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Hope for the future, cherishing the past

The last few months have seen great changes and great continuity in St. Andrew's Resource Centre. After careful reflection on what the Centre needs for the future and an extensive recruitment process, Catherine Byrne began her new role as executive director of the Centre on 1 May. Catherine has been a key member of the team for the past 10 years, collaborating closely with John Fitzsimons on many key developments. Catherine brings that experience and great energy and ambition for the Centre to her new role and has received the full support of the whole Centre family.

It's hard to believe, but we marked the first anniversary of the death of our beloved John Fitzsimons on 21 June. We remembered him in the Centre and with his family at the anniversary Mass in St. Andrew's. He is missed every day, but we are confident that he is with us in spirit and supportive of the work being done to bring the Centre into the next chapter of its story.

A hugely successful South Docks Festival, summer projects for young and old alike, graduation from the childcare centre and many graduations from the construction skills programme – all were moments of significance and celebration. The Centre is now working on plans for a further expansion of the education and training hub, a further development of our home care and daycare services and a new design for the entrance and reception area of the building.

All this is so positive but it doesn't take from the fact that there have been difficult days for many members of the community over these last few months. Bereavement and sickness and the continuing housing crisis weigh heavily on many families in our area. Our aim is to be here for them in the short term and in the long-term, to offer support and stand in solidarity. As we look across our world where so many victims of war struggle to survive, we can see clearly the importance of a culture that recognises and protects the dignity of every person. Strong communities and strong voluntary organisations like St. Andrew's are an important part of keeping such a culture alive. For the Centre, our culture and our values are deeply rooted in a vision of humanity as brothers and sisters, children of the one Creator who promises to be with us as we stand together in service and hope.

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Just reach out to us at thelink@standrews.ie*

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BLOOMSDAY 2025



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EVENTS OF THE DAY CENTRE 2025



We started 2025 with our Valentines Day Celebration in the main hall with an afternoon tea and Bingo our lovely seniors. March had the Blessing of the Ashes for Lent followed by tea & scones for all our lovely attendees.

For St Patrick's Day we had a magnificent event with brilliant entertainment and Bingo & raffle prizes following by sumptuous Coddle and delicious donuts donated to us by Off Beat



Donuts in Pearse Street. Our next event was Mother's Day in March where we had a large fresh cream cake to celebrate all the mothers and others attending our activities. We had our hall tastefully decorated with Mother's Day bunting, balloons and posters and we had Bingo and a raffle for all who attended. Each person also received a beautiful yellow rose potted plant from Dublin City Council.

In April we had our Easter Party in the main

hall decorated with all our fabulous bunny's and balloons. The Hampton Duo entertained all our seniors (and staff) with their many medleys and tunes. For this event we had chicken and chips



and all our seniors left with an Easter Egg to enjoy later in the evening. Also in April we had one of our wonderful trips to Bray. One of the favourite places for our seniors is the Martello where all the staff are brilliant and very accommodating to our seniors and staff. No trip





EVENTS OF THE DAY CENTRE 2025

to Martello is complete though without our obligatory game of bingo and a bag of jellies for the trip home on the bus.

For next adventure in May our seniors had a visit to the Hugh Lane Gallery in Mount Joy Square. We had a beautiful tour of the museum and we all participated in an art class that everyone enjoyed and we were all quite impressed with our own artistic skills. Staff in the gallery were amazing and very knowledgeable. We then went back to the centre for some lovely tea and scones and chats and all had a thoroughly enjoyable and fulfilling day.

June we had a Bingo fundraising event to raise funds for the South Dock Festival followed a few weeks later by the Seniors Big Day In. This event had the amazingly talented Will Power as our entertainer. He had everyone involved rocking and rolling in the main hall with his brilliant voice and charisma. The seniors had a sumptuous dinner with dessert with a couple of



bevvies and after the fabulous entertainment we had a raffle and of course our Bingo and an evening tea with sandwiches and cakes galore. All the seniors were thoroughly entertained, fed, watered and amused for the whole day. The feedback we got from seniors and all involved was amazing for the day and we appreciated all the thanks for the enjoyment the seniors had.



BALLROOM OF ROMANCE



A night to remember: RCSI and Dublin City Council host 10th Annual Ballroom of Romance

More than 350 older people and community groups relived the golden Showband era at the annual RCSI Dublin City Council Ballroom of Romance which took place last night (Monday, 14 July 2025) at RCSI University of Medicine and Health Science's St Stephen's Green campus.

The event, now in its tenth year, saw local residents of the south-east inner city of Dublin, and active retirement and community groups, revel in an evening of nostalgic melodies, memories and dancing.

The highlight of the night was a stellar performance from the hugely popular 'Ronan Collins and Stories' showband featuring Ronan Collins, Karen Black and Eugene McCarthy, who had guests reminiscing on the golden era of the Irish Showband phenomenon.

The evening opened on a beautiful note with a performance by the talented Ukrainian Soul Choir, setting the tone for a night of harmony and togetherness.





NA PIARSAIGH RUNNING CLUB

Na Piarsaigh Running Club was set up in the Pearse Street area of the South Inner City in a bid to address a need highlighted by residents and to bring back the renowned community spirit of our hometown. In many working class areas such as Pearse Street, residents often face economic hardships, social isolation and a lack of access to recreational resources which in turn can lead to a loss of community connection.



Here at Na Piarsaigh, we understand the importance of collective action to help support and promote positive change. Founded by well known local resident, Graham Tucker with the help of Ballymun native Niamh Ryan, this club was set up to bring energy and life back to the streets. The aim is that this Running Club will not only promote health and fitness but, it will also

become a safe and secure environment for members to meet, to feel seen and heard and it will create a natural support network where stories are shared, advice is given and friendships are formed.

Regardless of pace or ability, Na Piarsaigh is an open and inclusive Running Club that strives to help members reach their potential and in turn, to recognise their own self worth. We are



tackling barriers – united as one! Community spirit fosters solidarity –when people feel connected, they are more likely to organise and advocate for improvements for their area. In areas where opportunities for young people might be limited, a strong community provides positive role models, mentorship and a safe space to learn and grow. Community spirit in working class areas isn't just "nice to have", it's a powerful force that



NA PIARSAIGH RUNNING CLUB



sustains, protects and empowers people. In places where resources are scarce, the strength of a community becomes a critical asset in improving quality of life and shaping a hopeful future.

We thoroughly believe that through Na Piarraigh Running Club and establishing a feeling of pride of place, we can thrive as a community. So whether your plan is to train for a marathon, a 10k race or just to get out of the house for an hour, we would like to welcome you down to join us.

Thank you to St Andrew's Resource Centre for their support.





EDUCATION & TRAINING HUB



The Junction Pearse Street

One of the newer services that St. Andrew's Resource Centre offers to the community is our Education and Training Hub located in the Junction at the corner of Pearse Street and Macken Street.

The HUB offers a range of services some of them large projects, others tailored to meet the needs of individuals. Essentially a gateway to all services in St. Andrews the HUB is open from

9.00 – 5.00 Monday to Friday. In-house the project provides access to Guidance and Education services, access to training courses and supports for college and PLC students there is also a welfare rights service that can help anyone who needs it, delivered quietly and confidentially.

In addition, the Hub runs several larger projects, the largest of which is the construction skills





program located in Dublin Port. This project delivered by St. Andrews in Partnership with Dublin Port and the National Construction Skills center has been responsible for training very nearly 3000 people since its inception and is projected to train 1100 people in 2025 alone. What do we train?

Construction Skills Course (15 days)

- Overview of construction industry roles and responsibilities
- Safety protocols and regulations
- Issue and use of PPE
- Basic tools and equipment usage
- Safe Pass
- Manual Handling
- Working at heights
- MEWP
- Abrasive Wheels
- Near Zero Building
- Modern Methods of Construction Essentials
- Basic Block Laying (Lvl 3)
- Basic Carpentry (Lvl 3)
- Basic Plumbing (Lvl 3)

Retrofitting Techniques (10 days)

- Understanding energy-efficient upgrades
- Retrofitting for insulation, ventilation, and lighting
- Practical installation of materials air tightness and insulation (Lvl 4)

The Hub also organises a short cleaning skills course and twice a year a pre apprenticeship course that aims to support those who are seeking to learn a trade.



Can I use the services of the HUB?

Absolutely yes, we organise all services for those that need them, and we have no artificial barriers, sometimes there may be blocks to some services for reasons beyond our control, but we do all we can to find a way around these. How to access the service: We provide many access routes either in person or by telephone. You can call the HUB directly on (01) 912 1200 or if you know what service you want you can call the Construction course on 087 405 7170 or the cleaning course on 087 477 8227.

Alternatively, you can Whatsapp either of those numbers for a call back.

Jim Hargis

Manager Education and Training HUB – The Junction Pearse Street.



I Don't Know Much about Art...

RHONDA HILL



The Allan Wilson Art Expo as part of the 38th South Docks Festival 2025

As part of the 38th South Docks Festival and kindly hosted by Bank of Ireland at Grand Canal Dock, we were thrilled to welcome everyone to this year's Allan Wilson Art Expo – a celebration of community, creativity, and the lasting legacy of Allan Wilson.

Allan's paintings continue to bring life to every corner of St Andrews Resource Centre, a lasting reminder of his deep connection to the South Docks.

This year's Expo was a wonderful showcase of local talent, with artwork that truly captured the heart and history of our area. A big thank you to the



Dublin sketchers whose beautiful pieces, inspired by scenes from the South Docks, featured alongside artists in the expo.

We're delighted to announce that Kathie Larkin was recognised for her overall outstanding contributions to the Expo. Congratulations also go to Eamonn Downey & Emer Thornbury for their outstanding contribution. Judges were unanimous in their praise!

A heartfelt thank you to our judges, especially Tony Strickland from the Contemporary Irish Arts Society, whose continued support means so much. We're also very grateful to guest judge Amélie from Dublin Sketchers for her participation and encouragement of community-based art.





A huge thank you to Gareth Dargle and the team at Bank of Ireland, Grand Canal Dock for their generous support in making this event possible. Your commitment to local artists and the wider community is truly appreciated.

The Allan Wilson (left) Art Expo continues to be a highlight of the South Docks Festival — a reminder that creativity lives in all of us, and that community spirit makes everything possible. Thank you to everyone who took part and hope to see you again next year!



A SPECIAL MENTION

We also want to give a big shout-out to young artist Conor Dunne, who asked if he could display his work during the Expo – and of course, we said yes! While not part of the official awards, we were thrilled to include his art to see him connecting with other artists on opening night. It's so important to encourage emerging talent, and we're excited to see where Conor's creative journey takes him.



Google NEWS



Over 200 Dublin Docklands leaders, including business and political representatives, attended the “AI in the Community” event at the Google Foundry. Minister for Public Expenditure and Digitalisation Jack Chambers spoke at the event, where attendees experienced various AI products firsthand, fostering a positive view of AI among key influencers.

The event’s diverse panel included Philip Kelly (City Quay Principal), Julie Booth (National College of Ireland), Joe Hallam (Down Syndrome community), and Marian College student Arjun Ghambhir. They shared personal stories and demonstrations, highlighting AI’s potential benefits for people from all backgrounds and its inclusive nature.



Minister Jim O’Callaghan Honors Young Achievers at Google Gaisce Awards.



Chairperson of RCSF, Barry O Brien, Ringsend Lord Mayor Darragh Barry, Deputy Ivana Bacik, Senator Chris Andrews, Minister Jim O Callaghan, Google.



Minister Patrick O’Donovan launched a dedicated community space, focused on creating wonderful opportunities for arts, culture, and the community’s talented performers.



Google has refurbished The Factory at Bolands Mills, a renowned cultural site in Dublin where famous artists like The Bolshoi Ballet, U2, and David Bowie once worked. Now, local groups can book this versatile space, featuring two main areas and a music room, for various creative activities such as classes, workshops, exhibitions, and rehearsals.

Community Affairs, Teresa Weafer, Robbie Maguire, Gaisce representatives and young people receiving awards celebrate achievements through partnerships.

Minister Jim O Callaghan presented the Gaisce awards to young people in the local community at Google. Ringsend Community Services Forum led a strong partnership with Google, DCC and South Inner City Drugs Task Force to support the fantastic work supported by the RCSF staff Rachel Rooney and Robbie Maguire.



Councillor Kourtney Kenny presented certificates to 62 young people that completed the TY student week long experience in Google.

Google completed its 24/25 Transition Year (TY) Community Week, a successful work experience program that engaged 62 students. This comprehensive initiative was designed to provide students from local schools with valuable insights into the technology industry and potential career paths. The immersive, week-long program included a variety of workshops, interactive sessions, and networking opportunities, all aimed at inspiring students and

equipping them with essential skills for their academic and professional development. We eagerly anticipate welcoming the next cohort of TY students!

School News Alert! Applications will be open in September/October through the Google Education TaskForce for the next cohort of students for 2025 students. Watch this space!



Google welcomed Minister Jim O'Callaghan, Deputy James Geaghegan, MEP, Regina Doherty, local Neurodiversity and task force representatives to our Accessibility Discovery Centre in Google Docks to share our passion for accessibility and discuss our community engagement strategy. The support and interest reinforced the importance of our mission. Every step we take towards greater accessibility support brings us closer to a world where everyone can thrive.



ANOTHER AMAZING BLOOM FOR DUBLIN SAMARITANS

For the fourth year running Dublin Samaritans were selected to have a place in the Postcard Garden section of Bord Bia Bloom 2025.



This year's garden was a Japanese style garden called Mending the Cracks.

It was based around Kintsugi the ancient Japanese art of repairing with gold.

The whole idea for the garden followed on from an award winning advertisement campaign to raise awareness of Samaritans 24 hour free phone helpline launched in Summer 2024.

A wonderful Mural by artist Joe Caslin was placed on the gable end of a house in Montague Lane in the heart of Dublin it showed a face with cracks filled with gold. It was accompanied by a poem by Darragh Fleming, together the campaign reached a huge number of people who were moved by it's beauty and thought



provoking message. The message was talking to someone can help to fill in the cracks.

It was a “no brainer” to follow on it's success and create a meaningful garden around this theme for Bloom .

A Japanese style garden was the one we went with, much to our delighted we were awarded for our efforts with a Certificate of Destination.



ANOTHER AMAZING BLOOM FOR DUBLIN SAMARITANS



To have a garden at Bord Bia Bloom works in so many different ways for us in Dublin Samaritans, the volunteers are always in attendance at the garden ready to talk about the service we provide, how we support callers and the significance of having the garden at Bloom.

The interaction with visitors is incredible, people know of Samaritans but they don't always know completely what we do, Bloom gives us a great opportunity to reach out and raise awareness.

The volunteers enjoy the five days, we have lovely chats with the people and also we have great fun together.

This year we were blessed with many many people stopping and talking to us plus we managed to reach a few "personalities" !

See our photos of the volunteers and wonderful people who came especially to the Dublin Samaritans Postcard Garden.

Dublin Samaritans offer 24 hour free phone helpline 116123 with a human voice at the end of the phone, for anyone you maybe in difficulty,



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HERE'S JUST SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN GLOUCESTER ST, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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.

Gloucester St was delighted to work with Talk About Youth Project during this years **South Docks Festival** when the centre hosted a sports morning. Mark and the youth team had their physical and mental abilities tested as these enthusiastic young people pitted their wits against them during some clever games.



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 Gloucester St works 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. Mark, Elaine, James and Amanda would like to take this opportunity as we near the new school term to wish the students we have had the pleasure to host here in the centre all the best as they move on to their new classes or for those leaving to go to college or work life. May all your dreams come true.

We are also looking forward to meeting our new little VIP's as they start their adventure in school life.

Portobello Institute Gloucester St are hosts to Portobello Institute in their MSc Physical Education course.

PICTURE GALLERY OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN GLOUCESTER STREET



The Mongolian Volleyball team who has trained here in Gloucester Street for nearly as long as we've been opened travelled to Geneva to represent Ireland in the Geneva Cup, proudly wearing the shamrock on the back of their jerseys. Coming home with the Young Girls team receiving gold, Young Boys team receiving silver, Masters Men receiving Silver and Masters Women receiving silver. Well done all!



Gloucester St, a place where people from all over the world who have now made Ireland their home can meet up and socialize through fun activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

GLOUCESTER STREET'S FITNESS CLASSES

Kettlebell HIT - 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



We would like to welcome our new evening staff member Paul to the team and hope Paul will be very happy as part of the Gloucester St team.

Gloucester St not only is a sports and recreation but is part of this diverse and ever expanding community and prides ourselves as having an open door policy meaning if its only for a chat or looking for some information or support we will do our best to help so please don't hesitate to drop in.

Remember - Todays Workout is Tomorrows Warm Up!

Mark, Elaine , Amanda and James would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients and the community a wonderful Summer, stay safe, stay fit!

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>

Contact us on 01 6779322 gloucesterstreetsportscentre@gmail.com

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Active Body, Active Mind School Program!

Introducing the Active Body, Active Mind School Program! starting with Junior Infants City Quay next week with Mark our Physical Education Coordinator.

We are 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!

Stay tuned for more updates and how to get involved! At home with the children.



We are delighted to announce Elaine will be starting a new 6 week term fitness class for ladies ages 45 years young and above.

This class is suitable for all levels of fitness including complete beginners.

During the class we will be doing body weight exercises, light aerobics, light step aerobics and some strength & conditioning with light weights. There will also be bonus nutritional and healthy recepies provided.

The classes start on Wednesday 5th November at 10:15-11:00am and will run for 6 weeks. To register call us on 016779322 or email us on gloucesterstreetsportscentre@gmail.com

We look forward to working out with you soon!



PEARSE SQUARE

Pearse Square Resident Runs for Palestine

Pearse Square resident, Sadbh Lynch, recently completed the VHI Mini Marathon in aid of the Irish Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC). The IPSC is an independent, non-party political organisation, run by volunteers all committed to a just and sustainable peace in the Middle East.

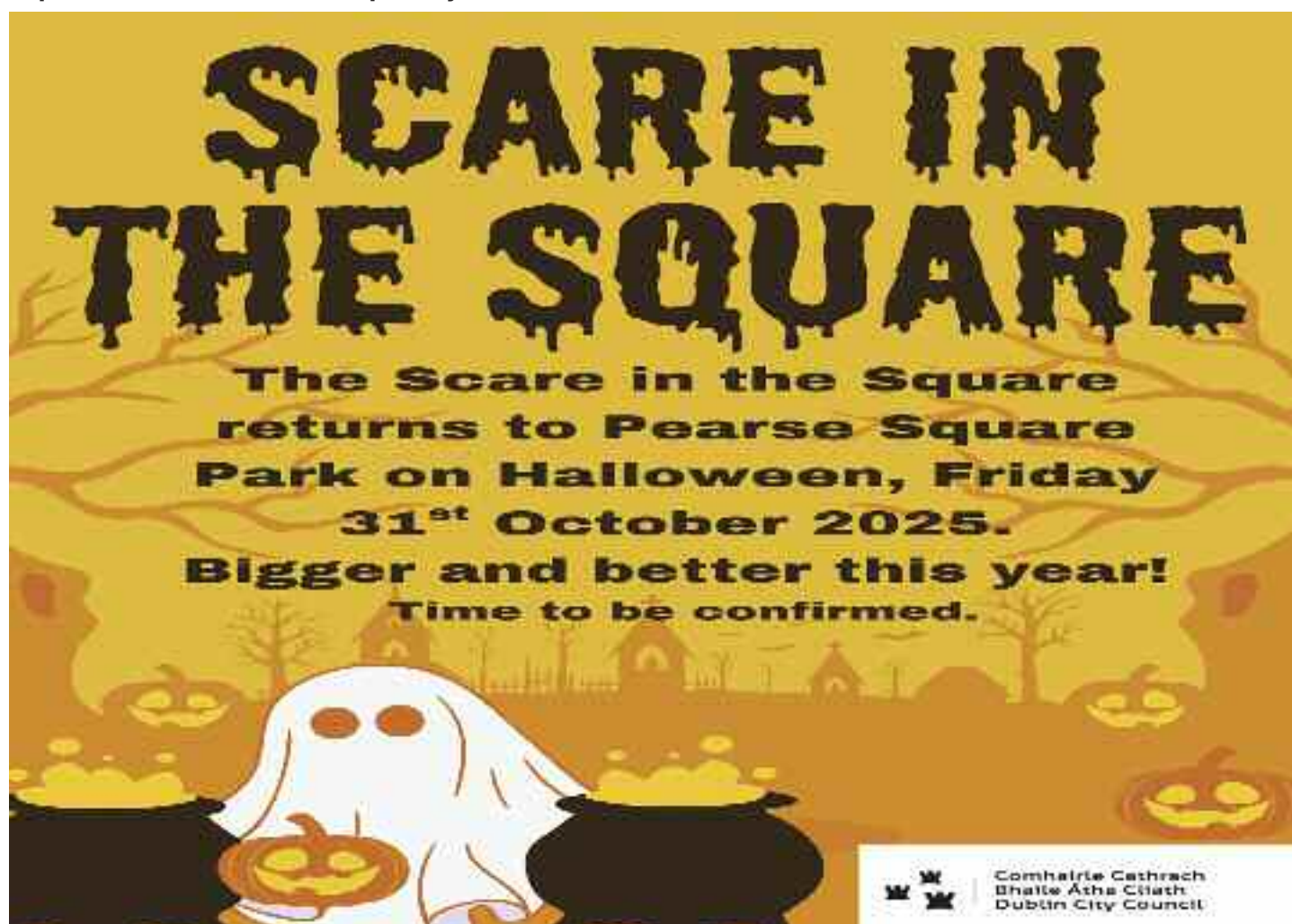
Sadbh set out with a fundraising target of €2,000 but managed to raise a whopping €3,250 for the charity, whose work is very close to her heart. She thanked her family, friends and neighbours in Dublin 2 for helping her exceed her target.

Well done, Sadbh!

Find out more about IPSC by visiting www.ipsc.ie



The Community Team in the South East Area Office are happy to announce that 'Scare in the Square' will return this Halloween, bigger, brighter and better than last year. The event will take place in Pearse Square Park, time TBC. Keep an eye out for more information closer to the time!





EILEEN DUNNE, Pearse Square resident, shares with us an Italian recipe inspired by the Irish connection to the invention of radio!

Clifden

I am standing on the western tip where Guglielmo Giovanni Marconi traversed the ocean with wireless waves, transcending space to Grace Bay in Nova Scotia. The land at my back ferments, imbued with the prints of those who were. The survivors, those who emigrated, gasping for an ordinary life; to sit at a table, to eat, to drink and reminisce, to indulge in the most ordinary of things. And I wonder about what Marconi ate during his travels in Ireland.

Images unfold of a young Marconi travelling through Connemara with stout jars of olives stored in a great big Italian trunk. Possibly *La Bella Cerignola*, the loveliest of olives, mouthfuls of juicy green bites. He was born in Bologna to an Italian father and Irish mother, Annie Jameson from Cappoquin. Here, in this place, everything seems slotted with purpose through the expanse of time.

Recipes are storytellers, each ingredient a treasure, a custodian of terrain and identity, a societal indicator, historical notches that morph and mould the landscape. A humble olive encapsulates a history of sustenance, culture, religion. An outreach of peace.

Marconi's native Bologna is renowned for flatbreads, ragù and tortellini (small rings of pasta filled with meats and parmigiano in a meat broth). And while illusions of Marconi carrying olives from his native Italy to Ireland is nothing other than a romantic tale, *Ragù alla Bolognese* marries perfectly with Irish culture; a hearty and satisfying pasta dish perfect for family dinners and sharing with friends.

RECIPE

Ragù all Bolgnese (serves 5/6)

Ingredients:

- 500g of dried pasta such as rigatoni
- 200g of grated parmesan cheese
- 500g of quality minced beef
- 200 g of quality minced pork
- (or 700 g of minced beef only)
- 150g of diced pancetta
- 2 tins of plum tomatoes (300g each)
- 2 large ripe beef tomatoes, chopped
- 1 diced medium carrot
- 1 diced stick of celery
- 1 diced large onion
- 2 bay leaves
- Sprig of rosemary
- Fresh basil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 glass of red wine

Method:

1. In a heavy based saucepan sauté the pancetta in a little oil until crisp. Remove from the pan with a slotted spoon and set aside.
2. In a large wide based saucepan sauté the onion, celery and carrot in 5 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil, over a low heat for 5 minutes.

3. Add the beef and pork mince and stir until the meat turns a nice deep pink colour but avoid browning the meat.
4. Pour in the red wine and increase the heat momentarily to cook off the alcohol and then reduce the heat.
5. Add the tinned and fresh tomatoes and stir.
6. Fold in the pancetta and 150ml of water.
7. Tie your fresh herbs together to create a *bouquet garni* and add to the pot
8. Cover and simmer for 1½ to 2 hours over a low heat.
9. Salt and pepper to your taste.
10. Check the sauce regularly, stir and blend the tomatoes using a wooden spoon.
11. Add water should your ragù tend to dry.
12. When the ragù is ready, remove from the heat and leave to rest.
13. Cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water according to the instructions on the packet. Strain the pasta and add to the ragù saucepan and sprinkle with plenty of grated parmigiano and serve immediately.

Buon Appetito!

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MARKIEVICZ HOUSE



We had our Easter event and had our breakfast pack for our OAPS last week. We have a burger and hot dog day for our residents, plus fun day for our children and residents before children go back to school.

Our neighbour Ellen who does a walk around with the residents for darkness into light in our

community raises money for them she does it every year. She is a legend.

We also do what we can to bring our community together with our events, it's great to get together for a chat and cuppa. Hearing different stories, giving us a laugh and keeping in touch of what's going on. These are some of the photos.





MARKIEVICZ HOUSE



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CITY QUAY



What began as a small community response to the challenges of COVID-19 has grown into something truly inspiring. Since 2020, our local committee has been working

tirelessly to keep our neighbourhood clean, safe, and connected. Today, we are proud to celebrate a major milestone — winning a Tidy Towns Award in 2024!

This achievement reflects years of dedication from volunteers, neighbours, and supporters who share a common goal: to improve and uplift our area. From regular clean-ups to planting initiatives, we've worked hand-in-hand with our local TD and Dublin City Council (DCC) to make lasting improvements. Whether it's fixing up green spaces, tackling litter hot spots, or enhancing public amenities, every small effort has added up to something big.

A huge part of our success comes from the incredible support of our sponsors: HubSpot, Bread 41, Grann Throtan, Travelodge, and Hibernia REIT. Their generous backing has not only helped us host unforgettable annual events — from festive Christmas parties to lively summer get-togethers — but they've also joined us on the ground for clean-up days. We truly value the relationships we've built with them and look forward to many more years of collaboration.

A special thank you to Pearse Street community guard Andy for his continued support and constant contact in our area it doesn't go unnoticed we truly appreciate all your efforts.

Our committee continues to grow, fueled by community spirit and shared pride in the place we call home. Winning the Tidy Towns award is not the end of the journey — it's just the beginning. Together, we're building something special, and we invite everyone to be part of it. Here's to a cleaner, greener, and even more connected future.

— City Quay *Community Committee*

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EVENTS IN UNIT 18



TRINITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Unit18 is Trinity College Dublin's dedicated space for civic and community engagement. We invite you to join us for any of the upcoming events and activities listed below. No need to book – just drop in. Pedestrian entrance is on Macken Street (there are black gates and a sign saying "Unit18 Trinity in the Community").

For more information, contact Mary Colclough, Community Engagement Manager, mary.colclough@tcd.ie or phone 086-8175466.

Date	Event
10 th September	Talk with Trinity (first of four public talks): <i>Once upon a time in Rome: putting Roman history on screen</i> by Prof Rebecca Usherwood. 4-5pm
15 th September	A guaranteed Income for Everyone - talk by Basic Income Ireland. 6-7.30pm
17 th September	Talk with Trinity (second of four): <i>30 June 1922 - Dublin's biggest explosion? Recovering the lost Public Record Office of Ireland</i> by Dr Ciarán Wallace. 4-5pm
19 th September	Culture Night in Unit18 in collaboration with ATD Ireland - performances of raps and poetry by Community Activists and <i>The Silver Voice of Ireland: The Life and Times of John McCormack</i> - talk and selection of piano and singing by Michael McLaughlin (Irish tenor and PhD student in Trinity College), 4-8pm
24 th September	Talk with Trinity (third of four): <i>United States politics today: the system: how did we get here? (part 1)</i> by Profs Patrick Geoghegan and Ciarán Brady. 4-5pm
1 st October	Talk with Trinity (fourth of four): <i>United States politics today: the Presidency, past, present and future (part 2)</i> by Profs Patrick Geoghegan and Ciarán Brady. 4-5pm
11 th October	Bollywood Dance Workshop – An introduction; no experience required, suitable for all ages. 10.30 – 11.30am





SOUTH DOCK FESTIVAL 2025

Well that's a wrap for the 38th South Docks Festival! With 25 events throughout the week we had events to suit all ages. The weather was on our side and sure that would not have stopped the fun anyway. The festival is run purely by



volunteers and supported by local businesses and organisations. Just a few words of thanks to those who make this festival week possible and for 38 years! Thank you to the SDF Committee who volunteer their time throughout the year



planning and coming up with ideas to make each year's festival more and more exciting, especially Dolores Wilson the chair of the SDF, who continues to bring her expertise of previous years to the table. Thank you to the benefactors for supporting our events and making it possible to have all events free or at the least a very



SOUTH DOCK FESTIVAL 2025



minimal fee. Thank you to the companies and organisations who give their time throughout the week volunteering on events. Thank you to St Andrews who is the hub of the festival's operation and to Catherine Byrne CEO of St Andrews who is of immense support to us, especially throughout the week of the festival when all St Andrews staff pull together to make the schedule of 25 events possible. Mostly thank you to you, our community who come out in droves to support each event and seeing the community come together and the smiles on people's faces makes all the hard work in the run up to the festival worthwhile. Without all of you this festival would not be possible. Now to start planning next year's festival, if you would like to be part of the planning process and join our committee you would be welcomed or perhaps



you are a company who would like to become a benefactor to help support this ever-successful festival of our community? See you all again in



2026 for the 39th South Docks Festival. The meantime have a look at some of the memories captured during this year's festival and see if you can spot some familiar faces.





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The Doors are open on Westland Row !

It has been a busy few months in St Andrew's Church, Westland Row as we continue to serve the parish community and welcome the many commuters, shoppers and tourists who come in every day to say a prayer or find peace. Fr Alan Hilliard is our Administrator, as well as looking after City Quay and University Church parishes. Fr Paddy Madden has returned to join Fr Anthony and Fr Ramunas who serve the parish as well as looking after the Chinese and Lithuanian communities, respectively.

As well as those who come to weekday Masses at 10 am and 12:45 pm, and our weekend celebrations at 6:30 on Saturday at 10 and 11.30 on Sunday, there have been joyful celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and sad occasions to say farewell to deceased parishioners and friends. While less frequent than in the past, we're delighted to celebrate weddings for local couples too.

Our relatively new organist, Mark McCrystal organised a very successful series of organ recitals featuring talented young organists during May, while Celine Byrne presented a concert featuring Songs of Hope to a full house, marking the Jubilee year of Hope. St. Andrew's is the starting point for a Jubilee pilgrimage looking four inner-city churches where groups and individuals are invited to reflect on the pockets of hope which enlighten our lives. And of course we celebrated Bloomsday in style!

This year remarks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Daniel O'Connell who was a key figure in having the church built. Bishop Paul Dempsey celebrated the annual Mass for O'Connell and highlighted the importance of his example for politics in our time. O'Connell will also feature in our contribution to Culture Night on 19 September.

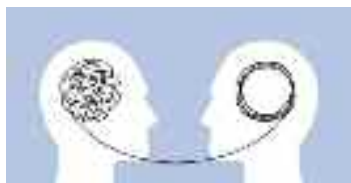
St. Andrew's is a big church with a big role to play in the city; lots of groups come to present concerts, to celebrate Mass for special occasions or conferences, or simply to visit and appreciate its history and beauty. But our first responsibility is to the local community and our parishioners. We are always happy to welcome back those who have been away for a while and to introduce new people into the strong community of faith which calls Westland Row home. Our close link to St. Andrew's Resource Centre is part of who we are and together, we witness to the message and the values which provide the answer to the questions which so many people have today, as always.



Hayleigh Fox and Conor Riddick, 2nd August at St Andrews Church, Westland Row.

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 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 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



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.

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.

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.

We cultivate 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 Tuesday evening and are for children aged 6-10 years old. We are accepting new registrations for our term starting in September now. Please email

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 host a post partum fitness programme on a Monday morning at 10.30am email Dara.terry@standrew.ie for a place



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 next workshop is on how to manage fussy eaters in September.



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

WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHN KENNEDY

Within Saint Andrews Resource Centre there is a collection of Roll Books dating back to 1897 listing pupils who attended here when the building was a boy's national school. One of these roll books covers the period 1904 – 1914 and recorded therein is a pupil named John Kennedy, Student Number 247, 13 Denzille Street

On page 48 of the roll book written in the margin is one word "DEAD". The year was 1906, John had been absent for some time prior to his death.

Earlier entries in the roll book gave two addresses the family had lived at in 1906
40 Upper Erne Street
13 Denzille Street

As there was no further information the heritage group undertook the task of finding out, What happened to John?

We began by looking up the Kennedy Family on the 1901 Census and found they were living at the 183.2 Townsend Street.

Parents

John (30)	Gas Laborer	Read&Write	R/C
Thomasina (28)	Wife	Read&Write	R/C

Two Daughters

Essie (4)	Scholar	Cannot Read	R/C
Mary (1)	Infant		

One Son

John William (6)	Scholar	Cannot Read	R/C
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One Brother In Law

John Clarke (30)	Coal Laborer	Read&Write	R/C
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John Joseph Kennedy from 23 Clarence Place had married Thomasina Clarke from 2 Queens Terrace in Saint Andrew's Church, in the April of 1894.

Aware that John had died in the 1906 we tried to look up the remainder of his family on the 1911 Census. We could find no trace of the family in this area so we looked at all of Dublin, with no luck, then all of Ireland, with the same result.

Having failed to trace the Kennedy family in 1911 we returned to the search for John.

We looked up a register of Deaths in Dublin and found.

John William Kennedy, 13 Denzille Street died of Tuberculosis in Harolds Cross Hospice on 19th November 1906. He was 13 years of Age.

Then the full tragic trail of events began to unfold. On that register we also found.

His Sister

Essie Kennedy, died 27th March 1902, Aged 5 years at 183 Townsend Street.

His Mother



WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHN KENNEDY



Thomasina Kennedy, died 8th March 1906, aged 34 at 40 Upper Erne Street.

Himself

John William Kennedy, died 19th November 1906, Aged 13 at Harolds Cross Hospice.

His Father

John Joseph Kennedy, died 25th December, Aged 40 at the South Dublin Union Workhouse "an address of 3 Upper Erne Street is shown".

The only member of the family who did not appear on the register was Mary , who was now an orphan.

Mary Martha Kennedy on the 1911 Census. The closest match we found was a Mary Kennedt aged 15, living at Goldenbridge Industrial School, Kilmainham.

John Clarke "The Brother in law" is shown on the 1911 Census laiving as a boarder at 43.1 Queens Square. He was single.

Just to give some insight into how the family lived we looked at the five addresses we had for them.

In 1899 the year Mary was born the family lived at 11 Asylum Yard.

The 1901 Census shows 11 Asylum Yard had two rooms there would have been five people living in two rooms.

The family then moved to 183 Townsend Street this is the address where Essie died 27/03/190.

The 1901 Census shows there were four families living there:

Edward Connor	2 rooms	3 people
John Kennedy	1 room	6 people
Mary Burke	1 room	6 people
Thomas Burton	1 room	6 people
21 People in 5 rooms		

The family then moved to 40 Upper Erne Street This is the address where Thomasina died 08/03/1906.

The 1901 Census shows five families in the house 9 people in 6 rooms.

They then moved to 13 Denzille Street, This is the address given on John's death register 19/11/1906.

The 1901 Census shows eight families in the house. 41 people in 10 rooms.

The last address we have 3 Upper Erne Street from the father's death register 25th December 1910.

The 1901 Census shows 10 families in the house. 40 people in 12 Rooms.

We set out to find out what happened to John and ended up wondering what happened to Mary. Alas that remains a mystery of history. At least for now.

The Heritage Group

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O'Callaghan TD
Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration,
TD for Dublin Bay South

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RINGSEND & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society has been very active in organising events in the last 12 months.

A joint walking tour “Ringsend & Irishtown” with DCC and the Society.

“City of Voices” A talk on the history of Pirate Radio Stations in the Dublin 4 area.

The inaugural Bram Stoker Festival. The highlight of this Festival was the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the fact Bram Stoker, author of Dracula, rowed for Dublin University Rowing Club on the site where RICC is now. A row involving Trinity Rowing Club, St Patrick’s, Stella Maris and 4th Port Dodder Sea Scouts preceded a lecture on Bram.

A Book Launch “Ringsend’s Day Our Poets in Bloom”

A Walking Tour – “Bridge to Bridge” of the South Lotts Area

Blades Plaque unveiling. This plaque commemorates the fact that Ringsend band the Blades, played their very first gig in the CYMS Hall in 1977. There was a re-enactment of this event on the night and Q & A with the surviving 5 members of the band.

In December, there was a nice Christmas present for the people of South Lotts in the form of the painting of the planters on South Lotts Road. The Society co operated with the residents association, SLRA in sourcing artist John O’Flynn who did a spectacular job in recreating the area’s industrial heritage.

2025 got off to a start with the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening the Rinn / Regal Cinema in Fitzwilliam St. Abundant

Grace Christian Assembly very kindly funded the plaque and the production of a commemorative booklet to mark the occasion. It was fantastic to see so many Regal veterans in attendance. Pastor Sharon will host a matinee this November, screening the last film ever shown ‘ Bird Man of Alcatraz’.

At Easter there was a 1916 walking tour followed by a unique exhibition of veteran Seamus Grace’s memorabilia on display at RICC. This was followed soon afterwards by a slideshow hosted by Brendan Wicks.

BLOOMSDAY FESTIVAL 2025

Once again our flagship event was a massive success. Building on the day that James and Nora had their first date in Ringsend Park on that world famous day in 1904, we had an unprecedented 9 events over 5 days. Kicking off the festivities with the Writers’ Adventure on Thursday, followed on Friday by a Tour of St Matthew’s Church & Graveyard presented by Trevor James.





Saturday began with a lecture “Ringsend 1904” in the Library. Immediately afterwards , a Joycean walk of the area took place. Severe weather conditions meant that the planned outdoor Ballad Fest had to be relocated indoors to the Library.

On Sunday, Dublin Bay Cruises very generously provided the St Brigid and took 96 invitees on a trip into the Bay. A sincere thank to Eugene, Eddie and the crew. The passengers were so delighted. We would also like to thank Richie Saunders and Cormac Lowth who gave history talks. Sea shanties were sung by the Pullovers, then it was back to RICC for a light breakfast.

Bloomsday itself fell on Monday and commenced with a procession featuring a horse and carriage with James and Nora aboard. Leaving Ringsend Church, passing through Strasbourg Terrace and over to the park bench plaque where it is envisaged the young couple began their lifelong love affair. Thanks to Mary and Philip

The centre piece of our festival was of course our annual brunch in the Community Centre which drew our biggest crowd to date. Delicious food accompanied by excellent music brought the Festival to a tremendous finale. A huge thanks to Lorraine and staff of RICC for the brilliant organisation. As an added bonus, an unique collection of the paintings of the 19 Dublin homes which Joyce lived in were kindly loaned to the Society by artist Charles Hulgraine. These were on display in the Centre for 2 weeks coinciding with the festivities. Looking forward to an even bigger and better 2026 Bloomsday!

For the second half of the year we are planning some more events

July 20th a Walking Tour “Caint agus Siúl in co-operation with St Andrews South Docks Festival

28th August an exhibition of Pat Mullen’s photos of old Ringsend, Irishtown, Sandymount and Pearse Street.

9th October The Preservation of the Naomh Éanna with the Dublin Festival of History

The Annual Bram Stoker Festival at Halloween

Forthcoming plaques projects: Writer James Plunkett, Shelbourne Park History, South Lotts Street Games, South Lotts Shops, Seamus Reader Citizen Army Volunteer, Ringsend Village Films, Daniel Pollen, (Ringsend native and who became NZ Prime Minister).

Monuments Projects in the works – A 3 Lamped Monument to commemorate 1916 heroes – Patrick Whelan, George Reynolds and The O’Rahilly, A Shane MacGowan Statue, a Dockers Monument and a Commemorative Street Clock to Sean Moore TD.

An integral part of the Society’s ethos is the preservation and protection of what remains our area’s rich history in all it’s facets. Currently the preservation committee is involved in talks with Waterways Ireland with a view to preserving the 1796 Graving Docks at the Basin. We will shortly make public our plans in this regards. We are also in the process of trying to salvage “The Point” at the confluence of the Rivers Dodder and Liffey in Ringsend. The Point is the beginning of The Great South Wall which was commenced in 1748 here. The NTA have plans to cover over this historic place with a new green space. We want this historic place preserved in situ.

Top of our future priorities is the intention to create a Digital Archive of our local history where we will invite the local community to loan their photos etc to us and also to have a Heritage Shop opened.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

A big thank you to all our supporters and friends (too numerous to mention) who have been generous with their help in all our projects over the years. We are so grateful to you all.

We are always looking for new members and we can be contacted at ringsenddistricthistorical@gmail.com or see our Facebook page – Ringsend and Districts Historical Society.



COMPLEXES IN BLOOM





Dublin Port Spotlights Ireland's Exporters

Focus begins with €6.3 billion dairy industry as Dublin Port teams up with Ice Cream Treats

Record Lo-Lo container volumes handled in May

Tuesday, July 8: Dublin Port Company has today put the spotlight on the vital role Ireland's exporters play in driving economic growth and international trade. Dublin Port will highlight a range of sectors over the coming months, beginning with Ireland's thriving dairy industry and the global success of Irish ice cream.

The first featured exporter is **Gerry Sheridan**, founder of **Ice Cream Treats**, whose award-winning frozen desserts have been enjoyed in markets across Europe and beyond. Based in Killashandra, Co. Cavan, Gerry's business is one of many SMEs using Dublin Port to connect Irish produce with consumers around the world.



The campaign comes as **Dublin Port reports record Lo-Lo (lift-on lift-off) container volumes in May 2025**, marking the highest monthly container throughput in the Port's history. For the first time ever, the Port handled over 800,000 tonnes of Lo-Lo in a single month, a milestone that forms part of a strong first-half (H1) performance in 2025. The figures underscore the resilience and continued growth of Ireland's export-driven economy.

Barry O'Connell, CEO of Dublin Port, said: *"Exporters like Gerry Sheridan represent the very best of Irish entrepreneurship - innovative, resilient, and ambitious, even during times of global uncertainty. Dublin Port is proud to support businesses like Ice Cream Treats by providing the infrastructure and connectivity needed to reach markets near and far. We want to celebrate the stories - like Gerry's - behind Ireland's export success which underpin our economic success."*

"The month of May saw more containers than ever come through Dublin Port as more sailings to continental Europe are added. This highlights the need for us to increase capacity so we can continue to support exporters. Our Masterplan2040 projects will



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enable us to continue us to do this well into the future.”

Ireland continues to punch above its weight in food exports, particularly in dairy. In 2023, the country exported **almost 25 million kilograms of ice cream**, making it the **fifth-largest ice cream exporter in the EU**, according to Eurostat. Irish ice cream accounted for **9% of total EU ice cream exports**, trailing only Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, and France.

Yesterday, Dublin Port released an augmented reality (AR) video showing Irish ice cream being loaded onto a ship and departing the Port - designed to spotlight the journey of Irish dairy products from local producers to global consumers.

Gerry Sheridan, founder of Ice Cream Treats, added: *“From a small start in Cavan to shipping thousands of kilos of ice cream across Europe, our journey wouldn’t be possible without the seamless logistics and support provided by Dublin Port, its operators and Ireland’s transport industry. We’re honoured to be part of this initiative and proud to represent Irish food producers on the international stage.”*

The announcement was made at Dublin Port today at a photocall attended by **Minister of State at the Department of Transport Seán Canney, TD**, who commented: *“Ireland’s exporters are the lifeblood of our economy and a source of pride on the global stage. Dublin Port provides our exporters from across the country with a world-class route to market, enabling them to do business internationally. This initiative rightly shines a light on the hard work, ambition, and innovation of businesses like Ice Cream Treats.”*

As part of the campaign, Dublin Port has also launched a **dedicated ‘Trade Hub’** on its website - offering resources, case studies, and real-time updates on trade performance.

See <https://www.dublinport.ie/trade/>

To celebrate, **Dublin Port and Ice Cream Treats will give away free ice cream** on the **Port Greenway** **this Thursday, July 10, between 12-2pm**, where visitors can enjoy a taste of Ireland’s success.



Happy Summer from the Talk About Youth Project!

It has been an exceptionally busy 6 months with so much happening in our youth groups, programmes, projects, events, residentials and international exchanges: Here is a snapshot of some of our work for the first 6 months of the year:

- Over 200 guests attended our "Heart of Us" launch where we launched 2 publications which looked at celebrating diversity and inclusion and challenging hate speech. The Crazy World Exchange group and our Intercultural committee were the brains behind the project. As a follow up to the launch the Douglas Hyde Gallery has produced a video focusing on the participants and the launch. The gallery showed the video on a giant screen at the entrance to Trinity college on Nassau St.
- 150 young people attended our Y.O.L.O. workshops.
- Currently running a dance project with local and Ukrainian young people.
- Young people from our Now and Then project visited 14 Henrietta St with the seniors from Greenore. We hosted the seniors in our Trinity space "The Cave" This project is a huge success.
- 15 young people from Cool Kids took part in a 3 day residential in Liverpool with our partners The Shewsey Youth project in Liverpool
- 37 young people were taken to Larch Hill Scout centre for a 3-day Easter residential.
- A recent collaboration with our family support department team has resulted in a new program being delivered to over 40 young girls. "The Period Initiative" has been warmly welcomed by all.
- The Heart of Us project and Amy Lawless one of our young people, won a group and individual award respectively at the Dublin South Central Garda awards. These were presented in City Hall.
- A packed 2-week summer project happened in July.
- A Men's Health/Wellness week in conjunction with our family support department was a great success.
- A Financial wellbeing session was held in Bank of Ireland with The Zone youth group. The group also did a lot of work around healthy eating looking at simple nutritious meals on a budget. Smoothies were a big fav....
- 12 young people from The Good Gang and The Junior Squad took part in 2 months of dance workshops culminating in their participation in the St Patrick's Day parade, along with 9 other Dublin youth projects, organised by CDYS.



TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT



- We hosted the Dublin South Central District, Garda Youth Awards launch
- Our Respect youth group looked at the issue of homelessness in Dublin and the work being done to support homeless people in the city. They ran a number of fundraisers and raised funds for the Peter McVerry trust.
- Fab Fashion worked on learning new skills in sewing and crafts.
- Our International youth groups went to Finland and Spain for 2 weeklong exchange programmes,
- A lot of work was done with older teens through outreach and weekly programmes, including The Bridge and Bridging The Gap groups. The work included Safe Pass, Mindfulness sessions, sea swims and trips out.
- Girl Talk have had a busy 6 months with art projects, Come Dine With Me and workshops.
- The Elite went to McDonalds and the movies for a treat.
- Big shout out to all our Junior youth leaders for all the help they have given us this year.

I would like to thank the team for all their hard work; Lisa, Louisa, Orla, Eddie, Eileen, Robbie, all our volunteers plus our students Callum and Oisin. Thanks to St Andrew's Board, management and staff, junior leaders, our young people, parents, the wider community plus our funders and collaborators, The Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, City of Dublin Youth Service, Leargas, South Inner City Drug and Alcohol Task Force, DCC South East Area Office, Pearse Street Compol Garda, Comgest, Verve, CBS Westland Row, Trinity College, Unit 18, NYCI, Gaisce, Douglas Hyde Gallery, Pearse St Library and the Dublin Independent Youth Projects Collective.

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PICTURE GALLERY





TALK ABOUT YOUTH PROJECT



PICTURE GALLERY





PEARSE HOUSE



Pearse house Residents association

Pearse house residents would like to welcome Catherine Byrne as the new administrator to St Andrews. Wishing you the best of luck.

Pearse House Regeneration Update

We will update residents through our social page once we have had a meeting with the head of housing in DCC.

Christmas 2024

As you all know Christmas is a big part of Pearse house community. We held our annual Christmas party in the circle in the middle of the big flats on Saturday 14th of December. It was a great success.

We had over 100 young people

54 New Link



along with their parents. Our parties would not be able to go ahead without the support of numerous People. Which are DCC Southeast Area Rory O'Neill from Hibernian way Lindsey O'Dowd Martin Malone from the hub. Brian O'Malley his beautiful wife Patricia Teresa Weafer from Google and our good friends from Savvy credit union. Then to top it off The



PEARSE HOUSE



community Garda arrived with Santa Clause Sirens blaring, and they also donated lots of delicious selection boxes for the young people. All Their generosity goes beyond words. And a big shout out to the volunteers that put it all together. We could not do it without them. We are so lucky to have these caring people in our community.

Remembrance 5k run

Pearse house residents association would like to say a big well done to all the runners on the 5k remembrance run. It was fantastic to see the people that came from all over Dublin to join in. A big thank you to st Andrews who sponsored the medals on the day and also to Tomo Nolan that organised it.



Easter 2025

The Easter party was held on Saturday 12th of April in the circle in the big flats. We would like to thank everyone that was involved and contributed. It was a great day.



ST. ANDREW'S DAY CENTRE MEALS

If you are a senior living locally and feel you would like to drop into us for a daily home cooked dinner, for a minimal fee, we would be delighted for you to join us, in a friendly caring environment.



If you would like to contact us,
please phone Caroline on 01-5634224
from 9.00am to 5.00pm Tuesday to Friday

*Congratulations to the men and women's team
who proudly represented Ireland this summer
in the Homeless World Cup in Oslo.*



Fitzers

We are delighted to celebrate the first anniversary of Fitzers Café at St Andrews resource Centre. In its first year, the café has grown into a much-loved space where community is welcome.

It has been wonderful to see people enjoying the café— joining community events, attending a meeting or simply taking time out for a cup of tea or coffee in a warm and friendly setting.

We have hosted cake sale events for other charity activities which has been a great success. Staff in the café can direct people to other services available on site or in the local community. It has also become a waiting space for those attending appointments or classes in the centre-providing refreshments and a chat.

The footfall is growing each day, and we hope to organise more events to encourage others to visit the café. We are also introducing a "Community Board" with information of local events and activities.

Opening Hours:

- Monday – Thursday: 9:00am – 4:30pm
- Friday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Please keep an eye on our social media channels for details of upcoming coffee mornings, events, and celebrations and do drop in.

Here's to another year of connection, conversation, and community at Fitzers Café.



ST. ANDREW'S CHILDCARE NEWS



Wow isn't the weather just smashing and everyone is so happy and everything looks so much nicer. We have come to the end of the road of another year in our childcare. It's been hectic but a great year. We had our graduation ceremony on Friday 20th June 2025 where 20 children graduated in the hall of St Andrews. All the parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins and friends attended. The children had practiced their singing and dancing for the event. They were all fantastic on the day. Thanks to the parents the children looked amazing in their purple

hats and gowns. I even received a beautiful bouquet of flowers for my retirement soon, thanks to Moira and all the staff. At the end of the ceremony the children were presented with their scrolls and everyone took photos, followed by a party for the children and some yummy fresh cream Graduation cake thanks to Kathryn and Bernie for collecting it from Supervalu. I would also like to thank Richie Purdy and the lads for their help in set up and also at this time wish Richie a speedy recovery, hurry back we are running low in supplies, only joking. I would like to wish all the children moving on to Primary School all the best for the future and don't forget to drop in to let us see your new school uniforms. We also look forward to welcoming our new children for September.



The childcare would like to thank Alec and the participants of St Andrew's construction skills course over in Dublin Port for making 5 beautiful little outdoor benches for our little clients. A lick of rainbow paint and they will be finished for our new guests in September.



We had a sad but lovely occasion recently when on 15th August Bernie McKeon retired after 27 years working in childcare. We all love Bernie so much and she will be sorely missed,



we wish you a wonderful retirement and we'll keep in touch for a cup of tea and a chat. Thanks to all the Childcare staff and staff of St Andrews for making Bernie's last hurrah so special.

I would like to congratulate Catherine Byrne on her new position as CEO of St Andrews. Catherine is such a lovely person and I know St Andrew's is in the of best hands.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards

Martina, Moira and all the childcare staff.



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Keeping Ringend sparkling



Annual Church draw 1st prize



Paddy Gregg at 70



Tony Byrne RIP George Reynolds



60 years married



Patsey's grandchildren



Ms Moran's baptism with Paddy



Sr Maria RIP



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Christmas Angels Cheque for the Hospice



Blessing of the Boats



Kathleen RIP and her sister Sadie



Rose RIP and Reni



Gregg Family



Paddy and Deidre



Lord Mayor Dean



Jack Graduation

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Stella Girls Regatta



Paddies Regatta

Labour

Best wishes to all of the
community at St Andrew's
Resource Centre

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A single pink rose with green leaves is preserved inside a clear glass jar. The jar is sealed with a thick, circular cork stopper. The rose is positioned vertically, with its stem resting on the cork. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown.

*I'm so glad they suggested
I keep one of the flowers.
It reminds me of her every day.*

Whether it's suggesting that a family member take home a flower from a wreath, or making sure to have plenty of umbrellas in case of rain, we pride ourselves on taking care of every detail on the day of a funeral. What seem to be the little things at the time, can mean so much afterwards.

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ours are with you.



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It's with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we say goodbye to Cian Neville, who passed away at just 15 years old. Cian was a much-loved son to Orlagh and Ian, and a wonderful brother to Cody, Joe, and Ava. We're thinking of his whole family and sending all our love and strength to them at this heartbreaking time.

Cian was a huge part of the St. Andrew's Talk About Youth Project for many years, and he meant so much to everyone here. He brought nothing but smiles, laughter, and good energy whenever he was around. His cheeky grin, curious mind, and great sense of fun made him someone everyone loved being around.

One of the great memories with Cian was when we were doing the bike crafting course. This picture shows Cian on the bike that he built. Every Friday we would meet at St Andrew's and drive up on the minibus. Cian would always connect his phone to the bus radio. The song 'King of the road' would be blasted 4 or 5 times in a row. Cian would be sitting at the back of the bus with his sunglasses on shouting out the words of the song. "When your whooring down the road doing 90 miles an hour on the back of a sulky racer". Cian's favourite colour was pink so of course he decided to put as much pink onto his bike as he possible could. Cian's creative side shone in the making of his bike.

Cian was like the glue of the group. When others weren't in the humour of attending, he would encourage them to get themselves ready and come along. Cian showed up for every group and activity each week, always with a smile.

He had a real spark, the kind of person who could lift your day just by being himself. He left a big impression on all of us, and we feel lucky to have shared in his journey, even if it was far too short.

Cian, we'll miss you more than words can say. You'll always have a place in our hearts.

Rest peacefully, Cian. You will never be forgotten.

With love,

All of us at the St. Andrew's Resource Centre.

If anyone needs support at this time please reach out to the St Andrews Talk About Youth Project.

Lisa, Robbie, Eddie, Eileen, Carmel and Orla.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Eddie Doyle



Gary Cooke

Remembering my beloved parents Harry and Kay and brother Jim.

I miss you more with every passing day



If I had a flower for every time I thought of you...

I could walk through my garden forever.

Marian

The Maher Family

In loving memory of Frank,
Elizabeth (Lizzie), Jimmy,
Tony and Kitty (nee Ebbs)

And not forgetting

Fran & Kirsty Kennedy.

Gone are the days we used to
share

But in our hearts,

you are always there

The gates of memories will never
close

We miss you more than anybody
knows

Sadly missed by your loving family



Thomas Downes who passed away on 4th June 2025 surrounded by his loving family. The family would like to thank all the neighbours and friends who showed such kindness to us all. Thomas loved nothing more than to sit on the step and chat to anybody who would stop and talk.

Always loved and
Never forgotten.



Maisie Pullen



John Pullen



Jason Dowdall



Maryann & Paddy Dowdall

IN LOVING MEMORY

LILLIAN HOLLYWOOD RIP 23/05/25



Remembering our beloved
Mam & Nanny
Bernie
on her 1st Anniversary
October 19th

Loved & missed every day
by her loving family and friends



To all our neighbours and friends
who have gone before us . . .

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your
back,
May the sun shine warm upon
your face,
the rains fall soft upon your
fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of
His hand.

Esther Walsh

Rest in Peace
8th February 2024



IN LOVING MEMORY

Remembering our family and friends who have gone before us.

"If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again."



St. Andrew's Adult Education News

Welcome to St. Andrew's Resource Centre Adult Education department. Below you will find information on all courses currently running in the department.

To register please contact:

Khughes@standrews.ie or

Kathryn.fox@standrews.ie

Creative Writing – Tuesday Morning's from 10am – 12 noon 16/09/25 – 09/12/25

It's an easy fun English class without using the word literacy. You can bring along artefacts, personal memorabilia, old photographs, books, poetry and stories of old or new!

Digital Media – Wednesday Afternoon's from 2pm – 4pm 17/09/25 – 10/12/25

The class is specially designed to provide teaching and training to anyone that is hoping to improve their skills. If it is learning to use a new phone, getting to grips with the latest iPhone, or learning how to use a new Android tablet, this class will be a great way to learn how to use your tech. Places are limited, so if you have a new or old piece of tech and you want to learn how better to use it, this is the class for you!

Sewing Beginners – Tuesday Morning's 10am – 12:30pm 16/09/25 – 09/12/25

If you've always wanted to learn to sew, or if you want to brush up on some old skills, then this is the course for you. Hand work and machine work (provided) in the class

Art – Drawing & Painting – Friday Morning's 10am – 12pm 19/09/25 – 12/12/25

This course is for anyone interested in Art and will bring out the artist in you! Art materials will be provided!

Irish Class – Thursday Morning's 9:30am – 11:30am 18/09/25 – 11/12/25

Irish Beginners – Thursday 11:45 – 13:45 18/09/25 – 11/12/25

The beginner's class in the Irish Language contains both oral and written modules. The classes are organised into two terms with the first term running from September to December and the second term from January to May. Our Autumn term is now open to new members.



Grinds

Grinds programme for primary and secondary student in partnership with St Andrews and Trinity college. Applications are available at reception in St Andrews for the grinds for secondary school with Trinity College Students.

Please complete and drop into reception and we will contact you about starting in October.



ABOUT ST ANDREW'S RESOURCE CENTRE

St Andrew's Resource Centre is a long established and respected provider of services to the inner-city communities of Westland Row, City Quay, and beyond. It provides a broad range of services to support families across the life-cycle. Its joined-up approach to services reflects its holistic model and drives its commitment to innovation. The Centre has a strong values base and is committed to the principles of community development.

St Andrew's is a Family Resource Centre that operates with the support of a wide range of statutory funders and philanthropic donors and engages with an extensive network of partners and stakeholders.

For further information, please visit <https://www.standrews.ie/>



ABOUT

To deliver high quality, creative and holistic response to the needs of families and individuals in the community of Westland Row and City Quay Parishes and to others who avail of the services, so as to enable them to live fulfilled and autonomous lives with the highest possible levels of wellbeing – in terms of health, employment, relationships, mental, social and spiritual development. The Centre has a strong values base and is committed to the principles of community development.

VISION

That the Centre will remain at the heart of the community of Westland Row and City Quay Parishes, as a trusted resource that is effective in enabling the community to remain confident in its identity, assertive in pursuing its needs in a challenging period, dynamic and generous in solidarity across its members and welcoming to newcomers, and that in doing so, St Andrew's will be respected by its statutory partners and attract increased private sector support.

VALUES

Respect for the dignity of all, community development, a holistic approach, partnership, innovation and capacity building of our team.

