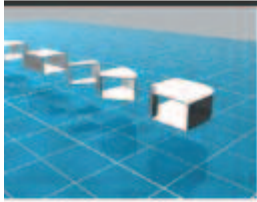


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## ***Christmas 2024: a Time for Hope***

As Christmas approaches there is, more than usually, a sense of apprehension about what the New Year may bring, even as the Christmas celebrations get under way. A new President with a radical agenda in the United States, a new government to be formed at home, escalating wars with immense suffering and the accelerating climate crisis: there's not much comfort as we survey the scene.

Closer to home, this has been a difficult year for many families and perhaps none more than the family of St. Andrew's Resource Centre. We lost our long – standing leader and friend, John Fitzsimons RIP. His untimely death in June shocked us all and removed one who has been for so many years the very heart of the Centre. Over the months since we have honoured his memory in the first instance by keeping every service operating fully and continuing to develop what we had planned with him. We have been taking time to reflect on how best to move forward and what sort of new leadership and management structures we need to put in place. John's passion for the Centre and its work, no less than the needs of the community, deserve careful planning of the transition to the next stage of our journey.

Like all bereaved families, we find comfort in remembering the many happy days and successful projects to which John contributed so much. We take comfort from his belief that everyone has the potential to make a profound contribution to making our community a better place to live and work. John's legacy and our own experience reflects the vision that gave rise to the Centre and so much good work that happens in our community: namely, that we are meant to be generous and caring people because we were created by One who is love itself.

Love can't help but express itself through sharing and self sacrifice. That is the heart of the Christmas story, that God became human in the form of a helpless infant so that our human condition could be transformed: divine becoming human so that human can touch the divine.

Even on dark days there is hope. It is why we can say with real meaning despite challenges and foreboding: Happy Christmas. Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All.

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# EULOGY FOR JOHN FITZSIMONS

When the Christian community gathers to say farewell, the deceased person is referred to as brother or sister. In the case of John Fitzsimons, this is not a figure of speech. Of course, he was Ellie's beloved partner and a proud and loving uncle, and while Marian and Martina were his siblings, John was a brother to us all. We were all drawn into a relationship with John which was deeper than friendship. His presence, his availability, his optimism, his zest for life, his care for people, especially those who needed time and understanding, wrapped us in an embrace - often a physical one - which we thought would never end.

John was a proud son of this community. His was a happy home and a happy childhood. He liked to recall the places around the area where he played and explored and got up to mischief. He often regretted that today's children don't have the same freedom. John said in a newspaper interview that his abiding childhood memories were the smells in the area - from the gas company, Bolands Bakery and the local abattoir - not all were missed! Many of John's childhood friends remained lifelong friends, some of them indeed colleagues in the Resource Centre. As a young man, his interest focused on music, playing with pals, writing songs and dreaming of a career as a performer.

I've known John for nearly 40 years, since he first began to work in the Resource Centre after the building was made over to the community by the Archdiocese of Dublin. But I felt that I already knew him because I knew his father Paddy who, like John, had a passion for the community and an infectious exuberance that encouraged us on the committee developing the Social Service Centre in the 1970s to aim high, even when the going was particularly tough. John inherited his father's positive outlook but also his mother's sensitivity; it was a winning combination.

At first, I think he saw a role in the Centre as giving him scope to develop his passion for music and maybe build a career performing and writing. While he never lost the passion for music, he quickly came to recognise that his true vocation was to serve his community. He knew the benefits of a strong community that supported its members. He realised that this area was changing and that the culture in which he had been raised was under pressure from social and economic developments. He saw the resource centre as embodying the values of community and solidarity that could no longer be sustained by informal networks alone. In this, his instincts coincided with the philosophy behind the development of the resource centre: to cater for everyone, to focus on the needs of individuals and families, to bring services together under one roof to reflect the joined-up nature of people's lives and challenges, to develop people's talents and to enable local people whenever possible to fill roles serving the changing needs of the community.

Under John's leadership as Administrator, the Centre grew and greatly developed the range of its programmes and the spread of its activities. From the childcare centre for toddlers run by Martina to the day centre for older people and at all the stages of life in between, the Centre has developed a wide range of services drawing on the expertise of many disciplines and professions.



John's approach was always to embrace challenges and to innovate creative responses to emerging needs. The Centre's reputation for excellence and integrity reflected John's own commitment to high standards. John had a listening ear and an open door, always alert to emerging concerns in the area and to facilitate groups developing new activities. He gave the same positive response to the many requests for advice or assistance from other organisations, statutory and voluntary including taking over or assisting struggling services at the request of the HSE, Tusla, the Department of Social Protection and Dublin City Council. John became heavily involved in supporting the community in Charlemont Street to adjust and adapt to the challenges of regeneration. Never was the spirit of dedicated service more in evidence than during Covid when, from day one, John led the Centre to stand by the community, developing new ways of connecting with people and keeping an open door when many others were closed. John saw this time of great challenge as helping the Centre to renew its roots in the community and so underline its mission to serve and respond.

John's view of life meant that the Centre was also about celebrating all that is good in life and in the community. His own interest in music and literature led him to play an active role in the City Arts Centre and, with their support to initiate the South Docks Festival which continues as an annual celebration of creativity and community. It was John's idea to initiate a Bloomsday Breakfast to celebrate the anniversary of the official opening of the Centre on 16 June 1989 by marking the building's brief appearance in Ulysses. How could we imagine when we celebrated Bloomsday with hundreds of people attending less than two weeks ago that we would be gathered today to bid farewell to its originator? It was the same spirit of

celebration that led to the Winter Wonderland event in the Centre over recent Christmases, encouraging families to celebrate while enabling the Centre's team to channel their inner elves!

Remarkable as the growth of the Centre has been, even more remarkable was the style with which John led it. It was simply unique. No management manual could begin to describe John's style of living and working. His door was always open, he felt his voice was more effective than any internal telephone system, his unsinkable optimism challenged those who might feel defeated or defeatist. His sense of humour defused tensions, raised spirits, defied challenges and confounded critics. His enduring qualities made every 'no' sound and feel like a 'yes', every conversation as having his full and undivided attention, his cheery confidence inspiring trust and hope. Above all, John modelled the virtues and values which the Centre proclaims. No one was more committed or resourceful or professional or welcoming. Those who got short shift at other doors were welcome at his. Those whose needs never seemed to lessen nor their spirits to rise were always welcome. He had a kind and encouraging word for all, but especially for those for whom life was very hard going.

But the cheery smile and lighthearted banter that marked John's style belied his serious work ethic. There were many aspects of paperwork which John despised. He was vexed by the amount of time and effort required to complete returns and records which he felt contributed little to meeting needs but often served to create traps for the unwary. But John was assiduous in his own system of paperwork. He created and reviewed lists of things to do with daily rigour. Along with his open door policy, he was behind his door at all hours, on Saturday mornings, on Christmas Eve, on bank holiday Monday afternoons, so that things would get done and he would have time and space to think.

The depth of John's passion for the community and the Centre was matched only by his affection for Ellie and his family. He enjoyed the company of friends, especially when music and singing were involved. He enjoyed good meals and good company, but above all he enjoyed quiet times at home, simply savouring the affection and companionship which we were all delighted to know that he had found. When John sang, it was with his soul and a voice that was unmistakable, pure and true.

My own relationship with John has been one of the happier and most enduring aspects of my life. To say we were different would be an understatement. My instincts tend to be pessimistic and my style is bureaucratic. When difficulties arose, my instinct was to look at the darkest possibilities while John's was to see the brightest opportunity. Somehow we zigzagged our way to solutions and almost inevitably, John would be vindicated by success. My caution stood in awe of his optimism. On more than one occasion when we were summoned to be carpeted by some agency for an infraction of one kind or another, I would marvel at John's ability to charm those who had set out to chastise but who melted under the force of his charm and we left the building being thanked rather than rebuked.

John's pride in the Centre and its achievements was a joy to behold. As he led countless visitors around the Centre, his description of its facilities would do justice to a tour guide in Buckingham Palace. Kubla Khan had no

stately pleasure dome more impressive than our hall, at least in John's eyes. His account of the work of the Centre its achievements was lyrical. His creative and poetic side found full expression and I would often sit back and marvel at his account of what was being done and what was being planned, wondering what organisation he might be describing, certainly not one I knew. But that was John: passionate, positive, persuasive, persistent.

No account of John and his life would be complete without referring to his spirituality. John was a deeply spiritual person. His faith in divine providence was often much greater than mine. He had utter certainty about the meaning of life and the promise of eternal life. He had no doubt but that the Lord was at work in his and all our lives and that the Spirit of love would ultimately prevail. His beliefs were eclectic but they were rooted in the faith in which he was raised. He saw the spiritual side of the work of the Centre as being of critical importance. He saw the links between the Centre and the parishes of Westland Row and City Quay as giving its true identity. He was so proud that only a few weeks ago the Centre hosted the whole Diocesan family at a reception following the ordination of Bishop Donal Roche here in this church. Indeed, John was here with the team who had worked so hard to prepare for that special day. His comment – sure we're all St. Andrew's. Little did we know that those preparations were to make the church ready and fitting to receive him for his funeral Mass today.

Travelling home from Rome after hearing the shocking news of John's sudden death I had time to think about John and his life and work. It was a life marked above all by love: of family, of community, of Ellie, of life. The image that came to my mind as I reflected on those many long years of friendship and brotherhood was the image of St Francis of Assisi. Like Francis, John was a simple soul, he saw things clearly, he devoted his life to celebrating what he knew to be truly important. He was joyful and the joy was infectious. Like Francis, John didn't take himself too seriously; he saw himself as part of God's wonderful creation and his place in it as being to serve others by reflecting the joy he found in knowing the truth about life.

John died on the feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga, a young nobleman who, like St Francis, gave up everything to follow his dream and who died at a young age from fever contracted when helping the sick. He is the patron saint of youth. Isn't it appropriate that if John had to leave us, it should be on the feast of the patron of youth?

Because, John was forever young:

John, you built a ladder to the stars and you climbed on every rung.

You grew up to be righteous. You grew up to be true.

You always knew the truth and saw the light surrounding you;

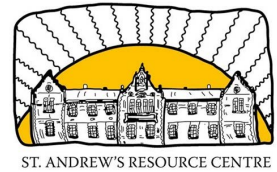
You always were courageous, stood upright and strong;

You had a strong foundation when the winds of changes blew;

Your heart was always joyful, now may your song always be sung,

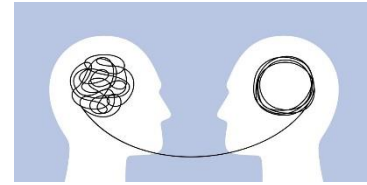
May God bless and keep you always, may you stay forever young.

# Family Support Services



## Adult Counselling and Adolescent Counselling

Sometimes the challenges in our lives can be overwhelming and it can be helpful to get support from a professional. St Andrew's offers confidential and non-judgemental therapy sessions for adults with fully qualified psychotherapists on Monday and Tuesdays.



If you would like to make use of these services, contact [dara.terry@standrews.ie](mailto:dara.terry@standrews.ie) and she will send you a referral form to fill in or give you a call to discuss your needs.

## Play therapy

Play therapy can be helpful for children who are experiencing emotional or behavioural difficulties or coping with something tough at home or in school. Children can't always engage in traditional forms of counselling or 'talk therapy' but play can give them a way to work out their difficulties in a safe and age-appropriate way. To refer your child to play therapy, please email [dara.terry@standrews.ie](mailto:dara.terry@standrews.ie) for a referral form.

We have recently moved our play therapy service into a new space in St Andrew's Resource Centre. The new children's therapy room is designed to be welcoming, cosy and child-friendly and provides lots of tools that children can use to express themselves and to calm their bodies and minds. Here are some photos from our lovely new space.



## Speech and Language Therapy

Communication, especially with neurodiverse children, starts with genuine *connection* with the child. It is important to meet a child exactly where they are in the moment. This might mean dropping ideas of what we would like to 'teach' the child or how we would like them to learn or communicate. This might mean using no language but simply giving the child's body what it needs.

Speech and Language Therapy with neurodiverse children involves the parent and SLT working together to identify the things that support connection with the child.

For more information about referrals to speech and language therapy please contact [dara.terry@standrews.ie](mailto:dara.terry@standrews.ie)



**If you would like more information about any of the services or supports mentioned on these two pages, please contact Dara or Deirdre on 016771930. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email [deirdre.cowman@standrews.ie](mailto:deirdre.cowman@standrews.ie).**

## Creative Mindfulness Classes for Children



Our Creative Mindfulness class aims to support children who have big emotions such as anxiety, anger, sadness and low self-confidence through mindfulness and self-compassion-based practices. They are based on Louise Shanagher's Creative Mindfulness Method and Curriculum. The classes take place on Tuesday afternoons for children aged 5-8 and 9-12 and are facilitated by our creative mindfulness instructor Nicole. These classes offer different tools that the children can take away and use in their everyday lives to help themselves feel better when these big emotions and feelings come to visit. If you have any interest, please email [dara.terry@standrews.ie](mailto:dara.terry@standrews.ie).

## Drama Classes



Our drama class is an inclusive space for all children to express themselves in a way that is authentic to them. Each child's individuality, creativity and imagination is celebrated and encouraged. Our brilliant teacher Sarah cultivates passion through fun games and activities, facilitating an environment where each child's self-confidence can grow and flourish through drama. These classes take place on Monday afternoons and are for children aged 6-10 years old. We are accepting new registrations for our term starting in January now. Please email [dara.terry@standrews.ie](mailto:dara.terry@standrews.ie) if you have any interest.

## Baby Programme

Our Sensory Play group takes place every Wednesday morning at 10.30am for mums/dads and babies. We also have Mum and Baby Fitness on Mondays at 10.30am.



## Parent Supports

We also provide support to parents through one-to-one consultations with our staff as well as through talks and workshops from experts. Our last workshop 'Explosive Emotions' by Dr Marese McDonald and Dr Johanna Clancy from Cradle Psychology got a lot of interest, and all 100 spaces were booked out.



Our next workshop will build on this and cover strategies to help parents who are experiencing conflict, aggression or violence from their child or teenager. This workshop will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

## New Programmes and Continuing Services for 2025

- Parenting programmes and one-to-one parenting supports
- Parent and baby supports
- Speech and language therapy
- Parenting workshops on a range of topics
- Drama group



Have you been yet? If not, you're missing out! Right on your doorstep this little gem of a centre has become an integral part of the community. So what do we do? There are daily classes to suit everybody's abilities and goals. With our qualified instructors Mark and Elaine you will find a class to suit your needs and schedule, take a look at our timetable and find a class that you think would suit you. Prices are very reasonable with monthly specials and no join up fee. We pride ourselves as been an informal and welcoming environment where you can improve on your fitness whilst having fun.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Gloucester Street 'Fit Family' please do not hesitate to contact us. Reach out to us on any of our social medial platforms, <https://www.facebook.com/gloucesterstgym> or book in with us on legitfit.com <https://legitfit.com/authenticate/signup/gloucesterstgym>

**Kettlebell HITT** - A kettlebell circuit is one of the most efficient ways to work your entire body. Try this 45minute workout to become stronger, leaner, and more powerful in record time.

**Raise the Bar** - This routine is all about defining your total body, sculpting every inch from head to toe. You're going to feel that amazing burn in your arms, abs, legs and booty. Weight based training incorporating bar bells and dumb bells.

**Functional Circuit** - This workout combines cardiovascular, strength and conditioning exercises designed to give you a full body workout as you complete the circuit. Circuit training is one of the best ways to make a resistance and strength training workout that is also challenging for your heart and lungs. Whether you are a regular gym user or a first timer we will tailor the exercises to your ability and needs

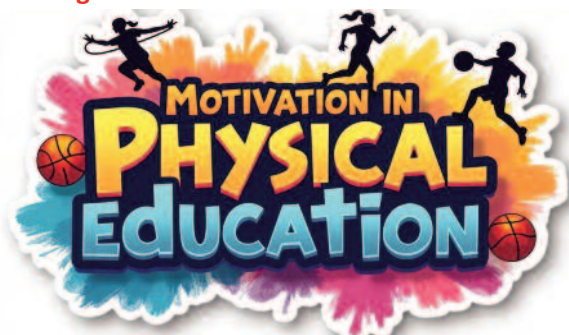
## What have our Gloucester St family been up to?

Mark, Joe and Emanuel taking on the no mean feat of the Dublin City Marathon . Our clients are years with us and have built up a friendship beyond the gym walls, supporting each other in the preparation and in the challenge itself. This has also been Mark's 100 marathon!



**Our Schools Programme** We utilise the centre to its full potential. So while the peak times consist of adult work out classes, we then use the morning and afternoon slots for activities for our local schools. As part of our community involvement Amanda and Elaine work with the schools of the area on a daily basis, both primaries and secondary's. Our programme with them includes activities to improve their gross motor skills, social and team building skills. Even down to our 4 year old 'clients' know how to do squats, mountain climber, star jumps etc. instilling in them to continue to keep active in the future. All through fun of course!

**Watch out this coming January 2025! A new programme designed by Mark for the children of our schools, how exciting!**



Introducing the Active Body, Active Mind School Program!

I'm excited to share that we're launching a new program designed to help children build both mental resilience and physical strength!

Through a unique combination of physical education, mindfulness practices, and emotional well-being activities, the Active Body, Active Mind program gives students the tools they need to succeed in and out of the classroom. This is more than just fitness—it's about helping children grow into confident, balanced individuals who can handle life's challenges with strength and positivity.

What We Offer:

- \* Fun, engaging physical activities
- \* Mindfulness and stress management techniques
- \* Team-building exercises to foster connection
- \* Emotional well-being support

I'm truly passionate about helping young people thrive, and I can't wait to kickstart this journey with schools!

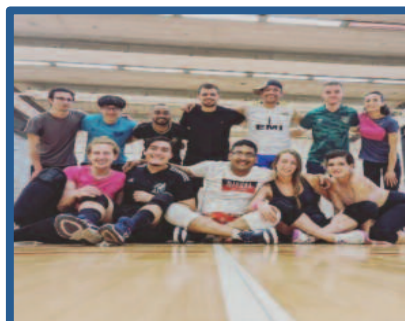
**Fortify Studio Gym** formerly Forbes Fight Club continues in its mission to create a community within a community. One of health and fitness and wellness. Instilling self-belief into each person that comes and guiding them towards goals they never thought would be possible. All are welcome and an array of days to suit peoples schedules. Special rates will be put in place for teens and anyone who is currently unemployed. All information will be confidential. Gloucester St is very proud to say they have a programme such as this on their premises and encourage the community to avail of this opportunity.



**WingTsun Kung Fu** A traditional martial art with an emphasis on effective self-defence, suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Promoting the Leung Ting system of WingTsun through the European Wing Tsun Organisation, members of the Irish Martial Arts Commission and based in Gloucester Street every Tuesday evening 7-9pm. Come visit us.



**Hire of hall** Gloucester St also hosts and hires the hall to volleyball, basketball and football. With an array of choices we are sure there is something to suit you here in our little gem of a centre and look forward to welcoming you.



Volleyball is a sport that seems to have taken over any other activity here in Gloucester St with at least 6 different teams availing of our premises here. Volleyball seems to be one of the fastest growing and most inclusive sport in this centre with nationalities from around the world meeting up, it's a great way to socialise whilst having fun. We here in Gloucester St would love to see what interest our community here in Pearse St, men and women, would have in setting up a volleyball session, just for fun. If you are interested contact Amanda on 01 6779322

**TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT AND GLOUCESTER ST** Gloucester Street is proud to host our local youth group Talk About Youth Project from St Andrews Resource Centre with the new volleyball group for young people. If you are aged between 15-19 and interested in joining this very exciting and fun activity contact youth leader Lisa Downes on 01 6771930. Its every Thursday from 4-5pm, beginners are welcome.

**Remember - Todays Workout is Tomorrows Warm Up!**

Mark, Elaine and Amanda would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients and the community a **Merry Christmas** and a very **Happy New Year** and a special thanks to our Gloucester St team members James and Trevor who are an integral part of the centre.

Contact us on 01 6779322 [gloucesterstreetsportscentre@gmail.com](mailto:gloucesterstreetsportscentre@gmail.com) or on Facebook

# Tolka Estuary Greenway Officially Opens to the Public



**Minister James Lawless launches new section of the Dublin Coastal Trail, offering never-before-seen views across Dublin Bay.**

Minister of State James Lawless TD has today launched the Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway, a new shared cycling and pedestrian route which joins East Point Business Park to the Ferry Terminals and runs along the perimeter of northern port lands reclaimed from the sea in the 1970s.

Developed by the Dublin Port Company, the Tolka Estuary Greenway forms part of Fáilte Ireland's Dublin Coastal Trail which runs from Skerries in the north to Killiney in the south. The trail, which highlights Dublin's majestic coastline, is dotted with adventures and now proudly includes the port's Greenway.

On this new Greenway nestled in the heart of the busy port, cyclists and pedestrians can take in stunning new views of Dublin Bay and hear calls of the migratory birds that call the port home throughout the year, including Brent Geese, Bar-Tailed Godwits and Common and Arctic Terns.

A collection of mature Pine, Willow and Sycamore trees are preserved along the route, which alongside additional planting of over 200 large trees and over 5,000 smaller woodland trees and native wildflowers have created new

shelter and nesting sites for birdlife, pollinators, and other insects.

The Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway also preserves and reinterprets the port's rich history. Seating at the Greenway's Discovery Points

reuses granite from the Alexandra Basin dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. These granite pieces were recovered under the first phase of Dublin Port's Masterplan 2040.

Only a short distance from Clontarf, cyclists and pedestrians can access the Greenway at its EastPoint Business Park entrance, a short walk from the EastPoint stop on the N4 bus route. The route can also be accessed from the Ferry

Terminals via the Terminal 2 building operated by Stena Line, in close proximity to the Terminal 1 building operated by Irish Ferries and Isle of Man Ferries.

Refreshments with K Coffee, a variety of food options, as well as ATM, showers, and toilet facilities, are available at the Circle K Dublin Port service station accessible midway through the route via Promenade Road. Equipped with a specialist lighting system to consider wildlife, the Greenway will also have call points scattered along the route.



Setting off from the EastPoint entrance, users of the Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway travel through a woodland corridor. The expanse of the Bay opens up to cyclists at the first of the Greenway's three 'Discovery Points'. These observation platforms reveal breathtaking views across Dublin Bay that have never been accessible to the public before.

At each Discovery Point, interpretive panels give context to the heritage and history of Dublin as a port city. The first Discovery Point faces out toward Clontarf, where Brian Boru fought the momentous 1014 Battle of Clontarf and defeated the Viking and Leinster armies.

Heading south towards Promenade Road, visitors to the second Discovery Point can look out over Dublin Bay, where over 300 recorded shipwrecks lie beneath the waves, waiting to be discovered. Panels at this point offer insight into the toil and characteristic humour of the dockers, just a stone's throw from the shipyards where they worked and where a busy hub of economic activity thrives today.

Continuing down Promenade Road to 'Discovery Point 3', visitors can catch a glimpse of the hardworking heart of the port, as ships arrive and depart, and take in a 270-degree view of Dublin Bay out to the Irish Sea.

The journey doesn't end there – the Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway is a certified section of the 'Eurovelo 2 Capitals Route', a network of long-distance cycling routes developed by the European Cyclists' Federation (<https://en.eurovelo.com/>). This 5,000km route spans seven countries, six capital cities and two European seas. To the west, the Greenway will

link the Port to Athlone via the Royal Canal and Clontarf Greenways in Q2 2025, when works are completed on Phase 3 of the Royal Canal Greenway.

A ceremony today marked the official opening of Phase One of the Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway, with a further phase to follow as the port is developed. It will also be linked to the Liffey through the Liffey-Tolka Project, which received planning approval in 2023. This marks a milestone achievement in the delivery of Dublin Port's Masterplan 2040 to maximise the potential of existing port lands and integrate the

port and the city and the project represents an investment in the city of Dublin for generations to come.

**Launching the Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway, James Lawless TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, said:** "The Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway offers a new view of Dublin Bay, one of Ireland's two UNESCO-designated



biospheres, to cyclists, walkers and adventurers of all stripes. Anything we can do to encourage cycling and other forms of sustainable transport is a net benefit for our environment.

"I want to thank Dublin Port for their commitment to this project, which creates a sustainable link to the Ferry Terminals, preserves Dublin's heritage as a Port-City and creates a brand-new amenity for future generations to enjoy."

greenway offers an exciting way for visitors to experience Dublin's coastline on foot or by bike. It will be a fantastic addition to the Dublin Coastal Trail, which showcases the wealth of

activities and experiences along Dublin's coast to help encourage visitors to stay longer and have more immersive and meaningful experiences. The opportunity to link the stories of the port and associated heritage also provides a significant platform for new experience development, leveraging Dublin's unique maritime past for visitors."

**Barry O'Connell, Chief Executive of Dublin Port, said:** "The opening of the Dublin Port Tolka Estuary Greenway is an exciting moment for the city. This Greenway lets cyclists from Dublin and further afield see Dublin Bay like never before, whether they're taking the family out on a Sunday afternoon, walking the dog or cycling down to catch their ferry to Holyhead. This brilliant new amenity is a centrepiece of our Port-City Integration strategy to open up the port to the public and celebrate the rich historical links it shares with the city."

The Tolka Estuary Greenway is a part of Dublin Port's 'Distributed Museum' network, which began with the opening of The Diving Bell on Sir John Rogerson's Quay in 2015 and includes The Substation, an exhibition space offering the public views of the original 18<sup>th</sup> century sea wall from which East Wall gets its name. From 28 September, the venue will hold its latest exhibition, 'The Bridges of Dublin', in collaboration with The Little Museum of Dublin.

**Liz Halpin, Head of Dublin at Fáilte Ireland said:** "Dublin Port serves as a vital gateway for visitors to both Dublin and the entire country and the new

### **Building the Greenway**

An integral part of Dublin Port's Masterplan, first published in 2012, is the delivery of Port-City integration. The Greenway development along the northern perimeter of the Port Estate is a key project delivering on this objective. In 2021 design began for the new Greenway under the direction of the Dublin Port Capital Projects Team and ably supported by specialist consultants ROD Consulting Engineers, Darmody Architecture and Austen Associates Landscapes. Following an extensive design phase including local community and key stakeholder engagement, works began in summer 2023 following the appointment of Wills Bros Ltd. Over the following fifteen months, the project team worked tirelessly to deliver the vision and quality standards expected for this prestigious project.

The scheme comprised various engineering and architectural packages including coastal protection works, combined active travel path, three unique Discovery Points, specialist lighting system, extensive soft landscaping, various public realm and interpretation fixtures.





# NEWSLETTER

## Education & Training Hub



The Construction Skills Program, organised by St. Andrews and its partners, began in 2017 with a clear mission: to develop and deliver relevant training and skills to unemployed people in Dublin. Now, seven years on, we continue to listen to both employers and job seekers, offering courses such as Construction Skills, Retrofitting, Cleaning Skills, and the new Access to Trade Skills course, designed for those interested in pursuing apprenticeships. The project has earned an excellent reputation among employers in the sector and is now regarded as a reliable source of skilled labour.

*"If you've been struggling to find work or you just want to brush up your qualifications then do yourself a favour and call. Absolute best way to get back into the workforce and that's coming from someone who's been in and out of work near 10 years, never worked a day in construction."*



Summary of Training Hub Activity 2024 - updated 15.11.24

Course Title	Number of courses delivered	Number of trainees	Course completion rate %	Number of jobs started
Construction Skills	56	672	88	417
Retrofit Assistant Skills	9	99	89	61
Cleaning Skills	21	231	94	143
Access to Trades Skills	2	24	N/A	NA
Total	86	1002	90	621

Looking ahead to the close of 2024, we are on track to meet our ambitious target of training over 1,000 learners this year alone, with approximately 60% securing employment.

Our partnership with Solas and the National Construction Centre allows us to deliver Level 3 and Level 4 NFQ qualifications, ensuring that our participants are equipped with the certifications and skills they need to succeed in this dynamic industry.








*"Absolutely amazing place to learn about the construction industry I've met lots of new friends and had good laughs for 3 weeks it was such an experience the staff and tutors are amazing at there work I would highly recommend coming here to learn about construction I had such a good time thanks."*

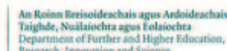


*"The construction skills course not only provided me with the skills needed to earn a good wage on a construction site but also helped me develop the confidence needed to feel comfortable in getting back into the work force. You meet people from all walks of life and come together and work as a team in building projects, constantly motivating each other. The instructors have so much time for their students and are so passionate about what they do. Can't recommend this place enough, it's a truly remarkable setup ran by truly amazing people."*



## CONTACT

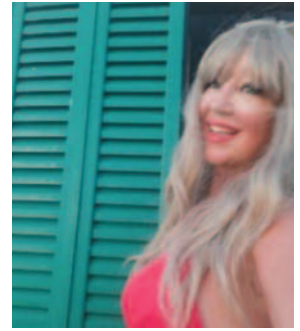
-  01 912 1200
-  087 405 7170 - Construction Skills Course
-  087 477 9227 - Cleaning Skills Course
-  The Junction, 112 Pearse Street, Dublin 2
-  ICRG, 85 Amiens Street, Dublin 1





# I Don't Know Much about Art...

**RHONDA HILL**



We were absolutely thrilled for *The Allan Wilson Memorial Art Expo* to be a part of St Andrews Resource Centre's South Docks Festival this past July! Celebrating its 37th year, the festival brought together a wonderful mix of events for all ages

Did you know that the word “art” comes from the Latin “ars”, meaning skill or craft. Throughout history, art has served as a powerful way for people to express their creativity, ideas, and emotions. This year’s exhibition was all about highlighting that creativity, with each artist contributing something unique to the community. As the art team, our role was to thoughtfully display and arrange the works to give each piece the space and attention it deserved, allowing the whole community to appreciate the talent on display.

Each year, we invite local community artists from all walks of life to share their creations, and once again this year, we were lucky to have the talented Tony Strickland, an Independent Visual Art Curator, volunteer his time to judge the entries. With help from the amazing South Docks Festival team to promote and advertise the event, we had everything set for a successful exhibition.



Our community is home to so many talented artists, and this exhibition was an opportunity to celebrate their creativity. As always, there was no specific theme—just an open invitation for artists to showcase their work. The diversity in styles and approaches created a rich and engaging experience for all who visited.

The exhibition took place in St Andrews Resource Centre, and it was fantastic to see both familiar faces and new artists eager to participate.

We had an incredible range of works on display. Our winner for Overall Outstanding

Contribution went to Peter Landy with outstanding contributions going to Louisa Murray and St Andrews art group. There was also a special recognition award for Katelyn Grey Adams a young artist at the beginning of her artistic journey. Congratulations to all the recipients—we celebrate and encourage their continued success!



***The art team wish the community a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous 2025!***



Members of **This City Works** gathered to celebrate graduates through the Task Force programmes representing St Andrews Resource Centre, Irish Nautical Trust, The Training Junction Pearse Street, Fair Play, Ringsend Community Service Forum, Dublin Education Training Board, Department of Social Protection, Dublin Port Co, Dublin Waste To Energy and Google Ireland.

## **Taoiseach welcomes €750,000 funding from Google.org for nonprofits supporting local employment opportunities in Dublin**

An Taoiseach, Simon Harris TD was at Google's Bolands Mills campus to address a group of graduates from the Ringsend, Irishtown, and Pearse Street areas. An Taoiseach presented graduates with certificates for qualifications across a diverse range of disciplines including nautical skills, training and development, and teacher training education. These programmes were delivered as part of the This City Works strategic plan, a local employment task force established by Google.

The grant will enable St Andrews Resource Centre to deliver training opportunities in the domains of digital support, AI prospects, nautical skills, teacher training education, enterprise development, career guidance, and personal growth. This is part of a strategic plan developed by This City Works and their local partners St Andrews Resource Centre, the Irish Nautical Trust and the Fair Play Anchorage Project.



Neurodiversity Irishtown, Ringsend & Pearse Street attending St Andrews Resources South Dock Festival.



Minister Stephen Donnelly at the Mental Health Training Event hosted in the Google Foundry delivered through a partnership by Cambridge FC, Jigsaw and Google.



# Google NEWS



Festival of Football for All hosted by Cambridge FC.



## Digital Academy



Minister Eamon Ryan joined Ryan Meade, Teresa Weafer from Google Ireland and Joe Donnelly representing This City Works. Minister Eamon Ryan launches the Community Digital Training Academy Google provided 500 Scholarships to local community to increase AI skills

Minister Eamon Ryan TD officially unveiled a new community led Digital Training Academy to support ongoing digital skills training for the community with a particular focus on promoting AI skills.

The new academy has been funded by Google and has been developed by This City

Works, a partnership between Dublin city-based community employment services, Google Ireland helping job seekers in Dublin find the right employment opportunities. As part of the Digital Academy, Google will also provide funding to support 500 AI Essentials Certificates for the community.



The AI Essentials Certificate is an online self-paced course designed to help people across roles and industries learn AI skills to boost their productivity. The Digital Academy will also offer people the opportunity to achieve QQI level awards across various disciplines. As the first community-based centre of its kind, the Digital Training

Academy represents a significant step in delivering certified training programmes to the local community.

Since 2022, This City Works has helped over 4,000 people access skills development and employment opportunities through the various projects in the Docklands communities. Google Ireland is proud to support these important initiatives and the Digital Academy will be a powerful resource for ongoing skills training in the community. AI has the potential to address society's biggest challenges, and Google is committed to ensuring people from all backgrounds have access to the skills needed to navigate and harness this technology

responsibly. By working together, we're preparing our community to thrive in the digital age and ensuring AI training is accessible to everyone."

Joe Donnelly, This City Works, said:

"At This City Works, we believe in the transformative power of education and community collaboration. The launch of the Digital Training Academy and the provision of 500 AI Essentials Certificates represent a significant step towards empowering local residents. By offering essential skills training and support, we aim to create sustainable employment opportunities for those who need it most. Together with our partners in This City Works, we are dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where everyone has the chance to succeed and thrive in today's digital economy."

To find out more about the Digital Academy, contact [info@fairplaycafe.ie](mailto:info@fairplaycafe.ie)



Thomas Gregg, Teresa Weafer, Pat Larkin, Paul Brannok, Paul Cleary and Ashling Woods Larkin - Celebrating the History of the BLADES held in the CYMS hosted by Ringsend & Districts Historical Society. Event proudly sponsored by Google and DCC.



## EVENTS OF THE DAY CENTRE 2024

As usual we started out year off with a bang for our Seniors with our first event taking place on January 12th, since then there have been afternoon teas, Valentines Day, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, St Patricks Day, the Easter Bunny and much more and our beautiful Seniors enjoyed every event. Our visit to Whitefriar Street Church was very spiritual for our Seniors in May. We have also run Bumper Bingos and one of our biggest events of the year is our Summer Project.

This year took us to Bray with lunch and Bingo in the Martello Hotel. We also visited Henrietta House that brought back nostalgic memories for our Seniors that brought a tear to some. We had Bingo in Whitehall with chicken and chips in the Day Centre beforehand and a visit to the Botanical Gardens with lunch in the Tolka House.

An event the seniors really enjoyed was a Tote Bag Painting session, this got their Picasso juices flowing. Recently we were invited to the Mansion House for afternoon

tea with the Lord Mayor and our Seniors were enthralled with the opulence of the Mansion and enjoyed their cup of tea and cakes, as they said. Our most recent Halloween party was a great success and our last event to date was a Remembrance Service for Day Centre and Home Care clients and staff who recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Marie Bradshaw, Maureen McMahon, Kathleen Delemere, Bernie Ward, Tommy Tierney, Trisha Kelly, Angela Dillon, Julie Armstrong, Rosanna Crowe and Eamonn Kelly.

We look forward to our ongoing weekly events and especially the Christmas 2024 Senior Party being held on Thursday 12th December.

We would like to wish all our staff and clients a very Happy Christmas 2024.

*If you would like to participate with our Senior Programme please contact Caroline on 01 6771930*



Our visit to the Masion House



South Docks Festival



The Easter Bunny visit



Martello Hotel Bray

# PEARSE HOUSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Pearse House Residents would like to offer St Andrews Resource Centre our deepest condolences on the passing of Mr John Fitzsimons also his Partner and family. John was such an upstanding member of the community, and he will always be in our hearts. We as a community will always keep John's memory alive, he died as he lived everyone's Friend.

## Christmas 2024

As you all know Christmas is a big part of Pearse House Community. We will hold our annual Christmas party in the circle in the middle of the big flats. It will be bigger and better this year. We will be registering young people on Friday 29th of November from 4:30pm until 6pm in the Garden of 2R. All young people must be registered to receive a gift. This event is being sponsored by DCC southeast Area, also by Rory O'Neill from Hibernian way. Their generosity goes beyond words we would also like to thank Lindsey O'Dowd and Martin Malone from the hub. Brian O'Malley his beautiful wife Patricia Teresa Weafer from Google and our good friends from Savvy Credit Union.

## Pearse House Regeneration Update

We had a meeting in October with the Architect from DCC.

It is hoped that we will have a flyer out before Christmas from DCC with a final design image to show the residents. It was also suggested by DCC that the timeline are still on course but that de-tenting will probably happen at the end of the first quarter of 2025. Once we have secured a final design from DCC for the regeneration project we will be seeking a meeting for the tenant of the small flats about the next steps.

We will hopefully be in a position early in the new year to present a design to DCC as part of the presentation for the redevelopment of PARC to a dedicated Community Centre to serve the whole community which is badly needed as our community grows.

We would urge everyone who is registered to vote, get out and vote in the upcoming elections vote because the housing crisis needs to be addressed.



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# CITY QUAY CHURCH



It has been an extremely busy few months in City Quay NS! All of the children in our school have been working so hard and are very excited about the lead up to Christmas. We have most recently sent off all of the very generous donations for our shoebox appeal. This is the twentieth year of the CQNS shoebox appeal in partnership with Project Hope in aid of children in Malawi. We would like to thank the parents and guardians and students of City Quay NS for all of their generosity and support over the years for this incredibly worthwhile project.

We have tons of really exciting Christmas activities planned, including caroling in the local community to raise funds for our school, our Christmas show and raffle. We hope to raise much needed funds to continue the wonderful initiatives in place in our school. Many thanks to all of the local businesses who have already shown support for our raffle with spot prizes or donations. If you or your business would like to contribute please call our office on 01-6713754. Please visit our website [cityquayns.ie](http://cityquayns.ie) for more information about the exciting events we have coming up. We would like to wish all of the community a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Please see mass timetable below for our Christmas masses:

## **Tuesday 24th December**

Vigil Mass 6pm

## **Wednesday Christmas Day**

11.30am Mass only

## **Church will close until Saturday 28th**

Mass at 6pm

## **Sunday 29th December**

11.30am mass

## **Church will close until Thursday**

**2nd January 2025**

2025 for 8am mass.

**Fr. Alan Hilliard**

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# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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*You are invited to join with us in celebrating the Birth of Jesus in our Parish.*

*Happy Christmas to each and every one of you, I really want to say a big thank you for the warm welcome I have received as Administrator of Westland Row. To all of you who keep the parish going and who provide warm welcome to so many people you do an amazing job, and you provide an inspiring ministry.*

*There are many challenges to face in Saint Andrew's, but we have a great team in place. This is not unlike the plight of the Holy Family when they were on their journey to register in their hometown. They faced an enormous challenge, yet they worked it out together.*

*As the one responsible for the Administration of City Quay, Westland Row and University Church I take inspiration from their plight as the road ahead may not be too clear but with the right people around the right path will emerge.*

*May you have a blessed Christmas and may we find the grace to be able to reach out to all the victims of our broken world.*

Fr Alan Hilliard Adm.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Fr. Alan Hilliard Adm.

Fr. Paddy Madden P.C.

Fr. Anthony Hou P.C.

Fr. Ramanus Gerdauskas I.c.

Rev. Dermot McCarthy, Deacon

Mrs Gillian Pepper, Parish Secretary 01-6761270

WEBCAM: [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv)

EMAIL: [westlandrow@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:westlandrow@dublindiocese.ie)

*The following is the time-table for our Church Christmas celebrations:*

FRIDAY 20th Dec.

Mass: 10a.m. Penitential Service 12.45p.m.

SATURDAY 21st Dec.

Mass: 10.00 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.

SUNDAY 22nd Dec

Mass 10a.m. & 11.30p.m.

MONDAY 23rd Dec.

Mass 10a.m. & 12.45p.m.

### Christmas Eve

TUESDAY 24th Dec.

Mass: 10.00 a.m.

Confessions: 11.a.m. – 11.30a.m.

Lithuanian mass 6p.m.

Christmas mass 8.00p.m.

### Christmas Day

WEDNESDAY 25th Dec.

Masses: 10.00 a.m. ONLY

Chinese Mass: 11.30 p.m.

Lithuanian Mass: 2.00 p.m.

THURSDAY 26th Dec. to FRIDAY 2nd Jan.

Weekday Mass: 10.00a.m. only.

Saturday 28th Dec. Mass at 10.00a.m.

Vigil Mass 6.30p.m.

Sunday 29th Dec. Mass:

Masses: 10.00a.m. & 11.30a.m.

Normal Weekday Mass Schedule from FRIDAY 3rd January 2025

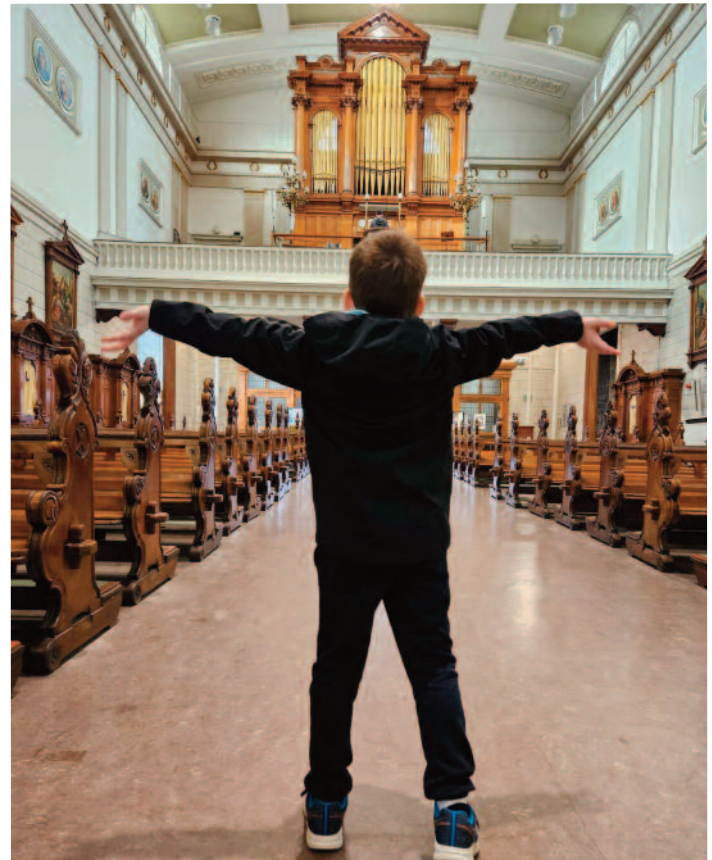
Parish Office will be closed from Friday 20th Dec TO Friday 3rd Jan. 2025

# St. Andrew's Church Pulls All The Bells And Whistles



Evan is 6 years old and is fascinated with church bells and pipe organs, actually any form of music.

Evan has Tuber Sclerosis Complex, tumours affix themselves to vital organs such as the brain, lungs, kidneys, heart etc. leading also to Evan being on the Autistic spectrum, hence probably his fixation on bells and organs. Imagine his surprise when on his visit to the beautiful St Andrew's Church he was brought up to the huge pipe organ and Aindrias the organist gave him the grand tour inside the organ and then allowed Evan to accompany him in playing. It was a very special day for a very special little boy. Thank you to St Andrew's Church and a special thanks to Gillian and Aindrias for helping make a little boy so happy.





# HORTICULTURE PROJECT

## Gardening Team

Thank you to St Andrew's Gardening Team for not only maintaining the front plots but also helping some of the less able bodied residents by weeding their gardens when needed. That's what community is all about. It was John Fitzsimmons of St Andrews who took this desolated, rubbish strewn area on as a St Andrews Project and allocated it as part of the St Andrew's Gardening Team daily tasks. John was always a great support to this community, not always known to everyone what he did but he was a force, full of kindness and willingness to help make people's lives better but quietly.

Our Little Community would like to take this opportunity to offer our condolences to John Fitzsimmons family, friends and his St. Andrew's family. 'The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but

the things you do for others remain as your legacy', John will be forever around us. Evan is 6 years old and is fascinated with church bells and pipe organs, actually any form of St



## Grinds

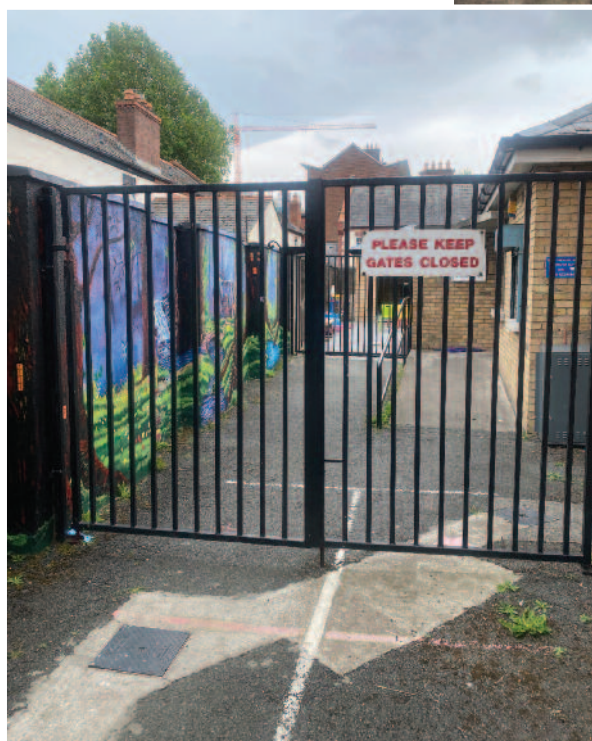
We wish to apologise for the delay in starting the grinds this year. There were circumstances beyond our control and we are glad to say that everything is back up and running and Grinds will start on week commencing 20th January 2025.



# St. Andrew's Childcare Entrance



Andrews took on the project of making the entrance to its Childcare inviting and playful. After all it's the VIP's of our community that come here and their entrance should be as welcoming, warm and colourful as they make our lives.

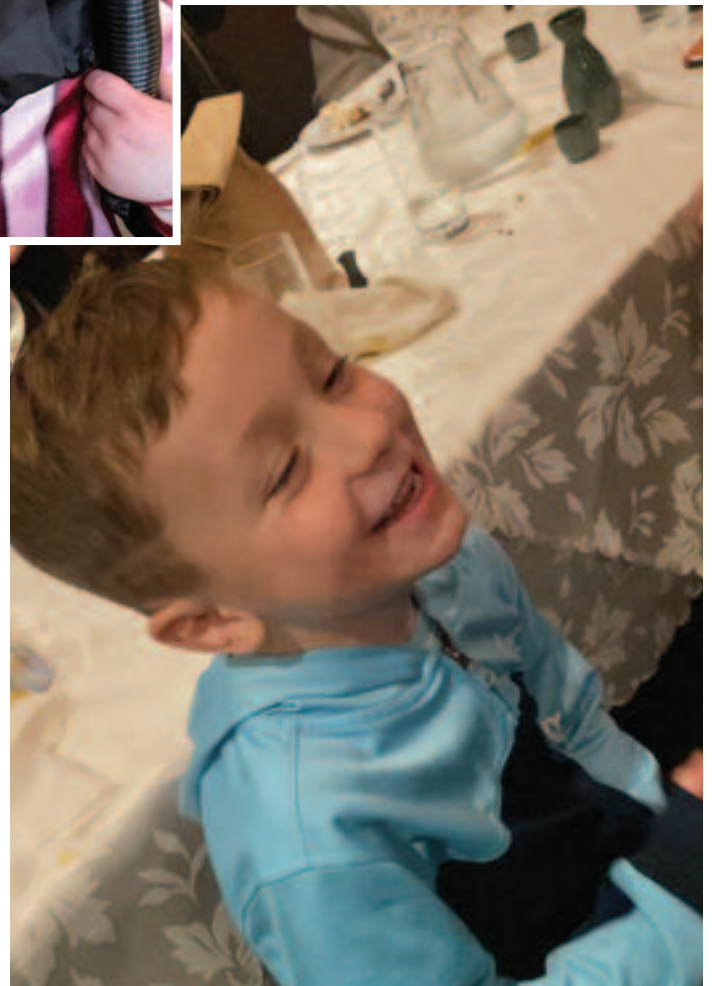




# HANOVER REACH



# MARKIEVICZ HOUSE





# CONWAY COURT



# CONWAY COURT





# HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT TEAM

Happy Christmas from the Talk About Youth Project team.

It has been an exceptionally busy 6 months with so much happening in our youth groups, programmes, projects, events, residentials and international exchanges.

Here are some of the highlights from the last 6 months of the year:

- \* 45 young people took part in our hugely successful summer project. Activities included trips to the CP and Lilliput



Adventure centres, Workshops with Sky Academy Ireland and Accenture "The Dock", Dance in Trinity College, Sports Day with Maz, BBQ and DJ Anna, Funky planting and much more.

- \* Our events in the South Docks festival attracted over 90 young people who enjoyed Zip It, Surf Dock "water sports", Dance, Talent Show, Climbing Wall session



and the SDF Parade among others.

- \* 108 young people took part in issue based International and domestic exchanges and residentials in Portugal, Spain, Belgium, Cyprus, The U.K and Ireland. One such group "Crazy World" have produced a toolkit and publication on racism and diversity which will be launched in St Andrew's in January.



- \* Our groups, team and volunteers have engaged with a myriad of organisations including CDYS, NYCI, South Inner City Local Drugs Task Force, Leargas, Trinity, Dublin Independent Youth Projects Collective and CYPSC to contribute to research projects, surveys, youth



participation events, pre budget submissions, advocacy work , training, seminars , advisory groups and fora.



- \* Girl Talk participated in a Dublin "City Of Literature " project with Pearse street library and award winning, young adult fiction writer, Helena Close.



- \* Our annual Drug and Alcohol awareness week with the theme of " What is the Key to Happiness" registered 53 young people who took part in a variety of events including designing a giant art installation for outside St Andrew's, a Kahoot quiz, Workshops, Art sessions, awareness session with CBS students, Glow In The Dark Fun night plus a trip out to Jump Zone



for those who participated in 2 or more youth focused activities. For adults in the community we organised a "Pill Drop" for



unused and out of date meds with Conefrey's Chemist, an afternoon tea and





# HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT TEAM



safety in the community awareness talk with Eamon and JP from Pearse St Garda plus a drug and alcohol awareness quiz with St Andrew's staff and volunteers. We also produced information leaflets, key rings and booklets with treats for the community.

- \* 45 young people will be treated to the Christmas Panto in the Civic Theatre.
- \* In December we are running a Care in the Community project in conjunction with and funded by the South Inner City Local Drugs Task Force, to encourage health promotion,



community engagement, mental health, well-being and fun for 40 young people.

- \* Young men from our Bridge project graduated from the Frontline Bike/Enterprise project in Inchicore.
- \* Our Intercultural project are publishing and launching a publication which tells local and migrant young people's stories.

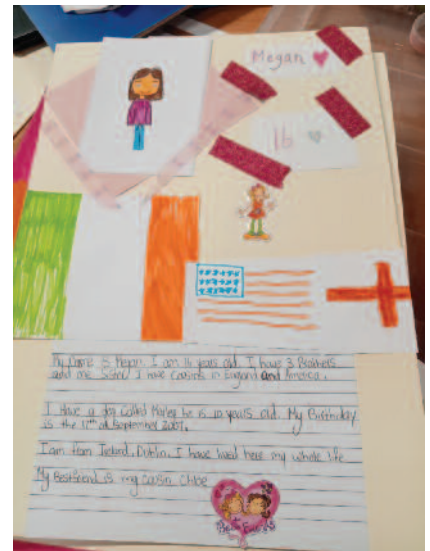




- \* At Christmas we continue the tradition of our Community care project. Young people from a number of groups buy a Christmas present for an elderly or vulnerable person in the community and call to their home to present it to them.
- \* Our Reel Youth film group are participating in a "Young Film Pioneers" training programme with other Dublin youth projects. We were invited to participate by the Dublin International Film festival committee.
- \* Our regular weekly youth groups/ programmes; The Zone, Good Gang, Cool Kids, Jnr Squad, Youth 21, Gaisce, YOLO, Sports group, The Elite, Respect, Fab Fashion, Senior Leaders along with our outreach and one to one work have had a very busy, creative and successful year.

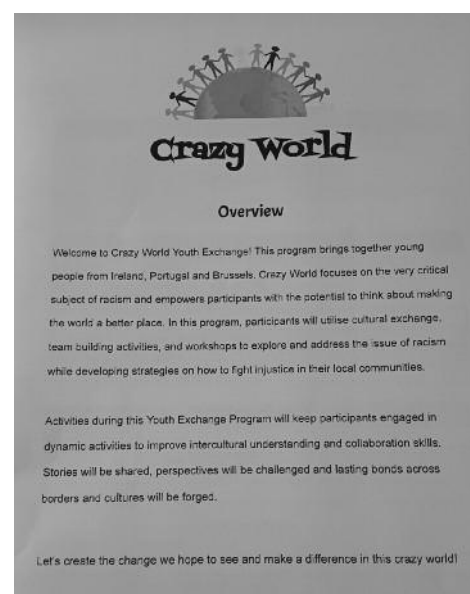


I would like to thank the team for all their hard work. Huge thanks to Eileen, Eddie, Lisa, Louisa and Orla. Thanks to Dermot, Jim and the board, all the staff in St



Andrews, our volunteers, student Aaron, junior leaders, our young people, parents, the wider community, our funders; The Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, City of Dublin Youth Service, Leargas, South City LDTF, DCC, Pearse Street Compol Garda, Comgest, Verve and Rotary Club Dublin, plus collaborators and support orgs: CBS Westland Row, Trinity College, Unit 18, NYCI, Gaisce, Douglas Hyde Gallery, Dublin Independent Youth Projects Collective, CYPSC South city and Accenture.

**Our first Christmas without John is a very sad and poignant one. We send our love to Ellie, Martina and all of John's family.**





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Coughlan Family Baptism



Marian a Zero Birthday!



Donovan Family



Tony RIP



Eileen, Angela Laura



Mary and Family Baptism



Gangsters



## PICTURE BOARD BY FR. IVAN TONGE



May and Jimmy



Frank, Robin and Brendan RIP

## LINK LETTER

November 2024

Hi Everyone,

Since the last Link, one new child has started. He is 4 years old so will be with us until September 2025. He is getting on really well. The children are following the Aistear Curriculum. All the children are starting to settle in and get familiar to the Daily Routines in their rooms. They are making friends which is lovely to see.

We had a Halloween Party on Thursday 31st October 2024. All the children and staff dressed up in different costumes. It was a great day. The children had some goodies, fruit and drinks. We played music in the hall and the children had great fun dancing to different songs.

We have our Numeracy week this week. This is organized by National College of Ireland under their Early Numeracy Programme. It runs from 18th November to 22nd November 2024. The Theme is Patterns and sequences. The children are enjoying doing art. They are making patterns, using different shapes to explore objects and things that are the same and things that are different. They are looking at books about shapes and patterns and sequences. In Circle time the staff are reading books which explain about shapes and sequences through pictures. The older children are able to find different shapes of items in the room and love doing this exercise. They are also listening to nursery rhymes e.g. Humpty Dumpty and Hey Diddle Diddle which show sequences that the children are learning indirectly. The parents receive Numeracy Cards that they can complete at home with their children so that staff and parents are working together.

The children are really looking forward to Christmas. The staff will be making Christmas Cards and other items. We will put up our Christmas Decorations in December. Will let you know how the festivities go.

Martina and all the staff in Childcare

# In Loving Memory...

**Our Little Community felt great sadness on the loss of 4 members of our community, Bernie, Matty, Marie and Maureen.**

**As a tight knit community their presence is sorely missed.**



**Bernie**



**Matty**



**Marie**



**Maureen**



**Peter Meade**

Who recently passed away, Peter was a big part of our horticulture team working in St Andrews Court sadly missed by his family friends and all in St Andrews R.I.P.

**MAN IN HAT**

*Remembering  
**Nellie Harrison**  
(nee Clark)  
whose birthday and  
anniversary fall on  
Christmas Day,  
also remembering  
**Paddy Harrison** and  
**Patricia Gilligan**  
(nee Rankin)*

*Love Always  
Pat, Sandra and Sean*



*Remembering  
**Denis Ashe***

*4th Christmas away  
from home*

***Thomas Ashe***

*3rd Christmas away  
from home*

***Francis Ashe***

*sadly missed by all*

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