



Northside Partnership Newsletter

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A Busy Time for Connect 4

July was a busy month for the Connect 4 programme with significant events taking place both North & South of the border. On 5th & 6th July, Dublin was the venue for a Senior Citizens' event that brought together older women from Dublin and Belfast to explore their shared experiences. 18 members of the 'Nifty Fifty Club' from Belfast made the trip to Dublin to meet with 23 older people from the Edenmore Ladies Association, Artane Older People's Group and Darndale Older People's Group. In addition to group work sessions, the group also enjoyed cultural elements such as a trip to Glasnevin cemetery and a play in the Abbey Theatre.

July also saw a delegation of community activists from Dublin travel to Belfast to take a 'closer look' at the bonfire and parading traditions of the loyalist / unionist communities on 11th & 12th July. The purpose of the trip was also to learn more about the joint efforts of communities in interface areas to ease tensions and curb violence.



12th July parade visited by Dublin C4 delegation



Senior Citizens' Event—cultural trip to Trinity College

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LES Launches New Joblink Information Sessions

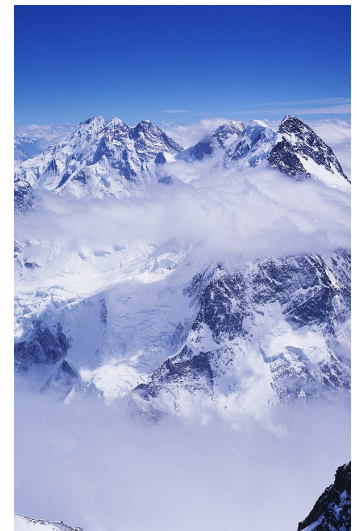
Our Local Employment Service (LES) has launched a new initiative to connect with people looking for work in north east Dublin. The Joblink Information & Registration Sessions will take place every Thursday morning in the Employment Services Centre in Bunratty Drive. The sessions are open to anybody looking for work in our area and will offer the opportunity to speak with an Employment Guidance Officer, to hear talks from guest speakers and register with the LES.

**Every Thursday
@ 10.00am in
Bunratty Drive
Contact Audrey on
01 8485608 for
more information**

Climbing to Great Heights for the Education Trust

Fiona Kelly of accountancy firm KPMG will climb Mont Blanc on 1st September to raise funds for our Education Trust that supports young people from low income families to attend third level education outside the greater Dublin Area. [Click here](#) to support her.

Funds raised from this monumental challenge will help us to support 12 students in this academic year including 6 new students who were selected for scholarship following interviews held in July. This fundraising endeavour follows the outstanding efforts of our own staff member Alison Benson who raised €265 for the Trust through her Hell and Back Challenge in June this year.



“Prepared for Life”

55 out of the 200 families taking part in Preparing for Life (PFL) have now completed the programme and will graduate in September when their children are due to start school. The programme supports parents to get their children ready for going to school. We would like to wish all the PFL families well on this new stage in their little one’s life journey.

Young Community Leaders

A limited number of places are still available on the Young Community Leaders programme due to start the week of 2nd September. This is a free youth leadership programme and is open to all young people aged 16—25 who are enthusiastic and committed to improving their communities in the Northside Partnership target area. Email ycl@nspartnership.ie for more information.



Mentoring for North Dublin's Future Enterprise Leaders

On 11th July, 21 entrepreneurs took part in an enterprise mentoring session offered by Northside Partnership and the North Dublin Chamber of Commerce. Under Northside Partnership's Enterprise Mentoring programme, the Chamber arranges for experienced professionals to provide training to the Partnership's en-

terprise development clients. Participants took part in a session on "Social Media for Beginners" delivered by Kevin O'Brien, Marketing Manager with Magnet Networks followed by an Accountancy & Taxation module delivered by members of the Haydon Chartered Accountants team.



Some Upcoming Northside Partnership Events & Activities

- ◆ 16th & 17th August — **Connect 4 Cross Border Youth Event.** Contact kate.mitchell@nspartnership.ie for more info.
- ◆ 21st & 28th August — **Student Grant Talks** with Guidance Counsellor Paul Hayes. 10.00—12.30 in our Bunratty Drive office.
- ◆ A 4-week **Stop Smoking Support Group** will start on 2nd September. Call Bernie on 085 8478961 for more info.
- ◆ **STEPS Pre-Employment Course** begins 16th September. Contact lisa.bornemann@nspartnership.ie or call 01 8485608.
- ◆ **Adult Education Fair— Tuesday 3rd September** from 10am—1pm in Northside Civic Centre. Call Paul Hayes on 01 8485630 for more info.
- ◆ A **6-week Stress Control Course** delivered by our PFL team will begin on 1st October. It will take place every Tuesday for six weeks from 7—8pm in Coolock Parish Centre. Further courses will begin on 4th February & 29th April. Call Melanie on 01 8771509 to book.
- ◆ A **Start Your Own Business course** starts 12th August & runs every Monday & Tuesday from 6.30—9.30pm in our Bunratty Drive office over 3 weeks. Contact Joyce on 01 8485630 for more info.



Projects in the Pipeline

Preparing for Life Phase II

Our application for funding under the Area Based Approach to Child Poverty Initiative, to extend and build upon our Preparing for Life programme, was approved by Government in late July following a review of the application by an expert panel in June. We await formal confirmation of our successful application and the amount of funding we will receive. We look forward to starting work on this exciting project in September. For more information, contact noel.kelly@nspartnership.ie.

Healthy Communities Initiative

Our Local Development Team is continuing its work to develop a Healthy Communities Plan. An initial consultation was held in April 2013

based on which a discussion paper was developed. This discussion paper will be circulated to local community groups and other participants in September and will form the basis for a final consultation and planning session in late Autumn 2013. We hope to launch our Healthy Communities Plan in early 2014. Contact matthias@nspartnership.ie for more information.

Lifestyle Triple P

Our Preparing for Life Team are working with the HSE and Temple Street Children's Hospital on plans to offer a Lifestyle Triple P course to families living in the Northside Partnership area. Lifestyle Triple P is a programme that supports parents of overweight or obese children to make changes to their family's lifestyle. The start date for the course has not yet been set.

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 www.northsidepartnership.ie.

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A full listing of our funders can be viewed [here](#).

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