



## 14 New Social Housing Family Homes in Moyross

The new scheme is the first phase of the charity's social housing project in Moyross and Southill in partnership with Limerick City and County Council. The 14 two-storey homes are an infill scheme in the Delmege Park estate and include 12 two-bed and two three-bed houses. The second phase of work will see the project deliver 38 modular homes in total, of which 24 will be in Moyross and 14 in Southill. The project is part of the ongoing Limerick Regeneration Programme and is part of Peter McVerry Trust's largest housing project to date.

The first tenants have already moved into their new homes, which are modern, energy-efficient and fully furnished. Each home also has a front and rear garden and room for parking. Cllr Gerald Mitchell, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick and Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien were in attendance to officially launch the new homes, which were made possible with support from the Department for Housing's Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS). This is one of 5 housing developments currently live in the Regeneration Areas.



Launch Infill Housing Delmege Pak Moyross by Minister for Housing Darragh O'Briain

## LRFIP Status Update Report

The Limerick Regeneration Status Update will assess the current position and makes recommendations for the future strategic direction of Limerick's Regeneration Programme to 2030 including across social, economic and physical objectives.

The Council appointed consultants KPMG to prepare a status update of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP 2014-2023) in November 2022. KPMG visited the communities in December, held focus groups in all the communities in January/February and met with the relevant key stakeholders in May to discuss emerging the draft findings and recommendations for the four communities. The emerging draft plan has gone to the Department of Housing in July with a view to securing a budget from 2024.



## King's Island Community Centre Gets Stage 1 Approval

The Regeneration Directorate, Limerick City and County Council are delighted to announce that the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have authorised the Stage 1 Approval of the King's Island Community Centre, St. Marys Park, Limerick.

Development of the proposal evolved through the formation of a King's Island Community Centre Working Group and extensive engagement with the community of Saint Mary's Park and King's Island stakeholders culminating in a Stage 1 scheme endorsed by the St. Mary's Park Regeneration Committee. The proposal incorporates retention of an element of the existing community building and a proposed new build and associated public realm along Verdant Place and the River Shannon. This approval enables the project to move forward to the next stage of procuring a Design Team followed by preparation of a scheme design for further engagement with the local community prior to submission of a statutory planning application.



King's Island Community Centre, St Mary's Park

## Economic & Social Intervention Fund

### Family Support Worker Our Lady of Lourdes

Ballinacurra Weston has very much welcomed their new Family Support Worker, Bernie Hannan, funded by the Regeneration Economic & Social Intervention Fund (ESIF). Bernie is based in Our Lady of Lourdes CSG and works closely with the families the Early Years Child World Service and the West End Youth Centre and residents of Ballinacurra Weston. Bernie began the role in late 2022 and is working closely to respond to the needs of many families in the area. Bernie is on hand to provide practical and emotional support to families and is also supporting community members to access quality employment/education. Bernie co-facilitates groups such as Babbling Babies and Baby Massage and has just recently started a Parent Support Group. Bernie enjoys meeting new people and is on-site Monday-Friday.



Bernie Hannan, Family Support Worker Our Lady of Lourdes with the Parents Group

## Southill

### Southill Play Area

Following the endorsement of a draft design of the Play Area Southill by the Southill Regeneration Committee in January, the project has recently received Stage 2 and Stage 3 approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and has been submitted for Part 8 planning process.

The design of the play area for Southill is based on the findings of a community consultation survey with children, young people, adults and service providers in the area. The primary site is in front of the local church and will incorporate spaces for younger children, young people and adults/older people to sit and relax in a park like setting. Delivery is envisaged by year end 2024.



## St Mary's Park

### St Mary's Park Mural Project for Handball Alley

The Regeneration Directorate in collaboration with residents of St Mary's Park, St Mary's NS, Limerick Youth Service and the wider community of St Mary's Park recently completed a mural at the handball alley in St Mary's Park. The project was completed by lead artist Louise Keeley [www.ohiohno.com](http://www.ohiohno.com), Rachel Moloney, Hazey Hayes and Gareth Smyth.

A designated community day was held in the area where children assisted with painting the mural. Drawings from the local children were given to the artists and some of their work now features on the mural. The theme was one of nature and water representing the nearby river, birds, animals and images from the area. The mural is a credit to the artists, community, school and local residents.

## Moyross

### Moyross Community

### Companions Bridging the Gap

When this unique concept was first conceived back in 2008, the key purpose was to act as a bridge between services on offer and those in need of those services. Anne Marie O'Connor and Breda Duggan are some of the original staff working tirelessly with a troop of dedicated volunteers.



Positive outcomes for individuals, community and policy/service delivery bodies have been delivered in spades but there are always challenges in this type of work.

The project is funded by Regeneration's Economic & Social Intervention Fund (ESIF), HSE and Tusla and is managed by Moyross Community Enterprise Centre under a special purpose management team.

## Ballinacurra Weston

### Ballinacurra Weston/Prospect Jobs Fair

The second Jobs Fair was held at Our Lady of Lourdes NS on May 24th where there were over 24 employers and agencies in attendance. It was recorded that over 630 people attended the jobs fair on the evening. These events put residents in direct contact with companies and provide information on further education and training opportunities. Attendees can also find out about supports available to them. Jobs Fairs for St. Mary's Park and Southill will take place in the autumn.

In partnership with Peter McVerry Trust and Limerick City & County Council, Danielle Leonard commenced her role in March as Outreach to Employment & Activation Leader to drive the jobs fairs and other initiatives and can be contacted on [outreachtoemployment@limerick.ie](mailto:outreachtoemployment@limerick.ie)



## Outreach to Employment Initiative:

14 new employers engaged for 2023 jobs fairs - Moyross, Ballinacurra Weston & St. Mary's Park

**190** Attendees at Moyross jobs fair

**20** Employers & Agencies - Moyross

**630** Attendees at Ballinacurra Weston Jobs Fair

**24** Employers & Agencies - Ballinacurra Weston

**300** Attendees at St Mary's Park Jobs Fair

**23** Employers & Agencies - St Mary's Park Jobs Fair

**70**

Participants  
- Outreach to  
Employment  
Programme



Southill Jobs Fair  
is scheduled for  
October 19th at  
Southill Hub