



St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Project

Christmas 2019

NEWSLETTER

Dublin City Council, Staff Changes

Veronica Hand is the new DCC Project Estate Officer for St. Teresa's Gardens

You can contact Veronica on the numbers below about any housing or maintenance issues. Veronica will also be available at Donore Youth and Community Centre every Tuesday between 10 and 12, beginning Tuesday 7th of January. Drop in if you have concerns about rent arrears, maintenance or antisocial behaviour etc.

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St. Teresa's girls and women's football team getting ready for their match with Kevin Street Gardai. See inside for more photographs



Veronica has worked in Housing for the past 12 years (based in Ballyfermot most recent 9 years), she has managed the estate management section for the past three years and was involved in the delivery of over 150 new housing units a mix of Rapid Build and the Iveagh Trust senior citizen complex in the Ballyfermot Area.

Halloween this year saw many community events taking place across the South West Inner City area, and the cooperation between Dublin City Council, Gardaí and the residents ensured that this year's festivities were safe for everyone.

Community Events are held at the Donore Youth and Community Centre every few months. For Halloween this year, the Girls' Group, which is supported by the Community Development Health Worker employed by St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Board, took on the role of organising an event for children, young people and families. At least 80 people attended this event, which was supported by the Regeneration Board.

Big thank you to the Girl's Group for organising this fun event!

ST. Teresa's HALLOWEEN EVENT 2019



Children enjoying Halloween Event at Donore Youth and Community Centre



The Organisers



Football and Christmas Event

The girls and women from St. Teresa's Gardens hosted An Garda Síochána's Kevin Street Ladies team in a football match at St. Catherine's Sports Centre on December 12th, 2019. The match proved very exciting with the St. Teresa's team's star player Simone Warren having to go off mid-match due to an ankle injury, and the score ended up 1-4 to Kevin Street Ladies. An afterparty was held at Donore Youth and Community centre, with children's activities, nibbles, a visit from Santa and lighting of the Christmas tree outside by Donore Community Drug and Alcohol Team.

The event was organised in collaboration with Targeted Response for Youth (TRY) staff, Foróige, Community Development Health Worker and the Centre staff, and supported by St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Board, Donore Education Network and Donore Credit Union. Both teams are looking forward to a re-match next year.



Both Teams at the Donore Centre afterparty with Inspector Katherina Joyce and Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley/Clr Críona Ni Dhálaigh, who presented the trophy



Liam Holland sharing a celebratory biscuit with Kevin Street Ladies team members



Referee Liam Holland sharing football tips with St. Teresa's team members before the match



Spectators and coaching staff at the match



News from St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Board

The Regeneration Board of St. Teresa's Gardens consists of an independent Chairperson, a Coordinator, and 18 members, made up from local residents (including four from St. Teresa's Gardens flats), Dublin City Council staff, an elected public representative, and other local service providers. The Board meets monthly 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. More

information on board members can be found on www.stgregen.ie website.

Residents of St. Teresa's Gardens will have a chance to speak to the architect of the new-build houses and apartments under construction on Thursday, 30th of January 2020, at Donore Youth and Community Centre. The architect will provide a powerpoint presentation about how the new units will look, and there will be other visual aids too to give residents an idea of the size and shape of their new homes.

Rea Lavelle has recently returned to the post of regeneration board coordinator. Please contact Rea if you have any questions about the regeneration process. She would also be happy to provide information about local employment opportunities, or help with CV preparation / interview skills. You can contact **Rea** on **087 3856 372**, or at coordinator@stgregen.ie



Pamela Carroll

Contact
Pamela if you
would like
information
about training
courses that
will run locally
in 2020

is the Community Development Health Worker based at Donore Youth and Community Centre. Pamela is originally from Saint Teresa's Gardens and currently runs several very well-attended social groups for people of different ages from the Centre. There is also a drop in Breakfast Morning for women on a Wednesday; all welcome, including kids. If you would like more information on

Pamela's groups, or help with health and well-being issues, you can catch her at the centre between 9 and 12.30 Monday to Friday, on **01-222 6141**, or pamela@stgregen.ie

The Regeneration board has an **Education Bursary** for residents to help with costs associated with education or training. Contact Pamela or Rea for Info

A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I would like to wish every resident of St Teresa's Gardens and surrounding areas a very happy and peaceful Christmas. It has been a good and productive year for the Regeneration Programme in the area. The precinct improvement works went very well and the new playground, a key element of these works, has made an important contribution to the community. The building contract on the 54 new housing units is also going well and this building project is on schedule to be completed by the end of 2020. There has also been a lot of community activity with the establishment of new groups and with the organisation of successful community events (of which the most recent was the football match on 12th December between women from St Teresa's Gardens and Kevin Street Garda Station).

I am really pleased that positive developments are taking place on a number of different levels. I also recognise the fact that problems and difficulties still do exist - around issues such as anti-social behaviour, health of local residents, and the upkeep and maintenance of the flats. At Regeneration Board meetings we are continually discussing these issues and working out ways in which the lives of local residents can be improved into the future. We would like to thank residents for sticking with the Regeneration Programme which has gone on for far too long. At last, however, we are getting closer to the stage when current residents of St Teresa's Gardens will be moving into their own homes and when other very positive developments will be taking place on the site.

In addition to thanking local residents I would also like to thank my fellow Regeneration Board members who try and ensure that things are progressing well. One clear indication of their commitment to this work is that we have had over 80% attendance from the 20 members at the 10 Regeneration Board meetings during 2019. I would like to thank the staff who have worked for the Regeneration Board during the year. A special word of thanks to Lyndsey Anderson, Regeneration Co-ordinator for many years, who moved onto a new job in 2019. Thanks also to Rea Lavelle (our new Regeneration Co-ordinator), to Pamela Carroll and to Barbara Brennan who have all made very fine contributions to our work over the last year.

Let us hope that 2020 is a good year for people living in St Teresa's Gardens as we all work towards ensuring that residents make a successful transition into their new homes and as plans are put in place for new developments such as the Sports Campus, parks and playgrounds. It is anticipated that the Regeneration Board, together with Dublin City Council and Hines, will play a significant role in these developments. Before we get into 2020 I wish you and your family every contentment and joy during the Christmas period

Stephen Rourke, Chairperson of St. Teresa's Gardens Regeneration Board

