

CORK CITY PARTNERSHIP BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Launch of Fairhill Area Based Plan

Over the last couple of months, we have carried out a community consultation in Fairhill and used the findings to develop an Area Based Plan. During the consultation we went door to door to ask residents what they see as the main issues in Fairhill, what could be done to resolve the issues and what they would like to see developed in their community. The findings from this consultation are presented in the Plan, along with a list of suggested actions to progress the issues raised.

We will be holding a virtual launch of the Plan on Friday December 18th at 10am by Zoom. If you would like any further information in relation to this Plan or the launch, please contact Mary Sheehy at msheehy@partnershipcork.ie or at 087 1962015.

Friendly Call Cork

Friendly Call Cork are delighted to acknowledge Derek from The Spaw in Douglas for sending us vouchers for 5 Friendly Call clients to have their dogs groomed.

'We give all dogs a Microbubble wash, it's like a deep clean and very good for their skin and coat. Normally it's €25 per dog but several customers have paid forward for other people that may be in need during lockdown. We're thinking there may be some elderly people out there that could benefit. We can even arrange to pick up dogs and deliver them back all nice and clean. We're based in Douglas, we can pick up a dog anywhere within an hour or so of the city. We'd be delighted to take care of any dog, regardless of size.' Thanks to Derek and his customers for this lovely gesture for our Friendly Call Clients! <https://www.facebook.com/thespawcork>

Cork City Partnership wishes everyone a very happy Christmas

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Cork City Partnership for their guidance and support over this challenging year. I would like to thank the staff of CCP who have worked extremely hard and ensured that we were able to continue delivering our much needed services to the community during the pandemic. A big thank you to all our colleagues in the various agencies and community and voluntary groups who worked with us to support the community. Finally to all our volunteers in Friendly Call, your daily calls to our Older people in the city have been life saving and greatly appreciated. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hopefully a return to normal in 2021.

Brenda Cahill

CEO

Cork City Partnership host Blackpool Christmas Market



Community Sponsorship a Big Commitment, but a Hugely Rewarding One

First piloted in December 2018 with the resettlement of a Syrian family in Meath, Community Sponsorship Ireland (CSI) is a unique collaboration between State, UNHCR, NGOs and civil society that enables a Community Sponsorship Group (CSG) to support refugees in the community. The local group finds accommodation, and supports the family to integrate and navigate services.

In Spring 2019, a small CSG made up of volunteers from all walks of life was formed in South Cork city, calling itself the Cork Croi Failte Project (CCFP), that aimed to support a Syrian family who had fled to Lebanon to re-settle in Cork. Recruitment, training and support for CCFP is provided by Cork City Partnership.

The group spent many months seeking accommodation in Cork, which proved difficult amidst the housing crisis! Thankfully suitable accommodation was found in Midleton late 2019. However due to Coronavirus lockdowns, travel was put on hold for several months.

At long last, the waiting is over and the CCFP group are happy to announce that a Syrian couple with three children will be arriving in Ireland in mid-January 2021.

Once the family arrives, the CSG gives an 18-month commitment to support them to navigate services as they settle into the community.

If you would like to donate to help the family re-settle in Cork go to <https://www.gofundme.com/Cork-Croi-Failte-Project>

Thank you and Happy Christmas!
Sylvia Wohlfarth, on behalf of the Cork Croi Failte Group.

Congratulations on your graduation

Cork City Partnership would like to celebrate the achievements of the students of the 2019 Mental Health in the Community class. This course was developed as a collaboration between Cork City Partnership, UCC and Gurrabraher Credit Union, lectures were held locally in Cork City Partnership's Knocknaheeny Office. Students attended an online graduation ceremony on 24th November, during which Taoiseach Micheal Martin applauded their work and commitment. We echo that sentiment and would like to congratulate each student and wish them every success in the future.

One of the students, Donal Feen is pictured below, as he prepares to attend his graduation. Donal previously attended Cork City Partnership's Substance Use Issues & Community Work Course which is delivered in conjunction with Cork College of Commerce and from there he progressed to the UCC Certificate. Donal says, "this learning journey has given me a new outlook on life and the necessary skills to find a rewarding career. Attending both these courses has enabled me to look at a career in the Youth and Community Sector, where my interests lie. I have learnt that age is not a barrier to education and learning. I would like to sincerely thank Cork City Partnership for all the support on my learning journey".



CCP continues to work closely with all its clients during this difficult time for people.

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