



Four out of Four for Jobs Fairs

A fourth Jobs Fair took place in Southill on Thursday 22nd September. This was organised by Limerick City and County Council in partnership with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board and the Technological University of Shannon. There were over 20 employers present and 230 people attended on the evening.

In 2022, a total of 90 young people have engaged with the Outreach to Employment Programme. Of these, 33 have been successfully placed in employment. The remainder are preparing for employment or engaging in further education. The objective is to create a 'sightline' of real employment opportunities for individuals within the programme combined with an opportunity for continuous personal progression.



Jobs Fair Southill

This initiative, while in its infancy, has connected with employers with a view to establishing a foundation from which to build upon. Also, work is continuing to build and develop the community mentor network who are working directly with young people in the regeneration areas. Peter McVerry Trust will be providing a resource to further develop the work of the project team across the four regeneration areas. For further information please contact outreachtoemployment@limerick.ie

Status Update on the Regeneration Programme

The Council has appointed KPMG Future Analytics to carry out a status update of the Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP 2014-2023) and to make recommendations for the future strategic direction of Limerick's Regeneration Programme. This work will involve consultation with relevant stakeholders and will report in Spring 2023.



Pre-Apprenticeship Programmes

Residents who are interested in pursuing apprenticeships can avail of several options in the city. Two examples are delivered by and in conjunction with the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB):

Training & Enterprise Programme – Limerick City Build provides training for young people to gain experience as an attendee to the trade which includes experience in levelling, laying of concrete and paving. Training was developed and informed by LCB. The training facility is versatile covering a range of disciplines and includes off site work experience. Participants who successfully complete a 40 week programme will gain an accreditation in construction skills. For further information contact info@limerickcitybuild.ie



Pathways to Apprenticeship (Construction) in Moyross Youth Academy offers a range of programmes that can be taken in advance of an apprenticeship and gives a foundation and understanding of the essential skills needed in the industry. Participants will gain knowledge across the different construction disciplines such as carpentry, shuttering, blockwork and plastering. On successful completion of this programme, participants will be awarded a QQI Level 5 Major Award in Construction Technologies. For further information contact deirdre.m.mcgrath@lcetb.ie or 086 0123357

New-Build Housing Developments

Martins Construction Ltd commenced construction works on the contract for the Local Authority's Sheep Street/Athlunkard Street housing project in November 2022. The project will see the redevelopment of this archaeologically sensitive and long-term vacant site into 8 new residential units. Construction of the three-storey duplex development, which comprises 3 two-bedroomed apartments arranged above 5 three-bedroomed, two-storey units, is anticipated to extend over an 18 month period. The development will be constructed to a 'Nearly Zero Energy Building' standard.



Sheep St - Athlunkard St Housing Development

Southill

Galvone Arms and Petrol Station Site Demolition

The Galvone Arms/STA Furniture and petrol station sites were demolished in Summer 2022 opening up the view of and entrance to Southill. Temporarily the area will be grassed, with a footpath running through it and timber knee rail around it. In the short term, the Council intends, subject to Part 8 planning permission and viability, to activate the site for affordable or private housing.

The Council also has ambition to provide a direct connection from the Roxboro roundabout, through the site, to the heart of Southill – the community hub. This connection would remove infrastructural barriers stifling connectivity and improving permeability; helping to deliver on the key objective of the LRFIP to improve strategic connections throughout Southill.



St Mary's Park

Verdant Place Clean Up

The Council's regeneration team recently completed public realm works in the area. Works included the pollarding of trees and cultivation of the green site at Verdant Place & St Mary's Park Grotto area. This route leads to the King's Island Community Centre which is fully operational again post Covid and busy planning a refurbishment. Call 061 318106.



Galvone Arms site in Southill post-demolition

Ballinacurra Weston

New All Weather Pitch at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre

A new floodlit 3G 7-a-side artificial grass pitch 52m x 30m is open on the grounds of the Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre in Ballinacurra Weston. It is a relocation of the previous all weather pitch as a result of the new Gough Place housing development. It is very much welcomed by the community and is being used by a range of community, youth and sports groups including the newly formed residents group ABC Group (A Better Community).

Moyross

Moyross Footballers Represent Ireland and help bring home Homeless World Cup

In a further sign of the tremendous work Moyross United FC are doing in the community, 5 members of their women's team were selected to play for Ireland at an 8 Nations Street League tournament in Dundee, Scotland. Hayleigh Power (Captain), Laura Hughes, Chloe Kenna, Chantel Pearse and Amy McCormack represented their club and country with distinction throughout this tournament which had teams from Afghanistan, England, Holland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Sweden and Ukraine taking part. The Irish women, backboned by the Moyross contingent, won all their games en route to the final. The Irish girls performance in the final was something to behold and after a titanic struggle with Northern Ireland the 8 Nations Street League Trophy was on its way back to Moyross. The regeneration team are proud to have supported Moyross Utd FC through ESIF funding over the years and delighted to see the tremendous work they are doing.



Street League Homeless World Cup Under 18s 5-side team - Players from Moyross United FC



New All Weather Pitch at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre

Regeneration ESIF Grants

Information on how community organisations were impacted by Covid-19 pandemic.

69 projects across 46 organisations

34 projects moved to online services

10 transitioned to outdoor activities when allowed

27 transitioned to telephone

12 delivered support packs to people's houses

8 provided hardware such as laptops or tablets to service users

11 reported on new and adapted services and events. These included Drive-By Santas, photo competitions, new outreach services, and providing meals to the HSE

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visited service users' front steps to check in

24

continued to offer face to face services