



Brendan Walsh, Mya O'Connor and Mia McMahon on the site of the new 3,000 native tree forest at Darndale Park. The project has been led by the Darndale Together Implementation Oversight Group, Dublin City Council and Trinity College, Dublin. Pic: Fintan Clarke.

**Darndale
to celebrate
50th
anniversary**

**The 50th anniversary
of the founding of
the Darndale area will
take place in 2025 and
a number of celebratory
events are planned.**

It will be an opportunity for locals to come together to celebrate the area's famous community spirit.

While Darndale is not without its difficulties, over the past four years, the Dublin City Council led Darndale Implementation Oversight Group (DIOG) established in February 2021, has met on a monthly basis to address many of the problems identified in the locality.

It is composed of senior representatives of many of the agencies and groups providing services in Darndale, Belcamp and Moatview.

While improvements in the area are discernible, and the Darndale Implementation Oversight Group is heartened by green shoots of progress, it is also acutely

conscious of how much more needs to be achieved to make the area safe and an attractive place to live, work and attain a quality education.

The Darndale Together Community Representative Forum has been formed to influence improvements in the safety, health, happiness and wellbeing of each member of the Darndale community and give local people a say.

The forum meets regularly to influence a Darndale Together Action Plan which is dedicated to the needs of local people. All are welcome.

The website, darndaletogether.ie and the #darndaletogether social media platforms are at the heart of positive happenings in Darndale, Belcamp and Moatview.

These platforms offer the chance for you to have your say, talk about what is important to you and suggest what can change in the area.

Your views are important, so please contact Darndale Together through our online channels to help shape the future of the area.

Darndale can continue to improve

Following the fourth year of activity of the Darndale Implementation Oversight Group I am heartened by the progress made.

While many issues remain problematic, there is visible advancement.

The group was established by Dublin City Council in February 2021, following the publication of the report, 'Darndale - A Long View of an Enduring Challenge'.

That report documented the social and economic issues of the Darndale area and articulated a progressive plan of action.

The Implementation Oversight Group comprises senior representatives of many of the statutory agencies and groups providing services in the area.

These include the HSE, Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána, Northside Partnership, City of Dublin Youth Services Board, the Department of Employment and Skills, the Department of Justice, the City of Dublin Educational and Training Board, Darndale Belcamp Village Centre and elected local city councillors.

Crucially, its membership occupy senior positions within their respective organisations, and as decision makers, can advance the recommendations of the underpinning report.

The Implementation Oversight Group interacts with the community and other agencies.

It has actively sought to enhance the area's identity, image and achievements through –

- › Very effective community festivals in summer and at Halloween with the Creative Places company.
- › Dublin City Council's addressing of the long-standing illegal dumping problem, with a direct solution imminent.

- › Dublin City Council continued clean-ups, pocket gardens, planting, painting and waste removal.
- › An FAI Late night soccer leagues programme in conjunction with local Gardaí.
- › A bespoke communication programme.

It has sought to engender a feeling of safety through –

- › Continued reductions in crime, a weekly Garda clinic, an improved Garda presence and regular days of Garda action.
- › A Department of Justice bespoke Youth Special Project.
- › Darndale Together Safety Forum quarterly meetings.
- › The HSE Drugs Outreach Programme and new engagement processes for individuals with difficulties.
- › The City of Dublin Youth Service Board Sphere 17 youth outreach, and other projects.

It has sought to improve quality of life through –

- › Generating career opportunities for young people via jobs and apprenticeship fairs.
- › Supporting initiatives such as a Place Based Leadership Programme, and Get the Message Out.
- › Provision and support of the Fáilte Isteach Programme at Darndale Belcamp Village Centre for Ukrainians fleeing war who wish to improve their spoken English.

It has sought to improve community health through –

- › The inclusion of Darndale as a site within the HSE Healthy Ireland Initiative.
- › Stop smoking campaigns facilitated by the HSE.
- › The Healthy Darndale programme.
- › Generating sporting and recreational opportunities through thriving local clubs such as Darndale FC, Darndale Boxing Club, O'Toole's GAA Club, Coolock Running Club and others.
- › Supporting the Darndale Park Run.

It has sought to improve education and training through –

- › Creating additional opportunities for higher-level education through a partnership with the Trinity College Dublin Access Programme.
- › By embedding the Adverse Childhood Experience Programme in primary schools.
- › Through the EU tree planting project in collaboration with Trinity College Dublin and Our Lady Immaculate School.
- › Through the Northside Partnership Communiiversity Programme.

These are all genuine and new improvement initiatives.

While steady progress has been made, there is still much to do and a lengthy road ahead with many stubborn challenges and obstacles to be overcome.

The communities of Darndale, Belcamp and Moatview need the continued support and commitment of central government departments.

The Darndale Implementation Oversight Group wants to overcome these obstacles and create a durable and sustainable community which can look forward to a brighter future with the expectation that together the entire area can continue to improve.



Dr Jack Nolan
Chairperson, Darndale
Implementation Oversight Group

Residents' environmental groups transforming their areas

'Buttercup Buzzbees', the environmental group from Buttercup Drive, won first place at Dublin City Council's North Central Area Neighbourhood Awards.

And they finished joint second representing the North Central Area at the overall City Neighbourhood Awards.

The competition aims to bring about a cleaner, greener environment and make areas more attractive.

Buttercup Buzzbees won first place in the North Central Area Residential Competition, 1-150 Dwellings Category.

They competed against winners from the other four Dublin City Council administrative areas at the overall City Awards where joint second place was a wonderful achievement.

The group has completely transformed their area over the past year.

Belcamp Grove Environmental Group won third place in the Best New Entry Category at the North Central Area Neighbourhood Awards.

It was subsequently nominated for a Dublin City Council Chief Executive Special Award.

Belcamp Grove and its adjacent green space has been the site of illegal dumping.

Dublin City Council's Area Office encouraged its residents to get involved in street cleaning in 2023.

Belcamp Grove Environmental Group has transformed the cul-de-sac.

It is working with the Dublin City Council Environmental Liaison Officer and the Sláinte Care Healthy Communities Officer to devise a suitable plan for the space.

Moatview Avenue Environmental Group and Buttercup Court Environmental Group entered the City Neighbourhoods Competition for the first time this year.

Dublin City Council's Public Domain Team continue to work closely with local groups to enhance the Darndale Area.

It will continue to remove illegally dumped material and graffiti as quickly as it can.

Dublin City Council's Public Domain Team's focus in 2025 will be to further encourage and support local groups in their endeavours.

For information on how to register as an environmental group or for information as to how to enter the City Neighbourhoods Competition in 2025 please email northcentral@dublincity.ie or phone **01 2228870**.



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The Made in Darndale Festival 2024 was another vibrant celebration

The two-day extravaganza was a stunning showcase of creativity and friendship.



Darndale Community Fair - a window on local opportunity

Residents of Belcamp, Darndale and Moatview enjoyed a vibrant Community Fair at Darndale Belcamp Village Centre.

The event showcased local services, supports and opportunities within the community.

The Community Fair was organised by Northside Partnership's Empowering Communities team in collaboration with Darndale Belcamp Village Centre.

Northside Partnership is a development company working to improve the lives of people in north-east Dublin.

It featured more than 30 exhibitors from educational, health, legal, youth, childcare and rehabilitation providers, amongst others.

According to Dr Jack Nolan, the chair of the Darndale Together Implementation Oversight Group, the event was the perfect platform to view positive opportunities.

"The Fair was a wonderful vehicle to learn about opportunities which can make a really positive difference to life in Darndale, Belcamp and Moatview," he said.

Geraldine Nolan, Empowering Communities Coordinator with Northside Partnership, stressed the value of empowering people to make positive changes in their own community.

"There are so many opportunities available in this community, but not everyone is aware of them."

The event was opened by local young community leader, Maria Williams.

"We celebrated the vibrant spirit and diversity of our community," said Nicko Murphy, CEO of the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre.

"Together, we can create lasting bonds and empower positive change."



At the launch of the Community Fair, were (l-r): Ger Nolan, Niall Sexton, Dearbháil Butler, Natalie McKeever, Sandra Gribben, Ann Hayden, Sinead Vincent, Nicole Kelly, Sue Cullen and Nicko Murphy.

Over 700 take part in Darndale 5K to 'Get The Message Out'

Over 700 runners took part in the third annual Darndale 'Another Way 5K' at the local park.

Darndale's famous community spirit was again to the fore at the event.

It forms part of the Get The Message Out campaign to steer young people away from addiction and crime, and support those determined to exit that lifestyle.

Ex-prisoner and now full-time triathlete, local man Ger Redmond, who works to combat crime and addiction, created the major running event with Stephen Coughlan of Archways Systemic Family Support.

Established in 2022, the 5K has grown to become one of the biggest events of its kind in the city.

And its success has already prompted founder Ger to establish a running club in the area, with the help of his friend, Anthony Brady.

This year's event was promoted by the newly-formed Coolock Running Club for the first time.

The new club has a strong presence in Darndale.

And it has just celebrated its first anniversary.

Since its formation, Coolock Running Club has developed a strong network across north east Dublin.

"Coolock Running Club sees locals come together to run, jog or walk, discuss their lives and achieve goals perhaps they never thought possible," said Ger.

Celebrations of the first anniversary included 5K and 1K runs at Priorswood Park followed by a party in the coffee dock.

The Darndale 'Another Way 5K' is one of a number of projects backed by the Darndale Together Implementation Oversight Group, the Dublin City Council initiative to tackle longstanding, complex and engrained issues in Darndale.

Other supporting organisations included Archways Systemic Family Support, Northside Partnership, The Dales Centre, Sphere 17 Regional Youth Service, Slainte Care Healthy Communities, Active Cities, Dublin City Council Sport and Wellbeing, Dublin City Council North Central Area Office, Darndale Football Club and An Garda Síochána.



Ger Redmond with fellow member of the newly formed Coolock Running Club, Anthony Brady.



Ger Redmond leads out young participants at the annual Darndale 'Another Way 5K' at the local park. Pic: Fintan Clarke.



Quit smoking - take the first step

There are a variety of locally available supports to help smokers quit.

These services offer a well-rounded approach to quitting smoking, addressing not only physical dependency but also the mental and emotional aspects of the journey.

Offered by Northside Partnership, smokers can take the first step today by contacting Michael or Derek at **01 8320995** or by email at **quit@nspartnership.ie**.

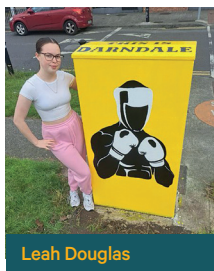
Newslines

Super signal boxes

Artwork is now adorning signal boxes in Darndale.

The spectacular works entitled 'This Is Darndale' were created by daughter and dad duo, Leah and Stephen Douglas.

Their wonderful creations are part of the Dublin City Council Dublin Canvas initiative.



Leah Douglas



Stephen Douglas

Community Noticeboard

Sláintecare is partnering with Darndale Belcamp Village Centre to establish a new community noticeboard in the Village Square.

The board will be regularly updated with information about community events, groups, and resources. It is aimed to have it in place by the end of the year.

New Women's Safe Space

In partnership with a sub-committee working locally, dedicated to supporting women, a new

space has been created which will be open twice a week.

This initiative is open to all women in the community. It is being led by new service Brook Recovery Hub located behind the Glin Centre in Coolock.

It takes place on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am-12. More information from Emma (086 136 4215).

Climate Action Grant

A coalition of local agencies successfully secured a climate action grant for Darndale.

This group includes Darndale FC, the Out and About outreach team, D17 ACT, the HSE Recovery Coordinator and Sláintecare.

This is a significant achievement and a fantastic boost for the community.

The grant will fund the provision of bikes, bike lockers, water stations, and equipment for Repair Café workshops.

Trauma Event

The Neurons to Neighbourhoods team organised a wonderful event on dealing with trauma.

Over 50 people living and working in the community attended.

The event was very informative and sparked an open and honest conversation about the impact of adverse childhood experience and trauma on individuals and communities.

Sláintecare, Darndale Belcamp Village Centre and Our Lady Immaculate Primary School collaborated on the initiative.

Darndale Park community summer event

Sláintecare hosted a successful community event in Darndale Park in collaboration with The Dales, Sphere 17, Frontline Bikes, and the HSE Recovery Coordinator.

The event featured a bike repair workshop and a fishing workshop at the pond. More than 40 community members attended, making it a fantastic day for everyone involved.

Bealtaine Arts Exhibition

As part of this year's Bealtaine Festival, the Community Social Development Section in Dublin City Council, in conjunction with Coolock Library Art Group, organised a free to the public art exhibition at Northside Shopping Centre.

The exhibition included works from Priorswood Men's Arts Group, as well as Coolock Library, Golden Years, St Luke's, Lorcan, Bonnybrook, Santry, and North Dublin Artist Club.

School clean up

Wonderful work was undertaken by Dublin City Council, in conjunction with Our Lady Immaculate Junior School, in preparation for the new school year.



School clean up

Darndale joins Barcelona and Milan in urban forest initiative

Darndale has become the location of a new innovative 'urban forest' as part of an EU funded city tree-planting initiative.



Kai Kinsella and Amber Dagg Dillon on the site of the new 3,000 native tree forest at Darndale Park.

It has joined Milan, Barcelona and the Romanian city of Brasov as one of four forests planted in the 'UForest' project.

Three-thousand native trees, including oak, birch, willow and hazel, have been planted across 4,500 square metres at Darndale Park by local school children and volunteers.

The project is led by Trinity College Dublin's Centre for Social Innovation, with Dublin City Council providing the site, trees and ongoing maintenance.

With 84% of the population of Europe expected to live in urban areas by 2050, planning more sustainable and liveable cities is crucial. Forests can reduce heat, provide better air quality and increase biodiversity.

A major planting ceremony, involving pupils from the local Our Lady Immaculate National School, took place at the close of European Urban Forest Week.

"Things are changing for the better in Darndale," said Dr Jack Nolan, Chairperson of the Darndale Together Implementation Oversight Group, which proposed Darndale as the site of the 'UForest' project and drove the initiative locally.

"This project is vote of confidence in an area on a journey of significant advancement.

"It will have major social and environmental benefits for Darndale and its surrounds," he said.

"The urban forest will grow to provide the community with a space to spend time together, enjoy nature and learn more about it.

"To fully embrace inclusion and unity, the forest has been planted in the shape of a doughnut, with trees forming an outer ring and a small clearing within.

"The goal is to raise awareness of the benefits of nature, while providing some basic skills to students to teach them how to plant and take care of trees.

"Creating a bond among the Darndale community and its new urban forest is key."

Uforest is a three year project which creates, promotes and shares knowledge about urban forestry.

Its fosters the creation of town and city forests and greener, healthier, more resilient cities.

Northside Partnership's Community Food and Nutrition Programmes

Northside Partnership's Community Food and Nutrition Worker has been actively engaging with the Darndale, Belcamp, and Priorswood communities over the past year.

A variety of programmes, workshops and support initiatives have been delivered.

These have focused on food poverty, improving nutrition knowledge and fostering healthy eating habits.

The Community Food and Nutrition Worker has facilitated numerous nutrition workshops and cooking sessions tailored to the diverse needs of the community -

- › **Cooking For Me Workshops:** Two workshops at The Dales drug rehabilitation centre, empowering participants with practical cooking skills.
- › **Parent and Child Sessions:** Engaged families at St Francis National School, Priorswood with hands-on nutrition and cooking lessons.
- › **Healthy Ageing Workshops:** Hosted at Priorswood Parish Centre and St Monica's Resource Centre, these sessions reached over 31 older adults, promoting nutrition for healthy ageing.
- › **Healthy Eating 4 All Workshops:** Three workshops were delivered, including one via Eventbrite and two in collaboration with northside Traveller Support Group TravAct, aimed at educating participants on balanced diets and nutrition guidelines.
- › **Specialised Nutrition Workshops:** Topics included 'Healthy Eating during Menopause,' 'Healthy Eating for Older Adults,' and 'Healthy Eating for Parents,' conducted between June and July.

Community Engagement and Impact Workshops and Events -

- › **Air Fryer Masterclass:** A highly successful session at Priorswood, teaching innovative and healthy ways to prepare meals, attracted 33 participants.
- › **Healthy Eating Together:** Two sessions were conducted with TravAct, engaging pre-arranged groups to explore communal healthy eating.
- › **Cooking for One:** Aimed at individuals cooking for themselves, this workshop attracted 13 people.
- › **Food Bank Support:** Ongoing collaboration with the Darndale Foodbank included the development of weekly recipe cards,

nutritional support during food bank sessions, and the organisation of food drives, including special efforts around Christmas to assist families in need.

Support and Collaboration -

- › **Nutrition Guidance for Youth Services:** A partnership was established with Sphere 17 to provide nutritional guidance for meals and snacks served to teenagers, along with resource lists to support the centre's activities.
- › **Food Donations:** Coordinated the donation of lamb and fruit to the Foodbank in Darndale, with contributions from logistics and supply chain company Gist, enhancing the nutritional value of the food provided to families.

Progress and Future Plans -

Looking Ahead:

- › The Community Food and Nutrition Worker has been instrumental in building nutrition capacity and awareness in the community.
- › Planning is underway for further interventions aimed at reducing nutritional inequalities and enhancing the overall health and wellbeing of residents in Darndale, Belcamp, and Priorswood.

A Year of Growth and Community Support

This past year has been one of growth, learning, and impactful support for the Darndale community.

The efforts of the Northside Partnership's Community Food and Nutrition Worker have not only educated and empowered individuals, but have also strengthened community bonds through shared experiences in cooking and nutrition.



Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programmes

Social Prescribing

Social prescribing is a free service available to people over 18 years old living in the Darndale area. The aim of social prescribing is to help mental, physical and social health by connecting participants to non-medical services within their community. For more information please contact Karen O'Neill on **01 8320995**.

Everyday Parenting for Every Parent

Everyday Parenting for Every Parent programmes aim to support parents in promoting positive, caring relationships with their children by enhancing their knowledge, skills and confidence. For more information about upcoming workshops please contact Linda Pickett on **087 1432889**.

Healthy Food Made Easy

The Healthy Food Made Easy programme delivers nutrition and cookery courses which help with a healthier diet, planning meals on a budget and making meals which are quick, easy to cook and nutritious. For more information about upcoming courses please contact Tamara Kearns on **01 8320995**.

HSE Living Well Programme

The HSE Living Well programme took place at the Priorswood Centre, running for six weeks. Ten people completed the course.

This programme is specially designed for individuals living with chronic pain or long-term health conditions, offering practical skills to help manage symptoms and improve quality of life.

Through interactive workshops, participants learned how to tackle fatigue, stress, and emotional challenges, while adopting healthier habits and effective communication strategies.

Participants can self-refer to all HSE Living Well programmes. If you would like to register for a programme, find out more or host a group in your area, please contact Louise via email **Livingwelldncc@hse.ie** or phone **01 8976171**.



Participants and facilitators at the HSE Living Well Programme.

Newslines

Handy Helpers

Among the priorities of the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre is a commitment to support seniors.

It wants to ensure they live safely and comfortably at home.

As part of this commitment, it is delighted to highlight Handy Helpers.

It is a fantastic not-for-profit service providing a wide range of home maintenance and decluttering solutions.

It is available at affordable rates for older people living in Darndale-Belcamp-Moatview.

Handy Helpers is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of the senior community.

It offers offering everything from essential home repairs to comprehensive security assessments.

The service empowers older residents to maintain their independence and enjoy peace of mind, knowing their homes are in good order.

Key services provided include home maintenance and improvements, project management and security assessment.

Handy Helpers' dedicated team members are not only skilled and experienced, but also Garda-vetted and highly empathetic to the needs of older residents.

They work closely with local organisations, social services, and NGOs to offer a seamless service which goes beyond home maintenance, providing guidance on grants and additional support.

For more information, or to book a free home assessment, contact Handy Helpers at **01 8771600** or visit www.handyhelpers.ie.



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Library in the Community

Dublin City Libraries Library in the Community section has opened a self-service library locker at the Darndale Belcamp Village centre.

The locker is particularly useful for members of the public unable to travel to their local library branch in Coolock.

The locker in Darndale is only the second of its kind in Dublin City.

Cancer screening

A Marie Keating Foundation cancer awareness mobile unit visited the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre.

The event aimed to raise awareness among the community of the importance of cancer screening, often not part of health and wellbeing plans. Similar events are planned.

Swop Shop

A Swop Shop took place at Darndale Belcamp Village Centre. It aimed to create social connections for the elderly and educate as to the value of the circular economy.

Golden Years Senior Centre - independence and wellbeing

The Golden Years Senior Centre, at the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre, is proud to support the wellbeing and independence of older residents in the area.

It provides a welcoming and secure environment where seniors can connect, engage, and thrive.

Open Monday to Friday, from 9.00am to 3.00pm, the Centre offers a comprehensive range of services for members aged 65 and over residing in the catchment areas of Dublin 5, 13, and 17.

Golden Years Senior Centre offers a variety of in-house services designed to enrich the lives of members -

- ▶ **Full Day-Care Programme:** Day-care services include door-to-door transport, meet-and-greet on arrival, breakfast, a morning activity programme, a three-course lunch, afternoon activities, and gentle exercise sessions ensure members have a fulfilling and enjoyable day before being safely transported back home.
- ▶ **Activity Groups and Social Events:** The Centre is a hub of social engagement and offers a range of activities tailored to members' interests; from art classes, men's and women's clubs, and the popular Bowls Club, to parties, events, and the Socrates Café, there is something for everyone to enjoy and look forward to.
- ▶ **Additional Services:** Members also benefit from access to a primary care teams, live entertainment, guest speakers, and assisted bathing or showering facilities, all aimed at maintaining health and wellbeing.

The dedicated Golden Years team is committed to ensuring the safety, comfort and happiness of all who attend.

The Centre also offers a Friendly Call Service, allowing members to receive regular check-ins over the phone.

This service helps to reduce isolation, providing companionship and a listening ear from the comfort of home.

New members are always welcome.

For more information or to become a member, contact **01 8771608** or visit www.darndalebelcampvc.ie.



Emma Dunne, Ger Nolan, Sharon Fowler, Shelly Daly and Dearbháil Butler at the Swop Shop at Darndale Belcamp Village Centre.



The Golden Years Senior Centre offers a variety of in-house services designed to enrich the lives of members at Darndale Belcamp Village Centre.

Darndale Belcamp Village Centre Community Employment Programme

The Darndale Belcamp Village Centre CLG Community Employment Programme (CE) is making a real difference in the area.

It supports people so they can gain valuable experience and build a pathway to long-term employment.

The programme offers participants the opportunity to contribute to their community, while working in a variety of roles.

These include maintenance, cleaning, administration, community healthcare, groundskeeping, reception, healthcare assistance, and sports hall assistance.

Participants are allocated to roles across 12 community organisations from Darndale and Coolock to Kilbarrack and Donaghmede.

By participating in the CE Programme, individuals gain hands-on experience, develop new skills, and enhance their employability, all while making a positive impact.

Darndale Belcamp Village Centre is incredibly proud of the high progression rate to permanent employment.

Participants on the CE Programme benefit from a range of training and development opportunities designed to upskill and support in achieving career goals.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the CE Programme or learning more about how it can help build a brighter future, get in touch with Darndale Belcamp Village Centre.

US Government validates Darndale parenting programme

A parenting programme designed to help families in Darndale has gained international recognition and is the first and only Irish initiative of its kind endorsed by US authorities.

'Preparing for Life' is a plan produced by Northside Partnership, a development company working to improve the lives of people in north-east Dublin.

The early intervention model helps develop parenting skills and prepare children for school and was first rolled out in Darndale in 2007.

It serves families and children from pregnancy to school entry, supporting parents so the child, family and community can thrive.

It is delivered through regular home visits, along with wrap around supports including antenatal education, breastfeeding help, and group sessions for parents.

Now, the US Department of Health and Human Services has officially recognised its "unique approach to supporting parents".

It has been included on the Department's 'Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness' (HomVEE) list, making it the only Irish initiative of its kind eligible for federal and state funding in the US.

"This is a recognition of the wonderful parents and children in Darndale who have been part of this study," said Preparing for Life programme manager, Niall Sexton.

"It is truly an honour to be in their lives and share their parenting journey."

The initiative also offers a range of other services including baby massage, evidenced parenting courses, and speech and language programmes.

Those interested in accessing the service should email pfl.info@nspartnership.ie or phone **01 8771509**.



Preparing for Life home visitor Aoife O'Hara with toddler Lainie Deegan and mother Amy Deegan at Preparing for Life at the Bell Building, Darndale. Pic: Fintan Clarke.

'Darndale Together After Dark' among city's best Halloween celebrations

Darndale is preparing to host one of the biggest and best Halloween celebrations in Dublin.

The 'Darndale Together After Dark' Halloween Festival, will be spread across several venues between 4-7pm on Thursday, October 31.

It will culminate in a fireworks display in Darndale Park at 7.00pm. It is the perfect Halloween happening for all ages.

It is organised by Dublin City Council, in partnership with Darndale Together, a community focused initiative of the local authority, overseen by the Darndale Implementation Oversight Group.

Halloween Festival events will be centred at Darndale Belcamp Village Centre. There will also be events at Sphere 17 and on The Green.

Entertainment for all ages will include musical acts, dance and street performers, as well as art, face painting and free popcorn, slushies and candyfloss.

"This event is a wonderful opportunity for everybody to have a super time at Halloween and should not be missed," said Dr Jack Nolan, chair of the Darndale Implementation Oversight group.

"Darndale Together After Dark' will promote the area in a wonderfully positive light, as well as bringing great fun and colour."

More information is available through Darndale Together social media channels.

The event takes place courtesy of Creative Places, the Arts Council, Sphere 17, Archways, Northside Partnership, the Department of Justice and Equality, Darndale Belcamp Village Centre and An Garda Síochána.

Sphere 17 - make a difference

Sphere 17 is a dedicated youth service with centres in Darndale and Priorswood. These are places where young people can explore, connect, and make a difference.

Sphere 17 aims to create safe spaces for young people to discover their potential, progress skills and hang out with friends.

It offers lots of programmes which focus on creativity, leadership, mental health, the environment, and much more, in a fun and welcoming environment.

Its centres in Darndale and Priorswood are committed to young people experiencing new things, whether that be residential, participating in its 'Halloween House', joining in summer programmes, showcasing talent at its Youth Theatre or becoming one of its 'Young Community Communicators'.

Sphere 17 prides itself on a team of experienced and dedicated youth workers passionate about supporting young people and committed to high quality service provision.

Whether looking to join a specific group, access some individual support, chill with your friends at a drop-in, or dive into community projects, there is something for everyone.

If you are between the ages of 10-24 come and be part of Sphere 17.

Follow Sphere 17 on its socials or call in to find out more.

@sphere_17_darndale, @sphere17-Priorswood, www.sphere17.ie.



Sphere 17 offers young people the opportunity to explore, connect, and make a difference.



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