

THE LIBERTIES COMMUNITY PROJECT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Co- Create Research Network

We are delighted to share that The Liberties Community Project is a community partner in the newly launched all island Co-Create Project which will bring together designers, artists, industry partners, community groups, public bodies and cultural institutions to help transform how we collectively respond to some of our most pressing societal challenges – including public service delivery, healthcare, climate action and inclusive heritage.

The Liberties Community Project are the Republic of Ireland Community Partner on Work Package 1 of the project which will also include the following partners- Department of Public Expenditure Infrastructure Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, and 'up north', North West Community Network, and the Department for Communities.

The Liberties Community Project will host two embedded researchers as part of this initiative – one PhD researcher and one Postdoctoral researcher – who will work closely within our organisation and the community we serve for a period of four years, 2026 – 2030 to explore the potential of a co-production model of service design delivery within the community services sector

Co-Create is funded by the Higher Education Authority through the North South Research Programme. More on this across the coming months and years.

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Choose being part of a resilient, empowered community. For more information or to get involved please drop into one of our centres, email info@thelibertiescommunityproject.ie or phone 01 453 6098.

CHOOSE GETTING INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GARDEN. CHOOSE BEING KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS. CHOOSE PICKING UP YOUR DOGS SHIT. CHOOSE CURRY CHIPS IN OH ROURKES. CHOOSE GETTING YOUR FRUIT AND VEG FROM NORTONS. CHOOSE DIVERSITY. CHOOSE BEING PART OF A RESILIENT, EMPOWERED COMMUNITY. CHOOSE SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM. CHOOSE NOT FAWNING OVER MEDIA COVERAGE THAT CALLS THE LIBERTIES 'THE BROOKLYN OF DUBLIN' OR THE 23rd COOLEST NEIGHBOURHOOD IN THE WORLD. CHOOSE THE SMELL OF ROASTED HOPS, THE SOUND OF CHURCH BELLS AND A LIVING URBAN EQUINE CULTURE. CHOOSE ACCESSIBLE DELIBERATIVE PROCESSES. CHOOSE YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL. CHOOSE WE SHALL OVERCOME INSTEAD OF WE SHALL UNDERMINE. CHOOSE BEING A PART OF YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

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Welcome from the CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the latest newsletter from The Liberties Community Project. Once again the Liberties has been receiving plenty of attention, with recent media describing the area as “the Brooklyn of Dublin” and celebrating its reputation as one of the coolest neighbourhoods in the world. While this recognition is welcome, those of us who live and work here know that the real strength of the Liberties has never come from headlines or trends, but from the people who built this community and continue to choose to be part of a resilient and empowered Liberties.

Places like The Liberties are often only “discovered” when they become attractive to investment or tourism, but long before any rankings or features, the Liberties has always been defined by solidarity, creativity and resilience. Our ambition is not for the Liberties to become a brand, but for it to remain a place where local people can live, work, learn and thrive, and where progress benefits the existing community.

This edition of the newsletter reflects that approach. In recent months we have seen real progress across a range of initiatives, from new adult education opportunities to major partnerships such as the all-island Co-Create Project, which places community voices at the centre of service design. We are also continuing to develop new sports infrastructure and social enterprise projects, including the development of a Basin Lane playing pitch, and the ongoing work of Bee8, In Our Shoes Walking Tours, and Liberties Brickworks.

None of this work happens in isolation. It is made possible by the commitment of local residents, staff, volunteers, board members, partners and funders across the community, voluntary, public and private sectors. Together, we are showing that the Liberties can thrive not because it is fashionable, but because the local community actively want to be involved in, and are supported, to shape their own future.

If you would like to learn more about any of the work in this newsletter, please drop into one of our centres or contact the team. We are always glad to welcome new faces and new ideas. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best,

Austin Campbell | CEO, The Liberties Community Project

Stay Updated

The Liberties Community Project will publish quarterly newsletters designed to keep attendees, friends and supporters up to date on what's happening.

Please sign up to our mailing list and receive newsletters by email through the news tab on our website- www.thelibertiescommunityproject.ie or by emailing info@thelibertiescommunityproject.ie and requesting to be added.

Physical copies will be available from our centres as well as from a selection of local Liberties businesses and services.

Basin Lane Playing Pitch

The Liberties Community Project, in partnership with Sporting Liberties, has established the Liberties Sports Infrastructure Fund — a new initiative dedicated to developing high-quality, accessible sports facilities for our community. We are proud to announce a €500,000 commitment from Mediolanum International – Ireland towards the Fund’s first project: the development of a publicly accessible playing pitch on a site at St. James’s Secondary School, Basin Lane.

Pre-development work on the project is now underway, including surveying, design and planning-related assessments required to progress the pitch to construction stage. This preparatory phase is an important step in ensuring the facility is delivered to the highest standard and can serve the community for many years to come. Subject to the successful completion of the planning and design process, it is hoped that the final playing pitch will be delivered by the end of 2026. Our ambition is simple: that one day The Liberties will thrive not because it is supported by charity, but because it is fairly served by policy and resources, and this project represents a meaningful step toward that goal.

This partnership between Mediolanum International – Ireland, its philanthropy collective, the local business community, and organisations like our own and St. James’ Primary School shows what is possible when the social, public and private sectors work together — creating not just relief, but opportunity and hope for a stronger future for the Liberties. Many thanks to Mediolanum International – Ireland, their philanthropy collective, and Sporting Liberties and St. James’ Primary School for their support and shared vision for the community we are proud to serve.



Community Classes

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

MONDAY	Maths for Beginners 10 AM - 12 PM - 15/09/2025 to 6/12/2025 3, Usher Street, Dublin 8. Creative Writing 2 PM - 4 PM - 15/09/2025 to 6/12/2025 10/71, South Earl Street, Dublin 8.
TUESDAY	Painting & Drawing 10 AM - 12 PM - 16/09/2025 to 9/12/2025 10/71, South Earl Street, Dublin 8. Crafts 1 PM - 3 PM - 16/09/2025 to 9/12/2025 10/71, South Earl Street, Dublin 8. Gardening 10 AM - 12 PM - 16/09/2025 to 9/12/2025 3, Usher Street, Dublin 8.
WEDNESDAY	Reading 10 AM - 12 PM - 17/09/2025 to 10/12/2025 3, Usher Street, Dublin 8.
FRIDAY	Gardening 11 AM - 1 PM - 18/09/2025 to 12/12/2025 10/71, South Earl Street, Dublin 8. Singing & Drama 11 AM - 2 PM - 18/09/2025 to 12/12/2025 3, Usher Street, Dublin 8.

All courses run for 12 weeks

Looking to grow, learn, and meet like-minded people? Our Adult Education classes, provided by The Liberties Community Project in partnership with City of Dublin ETB, is the perfect place to start.

We'd love to welcome you in 2026. If you have any questions or would like to join, please get in touch:

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Meet the Team

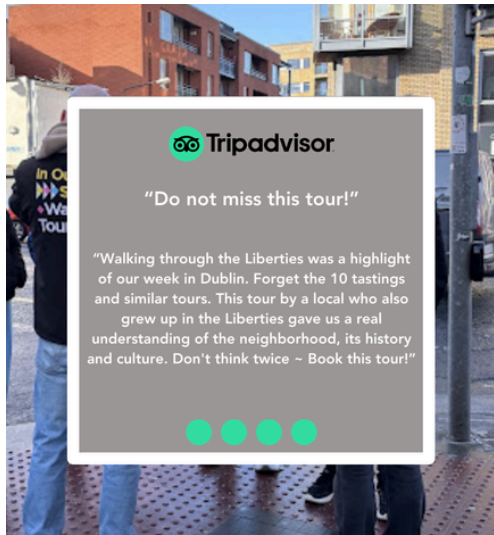
Celine was born, bred and continues to live in the Liberties.

She is a HEO in the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine. She has been a board member of The Liberties Community Project since its inception in 2024 and was involved with one of its forerunners - Robert Emmet CDP - before this, since 2002.

Celine is the Deputy Chairperson of The Liberties Community Project and also sits on the board of the Dublin City Co-Operative and a number of local forums.



MEET THE TEAM
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Social Enterprise

Did you know that The Liberties Community Project operates three social enterprise initiatives that support local employment, heritage, and environmental sustainability in Dublin 8?

In Our Shoes Walking Tours - Our award-winning social history walking tours are delivered by local community members and share the rich stories, culture and heritage of the Liberties. To find out more or to book a tour, visit: <https://inourshoeswalkingtours.ie/>

Bee8 - Ireland's largest urban beekeeping project, with 47 hives located across Dublin, alongside biodiversity planting and environmental education initiatives. If you would like more information or are interested in getting involved, please contact: info@thelibertiescommunityproject.ie

Liberties Brickworks - Building resilient and empowered communities, one brick at a time.

This exciting new project focuses on celebrating the industrial and cultural heritage of Dublin 8, while creating new opportunities for community participation. The project is expected to launch publicly in mid-2026 — watch this space!

Completion of Roof Works at 90 Meath Street

We are delighted to announce the successful completion of a full refurbishment of the roof at our building on 90 Meath Street. This important upgrade will help ensure the building remains safe, secure, and fit for purpose for the community of Dublin 8.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Tom Lawless Roofing Services for the high-quality delivery of the works, and to Ken Meehan Architects for their professional oversight throughout the project.

We are also very grateful to the Department of Rural and Community Development and Dublin City Council for their support through the Community Recognition Fund, which made this project possible.

Clean Air Strategy 2025 Public Consultation

We are pleased to have submitted The Liberties Community Project's contribution to the Clean Air Strategy 2025 public consultation.

Our submission is grounded in the lived experience of residents of Dublin 8, informed by local research, community-led data collection, and national and international evidence. It highlights the close connection between air quality, housing conditions, traffic exposure, access to green space and health inequality in inner-city communities.

Communities like the Liberties often experience a disproportionate environmental burden, despite contributing least to the causes of air pollution. We hope our contribution supports the development of a Clean Air Strategy that is equitable, place-based and responsive to these realities.

We would welcome further engagement, discussion or participation in pilot initiatives arising from the Strategy — particularly those focused on hyper-local air-quality monitoring, community-led greening, improved housing quality and clean-mobility measures.

Thank you to all involved for the opportunity to contribute to this important process.