



Northside Partnership Newsletter

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Christmas Fair Is A Big Success for Local Business Start-Ups

On Sunday, 30th November the annual Northside Partnership Christmas Fair was held in St Brendan's Parish Centre in Coolock Village. This is the second year which the Partnership has run this event which offers our enterprise clients a valuable platform to sell their wares at this crucial time of year for small businesses whilst at the same time offering Northsiders the chance to do their Christmas shopping locally and support local businesses. There was a great turnout on the day for the fair with lots of people getting into the Christmas spirit by purchasing some of the festive treats on offer whilst the children present visited Santa's grotto. Turnover for enterprise clients on the day exceeded €4,400 and of the 16 business start-ups who attended this year, 12 have already confirmed that they intend to take part in next year's event again!



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Budding Young Artists Receive Prizes in NESN Student Art Competition

On 9th December, the awards ceremony for our Northside Education Support Network's Annual Student Art Competition was held in our head office. Seventeen of the winning students attended the ceremony together with their teachers and families to collect their prizes which included art sets for the young children and art supplies vouchers for the older children.



This year, the competition sought entries on the themes of "Autumn" or "Battle of Clontarf" and was open to all students from Junior Infants in primary school up to 2nd year in secondary school. Competition was very strong with over 500 entries received from 13 different schools in north east Dublin and it was very difficult for the judges to pick the eventual winners from a very strong field. To view the full winners listing, [click here](#).



Proud families and teachers wait for the presentation of prizes to the winning students.



Hayley Osbourne from Our Lady Immaculate JNS receives her prize from Declan Cahill.



Leyla O'Malley Cetinkaya from Belmayne Educate Together NS picks up her award for 1st prize in her category.



Group photo of the winning students with Northside Partnership vice chairperson Declan Cahill.



NESN Positive Mental Health & Resilience Talk Draws a Crowd

On 25th November, 55 teachers from primary and post primary schools in north east Dublin turned out to attend an event on the theme of "Positive Mental Health and Resilience" with leading psychologist Shane Martin. In what was a very positive and upbeat workshop, Shane focused on the idea of 'bouncability', talking about the traits that enable some people to bounce back quickly despite the challenges they face in their lives. Shane also explored what teachers can do to help students learn



to be more resilient. The workshop, was part of a programme of training opportunities which our Northside Education Support Network is offering for teachers in north Dublin schools in 2014/15. Other upcoming workshops for teachers taking place in early 2015 will include:

- Accessing Educational Funding with fundraising expert Moira McCarthy on 20th January @ 4pm
- Understanding Dyslexia at Primary Level with Clara Nevin from the Dyslexia Association of Ireland on 3rd February @ 3.30pm
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders with Shannon Eidman from Irish Autism Action on 3rd March at 4pm

LES Clients Celebrate Healthcare Course Graduation

On Thursday, 4th December, 20 of our Local Employment Service clients attended their graduation ceremony in the Hilton Dublin Airport Hotel to mark the completion of their FETAC Level 5 Healthcare Assistant Traineeship. Congratulations to all of our clients on this wonderful achievement and we wish them the best of luck with their job search.



L—R: Lisa Bormann, LES Team Leader, Northside Partnership; Naomi Pasley, Course Tutor, LHP Skillnet; Sharon Mc Cabe – LES client; Christian Huet, Network Manager, LHP Skillnet



Sense of Optimism at Greendale Jobs Club Event with Lord Mayor

On 18th November, 30 recent graduates from Northside Partnership's Greendale Jobs Club attended a celebration and networking event with Lord Mayor Councillor Christy Burke in Kilbarrack, Dublin 5. At the event, this group of job seekers received certificates from the Lord Mayor to celebrate their completion of the two-week Jobs Club programme and were given the opportunity to put their newly acquired job seeking and networking skills to good use as part of a speed networking session with five local employers who are actively hiring including Wrights, Northside Homecare Services, UNICEF, Skillsnet and Excel Aviation. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear talks from motivational speakers including Jim Nolan from the IE Network on keeping motivated and focussed while job seeking, past Jobs Club participants who are now working and Martin Byrne from local company Dimpco on what employers look for in a CV.



Kevin Wearen receives his certificate from the Lord Mayor.

Greendale Jobs Club is part of a suite of services offered by Northside Partnership's Local Employment Service to support people who are looking for work in north east Dublin. Participants sign up to a two-week programme which provides a mixture of group and one-to-one supports designed to help job seekers with their motivation, CV preparation, interview techniques and communication skills. So far in 2014, 315 people have taken part in the two-week programme with 80 progressing into full-time employment, work placements or further education and training. Following the success of this event, the Jobs Club are looking forward to February 2015 when participants will meet the Lord Mayor for coffee and an employment networking event.



Jobs Club graduates pose for a group photograph with the Lord Mayor.



Declan Downey from Excel Aviation speaks to Jobs Club participant Eric Hathaway during the speed networking session.



500th Participant Completes the Story Time Programme

On 10th December, the tenth group of participants to take part in the Story Time programme received their certificates of completion from Senator Averil Power at an awards ceremony in Marino Institute of Education. 47 parents, 8 schools and 3 early years settings took place in the tenth Story Time programme bringing the total number of families who have now taken part in the programme to over 500.

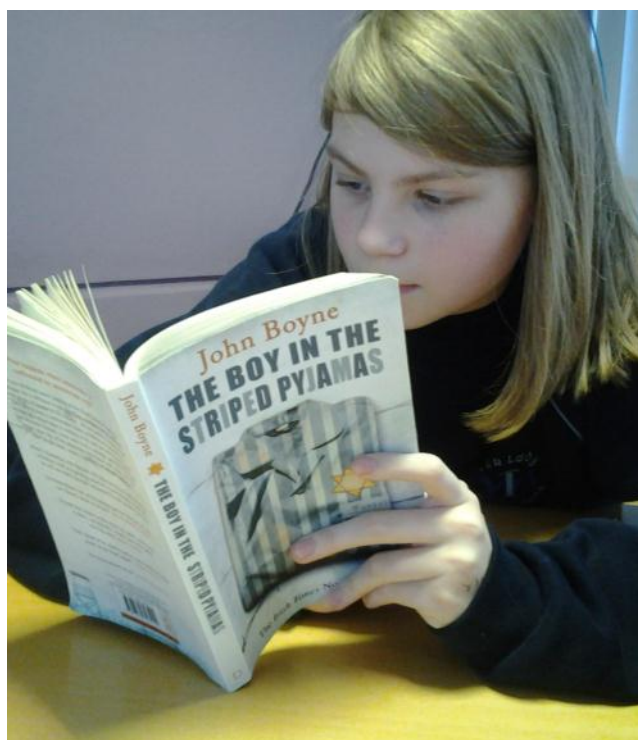


Story Time supports parents to read to,

and with their children at home. Northside Partnership works together with the Marino Institute and Dublin City Libraries to offer the Story Time programme to parents and children in our target area.

Challenger Programme Gears Up for 2015

Interviews are currently in progress to select the 40 students from 6th class in our partner schools who will join our Challenger programme in early January. Demand for places on the programme this year has been unprecedented with over 80 applications for the 40 places. The lucky students who secure a place will begin the programme with a 4-week Reading Club in January. Meanwhile, our third year and sixth year students who have been involved with the programme for many years now continue with their preparations for their Junior and Leaving Certificate exams. Through the Challenger programme, the students will have the opportunity to receive 8-weeks of grinds in seven higher level subjects including



Maths, Irish, English, French, History, Biology (Science at Junior Certificate level), Geography and Business Studies. Students will also be offered grinds in three ordinary level subjects including Maths, Irish and English. The grinds started on 24th November and will continue in the New Year.



Shamrock Rosettes Launches New Range of Customised Sportswear

Local social enterprise Shamrock Rosettes have just launched their new range of customised embroidered clothing and sportswear. The range includes customised polo shirts, hoodies and baseball caps which can be used by schools and local groups to promote their organisations or events with a personal touch. Shamrock Rosettes™ is a brand name of Speedpak, an award winning social enterprise that was first established by Northside Partnership in 1995. Shamrock Rosettes has over 15 years experience in crafting quality prizes and event accessories for a loyal and growing customer base. As a social enterprise, it provides innovative solutions to long-term unemployment in north Dublin by offering real work experience and accredited training to 50 long-term unemployed people each year. For further information or to place an order, please visit: <http://shamrockrosettes.com/customised-clothing>.



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Young Community Leaders Create a New National Motto!

On 11th December, our current group of Young Community Leaders will find out at an awards ceremony in Dublin Castle whether one of their visionary mottos for Ireland have been chosen as the winner of the Better Together National Motto Campaign competition being run by The Wheel. Two entries created by the group made it onto the competition shortlist:

- "Strength and Freedom. All Different. All Equal."
- "Cothrománacht's saoirse go deo. Le chéile táimid níos láidre"

Out of 215 entries, one made it into the top 50 and one made it into the top 20. We wish them the best of luck and think that either statement would be a wonderful new national motto!



Local Childcare Providers Get Creative at Halloween Workshop

On 23rd October, the Dublin North Central Local Childcare Resource Service hosted a Halloween themed Arts and Crafts workshop for local childcare providers. The workshop introduced childcare providers to the range of free recycled materials available from social enterprise Recreate that can be used as art, craft and educational play materials. The three-hour workshop showed attendees how to use some of these materials to create spooky spider webs, Halloween themed sun catchers and lanterns decorated with bats and ghosts. As an added bonus, nobody left empty handed as all attendees took away a bag of creative "loot" filled with recycled materials from Recreate to bring back to their setting.



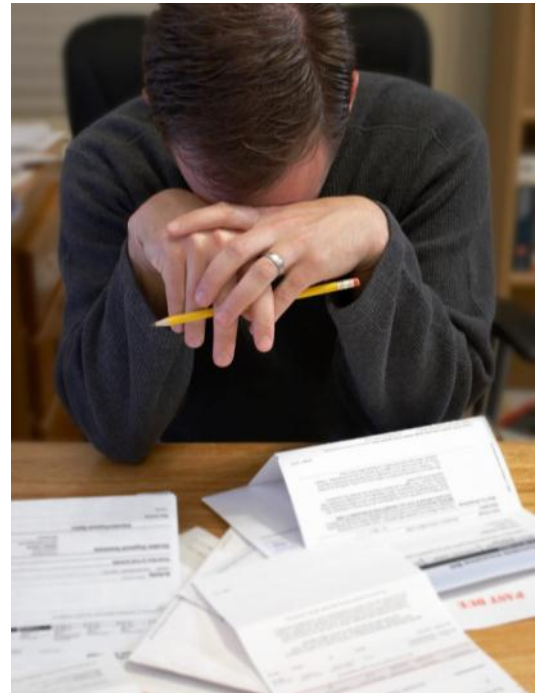
Other Upcoming Events & Courses

- Preparing for Life **Bosom Buddies Breastfeeding Support Group** runs every Tuesday from 12—1pm in The Bell Building, Darndale Belcamp Village Centre. All are welcome with tea, toys and chats guaranteed. Call 01-8771509 for more info.
- **Greendale Jobs Club Networking Talk** with Jim Nolan from the IE Network on 11th December. For more information contact Niamh on 01-8320995.
- NESN Workshop on **Accessing Educational Funding** with fundraising expert Moira McCarthy on 20th January @ 4pm in Northside Partnership. Contact Linda Shanley on 01-8485630 for more info.
- NESN Workshop on **Understanding Dyslexia at Primary Level** with Clara Nevin from the Dyslexia Association of Ireland on 3rd February @ 3.30pm in Northside Partnership. Contact Linda Shanley on 01-8485630 for more info.
- Preparing for Life **6-week Stress Control Course** starts on Tuesday 20th January in the Parish Centre, Coolock Village @ 7pm. For more information, call Melanie on 01-8771509.



Preparing for Life Stress Control Course Starts 20th January

Preparing for Life is pleased to announce a new six week Stress Control Course that will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7—8pm in the Parish Centre, Coolock Village. The course will start on 20th January 2015. The course is free and open to everyone in the community. During the hour-long session participants listen to a presentation about stress given by the course facilitator who looks at a different topic in relation to stress each week. Topics covered can include the causes of stress and relaxation techniques. Participants will receive weekly hand outs, a relaxation CD on week three and a booklet on week six. For more information contact Melanie on 01-8771509 or email melanie.murphy@nspartnership.ie.



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

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