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Progress Report 2025



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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of the North East Inner City Programme Implementation Board, I am delighted to present the 2025 Annual Report.

Throughout 2025, the Programme Implementation Board remained firmly committed to delivering meaningful change across Dublin's North East Inner City (NEIC). Guided by the Strategic Plan 2024-2027 and the Mulvey Report, the Board continued to address long-standing challenges while building on the strong foundations established in recent years.

The Board would like to acknowledge Mr. Jim Gavin, who stepped back from his role as Independent Chairperson of the Programme Implementation Board in 2025, and thank him for his commitment and dedication to the work of the Initiative during his tenure. The Government will appoint a new Independent Chairperson shortly and I am honoured to serve as interim Chairperson until that time.

The Programme Implementation Board advanced a wide range of initiatives and pilot programmes during 2025 and this Report highlights the progress achieved through the collaborative work of the five NEIC Subgroups and our many partners.

Community safety is a priority for the NEIC Initiative. Throughout 2025, An Garda Síochána listened to community concerns and were committed to tackling the challenges of anti-social behaviour and drug dealing through specific Garda Operations. Community Gardaí remained dedicated to fostering strong community relationships and building trust through direct engagement with residents including Garda Pop-Up Clinics and working closely with residents, faith leaders, youth groups, schools, and local organisations.



Supported by the NEIC Initiative, the Department of Education and Youth established a P-TECH Project Office to further enhance the programme's impact, and in September expanded the City Connects programme to Junior Cycle in the six NEIC post-primary schools. Advocated for by the community, this long called for expansion marks an important milestone and demonstrates the impact of NEIC pilot approaches.

As well as supporting safe fun afterschool spaces for children and providing continued support for the Restorative Practice Programme, the Initiative was delighted to fund an opportunity for young adults to develop youth leadership skills through trauma informed restorative conflict and peacebuilding training.

Culture, creativity, and participation were strongly reflected throughout the year

including an amazing performance by 16 young people as part of the MACNAS parade, an award-winning performance by the RTÉ Concert Orchestra as part of Culture Night, partnerships such as with the Gate Theatre, Arts Research and Development Awards, and the appointment of a new Arts Coordinator, broadening access to art opportunities across the area.

We also welcomed a new Intercultural Team as part of the NEIC Programme Office. The Team have been busy meeting local residents and communities, as well as organising events including the first ever Service Expo event which brought together 68 services providers in the area.

Throughout the year, the NEIC Initiative continued to support a wide variety of sporting opportunities with something for all age groups. Of special note, we would like to highlight the amazing atmosphere in the NEIC as the runners in the first ever Dublin Half Marathon passed through its streets, with a special cheer for those from the local running clubs.

Health and wellbeing initiatives were strengthened through support for a Community Health Needs Assessment which will provide an evidence base for targeted health interventions, funding for a Patient Support Link Worker in Summerhill Primary Care Centre and supporting the establishment of a Recover Housing to help people completing addiction treatment.

While I have mentioned some of the achievements realised in 2025, this Report reflects the breadth of work progressed throughout the year. Collaboration remains central to the Initiative's success, and I would like to acknowledge the strong ongoing commitment of the community, our partners, and stakeholders.

The Board would like to thank the Government for their ongoing support for the NEIC Initiative. Over 2026, work will focus on the continued implementation of the Strategic Plan 2024-2027 and building on the

progress achieved to date. We will continue to work together with all of our stakeholders to realise the vision to make the North East Inner City a safe, vibrant, and inclusive place to live and work.

Finally, I want to thank Board members for their work and collaboration over the last year. Cross-cutting work is challenging and takes innovation, openness and trust between the players. I also want to emphasise the importance of the community voice which needs to continue to be nurtured and strengthened as it must continue to ground the work we do.

Liz Canavan

Interim Chairperson

NEIC Programme Implementation Board

OUR STRUCTURES

Programme Implementation Board

In May 2023, the Government appointed Mr. Jim Gavin as Independent Chairperson. Mr. Gavin stepped back from the position in September 2025 and formally stepped down in January 2026. The work of the Initiative has continued at all times and the PIB has been chaired on an interim basis since September by an Assistant Secretary from the Department of the Taoiseach.

The Board oversees and drives progress on the implementation of the Mulvey Report and the current NEIC Strategic Plan 2024 – 2027. The Board meets monthly and is comprised of 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 <https://www.neic.ie/publications>.

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



Programme Implementation Board Members 2025



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Chairperson
(Jan - Aug 2025)



LIZ CANAVAN
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(Sept 2025 onwards)



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Department of
Health

** Paula Kearney stepped down from the Board during 2025 and was replaced by Andy O'Hara. The Board would like to acknowledge and thank Paula for her commitment and contribution to the work of the Board*

Subgroups



Enhancing Policing

This Subgroup works to enhance community safety, reduce crime, and strengthen community confidence in An Garda Síochána.

Chair: Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin, An Garda Síochána

Members: AGS, DCC, Foroige, HSE, LCSP, NICCC, SWAN Youth Service, DOT



Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities

This Subgroup works to support and promote attendance, participation and retention of young people in formal education, increase and enhance employment opportunities for school leavers, improve adult education levels and reduce employment rates in the community.

Chair: Brenda Boylan, Department of the Taoiseach

Members: City of Dublin ETB, Vacancy Post Primary Level, O'Connell Primary School, Liffey Partnership, BITC, D/FHERIS, D/SP, D/Education & Youth, NCI, NICCC, LYCS, TUSLA/TESS, DOT

Budget Group

The role of the Budget Group is to evaluate funding proposals set out by the Subgroups and to make recommendations to the Programme Implementation Board for consideration. The Budget Group, chaired by the Department of the Taoiseach, meets monthly and comprises Subgroup Chairs, a community representative and representation from the Department of Community and Rural Development and the Gaeltacht.



Supporting Children, Young People and Family Wellbeing

This Subgroup works to improve supports for children, young people and family wellbeing with a focus on parenting.

Chair: Bryan Patten, Department of Children, Disability and Equality

Members: D/Education & Youth, HSE, NICCC, YPAR, ELI, TUSLA, CDYS, D/Justice, DOT



Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment

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

Chair: Marie Kavanagh, Dublin City Council

Members: AGS, DCCC, DCC, NICCC, DOT



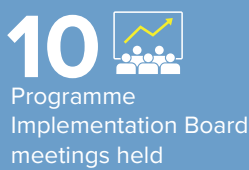
Improving Community Health, Wellbeing and Recovery

This Subgroup works to improve community health, wellbeing and support those living with and recovering from drug use.

Co-Chairs: Jim Walsh, Department of Health; and Ellen O’Dea, HSE

Members: ALDP, NICDATF, NICCC, DCCC, HSE, Recovery Academy of Ireland, Lived Experience member, DOT

Activity in 2025





NEIC Strategic Plan 2024-2027'

In March, the Taoiseach Micheál Martin joined NEIC Independent Chair Jim Gavin and then Minister Paschal Donohoe to launch the **NEIC Strategic Plan 2024-2027** which sets out the strategic objectives which will be progressed across the Subgroups to 2027.



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COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT

Community Safety

Targeting Anti – Social Behaviour & Drug Dealing

The Community Policing Unit are committed to tackling the feedback and challenges raised by the community regarding anti-social behaviour and drug dealing.

At the start of June, 'Operation Irene' commenced in key locations in the North East Inner City, including the Royal Canal Greenway which has seen the deployment of Gardaí on hi-visibility mountain bike patrols both day and night. The focus was to tackle anti-social behaviour, public disorder, high volume crime and the public consumption of alcohol. The operation was designed to reassure citizens, visitors and the business community that the Greenway is a safe place in which to visit, socialise, and enjoy all the amenities the area has to offer.

At the start of September 'Operation Groundsel' commenced, aiming to protect and reassure the community through visible policing. Gardaí continue to tackle anti-social behaviour issues, the illegal use of e-scooters, drug dealing and public order issues in hotspot areas including Gardiner Street, Talbot Street, Foley Street and Buckingham Street.

Both Operations have seen positive results ensuring a safer community, which has been reflected in feedback on the ground.

Garda Mobile Pop-Up Clinics

The Community Garda Pop-up Clinics are increasing Garda visibility and have provided an opportunity for local organisations, business stakeholders and members of the public to engage with their Community Gardaí and voice any concerns or queries they may have. Feedback to date has been extremely positive with ever growing attendance and engagement.



On Thursday, 20th November, An Garda Síochána was awarded the Top Innovator Award at the Docklands Business & Sustainability Awards at the Gibson Hotel. The award was a recognition for the outstanding impact the Pop-Up Garda Clinic Initiative has had in the Docklands. The increased Garda presence has been transformative with local employees and residents report feeling significantly safer, and the levels of antisocial behaviour in the area have notably decreased.



In addition to the 'Docklands Pop-Up Clinics', Community Gardaí in conjunction with the Local Community Safety Partnership conducted several other mobile clinics throughout the NEIC including Buckingham Street, Sean McDermott Street, Liberty House Apartment Complex, Royal Canal Greenway, and NCI College.

Local Community Safety Partnership

On 2nd April, a National Office for Community Safety was officially established to monitor implementation of a new whole-of-government strategy on community safety, support Local Community Safety Partnerships, and oversee national community safety efforts. Informed by learnings from the Pilot Partnerships established in 2021 in Dublin's North Inner City, Longford and Waterford, 36 Local Community Safety Partnerships are currently being established across Ireland. The North East Inner City will be incorporated as part of the new Dublin Central Local Community Safety Partnership.

The aim of each Partnership is to prioritise the voice of local communities in identifying community safety issues in their area and will bring together a wide range of community safety stakeholders, including elected representatives, statutory bodies such as An Garda Síochána, the HSE, Tusla, and the local authority, community & voluntary sector organisations and local residents to develop collaborative responses to community safety issues.

Public Transport

Throughout the year, Community Gardaí have continued to build on their work to promote a feeling of safety for transport users and members of the public. Working closely with Irish Rail, Bus Éireann, Luas, Dublin Bus and Go Ahead, the Gardaí conducted several 'High Impact Day of Action' boarding bus, rail and Luas services engaging with members of the public and stakeholders. Under Operation Saul, Community Gardaí also conducted crime prevention information stands at Connolly Station. Gardaí were on hand and visible during the busy summer months to provide a safe environment for visitors and locals utilising the public transport network in the North East Inner City.

Community Engagement

Working Together

A key focus of the local Community Gardaí Unit has been to spend more time in the community, not only responding to incidents but listening, learning and building meaningful relationships. They continue to liaise with residents, faith leaders, youth groups, schools, and local organisations to identify issues and create solutions which foster a safer, healthier community.

For 2026, Community Gardaí in Store Street aim to enhance training in cultural understanding. This includes a better understanding of the unique strengths and needs of diverse communities, including residents currently living in IPAS Centres. Community Gardaí will also continue to work closely with schools, youth services, sports clubs, and local mentors to provide positive outlets, guidance and safe space for young people, and encourage young residents to take pride in their community.

Age Friendly Engagement

Throughout the year Community Gardaí did several drop-in visits to community centres and events to support older persons in the

community who may find themselves isolated or in vulnerable situations. Community Gardaí also assisted with the local 'Meals on Wheels' service, checking in on residents. On Christmas Day they partnered with the charity, Alone, which saw them deliver Christmas dinners to elderly people living on their own.

Diversity & Inclusion

The Ethnic Policing Forum continued to provide a welcoming and inclusive space for members of the community who might not normally engage with the Gardaí to meet with Community Gardaí. The Forum provides an opportunity to raise queries and concerns in a question-and-answer session and learn from Community Gardaí presentations.

Also, during the year Community Gardaí have built a new relationship with members of the Talbot Street Mosque. This has created a safe space for dialogue, mutual understanding, and problem solving. This partnership helps break down stereotypes, support vulnerable community members, and ensure that policing is fair, culturally aware, and responsive to local needs.



Youth Engagement

Garda Youth Awards

In August, the inspiring young leaders of Dublin's North Inner City were celebrated at the Garda Youth Awards at Croke Park. These Awards honoured the outstanding young people of Dublin's North Inner City. Their stories of courage, resilience and community spirit prove just how powerful youth can be when given the chance to shine. Two of the young people were continued on to the National Garda Youth Awards where they won a Group Award for their work in Bradóg Youth, encouraging youth involvement in improving quality of life including within minority communities.

Transition Year Programme

Building positive relationships with young people, the Community Gardaí hosted a very successful Transition Year programme each month of the school year. The Programme saw approximately 20 students each month come to Store Street Garda Station and experience what it is really like to be a member of An Garda Síochána. The students got to experience specialised units such as the Public Order Unit, Dog Unit, Garda Water Unit and Air Support Unit, as well as presentations from members attached to the Roads Policing Unit, Detective Unit, Scenes of Crime Unit, Drugs Unit, CPD Office, and also the Juvenile Liaison Officer.

School Talks Programme

During the month of November, Community Gardaí attended Larkin Community College where they took part in a career fair. Community Gardaí had the opportunity to meet and engage with students, parents, and teachers providing guidance and support on a range of topics. Community Gardaí presented to the young people on 'A Day in the Life of a Guard' and how this could look as a future career path.



Halloween Engagement

Community Gardaí were delighted to attend the Big Scream Festival launch event, where they, along with Dublin Fire Brigade, assisted the parade on mountain bikes, Garda vehicles and the fire engine, as it made its way to the Royal Canal Greenway.

Gardaí, along with members of Dublin Fire Brigade and Dublin City Council's Animal Welfare Unit, also visited schools across the North Inner City to deliver safety talks and discuss the potential dangers associated with Halloween, particularly those related to fireworks and bonfires.

Throughout the month of October, Community Gardaí hosted several youth groups and projects at Store Street Garda Station, providing a unique insight into what goes on behind the public counter of an operational police station. Given the time of year, these visits focused on Halloween and its associated challenges as Gardaí sought to educate the young people on the potential harms which can arise.



SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

School Supports

City Connects

The City Connects programme offers a systematic way for schools to connect every pupil to the right supports at the right time by knitting together both community-based and in-school resources to improve students' academic and social-emotional outcomes. This evidence-based approach is meeting the needs of children living with challenges like poverty and marginalisation and addressing out-of-school factors impacting children's ability to succeed in school.

Since 2020, City Connects has been delivered to over 1,600 pupils across the ten NEIC primary schools each year. In the 2024/25 school year, 14,514 services were delivered to 1,626 pupils, with 99% of pupils receiving more than three services.

Expansion to Post-primary Schools

The transition from primary to post-primary is a key point in children's lives. Building on the success and impact of the City Connects programme in primary schools, the Department of Education and Youth successfully sought funding to extend City Connects to Junior Cycle students in the NEIC post-primary schools. Since September 2025, City Connects has been available to students in the five NEIC post-primary schools and two community-based high support schools (Youth Encounter Projects) serving the area. This means approximately 1,000 additional students up to Junior Cert are continuing to receive a sustained level of support at a key transition point in their educational lives.

NEIC Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

The NEIC school-based MDT, continues to provide a range of services to effectively respond to the needs of children, school staff and parents. In 2025, a HSE social worker joined the existing team of psychologists, speech and language therapists, and occupational therapists, supporting areas such as housing, social welfare, family support, advocacy, and access to community services. A new monthly social work advice clinic for carers of children attending primary school in the NEIC was also established, offering timely access to advice, practical support, and guidance.

Support and Development work

The MDT team delivered 273 Support and Development sessions for school staff this year, including 106 whole class interventions. A key focus of the work with schools was promoting inclusive and trauma informed practice, sessions on neurodiversity, and the provision of advice clinics for school staff. As well as this, seventeen targeted parent interventions were delivered, as well as parent support sessions.

The NEIC MDT continues to support children presenting with neurodivergence. Interventions include the 'Understanding Me' Autism Post Diagnostic Programme and autism assessments where a diagnosis supports a child's understanding of themselves and/ or facilitates appropriate educational supports. The NEIC MDT regularly collaborate with additional agencies including the North Inner City Children's Disability Network Team and Beag (0 to 5 years MDT), helping to strengthen a shared community of practice across children's services in the NEIC.

NEIC Afterschool Study

Now in its 5th year, the NEIC After-school Study Programme is supported across the six NEIC post-primary schools. The programme looks to boost academic performance and provide a safe, structured and supportive environment for students to complete class-based assignments, engage in research for project work and prepare for exams.

Leaving Certificate Information Campaign

In August, the Leaving Certificate Information Campaign was rolled out to signpost students to impartial advice that was available to them. Following the release of the exam results, several social media posts were shared to point students to crucial information and resources available during this transitional time. Each post highlighted the availability of the National Parents and Students Leaving Certificate Freephone Helpline, ensuring students and their families had easy access to guidance and support.

Trinity Access Programme

In 2025, hundreds of students in NEIC schools took part in education and outreach activities with Trinity College Dublin thanks to a new partnership with the Trinity Access Programme (TAP) and their dedicated NEIC Schools Outreach Coordinator.

Junior Cycle students enjoyed tours of the TCD campus, sports activities, maths and science workshops, and master classes with PhD candidates. TY students had the opportunity to participate in week-long programmes in Computer Science, European languages and cultures, the creative arts, debate, journalism, and skills development on the Bridge to College programme. For senior students, the focus was on academic support and college information with tutoring in Maths, Irish and History, and information and support in applying for the HEAR scheme, FET courses, and the TAP Foundation Course.

Nurture Room Training

Nurture Rooms are designed to respond to the social and emotional needs of children coming to schools. Support was provided to the ten NEIC primary schools to enable staff to upskill so they could deliver an evidence-based programme of learning to children most in need of support.

Quality Circle Time

All NEIC primary schools were supported to attend a Quality Circle Time course which allows teachers to positively manage discipline and challenging behaviour in the classroom. Quality Circle Time provides a space where children can voice grievances or issues that matter to them, and as a group they are encouraged to discuss and identify solutions together.

Doodle Den

Doodle Den, an after-school literacy programme for children in senior infants, provides literacy work, reading, storytelling, arts and crafts, and games fostering strategic thinking, numeracy and social skills. The programme also provides parent and family sessions which link with the children's sessions to empower parents to support and promote literacy development in the home. The NEIC is delighted that mainstream funding will be provided for this programme in 2026.



Opportunities in the Arts

Fighting Words

Fighting Word's 'Word Warriors' gives space for primary school students to create stories, plays, illustrations and videos through free creative writing workshops and activities. This group of young writers from local schools came together to celebrate their achievements, read their work, screen their films and sing songs together.





FSAS Film Club

Now in its 3rd year, FSAS Film Club engaged with two groups of young people for two six-week workshop series. The participants, ranging from 10 to 15 years old, learned skills in script writing, acting, handling professional filming equipment — including cameras, sound recording devices and lighting — as well as how to use a green screen.

Together, the talented young people made two vibrant short films: *Locked in the Belvo* and *Time Twist*, which successfully premiered at the Light House Cinema and are now available online on the FSAS website firestation.ie.

The LEAP

First year students in Marino College, Larkin Community College, and Mount Carmel Secondary School were given the opportunity to see the play “The Leap” which explores the mental health of children aged 12-14. Supported by the NEIC Initiative, the play aimed to reach 150+ students, as well as others including parents / guardians, teachers, School Completion Officers, and after-school youth workers.

Afterschool Coding Club

The Afterschool Coding Club at Central Model Senior School is building confidence, sparking curiosity and showing students that they can be creators, problem-solvers and designers. Students were able to design some amazing games in the club, represent the school nationally and even win some competitions.

Music Scholarships

Students in Larkin Community College were supported through a music scholarship programme to reach their full potential and achieve accredited recognition of their musical ability through graded and state exams. The programme provided lessons for 41 students in their chosen music discipline.



BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT WITH STUDENTS

P-TECH

The P-TECH pilot programme, funded and supported by the Department of Education and Youth, is an innovative education model that connects the five participating NEIC post-primary schools, further and higher education, and the workplace. Students gain technical, digital, and professional skills through post-primary education, college coursework, and real-world business work experience which gives students the opportunity to work towards a Level 6 Special Purpose Award.

In 2025, almost 80 students graduated with their Level 6 Special Purpose Award.

Digital and Business Skills Course

The Digital and Business Skills (DABS) course entered its second year in 2025. This Level 8 BA (Hons) course, co-designed and co-delivered by City of Dublin ETB and the National College of Ireland, provides a 3rd level progression route for students in the P-TECH programme. This course is designed in partnership with industry to ensure that graduates gain the skills they need for sustainable employment. Eligible students receive a bursary to support them in their studies. The 14 students who first entered DABS in September 2024 all successfully completed their first year and progressed on to their second year in September 2025. A further 20 students enrolled in 2025.





Establishment of P-TECH Programme Office

Following a review of P-TECH, the Department of Education and Youth established a P-TECH Programme Office in 2025 to ensure greater accountability and further enhance the programme’s impact, creating more agile and effective programme delivery and improving governance, communication, and coordination between P-TECH stakeholders. This will support workforce development and provide students with valuable pathways to success in both education and employment.

In April, the P-TECH Transition Year students marked the completion of their work placement programmes at a showcase event where they presented their work and shared their experiences of the programme. Several of the students also participated in a panel discussion to share their P-TECH experiences.

In October, a P-TECH Community Day provided an opportunity for students to learn more about industry partners and pathway to work placements.

Education Guidance Programme

In April, 61 first year students from Marino College and Larkin Community College took part in a project exhibition showcasing their learning from the NEIC funded Education Guidance programme. The students worked in groups, researching a career of their choice and presenting on the skills, qualities, qualifications, and training needed to pursue those careers.



Transition Year Programme

David Smyth, the NEIC Work Experience Coordinator can be contacted at

David.smyth@ncirl.ie or ncicareerstream@ncirl.ie



The NEIC Transition Year Programme provides high quality work experience placements and mentoring by business organisations across six NEIC post-primary schools.

Over the 2024/25 academic year, 422 **work experience placements** were arranged for 218 students with 82 professional organisations around Dublin. We also welcomed several new business organisations who were participating for the very first time.

Fourteen “**Career Coffee Morning**” events were arranged, whereby schools were invited to visit the offices of organisations around Dublin to gain an insight into their industry through tours and interactive sessions. Several organisations also committed to having volunteers travel out to various NEIC schools to facilitate workshops, skills development clinics and mentoring sessions with students on-site in their own classrooms.

To ensure an alternative option for students who did not have the requisite English level to participate in work experience, **English tutoring** was provided at their schools, with very positive feedback.

FURTHER EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING SUPPORTS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NEIC Start-Up Entrepreneurship Programme

The NEIC Start-Up Entrepreneurship Programme, sponsored by Avolon, gave 16 young people the opportunity to participate in ten weeks of workshops and entrepreneurship development with an array of partners including TUDublin, GROWTHhub, Open Doors, Inner City Enterprise, and Dogpatch Labs. Following completion of the programme, the young people had the opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a distinguished panel to gain their insights and valuable feedback.

Childcare Bursary

The Childcare Bursary, funded by the NEIC Initiative, is supporting existing and new childcare workers, with a minimum QQI Level 6 qualification and working in community childcare projects located in the NEIC, to progress to a Level 7 or Level 8 qualification in Early Childhood Education. Through the 2024/25 Bursary, seven participants were supported in their studies for a Level 8 Honours Degree and since the Bursary started in 2018, a total of 59 students have been supported.

Training Bursary Young People

Now in its seventh year, the NEIC Initiative continues to provide a training bursary for low-income young people to support their progression into their chosen career path through employment, or further training and education. Applicants have been supported to participate in courses such as journalism, plumbing, social science, culinary arts, and business studies. The bursary has also been utilised to assist young people entering the labour market with costs of essential tools or work clothing.



L.I.F.E Sports Programme

Delivered by the North Wall CDP, the NEIC Initiative contributed towards the expansion of the L.I.F.E (Learning in Football Environments) Sports Programme which delivers QQI Level 4 & 5 training to provide participants with skills to work in the sports & leisure industry. A strong aspect of the Programme is its partnerships and collaborations which provides opportunities for progression with a 99% transition/progression rate by participants in 2024. The 2024/25 classes had strong interest and commenced with 28 learners, with a waiting list in place.

Recruitment, Apprenticeship and Training

In close collaboration with the NEIC Initiative and local stakeholders, the Department of Social Protection (DSP) played an active role in supporting employment, training and progression opportunities for residents of the NEIC throughout 2025. Intreo services in the area worked in a way to connect jobseekers with vacancies, promote access to training, and strengthen links between employers, community organisations and statutory services. As well as delivering immediate recruitment outcomes, work focused on building confidence, raising awareness of available supports and strengthening pathways into longer-term employment and progression for NEIC residents.

A major highlight of the year was a multi-sector Recruitment and Training Fair held in the ILAC Shopping Centre on 2nd October. Bringing together dozens of employers and training bodies. The Fair attracted a significant number of jobseekers from the wider NEIC area. DSP also supported more targeted NEIC-focused initiatives, including collaboration with the Diamond Project in Belvedere Youth Club and the facilitation of Work Placement Experience Programme opportunities, resulting in successful placements for NEIC participants within the DSP itself.

Adult and Community Education Strategy

In 2025, the Adult and Community Education (ACE) Forum continued to drive implementation of the ACE Strategy across its five goals to ensure a cohesive and collaborative approach to adult and community education for the area. Three working groups were convened which focused on Communications, Global Citizenship/ESD, and the Learning Neighbourhood and fed into the main Forum meetings. The Forum also reviewed and updated the ACE Strategy and associated goals to ensure it remains aligned with the needs of the area. A 2026 workplan was developed to build on the momentum of the work already achieved.

In 2025, 2,000 unique learners from the NEIC enrolled in 3,000 learning activities through Community Education, ESOL, Literacy, the Back to Education Initiative, Skills to Advance, and the Skills for Work Programmes

Learning Neighbourhood Showcase

In May, over 300 participants and 40 stands took part in the Learning Neighbourhood Showcase at Croke Park Conference Centre, which aims to raise awareness of the educational opportunities and progression paths available in the North Inner City.



SUPPORTING FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

NEIC Parenting Programme

Imelda O'Keefe, the NEIC Parenting Co-Ordinator can be contacted at Imelda.okeefe@ncirl.ie or by phone on 086 466 6456.

Being a parent is one of the most important jobs in the world and one of the most challenging. Recognising this, the NEIC Parenting Programme coordinates parenting supports and gives parents a voice for the supports they need as their children develop and grow.



In 2025, the Parenting Programme delivered:



Five Triple P Programmes



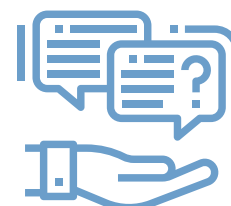
Seven Parent Strategy Groups with members from 16 different organisations in the NEIC



A parent presentation/workshop with more planned for 2026



A 'Being a Parent in the NEIC' questionnaire to ensure we keep up to date on issues for parents



Support for organisations applying for Parent Participation Funding



Afterschool Services and Youth Service Provision

In 2025, the NEIC Initiative provided funding for the provision of afterschool services for 7-9 year olds which were delivered by Ballybough Afterschool Service and Belvedere Youth Club. These afterschool services mean over 250 children in the NEIC have a safe and fun place to go to after school.

Funding was also provided to St. Vincent's Girls' N.S and Rutland Street N.S to assist with set-up costs to enable them to engage a childcare provider to establish an afterschool service in the schools. These services will provide for children during the academic year and school holidays.

The NEIC Initiative provided funding to the **We See You** afterschool service in St. Vincent's Infants Boys School. This is an afterschool service for children with additional needs, or children who have additional behavioural, sensory, or learning needs. In 2025, 18 children had the opportunity to participate in activities like yoga, gardening, storytelling, sensory play, and more.

The activities centre on the interests of the children and aim to improve social interaction and communication skills, including turn-taking, sharing, and initiating play with peers.

Funding was also provided to Belvedere Youth Club for additional provision of services during the summer holidays in 2025. These programmes provide young people with the opportunity to step outside their everyday environment and take part in various activities aimed at personal growth and development.

The NEIC Initiative were delighted to help support the Early Learning Initiative's Play Lab and Sanctuary which was officially launched in February. The Play Lab is a wonderful new dedicated indoor play and therapeutic space for children aged 0-6 years and is based in the National College of Ireland, Dublin 1.

Enjoying the new Play Lab space are the children and families who take part in the Parenting 365 Programme which aims to help children with additional needs and support their parents through play group and parenting support sessions, online parenting support sessions, and summer reunion events.

Youth Participation

The NEIC Initiative invited two young people, identified through the National Participation Office, to sit on the NEIC Subgroup which works to improve supports for children, young people and family wellbeing with a focus on parenting. The Subgroup also engaged with other children and young people from the NEIC to hear about what's important to them. The Subgroup will continue to engage with the people impacted most by the decisions it makes.

Youth Leadership

In 2022, the NEIC Initiative funded eight young adults to take part in a trauma-informed community-based storytelling curriculum, designed to help participants transform trauma to voice, agency and leadership through story sharing.

Building on this, in 2025 the Initiative funded a further curriculum for up to 15 young adults, as well as Dialogue for Peaceful Change Training which involved a 4-day programme of trauma informed, restorative conflict and peacebuilding training available for up to 24 young adult leaders in the NEIC.

Restorative Practice Programme

Since 2019, the NEIC Initiative has funded the development and implementation of Restorative Practices to provide the NEIC community and local services with the tools to build and maintain interpersonal relationships, resolve conflict, and repair damaged relationships.

In 2024/25, over 85 organisations participated in the RPP with 470 individuals attending restorative practice events. The programme also delivered over 151 mentoring and support visits.

This year also saw the inclusion of new Community Circles as well as the monthly Community of Practice meetings.

In 2025 the NEIC Restorative Project joined the European Forum for Restorative Justice Working Group on Restorative Cities. The Group shared common challenges, practical approaches, and key principles for building restorative cities.



COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLBEING AND RECOVERY

Expansion of Summerhill Family Practice

Since its establishment in 2016 the Summerhill Family Practice, located in the Summerhill Primary Care Centre, has become a lifeline in providing General Practitioner (GP) care for the local community.

Funded by the NEIC Initiative, the following projects will support the work of Summerhill Family Practice:

- Increased capacity to cater for an additional 1,200 patients through the recruitment of an additional GP, nurse, and secretary.

- A patient support link worker to support the practice and to improve patient care, support vulnerable individuals, and alleviate the substantial workload placed on both clinical and administrative staff.

In June, Minister Murnane O'Connor who has responsibilities for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy visited the Summerhill Family Practice.



Stepped Model of Service

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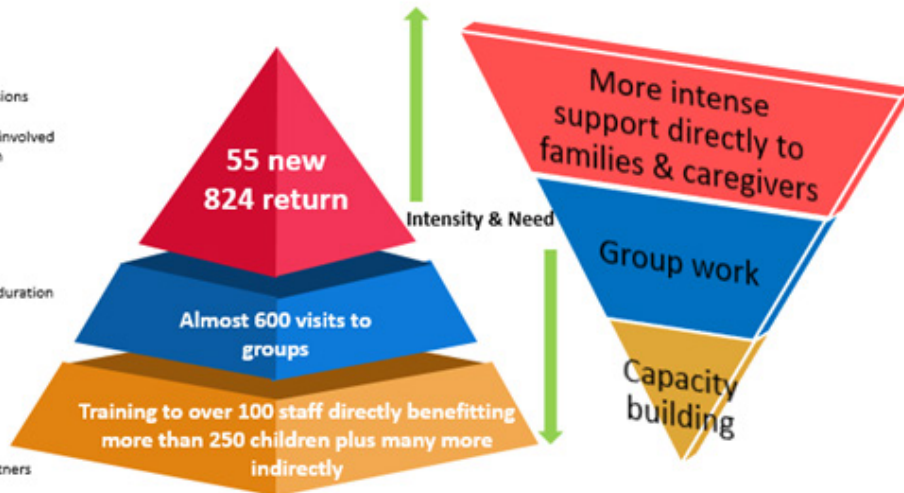
- Individual one to one sessions
- High level of complexity
- More than one discipline involved
- 6+ sessions depending on complexity

Level 2

- Targeted services
- Group interventions
- MDT led
- Range of 6 – 12 weeks in duration

Level 1

- Universal services
- Capability building
- Networking
- Training
- Continuous Professional Development with all partners



Beag – The Neic Multidisciplinary Team For Infants Aged 0-5 Years

Funded by the NEIC Initiative for a second year, the Beag team delivered a comprehensive programme of infant mental health interventions and workforce development across the North Inner City in the areas of social work, public health nursing, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, psychology, and physiotherapy.

Enhanced access to appropriate assessment at the right time prevents long referral delays and prompt intervention where clinically indicated. Across all levels, Beag has strengthened interagency collaboration with partners including Tusla, Rotunda Hospital, SAOL, and early years services, creating a more coherent and responsive system of care for families from pregnancy to age five.

Between January and September 2025, the service engaged approximately 250 families through targeted and specialist interventions and reached hundreds more children and caregivers through training, consultation, and system-wide initiatives.

Beag trained and supported practitioners across health, education, and community sectors, building local capacity for early intervention. 30 professionals completed an Infant Mental Health Masterclass and 72 early years' staff were trained through the Early Years Pathway, directly benefiting around 260 children.

The team delivered group-based interventions with over 590 group contacts recorded.

Over 50% of one-to-one engagements were with mothers, with 25% involving both parents. These intensive supports addressed attachment, communication, and developmental needs, including early autism and developmental assessments.

Parent comments

'Over the past 6 weeks I feel like I am learning to have patience with my baby and trust she will reach her motor milestones.'

'I didn't realise that play was communication until this group'

'I am more confident in what I am doing which makes me more relaxed and better able to enjoy play and just spending time with my daughter.'

Access To Healthcare Services For Refugees And Migrants

In line with the NEIC’s Strategic Plan 2024-2027 to improve access to healthcare services for refugees and migrants, the NEIC Initiative funded four services to support increasing demand from migrant and refugee communities in the NEIC.

- Further funding to support Black Therapists Ireland which offers individual counselling, community outreach and walk-in clinics. These are tailored to provide culturally relevant mental health interventions with the aim of integration into primary care settings.

- Further funding to CKU – Centre for Counselling and Therapy to address the critical need for accessible addiction treatment, mental health support, education, and community engagement for new communities.
- Further funding to increase Migrant Peer Support Workers hours to meet the physical healthcare needs of migrants and refugees living in the NEIC area. The programme recorded at least 478 individual client contacts over the first six months of 2025.
- Funding for a Roma Peer Support Programme to increase the work hours of peer support workers to improve the physical and mental healthcare of more people from the Roma community.

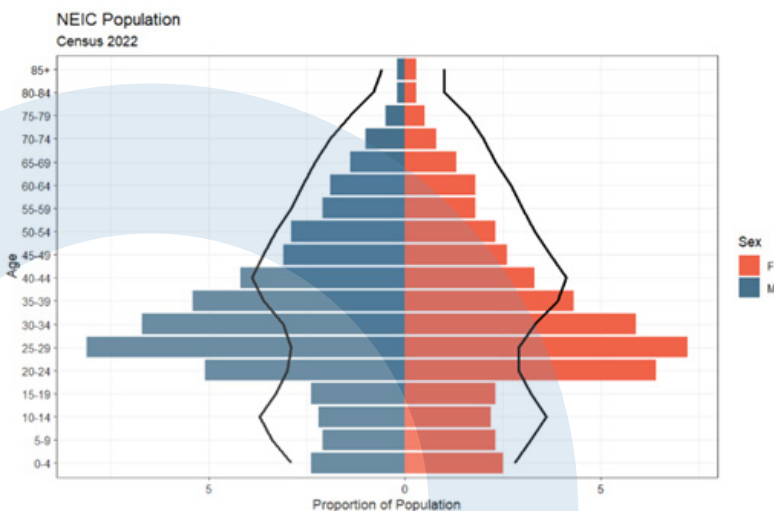
Community Health Needs Assessment

(Population pyramid DNEIC census 2022 available)

The NEIC Initiative has funded the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland to undertake a community health needs assessment in the NEIC area. The health needs assessment, which will take 18 months to complete and is led by Prof Breda Smyth, will be compiled from existing data on health and social needs, and consultation with local stakeholders.

When complete, the assessment will provide an evidence base for targeted health interventions, ensuring that resources are directed where they are most needed, improving health equity, and addressing the social determinants of health. It will also inform health service planning so as to improve health outcomes and to ensure health equity.

Figure 1. Population Pyramid of DNEIC



Senior Health Promotion Officer

The HSE are recruiting a Senior Health Promotion and Improvement Officer to build and leverage capacity within the HSE and external stakeholders to ensure that the best use is made of all available resources to improve health and wellbeing of the population of the North East Inner City. When completed, actions planned include:

- Developing a project plan to implement actions from the Health Needs Assessment
- The development and implementation of evidence-based responses to improve food poverty and the food environment in communities
- Co-ordinate the activation of agreed national campaigns that address healthy lifestyles and Healthy Food for Life guidelines in the local communities
- Support and contribute to the promotion of early intervention health initiatives
- Support and work with HSE colleagues to promote and communicate effective messaging around vaccines uptake.

LEAR

The Law Engagement and Assisted Recovery model provides outreach and recovery interventions for individuals with complex needs, addressing community safety and anti-social behaviour. In 2025, the service actively supported 69 clients with a focus on reduction of criminal behaviour, improvement of addiction status and reintegration to the community. The new communities worker, established in 2025, worked with 16 people from the Polish, Latvian and Russian communities who could not previously access supports due to language and cultural barriers.

Enhance Vaccine Uptake

To support enhancing vaccine uptake in NEIC, the NEIC Subgroup on Improving Community Health, Wellbeing and Recovery, invited Dr Paula Flanagan, Assistant Professor at DCU to present on the NEIC schools vaccination research project and explored ways of improving access to parents. Under the Sphere programme, Dr. Flanagan is exploring the feasibility of distributing surveys to parents within 10 schools in the NEIC as well as other options for distribution.

Non-Fatal Drug Overdose in Dublin Inner City Trends and Responses

In February 2025, the North Inner City Drug and Alcohol Task Force hosted the launch of a groundbreaking report on Non-Fatal Overdose in Ireland, focusing on North Inner-City Dublin. Led by Professor Jo-Hanna Ivers from Trinity College Dublin and funded by the NEIC Initiative, this study analyses national and Dublin-specific clinical data. The presentation of the Report, which was officially launched by Minister Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, sheds light on key trends, challenges, and actionable solutions to improve overdose care and reduce associated risks.



Crosscare Recovery Housing

People exiting treatment can face homelessness or unstable accommodation, significantly increasing their risk of relapse. To help their recovery, funding was provided to Crosscare for the capital costs of refurbishing a property as a recovery house for individuals completing addiction treatment in the area. The recovery house will support eight men for a period of up to 18 months and will bridge the transition from treatment to independent living. The service, which is envisioned to be in operation by end summer 2026, will provide a stable accommodation environment, access to treatment and aftercare services, connect people with their community and family supports, enable people to avail of employment and education opportunities, and give access to the Crosscare support network.

Expansion of Recovery Coaches Programme

In order to build a stronger Recovery Community in the NEIC, funding was provided to support the continued development of the Recovery Coaches Programme. The Programme was established to create employment pathways for people in recovery while enhancing the quality and reach of addiction and recovery services. The funding will provide employment for six Peer Recovery Coach Interns and the retention of two key leadership positions — the Recovery Coach Team Lead and the Recovery Community Development Officer.

Employment Support for People in Recovery

Careers Edge is a 14 week pre-employment programme designed for individuals over-18 and in recovery from substance use who are ready to take the next step toward a brighter future. This programme helps motivated participants build the skills and confidence needed to progress into employment or education. For more information on the programme, contact Alan McGovern T: 087 792 1515, amcgovern@liffeypartnership.ie, or www.liffeypartnership.ie.

The graphic features a blue header with the text 'Careers EDGE' in white. Below this, a photograph shows a person's feet in black sneakers on a stone path. Overlaid on the photo is the text 'It's time to write a NEW STORY.' in white. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text 'Our Journey doesn't stop with recovery it's only the beginning' followed by a dotted line. Below the banner, contact information is provided: 'Contact our Programme Coordinator Alan Mc Govern on: 087 792 1515 amcgovern@liffeypartnership.ie'.



Building Recovery Capital through
Employment & Education in
Dublin's North Inner City



An Roinn Coimíce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection



Boxing Clever is an educational and fitness programme that encourages personal development opportunities for individuals seeking positive change in relation to their substance use. The programme also provides a space for people to utilise more localised recovery support as an alternative to attending recovery or addiction specific services. Following initial funding by the NEIC Initiative, this year the programme was fully funded by the HSE.

Children's Health

The NEIC faces many challenges in relation to child health, arising from adverse childhood experiences associated with poverty, homelessness and migration. To address these challenges, the NEIC has fostered innovative approaches to child health, in conjunction with Children's Hospital Ireland (Temple Street) and HSE primary care services. In July, the Department of Health hosted a seminar on innovative approaches to child health in the NEIC, chaired by the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Ellen Crushell. The seminar featured presentations on:

- Multi-disciplinary team to support infant and child mental health (Beag)
- The Lynn Clinic community outreach programme for children at risk of poverty
- The Roma child and family health programme

Social Inclusion

In October, the NEIC Initiative hosted a seminar on barriers to social inclusion. The Economic and Social Research Institute presented the findings and conclusions on their recent report on barriers to social inclusion, which was supported by Pobal. In attendance were government departments, agencies and community organisations.

CULTURE, ARTS AND EVENTS

NEIC Intercultural Team



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Shaday Bates, the NEIC Community Resource & Networks Coordinator can be contacted at shaday.bates@dublincity.ie or by phone on 086 165 9034

In 2025, the NEIC Initiative was delighted to welcome Janine Evans and Shaday Bates as the new NEIC Intercultural Team. Janine and Shaday have been busy over the year meeting the various stakeholders and residents in the area and have had over 250 engagements with the community including one-on-one meetings, hosting and attending events and workshops.

With a focus on community cohesion, the Team facilitates the engagement of both those who have called the area home for generations as well as those who are making their way in a new land. Through food, dance and conversations, connections are being built around a common link – the North East Inner City.

The Intercultural Programme is building on the existing valuable work already being undertaken by the service providers and will create opportunities for collaboration across the area on new projects to promote engagement across all sections of the community. 2025 was a time for the Team to lay its foundations by supporting various new initiatives, strengthening relationships and assisting a diverse array of faiths and emerging communities with challenges they may be facing.



Intercultural Programme Events

In September, 68 service providers participated in a Service Expo in St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre, the first event of its kind in the NEIC. The event was a great success, with 350 people joining on the day to gather information about what is on offer in the area as well as network with other stakeholders.

In October, the NEIC Le Chéile event held in Ozanam House celebrated diversity through the sharing of food, music and tradition. The event provided an opportunity for migrant women to be the host and gave local people who use Ozanam House the opportunity to try new food and have new conversations with their new neighbours.

The NEIC Initiative's Practical Language Services – Summer Programme directly assisted those new to Dublin in claiming their place in the city. 450 people joined outings across the summer, ending with an Irish Set Dance Ceili morning.



In September, the Rather Gather Festival welcomed hundreds of locals and those from further afield to enjoy a fun filled day at Mud Island. The event has become an annual community initiative in inclusion and engagement.

We were delighted to help support Side by Side who organised a very special visit by Santa for children with additional needs. Sensory Santa allows those who find the larger shopping centre Christmas festivities overwhelming to still be part of the special experience.

In response to a gap in activities for women in the NEIC, the Intercultural Team established a Women's Network Group to discuss challenges and develop ideas. As a result, the Women-only swimming and the Tea Nest programmes were created, both of which were very successful and will now be delivered by local services in 2026.



WOMEN'S ONLY SWIMMING
WEDNESDAYS 30TH JUL - 3RD SEP
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

- women/girls only & boys up to 7 years old
- Seán McDermott Street Swimming Pool
- 7PM - 7:45PM
- shaday.bates@dublincity.ie or 086 165 9034
- swimming caps essential and will be provided

THE POOL WILL BE CLOSED AND FOR THE USE OF WOMEN ONLY

The Tea Nest

Women's Mornings Together

10:30am-12:30pm
 Every Saturday from the 20th September for 10 weeks

Killarney Court Community hall,
 Killarney Street, Buckingham Street Upper, Dublin 1

Child-friendly! Activities and fun for little ones included.
 Drop in, bring a friend, make new ones, and enjoy a gentle morning together with tea, coffee & pastries.
 We can't wait to welcome you!

Cultural and Community Events

Culture Night

On 19 September, over 1,800 people came together at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the NEIC for a breathtaking Culture Night performance by the RTÉ Concert Orchestra and guest cellist Patrick Dexter. With a full ensemble of 45 musicians, the specially curated programme blended classical repertoire, film music favourites, traditional Irish elements and original pieces by Patrick Dexter. The event embodied the NEIC Initiative's commitment to community cohesion and cultural enrichment, with residents and visitors alike attending this celebration of arts and culture.

Recognising the impact of the night, the event won the Best Event Innovation category at the Event Impact Awards.





Community Events

In February, Hill Street came alive for the **Lunar New Year** celebration. The community welcomed in the Year of the Snake with live performances, workshops and delicious traditional food.

On 9th February, the community gathered to celebrate the extraordinary life, works, and legacy of Irish writer **Brendan Behan**. The day was jam-packed with events, from walking tours to screenings, all inspired by Behan's wit, artistry, and indelible mark on Irish culture.

In June, an amazing day was had by all at the Hill Street Family Resource Centre **Intercultural Family Fun Day**.

On 6th January, the 3rd annual **Nollaig na mBan** took place, celebrating local women who have made incredible contributions to our community.





In its 18th year, the **Five Lamps Arts Festival** returned in March with an exciting programme of talks, workshops, music.

It was wonderful to see the St. Patrick's Day festivities kicking off in Sheriff Street with the annual **North Wall CDP Community Parade**.

On 31st May, Ballybough marked the **40th anniversary of the renaming of the Luke Kelly Bridge**, celebrating the rich history of the site and the enduring legacy of Dublin icon Luke Kelly.

Swellfest returned to Mountjoy Square for its third year on the 13th September to focus on celebrating all things Sport and Wellness. This year's programme was bigger and better with 6,000 people from the community in attendance. There was plenty to get involved in, including wellness talks, dance demonstrations and a special gymnastics class from **Olympic Gold medallist Rhys McClenaghan**.



In August, the NEIC collaborated with the Blue Cross and Dublin City Council Animal Welfare for a **pet microchipping event** on Sean McDermott Street. The successful day saw dogs and cats successfully microchipped and leaving with some accessories provided by Animal Welfare.



The **Ballybough and North Strand Festival of History** took place across three weekends in September and October. The festival offered opportunities to delve into history from a performance on the Murder of Michael Collins to a walking tour exploring the music and literary past of the NEIC.



Once again, the NEIC **Big Scream Festival** was a vibrant and engaging celebration, bringing the NEIC community together for a week of spooktacular fun. The week-long festival had something on offer for everyone including synchronised swimming, Carnival Chorus, Horrible History Walk and Haunted House, alongside educational talks on Halloween safety.

National Centre for Research and Remembrance Community Information Day

The National Centre for Research and Remembrance, to be located on Seán McDermott Street in Dublin 1, will stand as a site of conscience to honour equally all those who spent time in Industrial Schools, Magadalen Laundries, Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions, Reformatories, and related institutions, and all those who have lived experience of Ireland’s historical adoption and boarded out systems.

In February 2025, planning permission for the development of the National Centre was granted by Dublin City Council. Following this, a community information day was held in July 2025 by Dublin City Council with support from the NEIC Initiative to ensure that local people had an opportunity to hear about the plans for the site. On the day, the community met and engaged with representatives from the Office of Public Works, the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, the Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland, National Archive Ireland, City of Dublin ETB, and the National Museum on the proposed plans.

Information on the National Centre can be found at www.gov.ie/nationalcentre, and anyone with queries on the project can email them to nationalcentre@equality.gov.ie

Arts



Fiona O'Neill, the NEIC Community Arts Coordinator can be contacted at fionaoneill@create-ireland.ie or by phone on 085 785 8123



Macnas Parade

In November, funded by the NEIC Initiative, 16 young people from the NEIC created and delivered an amazing performance as part of the MACNAS parades in both Dublin and Galway. The 16 young people were given the opportunity to train with MACNAS and explore and develop their talent in performance for the street and the spectacle arts. Working with professional artists, the young people developed a performance piece that formed a section of the renowned parade which wove through the streets of the North East Inner City on 2nd November.

NEIC Community Arts Research and Development Awards

In October, the NEIC Community Arts Programme launched a suite of Research and Development Awards, valued at €5,000 each. These Awards are designed to support artists and creative practitioners living and working in the NEIC to explore new ideas and develop meaningful relationships with local communities. The Awards will recognise bold, brilliant ideas rooted in the community. The five recipients of the Award will be announced in 2026.

POOR in the Gate Theatre

In conjunction with the Gate Theatre's staging of 'POOR', the memoir by Katriona O'Sullivan, the NEIC Initiative funded the theatre to engage and work with four community groups in the NEIC experiencing the similar challenges of poverty, addiction, homelessness, and trauma as described in the play. The programme included facilitated workshops, free theatre

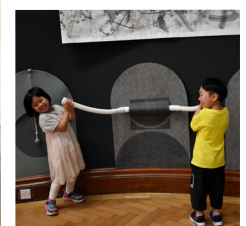
access, and post-show reflective sessions, aiming to foster empowerment, inclusion, and creative expression through drama therapy-led activities.

In April, the Five Lamps Arts Festival 'Emporium' walking tour enabled art to meet the city street. Throughout the day, participants reflected on the visual and sensory richness of art, as well as marking the reflection of war, displacement and resilience present in many of the works examined.

From June to September, 'Boghanna Báistí Beaga' (Little Rainbows): An Interactive Exhibition for Young Children ran in Hugh Lane Gallery. The exhibition featured outcomes from the second NEIC Early Years Arts programme as well as interactive pieces created by artist Helen Barry and with early years children from Holy Child Preschool.

In October, the Zine Making Workshop with artist Niamh Flanagan allowed participants to explore personal and collective narratives through collage, drawing, and text. The session encouraged creative self-expression while sparking conversations about place, identity, and the everyday acts of care that shape community life.

In October, it was wonderful to see so many in attendance at the Building Sustainable Partnerships in Collaborative Art Forum. We came together to explore what makes partnerships between artists, community organisations, and participants truly sustainable.



SPORTS AND WELLBEING



Daire Power, the NEIC Sports Officer can be contacted at daire.power@dublincity.ie or by phone on 086 166 0063



The NEIC Initiative continue to collaborate with Dublin City Council and local clubs to develop sporting and wellbeing opportunities for everyone in the North East Inner City. Whether you are taking your first steps or 90 years of age, there is something for everyone. Make sure to follow our Facebook page @DNEIC, Instagram page @neic_dublin, and our website www.neic.ie to keep up to date with all that is going on in the area.

Marathon Fever

2025 was a year of great pride for the runners and running clubs in the NEIC. In March, the area was proud to be part of the very first Dublin City Half Marathon. Over 12,000 participants ran through the NEIC that morning, including local runners and running clubs. Residents turned out to cheer on the runners and created an incredible atmosphere on the day.

Building on this achievement, the NEIC Initiative was delighted to sponsor 14 local runners to participate in 2025 Dublin Marathon and behind every person was a story of transformation and hope. To help prepare our runners, we hosted a pre-marathon session with the legendary Ger Prendergast before heading into the final preparations for the marathon on 26th October. We're so proud of everyone who took part.



Sporting Events

In January, students from Marino College enjoyed Wellbeing Week with the wonderful coaches Ruth and Paulie who taught two fitness workshops, teaching the students all about health and wellbeing.

Following on from Women in Sport week in March, St Brigid's GAA Club hosted the ladies from the NEIC Handball group. The ladies were treated to a tour of the GAA Handball facilities, as well as an evening of fun, games and skills.

In February, St Laurence O'Toole C.B.S. students were given a rugby training session by DHL Stormers. The professional rugby players gave the students a workshop that showcased skill, agility, technique - and most importantly fun.

Well done to all the cyclists who took part in the Community and Business Cycle as part of the Docklands Volunteer Week in May. The group (which included the After Care Recovery Group Cycling Club) cycled from Dublin's docklands to Sutton and back, admiring the coastal view along the way.

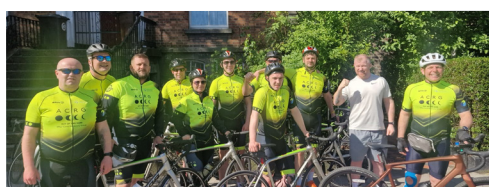


On 13th July, the NEIC basketball club Trojans were hosts for a 3V3 Summer Tournament in Mountjoy Square. It was an amazing day with over 200 players spanning 58 teams competing and having fun.

The Swim Ireland Primary Schools Gala at Sean McDermott Street had over 400 children in attendance. Pictured are the swimmers from O'Connell's Primary school.

Fundamental cooking skills and healthy eating habits course delivered by Learn Local to the NEIC primary schools.

As part of the Change for Life Programme, the senior citizens at Lourdes Parish Daycare Centre enjoyed Chair Yoga, which is designed to improve flexibility, increase strength, and enhance mental well-being.





Regular Sports Sessions

Delivered across multiple locations, the NEIC Sports and Wellbeing Programme brings together people from a wide range of backgrounds, creating welcoming spaces where individuals can try new activities and make new connections. Through regular participation, the programme supports both physical and mental wellbeing, strengthening community bonds and helping people feel healthier, happier, and more connected.

In February, the SVP Ozanam House Men's Group and NEIC Walking Football coaches joined forces for a training and mentoring session. The SVP Ozanam House Men's Group takes place every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 1-3:30pm and Walking Football takes place every Friday from 12-1pm on the astro-pitch at the St. Laurence O'Toole Rec Centre. Come along and get involved.

The GAA Hoppers Nursery takes place every Saturday from 12 – 1pm at O'Connell's Secondary School in the shadow of Croke Park. Aimed at girls and boys from ages 3-7 years.

The ongoing Girls Street Leagues creates inclusive sporting opportunities for young girls in the NEIC. The Girls Street Leagues kick off every Wednesday in O'Connell's Secondary School Astro from 5pm. All levels of ability welcome - just drop in and play.



Olympic Weightlifting and Weight Training continue to see an increase in interest with Olympic Weightlifting now running Wednesdays and Fridays and regular weight training running on Monday evenings. Women's Weightlifting classes with EmpowerHer take place every Wednesday @ 6pm in O'Connell's school weightlifting gym.

Join us every Sunday for Calisthenics sessions- venue alternates from Liberty Park and the Royal Canal.

The NEIC Initiative were delighted to support **free swims for under 16's** throughout July and August in Seán McDermott Street Swimming Pool.

As part of the ongoing **SARI Football for Unity** programme of activities, over 70 young players from primary schools across the NEIC came together for the SARI x City Connects Football for Unity tournament. The day was jam-packed with excitement, energy and football.

A **swim pod** has been installed in Sean McDermott Street Pool to ensure that going for a swim is accessible for all. The pool staff are fully trained to use the device and are available to help people of all ages and abilities get in and out of the water safely.



SWIM IRELAND Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath Dublin City Council **DUBLIN NORTH EAST INNER CITY**

UNDER 16'S SWIM FOR FREE!

Free swims for under 16's during the months of July and August Monday-Friday (10am-6pm), Saturday (1pm-4.30pm), Sunday (9am-12:30pm) at Sean MacDermott Street Swimming Pool supported by the North East Inner City Initiative.

IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT

Talbot Street Public Realm Improvement Works

February saw the launch of the Talbot Street Public Realm Improvement Works. These works have transformed the street with renewed footpaths, enhanced lighting and beautiful street planting. Working collaboratively with multiple stakeholders, local businesses and the community to create a more welcoming and vibrant Talbot Street for everyone to enjoy.



Liberty Park Reopening

It was wonderful to see so many excited faces at the re-opening of Liberty Park on 17th October following refurbishment works. The park now provides play trails and fitness challenges. On the day children from Rutland Street Primary School, Central Model School and across the NEIC were able to enjoy a face painter, entertainer and the new Play Trails.



Green Ribbon Project

Once again it was great to see the Green Ribbon team helping to keep the streets of the NEIC cleaner through litter picking, cleaning, weeding of paths/verges, small space development including 'greening', upkeep of planted areas, street planters and boxes, liaising with tenants and homeowners and community clean up days twinned with environmental awareness or 'greening' workshops..

Mountjoy Square Reimagined

Supported by the NEIC Initiative, Dublin City Council are undertaking a major project to reimagine the historic 200-year-old Mountjoy Square. The project will not only preserve the historic character of this unique part of Dublin's Georgian heritage but will transform the park into a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable space for the communities of the North East Inner City.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Over the past eight years, the NEIC Community Grants Scheme has supported local voluntary/community/not-for-profit groups who offer services that benefit the residents and communities of the North East Inner City. In 2025, the theme centred on 'Fostering Community Pride'. Congratulations to all our successful applicants, some of which are highlighted below. You can see details of the full grants awarded at Appendix B.

Hill Street Family Resource Centre - funding was used for family outings to Powerscourt, Malahide Castle, Dublin Zoo and Newbridge House/Farm throughout summer.

HAY Project - funded to create an amazing mural on Dunne Street. This bright mural serves as a reminder to have pride in the community, "Don't be mean, keep it clean." A huge well done to all the young people involved.

North Inner City Side by Side - over 40 families whose children have additional needs supported to attend an Inclusive Summer Camp which included Equine Therapy as well as trips to Newbridge Farm & Emerald Park.



Belvedere Youth Club - funding was used for trips to their premises in Wexford over the summer.

Fitzgibbon Court Residents Group - funding to host family fun days in the complex with plenty of games, entertainment, food & refreshments on offer for all to enjoy.

Wexford Centre Project - funding to visit the Cavan Centre for a teddy bear picnic, treasure hunt and other games with the kids.



Swan Youth Service - funding to engage young people with artists, youth workers and early intervention workers to develop a friendly outdoor space at St Agatha's Hall.

Seville Place Girl Guides - funding to enable the senior girl guides to organise a variety of events as challenges for their Chief Commissioner Award.

Crosscare - funding to host a Volunteers Wellbeing Workshop & BBQ to thank their amazing volunteers for giving their time to their communities.

Mud Island Community Garden - funding for their Féile Lughnasa which featured Ceoltoiri Chluain Tarbh's Tolka Trad group, seanchai Brian Treacy and Liam Ó Maonlaí.

Scoil Uí Chonaill - funding for their 75th Anniversary celebrations including a walk from the school to the club grounds, where hundreds of members young and old proudly marched through the NEIC. Funding was also used for the renewal of training gear for the O'Connell School's Nursery which takes place every Saturday from 12-1pm.

Sheriff Youth Club - funding was used to install an LED electronic community alert and notice board at the front entrance of the clubhouse.

Corinthians Boxing Club - funding to host open evenings for young people and to purchase new tracksuits for the club.



NEIC FUNDING

2016-2025

Since 2016, the Government has provided over €60.7 million in funding to ensure that the North East Inner City Programme Implementation Board has the necessary resources to fulfil the actions in the Mulvey Report and the Strategic Plan 2024-2027.

The following summary table sets out the sources and amounts of funding which have been provided by the Government for the NEIC Initiative from 2016-2025. Further detail on projects allocated funding in 2025 is provided in the Appendices towards the end of this Report.

For 2026, the Government committed €7.5 million in funding to the Initiative under the Vote of the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht.

2025	Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht	€6,078,122.28
	Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (Social Employment Fund)	€1,421,877.72
2024	Department of Rural and Community Development	€6,104,735.32
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,395,264.68
2023	Department of Rural and Community Development	€6,151,112.37
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,348,887.63
2022	Department of Rural and Community Development	€6,264,000.00
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,236,000.00
2021	Department of Rural and Community Development	€5,500,000.00
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,000,000.00
2020	Department of Rural and Community Development	€5,500,000.00
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,000,000.00
2019	Department of Rural and Community Development	€5,500,000.00
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,000,000.00
2018	Department of Rural and Community Development	€2,500,000.00
	Department of Rural and Community Development (Social Employment Fund)	€1,000,000.00
	Department of Justice and Equality	€146,810.00
2017	Department of Rural and Community Development	€2,500,000.00
	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (Dormant Accounts Fund)	€100,000.00
2016	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (Dormant Accounts Fund)	€1,040,000.00
	Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government	€3,655,000.00
	Department of Children and Youth Affairs	€165,000.00
	Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and Dublin City Council	€55,000.00
	Department of Health (Drug Specific Projects)	€100,000.00
Overall Total:		€60,761,810.00

PROGRAMME OFFICE

The Programme Office supports the work of the NEIC Programme Implementation Board.

The work of the Programme Office focuses on funding and administration, events, sports development, environmental improvements and sustainability, community supports, communications and engagement, local employment, evaluation, assisting all subgroups and supporting the Chair of the Programme Implementation Board.

The Programme Office meets every month to discuss issues relating to the work of the Initiative. Working alongside the Programme Office are staff from Dublin City Council, the Department of the Taoiseach, and the Department of Social Protection.

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Appendix A

NEIC Funding Allocations 2025

S/G	Project	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount	Organisation Receiving Funds
1	HAY Project premises	SP SG1: Action 1.4	€9,056.15	Foroige
	DRIVE	SP SG1: Action 1.9	€54,299.32	HSE
	Ethnic Policing Forum	SP SG1: Action 1.2	€10,000.00	Acts of Compassion
	Garda Youth Awards	SP SG1: Action 1.5	€284.69[i]	An Garda Síochána
	Responding to Domestic Abuse course	SP SG1: Action 1.1	€3,750.00	An Garda Síochána
	LEAR	SP SG1: Action 1.1	€273,775.62	HSE on behalf of Ana Liffey Drug Project
	Digital Infrastructure & Community Engagement	SP SG1: Action 2.6	€7,900.00	Ethnic Policing Forum
	Subgroup 1 - Subtotal		€359,065.78	
2	School hall equipment	SP SG2: Objective 1	€6,373.17	St. Vincents Girls School
	Music Club	SP SG2: Objective 1	€0.00[ii]	O'Connell's Post Primary
	Play "The Leap"	SP SG2: Objective 1	€25,000.00	Fishamble
	Sports kit and rental costs	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€3,318.00	Marino College
	IT equipment	SP SG2: Objective 1	0.00[iii]	Lourdes Youth & Community Services
	Film Club	SP SG2: Objective 1	€11,240.00	Fire Station Artists Studio
	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€13,121.67	CDET B
	Word Warrior afterschool writing club	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€40,000.00	Fighting Words
	Equine Therapy Classes	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€15,300.00	Mary Immaculate College on behalf City Connects

2	Music Scholarships	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€11,627.50	Larkin Community College
	Learning Neighbourhood Adult Education Conference and Showcase	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€13,081.00	Dublin Adult Learning Centre
	Gateways Drama Club	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€6,200.00	Gate Theatre
	Training Bursary for Young People	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€10,000.00	Inner City Renewal Group
	Tuition supports for senior cycle students	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€41,900.00	jumpAgrade
	Childcare CPD Bursary Fund	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€3,956.00[iv]	NEIC Programme Office
	Nurture Room Training	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€5,040.00	Holy Cross Pre-school
	Quality Circle Time	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€2,651.22	St Vincents Girls NS
	Therapeutic Educational Model	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€55,890.00	St John's Education Centre
	Doodle Den	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€49,559.00	Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland
	Education Guidance Programme	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€50,000.00	Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland
	Translation supports	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€30,000.00	NEIC Programme Office
	Coding club	SP SG2: Action 6.2	€3,933.00	Central Modal Senior School
	40th Year Anniversary	SP SG2: Objective 2	€9,800.00	Lordes Youth & Community Services
	NEIC Afterschool Study	SP SG2: Objective 1	€62,664.99[v]	Rosmini; Mount Carmel; St. Joseph's, Fairview; Marino College; Larkin Community College; O'Connell's CBS
	Subgroup 2 - Subtotal		€470,655.55	

3	Afterschool for 7-9 year olds	SP SG3: Action 3.1	€130,612.00	Belvedere Youth Club
	Psychoanalytic community clinic	SP SG3: Objective 1	€8,500.00	Bealach CLG
	DSGBV Project Phase 2	SP SG3: Action 16	€29,223.24	HSE
	Parenting 365	SP SG3: Action 3.4	€20,000.00	NCI Early Learning Initiative
	Ballybough Afterschool Service	SP SG3: Action 3.1	€125,000.00	TUSLA
	Young Adult Leadership	SP SG3: Objective 1	€20,800.00	NEIC Critical Incident Response Group
	Additional holiday provision	SP SG3: Objective 1	€27,700.00	Belvedere Youth Club
	We See You Afterschool Club	SP SG3: Objective 1	€14,020.00[vi]	St. Vincent's Boys' Infant school
	Parenting Coordinator	SP SG3: Action 3.4	€73,797.00	Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland
	Restorative Practice	SP SG3: Action 3.6	€52,900.00	Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland
	Afterschool Set-up costs	SP SG3: Action 3.7	€2,469.27	St. Vincent's Girls NS
	Afterschool Set-up costs	SP SG3: Action 3.7	€2,740.25	Rutland National School
	Subgroup 3 - Subtotal		€507,761.76	
4	SAIL Training	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€30,000.00	NEIC Sail Training Project
	North Wall LIFE Development Expansion Plan	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€20,000.00	North Wall CDP
	The Five Lamps Arts Festival 2025	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€57,750.00	The Five Lamps
	Roadmap of Older Persons Supports	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€0.00[vii]	Dublin City Community Co-op
	NICCC Governance Support	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€10,000.00	Dublin City Community Co-Op
	SARI Football for Unity	SP SG4: Action 4.6 / 4.8	€40,371.39	SARI
	NEIC Sports & Wellness Programme	SP SG4: Action 4.8	€313,102.88	Dublin City Council
	United Voices	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€25,000.00	Community After Schools Project (CASPr)
	The Refracted Glass Project	SP SG4: Action 4.6 / 4.7	€17,100.00	Lourdes Youth & Community Services
	Green Ribbon	SP SG4: Action 4.1	€13,284.00	Sunflower Recycling
	Community Events	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€616,000.00	Dublin City Council
Cavan Centre Senior Citizen's Trip	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€4,134.00	Cavan Centre	

4	Connolly Station Underpass	SP SG4: Action 4.9	€20,725.09	Dublin City Centre Bid Company Ltd
	Part Rental Costs	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€31,667.00	The Crinan Youth Project
	Faith Spatial Planning	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€0.00[viii]	ACET Ireland and Dublin City Interfaith Forum
	Green Ribbon	SP SG4: Action 4.1	€7,717.20	Sunflower Recycling
	NEIC Basketball development	SP SG4: Action 4.8	€50,000.00	NEIC Basketball Project
	Sports based community engagement and anti-discrimination programme	SP SG4: Action 4.6/4.8	€21,150.00	SARI
	Swim Ireland Education Development	SP SG4: Action 4.8	€31,100.00	Swim Ireland
	Seán MacDermott Street Pool Pod	SP SG4: Action 4.6/4.8	€7,595.92	Swim Ireland
	Gateways	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€9,985.00	The Gate Theatre
	Building Resilience wellbeing programme	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€9,755.00	Lourdes Youth & Community Services.
	Storm Damage Recovery	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€61,268.00	The Cavan Centre CLG.
	Macnas Youth Community Engagement	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€25,350.00	Macnas
	Green Ribbon	SP SG4: Action 4.1/4.6	€119,985.00	Sunflower Recycling
	Order of Magnitude costs	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€1,845.00	Hill Street FRC
	Recycle Well Programme	SP SG4: Action 4.9	€9,500.00	Sunflower Recycling
	NEIC Sports & Wellbeing Programme	SP SG4: Action 4.8	€93,029.80	Dublin City Council
	Big Scream Festival - additional funding	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€20,000.00	Dublin City Community Co-Op
	Hill Street LNY 2026	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€66,856.00	Hill Street Family Resource Centre
	Five Lamps Art Festival	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€67,500.00	The Five Lamps Art Festival
	Who Am I & How Am I project	SP SG4: Action 4.6/4.7	€9,000.00	Fishamble Theatre Company CLG
	Community Arts	SP SG4: Action 4.7	€120,000.00	NEIC Programme Office
	Mountjoy Square	SP SG4: Action 4.3	€1,195,522.64[ix]	Dublin City Council
	Cookery Programme	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€22,390.00	Learn Local Cookery
	Nollaig na mBan Festival 2026	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€5,000.00	Dublin City Council
	St. Agatha's Hall	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€11,000.00	SWAN on behalf of St. Agatha's
	Safe Haven	SP SG4: Action 4.6	€3,700.00	ACET Ireland
	Subgroup 4 - Subtotal		€3,168,383.92	

5	0-5 Multi-disciplinary Team	SP SG5: Action 5.6	€552,550.00	HSE
	Health Needs Assessment	SP SG5: Action 5.1	€205,869.00	Royal College of Surgeons Ireland
	Health Navigator Prison Links evaluation	SP SG5: Action 5.5	€18,051.81	National University of Ireland Maynooth
	Patient Support Link Worker	SP SG5: Action 5.3	€52,918.00	HSE on behalf of GPCareForAll
	Recovery Housing	SP SG5: Action 5.14	€160,545.00	HSE on behalf of Crosscare
	Mental Health Services for Migrant and Refugee Communities	SP SG5: Action 5.3	€164,300.00	HSE on behalf of CKU and BTI
	Peer Support Workers for Migrant and Refugee Communities	SP SG5: Action 5.3	€104,234.45	HSE on behalf of four NGO's
	Subgroup 5 - Subtotal		€1,258,468.26	
Once-off funding	Jigsaw Mats		€5,113.60	Seán McDermott Street Taekwondo Club
	After-school Traditional Irish Music Programme		€4,800.00	Central Model Senior School
	Yard markings		€1,790.30	Central Model Infants School
			€11,703.90	
	Subgroup Totals		€5,776,039.17	

Overarching Budgets	Strategic Priority/ Mulvey Action	Amount
Social Employment Fund (SEF)		€1,421,877.72
Programme Office		€198,083.11[x]
Professional services		€136,266.95
Community Engagement		€47,355.26
Miscellaneous		€7,271.45
Community Grants		€104,000.00
Overarching Budgets - Overall Total		€1,723,960.83

Subtotal for all subgroups		€5,776,039.17
Subtotal for Overarching Budgets		€1,723,960.83
Total funding approved to end Nov		€7,500,000.00

Budget 2026

Six funding proposals approved in November 2025 will be paid from the 2026 Budget. These total €775,549.19.

Project	Amount	Organisation
Pram People	€25,835.00	The Ark Children's Cultural Centre
Afterschool Service for 7 - 9 year olds	€130,612.00	Belvedere Youth Club
Mountjoy Square	€304,477.36	Dublin City Council
Sail Training	€30,000.00	Sail Training Ireland
Recovery Coaches Programme	€222,779.28	HSE on behalf of Recover Academy Ireland
Roma Peer Support Programme	€61,845.55	HSE on behalf of Cairdre

^[i] €5,962.50 approved. Previous underspend of €5,677.81 gave a balance of €284.69 from 2025 Budget.

^[ii] €8,587.70 approved. Paid from community projects funding approved under the NEIC 2024 Budget.

^[iii] €20,427 approved. Paid from community projects funding approved under the NEIC 2024 Budget.

^[iv] €31,350 approved. Previous underspend of €27,394 gives a balance of €3,956 from 2025 Budget.

^[v] €125,330 approved. Previous underspend of €62,665.01 gives balance of €62,664.99 from 2025 Budget.

^[vi] €15,370 approved. Previous underspend of €1,350 gives balance of €14,020 from 2025 Budget.

^[vii] €4,000 approved. Paid from community projects funding approved under the NEIC 2024 Budget.

^[viii] €11,000 approved. Paid from community projects funding approved under the NEIC 2024 Budget.

^[ix] €1,500,000 approved of which €304,477.36 will be paid from 2026 Budget.

^[x] Overall budget of €239,700.00 including €41,616.89 carryover from 2024. Total spend of €190,893.66 with a €48,806.34 carryover to 2026.

Appendix B

Community Grants

A total of 56 applications were approved for funding totalling €104,000 under the 2024 Community Grants and details of these are outlined below. A further number of applications were deemed more suitable for other areas of consideration and were referred as such e.g. to relevant NEIC Subgroups.

Group Name	Project Name	Brief description	Amount approved
Larkin Unemployed Centre	Paint Exterior of Premises	Paint and repair premises	€2,500.00
Corinthians Boxing Club	Boxing Tournament	Host open evenings for young people, to encourage them to attend club. Purchase tracksuits for members incl. new members	€1,500.00
Crosscare Volunteer Section	Wellbeing workshop & bbq for volunteers	Facilitate a volunteers wellbeing workshop and bbq during summer to thank volunteers to give their time to their communities	€1,500.00
Lourdes Day Care Centre	Events for senior citizens in the community	Host a range of events for senior citizens living in the community. Games, and other activities followed by music, dancing & singing prize giving and food to keep their energy levels up.	€1,500.00
Ozanam House Resource Centre	Programme to enhance overall wellbeing of vulnerable adults in NEIC Community	Run a 3 month Programme to enhance overall wellbeing of vulnerable adults in NEIC Community, incl. mindfulness sessions, daytrip to promote community engagement, and launch of English Conversation Club	€1,585.00
Afterschools Education & Support Programme	Run 8 week summer programme of activities	Run an 8 week (5 days per week) summer programme of activities for 120 children. Activities include residential stay in Cavan Centre, trips to Emerald Park, Clara Lara, Fort Lucan, Dublin Zoo, field trips, arts&crafts workshops/activities.	€500.00
North Wall CDP	40th Anniversary Celebrations	Contribution towards 40th anniversary celebrations of NWCDP, to happen in August/ September 2025	€2,500.00
YPAR Children in Emergency Accommodation WG	Programme of events for children in emergency accommodation	Provide social, leisure and educational events for displaced children in emergency accommodation. Link in with local clubs' events and summer projects.	€2,000.00

Sean McDermott Street Taekwondo Club	Purchase protective equipment	Taekwondo foot and hand protective equipment for children to use in training and at competition.	€500.00
Scoil Chaoimhin	Rejuvenate school garden space	Purchase of gardening equipment for school/ community garden and purchase of plants to rejuvenate the garden space	€506.60
The Foroige HAY Project	Dunne Street Youth Mural	Remove graffiti and replace with community mural project completed by participants from the HAY Youth Development Project.	€1,900.00
Barbara Ward Community Centre	Summer Family Day Event	Host annual summer family day event, to bring community together, and to support families who are struggling, so their children can attend and enjoy the activities on the day.	€500.00
LYCS First Steps Early Years Service	Develop Outdoor Space	Develop outdoor space to include a gardening area for fruit & vegetables. Water feature within the garden. Mud kitchen to provide the children with opportunity to play with natural materials. Storage shed	€2,500.00
St Josephs Fairview	Purchase of equipment for proposed Gaming Club	This will provide a safe inclusive and engaging space for all students to connect through a shared interest of games - both digital and tabletop. It will be open to all student levels and abilities.	€3,000.00
Rutland Community Group	Environmental activity	Bring neighbours together, to work in solidarity in an environmental activity with 50 adults and young people	€500.00
Poole House Community Residents	Family fun day	As a new development/community, residents would like to collectively participate in a fun day, to bring tenants connection, and community empowerment	€900.00
Arkins Dance Academy	Dance Workshops	PACT Dance Group can offer invaluable learning opps to young dancers, contributing to their artistic grown and preparing them for future performances.	€750.00
Our Street	Improve Laneway of Summer Arch	Repair broken gates - improving design and remodelling the available material. Provide a safe environment for the residents to use.	€2,969.00
FAACT Group - Families of Autistic and Additional Needs Children Together	Sensory Family Fun Day	Host a sensory family fun day designed for children with autism and special needs, along with their families. The day will provide a safe, welcoming space for families to connect and relax.	€1,500.00
Belvedere Youth Club	Renovate/redecorate premises in Wexford	Improvements to make house in Wexford more welcoming and engaging for young people.	€1,000.00

Soul Haven	Host outdoor retreats	Host outdoor retreats; Purchase of equipment/ insurance in order to run these events	€750.00
Scoil Ui Chonaill CLG	Update equipment and host a club march and funday to mark 75th Anniversary of club	Update equipment and host a club march and funday to mark 75th Anniversary of club	€2,000.00
St Vincents GNS	Improve outdoor green space	Further develop outdoor space so it can be multifunctional and inclusive. Add another buddy bench, install a corner forest cabin, an emotions chalkboard, a swing for their ASD children and a transport cage	€3,339.40
Holy Child Preschool	Update and improve garden area	Update and improve garden area for 102 children including 6 children from ASD class, to include use of bark for walkways as well as refreshing multi-sensory garden area and flower boxes	€1,381.00
Rutland Youth Service	Develop small garden space	Develop a small garden space that will serve as a green retreat and relaxation area for young people who attend their programmes.	€2,000.00
Brendan Behan Court Residents	Greening Initiative in Brendan Behan court	Cut hedges, prune existing shrubbery, and conduct a general cleanup of old planters, pots, etc, and to continue to maintain and replant on an ongoing basis.	€800.00
Fire Station Artists Studio	Collaborative Mural and Live Garden	Creation and sustainability of a collaborative sustainability themed wall mural and live garden by children and young people from the NEIC.	€3,400.00
Marys Mansions Residents Group	Family fun day	Host fun days for the families in the complex, with games, arts and crafts, along with outdoor bingo	€795.00
Kiln & Forge Residents Group	Family fun day	Host fun days for the families on Railway Street, with DJ, bingo, games, and prizes. Have a fast-food van to serve food to the families	€900.00
Fitzgibbon Court Residents Group	Family fun day	Host fun days for the families in the complex with games/entertainment, food and refreshments for 40+ children	€500.00
Marino College	Creative Minds Festival	Youth led, community driven event celebrating creativity, music and cultural expression headquartered in the library of Marino College. Central to this is "Live Alive O" a music showcase with performances by secondary and primary students	€2,500.00
Rather Gather	Rather Gather Festival 2025	Purchase essential materials and cover costs related to workshop facilitation, creative interventions and event infrastructure	€900.00
Sheriff Youth Club	LED Electronic Notice Board	Install an LED electronic community alert and notice board at front entrance of clubhouse	€5,000.00

Hill Street Family Resource Centre	Hill Street FRC Summer Camps	Bus hire to transport children and families to the range of activities during the summer camps held in July	€1,890.00
Ozanam House Resource Centre	Establish a Garden Club	Creation of a community garden club, to empower participants and improve their confidence through interactions with nature and other participants, from diverse backgrounds thus ensuring accessibility for all	€1,945.00
Seville Place Girl Guides	Guides doing Chief Commissioners Award	Girls have to complete 5 tasks to gain this award, they will do a project on local history, biodiversity and local environment and event planning.	€1,750.00
CASPR	Graffiti Removal, Planting & Community event	Removing graffiti at creche, planting flowers/ bedding at front of 3 of their buildings, and a public event to celebrate with the community across their 3 locations	€3,000.00
NIC Side by Side	Therapy based sessions	Purchase equipment from SENCO to provide therapy-based activities session weekly to members	€2,000.00
Sunflower Recycling	Workshops & Host Street Party	Deliver a greening, educational environmental workshop to all residents of Shamrock Terrace & surrounding areas. To promote participation and integration within the joining streets	€1,750.00
O Connell Secondary School	Large Mural of Daniel O Connell	Create a mural of Daniel O Connell in the central courtyard of the secondary school, to commemorate the schools 200th anniversary in 2028	€5,000.00
St Brigids Day Nursery	Update entrance area and garden	Update the area and garden with bark, new planting and a curbed pathway edging	€5,000.00
The Oasis Centre	Host Social Event	Host a social event/tea party for elderly members of the community. This will take place in the centre, with up to 50 residents attending.	€1,100.00
NEIC Community Youth Choir	Contribution towards costs of Community Choir	To contribute towards the costs of the community choir, who are made up of members from the primary schools across the NEIC They have performed at the Christmas Carol Service in St Agathas Church and Laurence O Tooles Church in 2024	€1,812.00
Swan Youth Service	Young Peoples Community Pride at SWAN	Engage 2 separate groups of people with artists, youth workers and early intervention workers to develop youth friendly outdoor spaces at 2 locations - St Agathas Hall and premises at Spencer Dock	€4,000.00
Ballybough Court Residents	Greening Initiative in Ballybough court complex	Greening Initiative in Ballybough Court Sen. Citz complex. Replace mower.	€347.00
St Laurence O Toole CBS	Paint mural and paint railings	Paint a mural based on nature and repaint school railings in bright primary colours to bring sense of the natural world into the environment	€2,000.00

Cabhru Housing Association	Garden upgrade at Fr Scully House	Upgrade works of garden at Fr Scully House, and a community gathering during the summer	€1,500.00
Cluid Housing	Projector, Screen & Speakers	Purchase of projector, projector screen and speakers	€920.00
Central Model Infant School	New Mural in school garden	New mural in school garden. Children would be involved in designing the mural and participate in decorating it.	€3,500.00
St Laurence O Toole NS	Paint mural and add buddy bench to yard	Paint Mural and add buddy benches to school rainbow yard	€2,500.00
Nottingham Street Residents Group	Upgrade of 2 Street Gardens, street party for residents, progress plans to reclaim rear south lane	Upgrade of the 2 street gardens, outdoor party for residents to celebrate and further build community spirit. Progress plans to reclaim rear south land of street	€1,400.00
Mud Island Community Garden	Integrate irrigation system and celebrate the different Irish Festivals	Integrate irrigation system and celebrate the different Irish Festivals - Lughnasa in August and Samhain in November.	€2,000.00
St Patricks Avenue Residents Association	Community Work of the street & surrounding area	Paint Mural, purchase community gardening equipment, window boxes and hanging baskets	€1,750.00
99th Dublin 2nd Port North Strand Sea Scouts NSSS	Sunday Morning Sail	Sunday morning sailing at Poolbeg Sailing Club for 23 cubs.	€460.00
Wexford Centre Project Ltd/ Liberty House Flats Summer Festival	Liberty House Tenants & Extended Family Members Summer Festival	Wexford Centre in conjunction with Liberty House tenants will organise a summer festival, themed "Sharing social time and having fun together creates a resilience"	€2,000.00
SAOL Project	Create designed entrance to service on Amiens Street	Create an entrance to premises on Amiens Street. Deliver environmental awareness session	€2,000.00

Appendix C

Subgroup Memberships

During 2025, the membership of the NEIC Subgroups was as follows:

SG1 – Enhancing Policing

Chief Superintendent Patrick McMenamin (Chair), An Garda Síochána
Sergeant Sharon Power (Secretary), An Garda Síochána
Olivia Brody, NEIC Programme Manager
Richard Carson, North Inner City Community Coalition (ACET)
Sergeant Ciaran Cummins, An Garda Síochána
John Fitzgerald, Foróige
Dean Hayden, Health Service Executive
Tanya Ganly, Department of the Taoiseach
Superintendent Jarlath Lennon, An Garda Síochána
Sean Mackey, SWAN Youth Services
Rachel McMahon – Dublin Central Local Community Safety Partnership
Sergeant Martin Moloney, An Garda Síochána
Sean O Brien, An Garda Síochána

** The following members stepped down during 2025: Sergeant Niall Carolan, An Garda Síochána; Sonya Keniry, Local Community Safety Partnership; Karen Reid, Health Service Executive; Sergeant Grace McCarry.*

SG2 – Maximising Educational, Training and Employment Opportunities

Brenda Boylan (Chair), Department of the Taoiseach
Niall Fitzpatrick, (Secretary), Department of the Taoiseach
Olivia Brody, NEIC Programme Manager
Stacey Cannon, Department of Education & Youth
Janet Colgan, TUSLA
Eugene Donnelly, Department of Social Protection
Anne Fitzgerald, Liffey Partnership
Melanie Flynn, Business In The Community
Dr. Deirdre Giblin, National College of Ireland
Blake Hodkinson, City of Dublin Education & Training Board
Sarah Kelleher, North Inner City Community Coalition (LYCS)
Susan McNamara, Department of Further & Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
Ciara Naughton, O Connell Primary School
Maria Tyrrell, North Inner City Community Coalition (Larkin Unemployed Centre)

** The following members stepped down during 2025: Andrea Lazenby Simpson, Business In The Community; Liam Newell, O'Connell Secondary School, Gina Quin, National College of Ireland*

SG3 Supporting Children, Young People and Family Wellbeing

Bryan Patten (Chair), Department of Children, Disability and Equality
Asha Heibe (Secretary), Department of Children, Disability and Equality
Olivia Brody, NEIC Programme Manager
Sylvia Cahill, Health Service Executive
Stacey Cannon, Department of Education and Youth
Jenny Courtney, North Inner City Community Coalition (Belvedere Youth Club)
Catriona Flood, Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland
Tanya Ganly, Department of the Taoiseach
Patrick Gates, Young People At Risk
Aaron Murphy, Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
Teresa Nyland, TUSLA
Robert O Connor, City of Dublin Youth Services
Maria Tyrrell, North Inner City Community Coalition (Larkin Unemployed Centre)

** The following members stepped down during 2025: Katie, National Participation Office; Sophia, National Participation Office.*

SG4 Enhancing Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment

Marie Kavanagh (Chair), Dublin City Council
Colm Kelly Ryan (Secretary), Dublin City Council
Cormac Brennan, An Garda Síochána
Olivia Brody, NEIC Programme Manager
Leona Fynes, Dublin City Council
Josephine Henry, North Inner City Community Coalition (Dublin City Community Co-Op)
Siobhan Power, Dublin City Community Coop
Bernie Walsh, North Inner City Community Coalition (Sunflower Recycling)

** The following members stepped down during 2025: Christopher Gaffney, Clúid; Sarah Philpott, D/Taoiseach.*

SG5 Improving Community Health, Wellbeing and Recovery

Jim Walsh (Joint Chair), Department of Health
Ellen O’Dea (Joint Chair), Health Service Executive
Paula Dowling (Secretary), Department of Health
Betsy Abu, Cairde
Julie Brady, Community User
Olivia Brody, NEIC Programme Manager
Sonya Dillon, Recovery Academy of Ireland
Vicky Doyle, HSE
Catherine Heaney, Dublin City Community Co-op
Clare Naughton, Recovery Academy of Ireland
Andy O Hara, North Inner City Community Coalition (UISCE)
Brian O’Reilly, North Inner City Drug and Alcohol Taskforce
Naomi Petty Saphon, Health Service Executive
Dawn Russell, ALDP
Denise Ryan, Department of the Taoiseach

** The following members stepped down during 2025: Belinda Nugent, NICCC (ICON); Bridie Flood, NICCC (Crinan Youth Project); Zeinab Abdi, Cairde; Sinead Carson, Dept of Health.*



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