

Regeneration Connect

Edition 3
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🗨️ New-Build Housing Developments

Cliona Park Phase 3

A new 18 unit development in Cliona Park, Moyross is nearing completion. It will comprise of X no. 3 bed, Y no. 2 bed and Z no. 1 bed which will provide some much needed housing for the city. All new homes are being built to a good energy efficiency standard which will support residents in managing their household bills. The development forms part of Phase 1 of the proposed University Avenue route which will improve connection to and from Moyross to the various services and amenities. This development is one of four housing construction sites in the regeneration areas with the other two in Moyross – Delmege Park Infill Housing and Dalgaish/Cosgrove Parks – and one in Southill (Churchfield Phase 2). In total, these will add over 130 additional new homes in Limerick.



LRFIP Status Update Report

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 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. 🗨️

**LRFIP
Update:
Creating a
Pathway for
Rejuvenation**



Outreach to Employment

In partnership with Peter McVerry Trust and Limerick City & County Council, Danielle Leonard commenced her role in March as Outreach to Employment & Activation Leader. Danielle delivers her role by focusing on coordinating employment pathways for the people living within the regeneration communities. This is achieved by recognizing and reducing barriers to employment, and connecting training, industry and jobseekers.

Danielle works closely with the community mentors within each of the regeneration areas where they identify individuals who are ready to begin their career path. Furthermore, the mentors will ensure the delivery of appropriate and innovative employment supports to individuals that will increase their readiness for progression towards employment/training.



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. 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.

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 is due to commence the Part 8 planning application 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.ohhiohno.com, Rachel Moloney, Hazey Hayes, and Garreth 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.

Outcomes that were envisaged from the start were for individuals; (confidence, self-esteem, sense of well-being), community (trust in community, sense of belonging to a caring community, willingness to get involved in cooperative action with others in the community) and policy / services delivery bodies (improved confidence of people to articulate their needs, greater willingness of residents to engage with services, improved quality of service delivery). These 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.

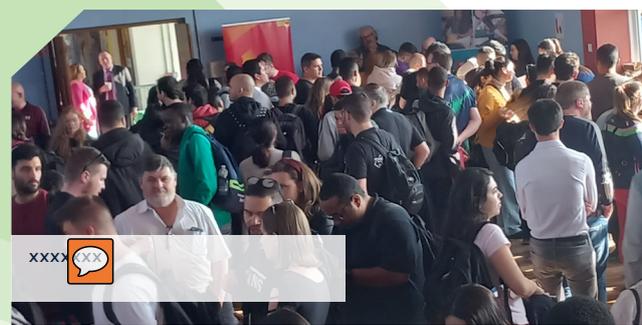
Ballinacurra Weston

Ballinacurra Weston/Prospect Jobs Fair

The second of the year Jobs Fair was held at Our Lady of Lourdes NS on May 24th where there were over twenty-four employers and agencies in attendance. It was recorded that over 630 people attended the jobs fair on the evening to meet with local employers.

The Jobs Fair for Limerick's four regeneration areas, introduced in 2022, is an initiative of the Outreach to Employment Programme. The 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. Marys Park and Southill are scheduled for later in the year.



Outreach to Employment Initiative:

10 new community employers engaged for 2023 jobs fairs
- Moyross & Ballinacurra Weston

190 Attendees at Moyross jobs fair

20 Employers & Agencies - Moyross

630 Attendees at Ballinacurra Weston Jobs Fair

24 Employers & Agencies - Ballinacurra Weston

70

Participants-Outreach to Employment Programme