



# Northside Partnership Newsletter

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## Education Trust Receives Funding Boost and Generous Bequest

The 2015 Education Trust Annual Golf Classic, held on 14th May, enjoyed great success raising in excess of €9,000. This funding will be well used providing financial support and grants for students within our catchment area who would otherwise not be able to access educational opportunities. Conor Crowley of Acumen and Trust continued the company's generous sponsorship and put in trojan work encouraging local businesses to lend their support. Many thanks to everyone who contributed, took part and supported this year's event. We look forward to seeing you all at the 2016 Golf Classic on May 19<sup>th</sup>.



*L-R: Conor Crowley of Acumen and Trust, Michelle Byrne and Darren O'Hanrahan, Paul Hayes of the Education Trust*

After a fundraising dinner, Trust recipients Michelle Byrne and Darren O'Hanrahan gave feedback about how the Education Trust has supported their studies and allowed them to embark on their professional careers. Their inspirational stories emphasised the importance and value of the work that the Trust carry out every year. We wish them the very best for their future education and professional development.

The Education Trust also received an extremely generous bequest gift of €200,000 from Jim Byrne. This fantastic legacy will help secure the futures of many students and ensure they are able to seize third level education opportunities. The Northside Partnership would like to extend our sympathies and heartfelt gratitude to Jim's widow, Cathy Byrne, and his family.

The Education Trust is now taking applications for 2015-2016. You can find eligibility criteria on our [website](#) along with the application form which is also available [here](#).

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## Challenger Children and Parents Graduate

Dublin City University hosted the 2014-2015 Challenger Graduation on the 21st of May which was attended by 220 students and family members. The Challenger programme provides structured supports for students from 6th class to 6th year, helping them transfer to secondary school, prepare for the Junior Certificate and complete the Leaving Certificate. Parents are also offered practical supports with 33 mams and dads receiving certificates on the night for successfully competing the STEPS programme. Many of this year's students shared highlights from their time on Challenger and spoke about the programme with great affection. Congratulations to you all.

If you would like to apply for the Challenger programme, please visit our [website](#) or contact [Jeanette Beirnes](#) on 01 8485630.



*6th Class Student Graduates of the 2014-2015 Challenger Programme*



*The Challenger Parent's STEPS Group, 2014-2015*

## Priorswood and District Men' Shed Trip to the Mansion House



*Participants of Priorswood Men's Shed with Dublin Lord Mayor, Maureen Downey (NSP), Ciaran Mahoney (DCC)*

To celebrate the Mansion House's 300 hundred years as the official Mayoral residence, the Lord Mayor hosted an open day on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the day was to invite people to share memories and photos as part of a Mansion House Memory project. 14 members of the Priorswood Men's Shed enjoyed the day sharing tea and refreshments with the Lord Mayor and participating in a big sing song with other visitors. Two of the men, who are in their eighties, were interviewed by a historian and told their stories of growing up in Dublin as well as past experiences of the Mansion House.

The day finished off with a bus tour around Dublin and lunch in Parnell's GAA. This group is supported and facilitated by Maureen Downey, NSP, and Ciaran Mahoney, Dublin City Council. For further information, or to join this group, contact Maureen Downey 01 8485630.

## “Language for Life” Training Supports Early Years’ Settings



The first “Language for Life” training programme which has been running fortnightly since January concluded in April, with a feedback session and presentation of certificates on the 15th. The programme is co-delivered by [Preparing for Life’s Early Years Practice Programme](#) staff: Speech and Language Therapist Triona Rooney and Quality Mentor Emma Byrne-MacNamee. Triona is on secondment from the local HSE team and is supporting eight partner early years’ settings to enhance and enrich language and communication opportunities and experiences for young children.

The “Language for Life” programme comprises seven sessions and incorporates HANEN’s *Learning Language and Loving it*. Fifteen early years educators participated in the first phase and bravely cooperated with being videoed in their settings between sessions, to reflect on how they were implementing interaction and communication strategies with children. The next group of participants are currently attending up to June and a further programme is planned for September.

If you would like more information on “Language for Life” or the PFL Early Years Practice Programme, please contact [Emma Byrne-MacNamee](#).



*12 phase one participants receiving ‘Language for Life’ certificates with Triona Rooney, (PFL SLT), Noel Kelly (PFL Manager) and Professor Nóirín Hayes (Research Consultant).*

## Young Community Innovators

There was great celebration and reflection with the YCI4Equality team after the recent Yes vote in the Marriage Equality referendum. The Young Community Innovators, who ran a strong Yes campaign from November to May, hosted a thank you celebration and reflection event on Thursday the 28th of May. A number of local politicians joined the group on the evening and commended the team on their hard work in the campaign. The group are also keen to continue the work of activating the youth vote for the next General Election which means we can enjoy a revamped Rock the Vote campaign after the summer break.

Many thanks again to everyone in the community who supported and engaged with the YCI4Equality campaign.



## Northside Partnership win DIT Award

Odran Reid and Dr. Matthias Borscheid received DIT's "Students Learning with Communities" award for best community partner on 1st May on behalf of Northside Partnership. The award acknowledges the integration of Northside Partnership's anti-poverty values and objectives into the work with lecturers and students on a series of research projects.



L-R Dr. Noel O'Connor (Director of Student Services), Marian Vickers (NSP CEO), Odran Reid (NSP), Dr. Matthias Borscheid (NSP)

Odran and Matthias have developed projects with DIT, which led to publications on issues concerning social mobility, disadvantage and the urban environment in the Northside Partnership area. DIT considers the collaboration with the Partnership in the areas of research and learning extremely valuable as part of practical course work with students and the application of learning in a community setting.

## Closure of Northside Partnership Community Employment Scheme

Following discussions between Department of Social Protection & Northside Partnership, the Community Employment (CE) scheme with the Northside Partnership will be closing on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015. We would like to thank all the CE participants for their valuable contributions to the Northside Partnership's CE scheme and the local community during the duration of the schemes. Our CE supervisors would like to wish participants the very best of luck for all that they do in the future.

## Kilbarrack Parent and Toddler Group



Kilbarrack Parent and Toddler Group has been in operation for 6 successful months now with many members returning week after week. The free play group will be running every Tuesday in the Kilbarrack Coastal Community Project, Greendale Road, between 10:30 – 12:30 until June 30<sup>th</sup>. All welcome! No Charge.

For more information, please contact Amy Fogarty 01 8771603 or 087 2988957.





## Young Community Leaders

It has been a busy year for Northside Partnership's YCL with trips to the Mansion House and competition successes (see past editions of our [newsletter](#) for more detail). On the 11th of June a small group of Young Community Leaders & Innovators will be attending and speaking at the Youth Action Programme Ireland conference "Young People Speak Out—Social Media" which will be held in Croke Park.

The Young Community Leaders have recently secured two more years of funding and are now taking recruitments for the next Young Community Leaders programme starting in September 2015. Anyone interested in learning more should email [ycl@nspartnership.ie](mailto:ycl@nspartnership.ie) with their name, date of birth and contact mobile number. Interested parties will then be invited to information/selection evenings in July. For more information about the YCL programme, you can check out our [website](#).

## Men's Networking Event for Social Inclusion Week

On May 28th, Trish Gibson of TARGET in Donaghmede, hosted a Men's Networking event delivered by Maureen Downey and supported by Dublin City Council staff Ciaran Mahoney and Hugh Flanagan. Representatives from Priorswood Men's Shed, TARGET Men's shed, St Benedict's photography group, Airfield Men's Shed,



and Baldoyle Men's Club attended a Men's Networking session to celebrate Social Inclusion week. Social Inclusion aims to build skills in local communities so people are empowered to develop initiatives and projects. Individuals are encouraged to adopt leadership roles and engage in innovative collective action. This creates social change by giving people a voice and confidence to identify and implement the changes necessary to improve their quality of life.

Participants shared their motivations for joining a group, the benefits of involvement and their aspirations for the future. Feedback from the session highlighted the men's enjoyment of learning new skills and information. Most beneficial was the opportunity to get out of the house, meet people and socialise.

It is hoped a bigger event will take place on the June 18<sup>th</sup> during "Men's Health Week" to raise awareness of men's health issues. If you would like further information, contact Maureen Downey 01-8485630.



## "We Can Quit" Certificate Presentation



On the 6<sup>th</sup> May, the "We Can Quit" programme held a certificate presentation ceremony in the NSP conference room to recognise the success and achievement of 30 local women in giving up smoking. "We Can Quit" is a research initiative of the Irish Cancer Society in collaboration with Northside Partnership, HSE, Doras Bui and Lloyds Pharmacy. The programme runs over twelve weeks, and supports women to quit smoking through participation in group sessions and one to one support meetings. Participants also receive free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) to the value of €450.

The NSP Smoking Cessation programme is ongoing, if you would like further information on quitting smoking contact Bernie or Michael on 01 8771507 or Maureen Downey on 01 8485630.

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## Claire Byrne Supports Greendale Jobs Club Networking Event

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, the LES team at Greendale held a highly successful Employers Networking Event. Guest speakers included Jim Nolan from the IE network who talked about goal setting, Kathy Sharkey from Swissport employers who spoke about CV preparation and interviewing, and Claire Byrne who shared her experiences on securing her dream job with Jobs Club clients.

Several local employers were in attendance to meet potential employees and fill their vacant positions. Employers Aramark interviewed 13 potential employees and have already hired four whose induction is underway.

To learn more about the Greendale Jobs Club, please contact the team on 01 8320995.



*L-R: Jackie Rynn (Jobs Club Coordinator), Lisa Witters (Jobs Club client); Claire Byrne, Nataliya Scherbakova (Jobs Club client) and Lisa Bornemann (LES Team Leader)*



## NESN Complete their Programme of Workshops

The Northside Education Support Network wrapped up their 2014-2015 programme of workshops on the 12th of May with a session about supporting struggling readers and creating fluency oriented literacy in students.

Gene Mehigan drew on his experience as a teacher to present an innovative, engaging and entertaining workshop. He focused on



the importance of motivating children and teaching them how to enjoy reading to build their skills.

Teachers Catherine Kelly and Marianne Craig from Scoil Bhríde in Donaghmede told us they had attended two workshops this year and found them very useful, especially the emphasis on practical skills that could be brought back to the classroom.

Planning is currently underway for the 2015-2016 series of workshops. If you would like to learn more about the Northside Education Support Network and their events, please contact [Linda](mailto:Linda.Shanley@nspartnership.ie)

## Change Community Garden and HFME

The Change Community Garden in Bunratty Drive will be holding a summer family fun day on Friday the 10th of July. Please contact [Linda Scanlan](mailto:Linda.Scanlan@change.ie) for information. 01 8485608.

On the 18th of May, nine young men and one brave woman received their Healthy Food Made Easy certificates following a course in the Kilbarrack Coastal Community Project. Also in May, a local group of ladies completed their HFME course in our Bunratty Drive kitchen. Congratulations to all of you, we hope you enjoy your new culinary skills.

Our Healthy Food Made Easy co-ordinator is available to run courses right through the summer months to meet demand. If you are interested, please get in touch to book either a once off taster session or a full 6 week course for your community group. You can contact Linda Scanlan on 01 8485608 or [email](mailto:linda.scanlan@change.ie).



*Ladies Group Completing HFME in the Bunratty Drive Kitchen*



*KCCP Participants Receiving their Certificates*



## Upcoming Events & Courses

- **Baby Massage Courses** are ongoing in Coolock and Darndale. Please contact [Melanie Murphy](#) in Preparing for Life, 01 8771509.
- **Bosom Buddies Parent and Baby Group** is held every Tuesday lunchtime, 12.00-1.00pm in Darndale. Call 01 8771509 for more info.
- **Young Community Leaders** are taking referrals. If you are interested or would like to refer someone, please email [ycl@nspartnership.ie](mailto:ycl@nspartnership.ie) with name, date of birth and contact number.
- The **Education Trust** are taking referrals. Eligibility criteria and an application form can be found on our [website](#).
- **Preparing for Life** continue to recruit participants for their **Home Visiting Programme** details of which are on their [website](#). The programme is open to anyone who is expecting a baby and lives in our catchment area. Please contact [Melanie Murphy](#) 01 8771509 to join the programme or refer a family.
- **Hand on Heart Social Enterprise** is now offering a catering service supplying sandwich platters to local organisations. Please contact [Jamie Regan](#) on 01 8485630.

## Find Out More About Northside Partnership

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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