



St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Project

Summer 2018

NEWSLETTER

Dublin City Council, Staff Changes.

Gillian Corcoran from Dublin City Council is the new Project Estate Officer for St Teresa's Gardens. Gillian has 12 years experience in Estate Management and has been involved with the Redevelopment of Dominick Street Lower. Gillian will be working closely with local residents and the Regeneration Board, dealing with all aspects of Estate Management and Project Development. Gillian will be assisted by Trevor Martin and they will be running a drop in clinic in the Donore Community Centre, every Monday from 10.00 am -12.00pm, commencing Monday 30th July 2018.

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Other Dublin City Council Updates

- Works have commenced on repairs to the football pitch



Event to celebrate the restoration, by Dublin City Council, of statue of St. Teresa was hosted on Saturday 16th of June. Lord Mayor Mícheál Mac Donncha attended and spoke at considerable length about the difficulties involved in the regeneration process so far, and hopes for the future for the residents. Other speakers included Kris Taylor, Father Alois from Donore Parish Church, and Stephen Rourke, the Independent Chair of the Regeneration Board.

The event was well attended by current and past residents of the Gardens, with more residents listening to the proceedings from their balconies. Refreshments and children's entertainment were provided at the Community Centre afterwards, where photocopies of all the original 1980's resident-made magazines ('The Gardens'), were also on display. Donore Gardening Group planted the flowers for the stone planters and hanging baskets surrounding the statue in the days preceding the event.

Pictures below show Lord Mayor Mícheál Mac Donncha with some STG Residents



ST. Teresa STATUE RESTORATION EVENT 16th JUNE, 2018



Emily Zambra, Lorraine McGee, Una Rafferty and Peter Dorman



Lord Mayor with Stephen Rourke (Regeneration Board) and Tony Smithers (Dublin City Council)



Councillor Vincent Jackson and local resident Billy Mooney



Father Alois from Donore Parish Church blessing the restored statue of St. Teresa



News from St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Board

The Regeneration Board of St. Teresa's Gardens consists of an independent Chairperson, a Coordinator, and 17 members, made up from local residents (including three from St. Teresa's Gardens flats), Dublin City Council staff, two elected public representatives, and other local service providers. New members such as David Doyle from Foróige Garda Youth Diversion Project, father David Corrigan from the Donore Parish Church, and Evan Moore from South West Inner City Network, have recently joined the board to replace some retired members.

The Board meets monthly in the Donore Youth and Community Centre, and aims to ensure that all relevant views are represented, and that regeneration is delivered to the benefit of the whole community and within agreed timescales.



Rea Lavelle is currently still covering Lyndsey Anderson's maternity leave as the Regeneration Board Coordinator. Rea has a number of years experience working in the homeless and general housing services, Local Employment services (Obair), and the national Lone Parent organisation One Family.

She would be particularly interested to hear from you if you need support or advice around returning to, or starting work and/or training. Job opportunities are coming up this year locally at St. Teresa's Gardens when the construction of the new-build houses begins, as well as at the new National Children's Hospital in Rialto (in construction related trades, catering and office administration; apprenticeships also available). There are also job opportunities with two new local hotels, with vacancies in housekeeping, catering, food and beverage service, and reception. Rea would link you in with any training necessary for the above jobs would be provided.

Rea is based on-site at the Donore Youth and Community Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays every week, and you can also get her on 087 195 7798, or email realavelle@gmail.com

A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Hello

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are making some progress on a number of different fronts in relation to the Regeneration Programme for St Teresa's Gardens.

As you know the back 4 blocks of flats were knocked down earlier this year and this space will now be the location for a sports pitch and a park. Work has also begun on preparing the site close to Eugene Street for the construction of 54 new houses and apartments for the current residents of St Teresa's Gardens. This construction work is due to begin this September. We are also working towards improving the area where residents currently live. Painting work on the 2 remaining occupied blocks of flats has already begun and will be followed by the provision of a playground, new seating for residents and the landscaping and general upgrading of the area where you live.

I know it has been a long and difficult struggle to get to where we are today with the building of new homes due to begin very shortly. I am confident that there will not be any more lengthy delays and hold-ups and that the long promised regeneration of St Teresa's Gardens will definitely take place over the next few years.

With every good wish

Stephen Rourke

Chairperson of St. Teresa's Gardens
Regeneration Board

Community Development Health Work and Social Activities

Community Development Health Worker **Una Rafferty** (pictured below) facilitates social groups and other ongoing activities at the Donore Youth and Community Centre. They are open to everyone, but residents of St. Teresa's Gardens are particularly welcome and encouraged to take part.

The following are some of the activities and groups now taking place in the Donore Youth and Community Centre:

A Donore Community Barbeque was held on the rooftop garden on Friday 8th of June. Many thanks to the DCC Sports and Recreation staff and local residents for their help in organising the food and hosting the event.



Hola Hoop classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30. €10 per class.

Zumba classes take place every Thursday evening from 7 to 9pm and costs €5 per class. The class has finished for the summer but will return in September.

Indoor bowls takes place every Friday from 12 to 1pm.

Acupuncture takes place in the Meditation Room every Friday from 11am to 12 pm.

The Donore Men's Group is a social group for men in the area aged 50+ and is open to new members. They meet every Monday in the community centre from 10.30am until 1pm.

The Donore Ladies Group is open to women of all ages living in or who have a connection to the area. The group meet every Tuesday from 7 to 9pm. The group is always open to new members.

Tea@Ten Come join us for free tea/ coffee and a chat every Wednesday morning from 10am -12pm in the Donore Youth and Community Centre.

The **Donore Community Garden** is progressing well. The group have planted tomatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, a selection of berries as well as a range of herbs on the rooftop garden. There are also potatoes, kale, chard, beans, sweetcorn and peas growing in the raised beds behind the parish church. We were delighted to harvest our first crop of potatoes on Friday 29th June. DCC have also provided us with 4 waist-high custom made planters, perfect for those with back problems or

arthritis who want to enjoy gardening. The group meets every Friday between 1 and 3pm. All welcome.

3- YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ST. TERESA'S GARDENS

In early 2018, the Regeneration Board commissioned a strategic plan to be carried out, by the social research organisation Quality Matters.

Staff from Quality Matters interviewed all the board members, residents from the flats as well as some from the surrounding area, and various local service providers.

The plan was completed in the early summer, and will inform the work of the regeneration board over the next three years. It includes key points such as supporting the residents through the regeneration process, promoting timely and positive physical regeneration, and promoting community health and safety. The printed version of the plan will be launched in the early autumn; in the meantime electronic version can be obtained from Rea Lavelle (realavelle@gmail.com), on request.

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