

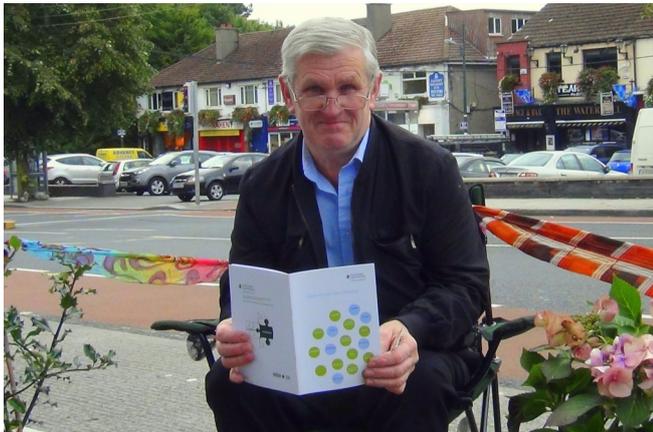


Northside Partnership Newsletter

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Northside Partnership Parks Up for International Parking Day

On Friday 20th September, Northside Partnership joined with 25 other groups around Dublin City to promote the positive use of urban space as part of Park(ing) Day 2013. Park(ing) Day is an international event whereby parking spaces all over the world are taken over and transformed into a small park for the day. Northside Partnership decided to set up their temporary park entitled "NSPartnership – A Place to Bee" in the middle of Raheny Village. Throughout the day, passers-by were stopping to sit in the comfortable garden chairs provided, relax, read and learn about bees and the programmes and services offered by Northside Partnership. One such passer-by was Anthony O'Brien from Kilbarrack who told us "It's a fantastic idea, usually it's just parking here so it's nice to have something different. And it's actually the first time I'd heard about Northside Partnership and what they do so I found out something new as well." The event was run in conjunction with Dublinparkingday.org and Dublin City Council.



Anthony O'Brien from Kilbarrack stops by for a chat

Organiser Heidi Bedell (r) speaks to another passerby

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Regional Education Network Launches its Exciting 2013/14 Programme

The Regional Education Network (REN) has just launched its exciting new programme for 2013 – 2014. Upcoming events from the programme include its Education Fair, which will feature all major education providers and provide students with information regarding their further education options. The REN also offers a programme of professional development workshops for teachers on relevant issues. Up-

coming workshops for teachers include Extreme Behaviour Problems with Sinead Hearne from NEPS on 19th November for primary schools and 20th November for post-primary schools. Schools will also be invited to participate in the REN's Student Art Competition this November on the themes of "Beauty on the Northside of Dublin" and "Glorious Sport". For more information, contact linda.shanley@nspartnership.ie.

Benefit 4 in the Community

On Tuesday 17th September, Northside Partnership began offering Benefit 4 IT courses. Benefit 4 is a free computer class for anyone living in the Northside Partnership catchment area. The course consists of eight hours in total and provides basic computer training on topics such as creating email accounts, browsing the internet and using online services such as online banking and social networking. The course will run on Monday and Tuesdays until November 2013 and is currently recruiting. If you are interested in attending the Benefit 4 course please contact Denise Colton on 01 8485630.



Careers Talk for Graduates



On Thursday 26th September, Northside Partnership hosted a Careers Talk and CV Workshop for graduates seeking assistance in finding employment. Attendees received personalised career advice on preparing their CV and interview techniques from Conleth Meehan, HR Manager with Butlers Chocolates and Fiona Kelly from KPMG. Information on further education opportunities, and graduate work placement schemes was also provided to attendees by NSP staff.



Young People Connect North and South for Connect 4

Connect 4 brought a group of young people together from north Dublin and north Belfast to explore community identity and the similarities and issues that are so prevalent both North and South of the border. This event took place over three days from 27th—29th September at the Cavan Centre at Ballyjamesduff. The Cavan Centre specialises in the area of Youth Leadership and Youth Engagement. The group forged strong relationships throughout the event and identified key areas of concern for their respective communities, including drugs and knife crime.



Upcoming Northside Partnership Events & Activities

- ◆ 8th October — **REN Open Meeting** – 4.00—6.00pm @ Parnells GAA Club. Contact Sinead on 01 8485630 for more info.
- ◆ 10th & 11th October — **Connect 4 Cross Border Senior Citizens' Event** Contact Kate @ 01 848 5630 for more info.
- ◆ 18th October— **Healthy Communities Planning Day**, 9.30am—1.00pm at Parnells GAA Club. Contact Jacqui @ 018485630 for more info.
- ◆ **Education Fair— Thursday 17th October** from 10am—4pm in Parnells GAA Club, Coolock,. Call Paul Hayes on 01 8485630 for more info.
- ◆ **Connect 4 Conference - 18th & 19th November** Contact Kate for more info at 01 8485630.
- ◆ A **6-week Stress Control Course** delivered by our PFL team began on 1st October and will continue every Tuesday for six weeks from 7—8pm in Coolock Parish Centre. Call Melanie on 01 8771509 for more info.
- ◆ **FETAC Level 6 training in Childcare** is ongoing every Wednesday evening from 6—9pm. Contact Emma in the Local Child-care Resource Service for more info on 01 8543299.
- ◆ **REN Extreme Behaviour Problems Workshop** with Sinead Hearne from NEPS on 19th November (Primary) & 20th November (Post-Primary). Contact Linda Shanley @ 01 8485630 for more info.
- ◆ **REN Student Art Competition**—Closing date Friday 29th November @ 3pm.
- ◆ **Benefit 4 Computer Training**— every Monday and Tuesday until end November. Please call Denise on 01-8485630 to sign up.



Listen Project Receives Extended Government Funding

The Steering Committee of the Listen Project which offers free Listen sessions with trained counsellors for 12– 17 year olds in the Dublin 17 area is delighted to announce it has been granted extended funding until April 2014. If you or anyone you know would like to avail of this service please contact our free phone service @ 1800 303 638 between 4 and 6pm, Monday to Friday . Alternatively you can leave a message and someone will phone you back.



Northside Partnership Puts the Kettle On in Aid of Hospice Foundation

On Thursday 19th September Northside Partnership took part in Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Irish Hospice Foundation. The appeal asked people all over Ireland to enjoy a cup of coffee with friends or colleagues and to raise much needed funds for local hospice services. Thank you to all our staff who participated in the Partnership's Coffee Morning. We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of €271.00 for the appeal.

JobLink Service is a Hit

Our new Joblink Service has proven extremely popular with over 200 people using the service since it was launched. The Joblink Information & Registration Sessions are held every Thursday morning from 10.00am in our Employment Services Centre in Bunratty Drive. The sessions are open to anybody looking for work in our area . Service users have the opportunity to speak with an Employment Guidance Officer, to register with our Local Employment Service and to be referred to other relevant Partnership programmes such as Benefit IT and STEPS training.

Partnership Fund

As always, demand was very high this year for support from our Partnership Fund for the 2013 / 2014 academic year. So far we have approved support for 229 students with another 46 applications still pending. The Partnership Fund provides a small amount of financial support to students who wish to continue with their education but don't have the means to do so. It supports students to study within the greater Dublin area.



Preparing for Life Takes to the International Stage

It has been a very busy period for Preparing for Life. Noel Kelly , Manager of the PFL programme has spoken at two international conferences, including the Opening Conference of the Trygfonden's Centre for Child Research in Denmark and "A Better Start Conference" in London. This conference was designed to share the learning from existing early childhood intervention projects with staff from 15 sites across the United Kingdom that have been selected to roll out a new early intervention programme to improve outcomes for 0 - 3 year olds.

Noel Kelly has also been appointed as a member of the Board of the Family Support Agency.

On 4th September PFL celebrated the programme's participating children as they commenced school this year. A photo session was organised and families received pictures and certificates to thank them for their participation in the programme.

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To find out more about the employment, education, children & family, youth, enterprise and local development programmes and supports that we offer, please visit our website

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