

Strategic Plan

Dolphin House Community Development Association's (DHCDA) Strategic Plan 2019-2022 was launched on Tuesday 29th January in the community centre. It was great to see so many of the community in attendance, along with those who fund our programmes, and we are excited to put this plan in action.

The strategy is proactive and adopts a positive, solution-based approach which focusses on improving the quality of life for members of the Dolphin Community rather than focussing on problems. The strategy is based on an approach which supports community participation and partnership both internally within the community and with external agencies.

Over the next three years DHCDA will work under five main pillars:

- Physical and Social Regeneration
- Community Infrastructure
- Health
- Children, Young People and other Vulnerable Groups
- Education
- Employment

For further information or to receive a soft copy of our strategic plan, please email reception@dolphinhous.ecda.ie

We would also like to welcome our new Project Manager, Michelle Mallon to Dolphin house Community Centre.



Regeneration Update



Phase 1 of the Regeneration was completed by Purcell Construction in November. Since then residents with a 'Letter of Comfort' who have opted to return have moved into their new homes. The City Council has met residents in the long blocks and in the remaining 2nd block over the past month to offer

them remaining units in Phase I. The allocations and moves are ongoing and it is expected that Phase I will be fully occupied in the coming weeks.

Phase 2

Plans for the next phase of the regeneration are currently being finalised by Dublin City Council in partnership with the Dolphin House & Park Joint Regeneration Board and the Dolphin House Community Development Association. It is expected that these will include a proposal and a timeline for community facilities. Once the detailed plans are in place there will be a full consultation process with residents before they are submitted for planning approval.



New Dolphin Park

Following the delay in construction works at New Dolphin House in the autumn the Regeneration Board were informed before Christmas that MDY Construction would re-commence building at the start of January. Fold Ireland have communicated to residents in Dolphin Park that their new homes will be completed by July this year.



Dolphin

Crèche is as busy as usual with Spring on the way we have many

plans and themes to incorporate into the children's curriculum. We would encourage parents to ensure the children have the appropriate coats as we will be outdoors as much as possible as we plan to have a new soft surface area completed by April.

The last few months has seen the older children participate in the Dolphin Library Initiative and parents were invited and encouraged to take part also. It's great to see so many of our families settling into new homes, over the coming weeks our curriculum will reflect the changes in the children's lives.

We would like to wish Aileen Bradshaw the very best in her change of career- she has been the crèche Co-ordinator for the past 5 years and has been involved in Dolphin for the past 10 years.



Dolphin Community Orchard

The HARD/GRAFT art project which aims to plant fruit trees and create a community orchard in Dolphin House, took a positive step in December with the planting of a number of apple, pear and cherry trees in Phase I. Through the support of the D8 Men's Shed and Seoidín O'Sullivan from Common Ground a number of workshops with residents will take place over the coming weeks. Further planting of tree will happen in March.

If you are interested in getting involved drop into the Community Centre and talk with Manus or Barbara.

C.E Scheme

There are positions available in the Dolphin House Community Employment Scheme .

If you are interested in applying please contact the Local Employment Service (01-4540935) or call into the centre and talk to Veronica or Marian.

DCC Rent Officer

The Dublin City Council rent officer (Suzanne Scott) is out of work for the time being, for rent Queries contact The Housing Rents Section

Phone: 1800 679555 / 01 222 2211

Email: rents@dublincity.ie

Remembering Dolphin House Day

There was a brilliant turnout of the 'Remembering Dolphin House Day' in January. Residents past and present, took part in the event by sharing memories and bringing along photos and artefacts about life on the estate. There was a great team of folklore students from UCD who volunteered on the day and documented and recorded all the memorabilia and stories.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the project and look forward to seeing you at the next event in the coming weeks....

Stress Management

with Geraldine Conlon

Wednesday 27th February

6.30pm Dolphins Barn Library

New Courses in Crumlin College

We have a new course starting after the mid term break, Historical Studies (National & local Irish history)

Call Gwen Redmond 454 7054 for more details.

Garda Debbie O'Sullivan from the Community Policing Unit in Kilmainham will be in the centre to sign and stamp passport forms, photos, tax renewal forms etc. on Thursday 28th February from 11am -12.noon.

Health Project

Get fit with two FREE fitness classes in Dolphin House Community Centre: Tuesdays @ 5.45pm and Fridays @ 10.45am

Community Knitting Group

Every Wednesday @ 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Contact Susan at 086 0493410

Community Breakfast

9.30am – 11.00am every Thursday. This is free of charge.

Anyone interested in these classes or services please contact Susan or Vera on 01-4544682 or 086-0493410.

D8 Men's Shed

D8 Men's Shed is open Mondays to Friday 10am to 1.30pm if you want to call in for a cup of tea and a chat.

Mondays: Woodwork

Tuesdays: Bowls with tea & biscuits 1pm to 3pm in St. Catherine's Sports Centre, Marrowbone Lane

Wednesdays: Breakfast, pool & gardening from 10am to 1pm in St. Andrew's Community Centre

Thursdays: Breakfast, Pool & Darts from 9.30am in Dolphin House Community Centre

Fridays: Rowing at 2pm, meet at the Men's Shed at 1.15pm.

Call Gary on 087 273 0828 for more information.

We Can Quit

Women supporting women to stop smoking. 12 week course with **FREE NRT** (patches, gum, inhaler, lozenges). Starting March 12th in Rialto and Drimnagh. Morning and evening programmes available.

Call Lisa on 01 4716723 or Caitriona on 01 2316669 or drop into the community centre to register. Online registration www.cancer.ie/wecanquit

