 Community Grants

Group Name	Brief description	Amount Recommended	Funding Recipient
Lourdes Day Care Centre	Replace ceiling tiles in dining room and hall & smoke detector electrical work	€4,378	Lourdes Day Care Centre
Seville Place Girl Guides	Purchase outdoor equipment, foldable tables, chairs and small tents	€2,850	Seville Place Girl Guides
O'Connell's Secondary School	Create & build a mobile kitchen for O'Connell's School & wider community	€2,850	O'Connell's Secondary School
Belvedere Youth Club	Purchase musical instruments for a music-based programme	€5,000	Belvedere Youth Club
Mud Island Community Garden	Purchase of polytunnels, planters	€5,000	Mud Island Community Garden
Acts of Compassion Ministries	Workshops on emerging needs of policing forum	€3,200	Acts of Compassion Ministries
HOPE	Coaching for "Run for Recovery"	€1,960	HOPE
Mount Carmel Secondary School	Provide study skills seminars & mindfulness classes	€1,000	Mount Carmel Secondary School
SAOL Project	Run a pilot programme for a free-range kid's community group	€2,100	SAOL Project
Crosscare	Repair refrigeration units and COVID-19 signage	€3,773	Crosscare
Early Learning Initiative	Extend STEM Play and Learn Summer Programmes into Autumn/Winter 2021	€5,000	Early Learning Initiative
Taekwon-do Club	Equipment for classes	€1,950	Taekwon-do Club
Dublin City Community Co-Op on behalf of North Wall Knitting & Gardening Group	Purchase yarn, knitting patterns and buttons to make comfort blankets for elderly, babies, and special needs families	€1,000	Dublin City Community Co-Op
Sophia Housing - Sean McDermott Street	Purchase of yoga equipment and art supplies	€705	Sophia Housing - Sean McDermott Street
The Five Lamps Art Festival	To enable people to make their own short film	€3,500	The Five Lamps Art Festival
The Cavan Centre	Purchase of wetsuits, waterproof seat covers for bus	€4,185	The Cavan Centre

Corinthians Boxing Club	Purchase of hand sanitisers, COVID-19 posters, face masks, cleaning accessories	€1,362	Corinthians Boxing Club
Rising Stars Dance Club	Purchase children's training gear	€1,200	Rising Stars Dance Club
Ballybough After School Service (BASS)	Purchase sports equipment, gazebo, outdoor furniture, raingear, outdoor games, high vis vests	€1,310	Ballybough After School Service
Royal Canal Clean Up Group	Safety equipment and clean up equipment	€4,521	Royal Canal Clean Up Group
Nascadh CDP	Camera to record events	€800	Nascadh CDP
Discovery Gospel Choir	PPE equipment & gazebos to allow workshops to restart in a safe environment	€3,281	Discovery Gospel Choir
East Wall Youth	Equipment to enable the work with young people to continue	€4,452	East Wall Youth
O'Connell's Secondary School	Mural	€2,500	O'Connell's Secondary School
Smashing Times	Provide and deliver a series of workshops in the area	€5,000	Smashing Times
Frankfort Cottages & Hewardine Terrace	Purchase of gardening, cleaning & storage equipment	€5,000	Frankfort Cottages & Hewardine Terrace
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Grenville Street Hill Street Flats Community Project	Organise BBQ, family fun day and visit to Dublin Zoo	€1,118	Grenville Street Hill Street Flats Community Project
Clonliffe & Croke Park Community Centre	Organise summer & Christmas events - for 60 people at each event, if government guidelines allow it	€1,200	Clonliffe & Croke Park Community Centre
Nottingham Street Residents Group	Purchase of seasonal planting, including composter and fertiliser for summer & winter planting 2021	€600	Nottingham Street Residents Group
Portland Place & District	Street and gardens clean up, Purchase BBQ, gazebo and activities for children & senior citizens	€3,300	Portland Place & District
The Diamond Residents Association	Clean up area, activities for children, purchase BBQ/gazebo	€2,600	The Diamond Residents Association
Hardwicke Street Residents	Clean up area, activities for children, purchase gazebo, plants/shrubs	€2,000	Hardwicke Street Residents

Fitzgibbon Residents	Clean up area/flat complexes. Purchase plants/shrubs	€2,000	Fitzgibbon Residents
Rutland Court Residents Association	Purchase benches, tables, plants & flowers	€2,500	Rutland Court Residents Association
Champions Avenue Residents	Purchase flowers, plants & shrubs, hanging baskets & paints. Also activities for children	€1,500	Champions Avenue Residents
Ballybough Pride of Place	Purchase timber, fixings, liners, paint, storage boxes, wheelbarrows, compost & plants. Produce a video of local antique dealer restoring piece from start to finish	€2,518	Ballybough Pride of Place
Patrick Heaney Crescent Tenant Association	Bouncy Castle hire, BBQ food/ refreshments, games/prizes	€580	Patrick Heaney Crescent Tenant Association
Ballybough Community Group	Zoo tickets, prizes, BBQ food, party bags	€730	Ballybough Community Group
The Hen House Club	Bingo books, prizes for children, BBQ food/ ice cream van	€460	The Hen House Club
Richmond Cottages & District Community Association	Mural painting of James Joyce, and 3 plaques of James Joyce, Sinead de Valera & Peadar Kearney	€3,900	Richmond Cottages & District Community Association
Clonliffe & Croke Park Area Residents Association	Purchase benches, plants, planters, compost, storage boxes, hanging baskets	€3,541	Clonliffe & Croke Park Area Residents Association
St Laurence Day Care Centre	Replace couch/chairs/fridge freezer	€2,000	St Laurence Day Care Centre
Tom Clarke House Residents Group	Greenhouse & hose	€1,578	Tom Clarke House Residents Group
Total		€115,002	



Case management City Clinic Team



Mud Island Community Garden



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*Luke Kelly Statue,
Docklands, Summer 2021*



Diamond Park in the Autumn Sunshine





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