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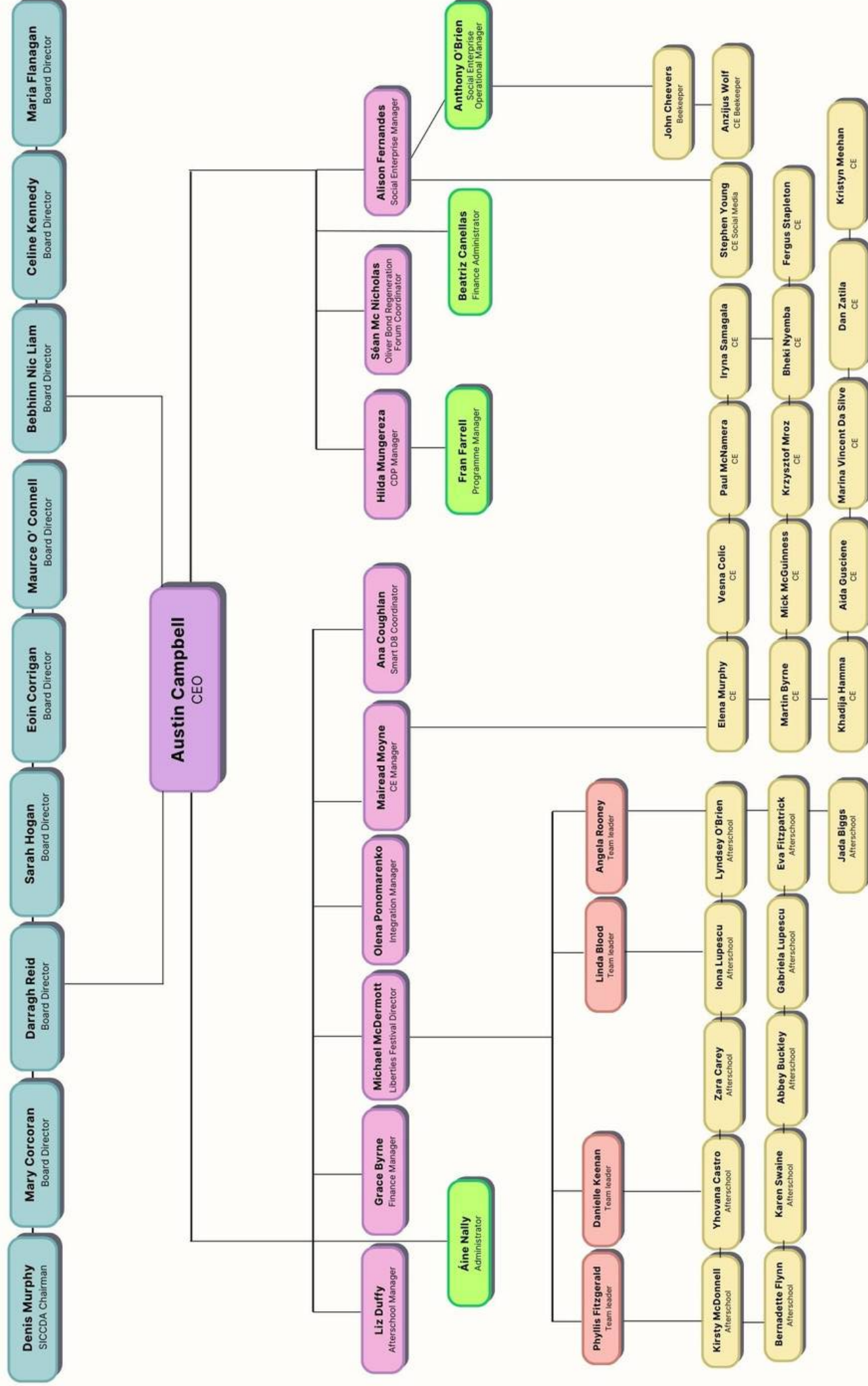
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THE LIBERTIES COMMUNITY PROJECT



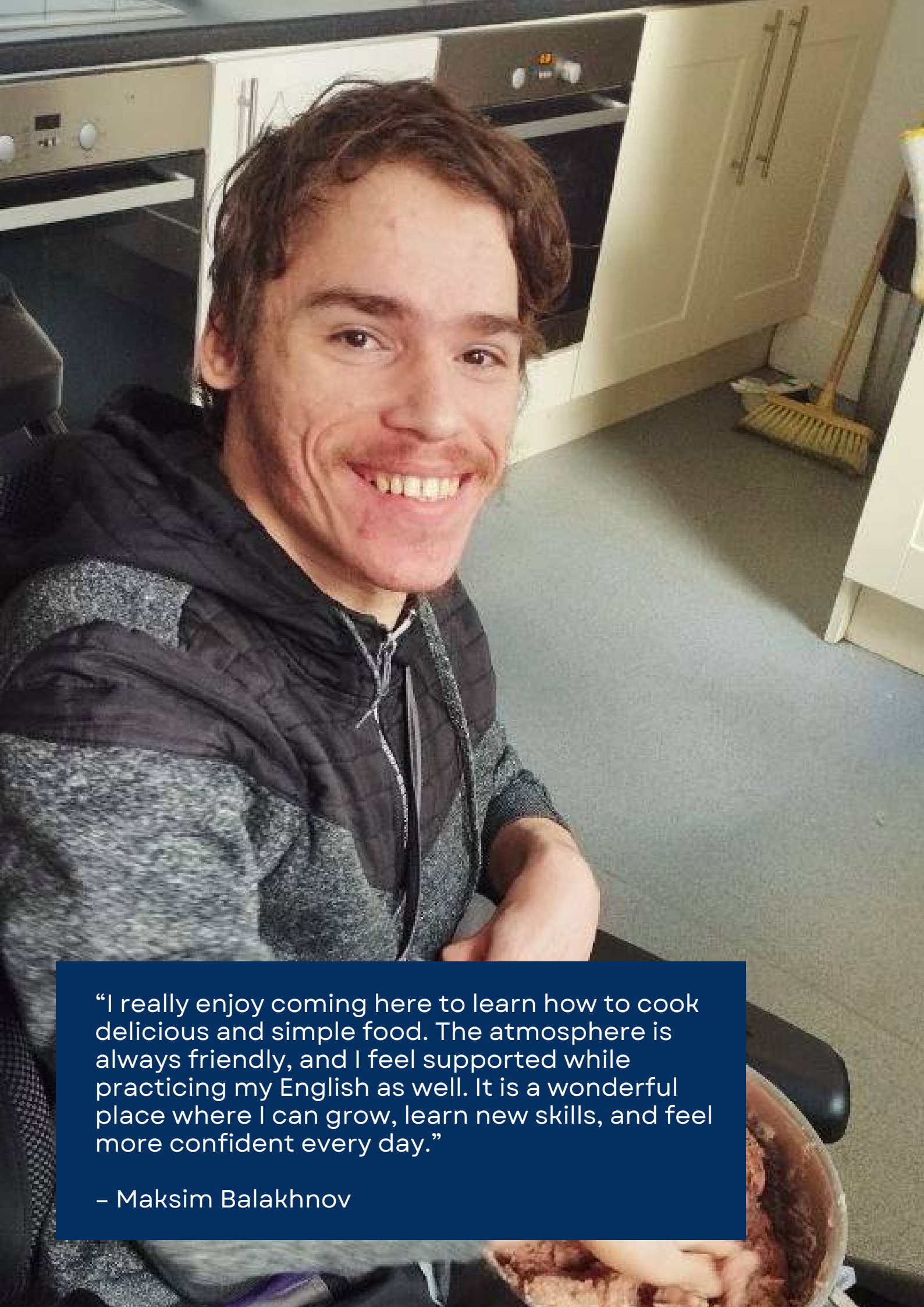


OUR VISION

A resilient and vibrant community in the heart of Dublin

OUR MISSION

Deliver a variety of programmes that service local need, provide opportunities for community members to participate in decisions that affect them and foster collaboration in order to build a strong community where everyone is heard and no-one is left behind.



“I really enjoy coming here to learn how to cook delicious and simple food. The atmosphere is always friendly, and I feel supported while practicing my English as well. It is a wonderful place where I can grow, learn new skills, and feel more confident every day.”

– Maksim Balakhnov

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CHAIRPERSON SUMMARY

It is my great privilege to present this Chairperson's Summary at the close of what has been a landmark year for The Liberties Community Project.

In November 2024, we witnessed a transformative milestone: the successful voluntary merger of Robert Emmet Community Development Project and South Inner City Community Development Association (SICCDA) to form The Liberties Community Project. This merger was not just an administrative change – it was a bold and conscious step, driven by a shared belief that we are better together.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who made this merger possible: our dedicated staff, board members, volunteers, partner organisations, funders and all those who offered their unwavering support throughout this journey. Your commitment, patience, and optimism were essential in bringing this new organisation to life. I would also like to share my deepest regret that two long serving, committed board members did not get to enjoy the realisation of this long journey; Carmel Hynes of SICCDA and Tony O' Rourke of Robert Emmet CDP- Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

While we are proud of the rich legacies and achievements of both Robert Emmet CDP and SICCDA, we are equally excited about the possibilities that lie ahead as The Liberties Community Project. We remain steadfast in our mission to serve the community – not merely by addressing the symptoms of a broken system through the delivery of charitable services but by empowering our local community to engage actively and meaningfully in shaping policy, influencing decisions, and advocating for the resources required to thrive.

This renewed vision underscores our commitment to long-term, systemic change. We believe that true community development is about amplifying local voices, fostering participation, and creating structures that allow a community to inform their own futures. As we look to the future, we do so with pride in what has been achieved, and with optimism for what is yet to come. The courage and foresight shown by both boards to come together in the spirit of collaboration exemplifies the very best of community leadership – a commitment to unity, resilience, and collective progress. I am proud to lead this group of remarkable people as Chairman of The Liberties Community Project.

On behalf of the Board, I want to commend all those who have journeyed with us so far and invite you to continue walking with us as we build a resilient and vibrant community in the heart of Dublin. This is only the beginning!

DENIS MURPHY
CHAIRMAN



CEO SUMMARY

I am very grateful to share this CEO's summary as we reflect on an extraordinary year for our organisation and our community.

In 2024, we marked a major milestone: the successful voluntary merger of Robert Emmet Community Development Project and South Inner City Community Development Association (SICCCA) to form The Liberties Community Project. This merger was the culmination of almost five years of hard work underpinned by a collective belief that we can achieve greater impact and deliver more for the community of The Liberties as a single larger and more streamlined organisation.

This positive outcome was not inevitable and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this outcome possible. Particular thanks are due in this regard to the board and staff of The Liberties Community Project. The expertise and energy the board brought to leading the strategic direction of the organisation in 2024 and ensuring that we fulfil its mission to build a strong community in Dublin 8 where everyone is heard and no-one is left behind is exemplary. The belief shown by my colleagues in the merger process, dedication to their community, and trust and support of one another have provided the strong foundation upon which we are building a more unified organisation.

When we look at the challenges facing our community, we must be clear: deprivation at a population level is not accidental or incidental. It is the direct result of specific resourcing and policy decisions over time. At The Liberties Community Project, we are committed to not only addressing the immediate needs of our community but also tackling these root causes head-on.

A significant achievement in this regard was the publication of a report, the "Respiratory Health Among Residents of Oliver Bond House" delivered in partnership with Trinity College Dublin School of Medicine in March 2024. This piece of work discovered that asthma prevalence existed at a rate 2.4 times higher for residents of Oliver Bond House relative to individuals attending the same medical practice with an address elsewhere in Dublin 8 and created a clear correlation between housing conditions and tenant health outcomes. The publication of report results led to a decision to invest €2.1m in interim and glazing works ahead of a larger physical regeneration project.

It exemplifies the kind of work we believe is critical and is one of several similar projects designed to engage a community in research that can directly influence the decisions that affect them. As we move into the next chapter, it is a priority for us to deepen our strategic approach to community development – to be proactive rather than reactive and to place even greater emphasis on community-led research, advocacy, and policy engagement.

I am proud of what has been achieved by Robert Emmet CDP & SICCCA over previous decades and excited about what this talented, generous and committed group of people will achieve together as The Liberties Community Project in coming years.

Thank you to The Liberties Community Project staff, partners, funders and community members for your continued support and belief in the work of the organisation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express thanks to Board of The Liberties Community Project for the expertise and energy they have brought to leading the strategic direction of the organisation in 2024 and ensuring that The Liberties Community Project can fulfil its mission to build a strong community in Dublin 8 where everyone is heard and no-one is left behind. Particular thanks to Celine Kennedy, Chairperson of Robert Emmet CDP for the support over previous years and to Denis Murphy, Chairperson of The Liberties Community Project for the support during 2024.

Together, we have laid the foundations for a more resilient, united and impactful organisation, and I look forward with optimism and determination to working alongside you all to shape a brighter future for the community we serve.

AUSTIN CAMPBELL
CEO



“The project is brilliant in terms of friendship building, learning new skills, and going out to various places to explore our heritage. Each trip offers something new, great memories are formed, and bellies are full of laughter. That is just a snapshot of our wonderful club, which promotes respect, learning, and fun.”

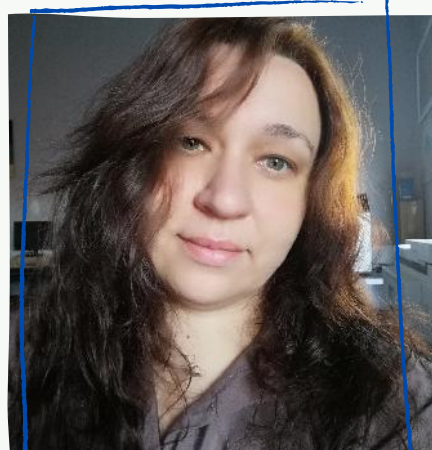
– Marion Connolly

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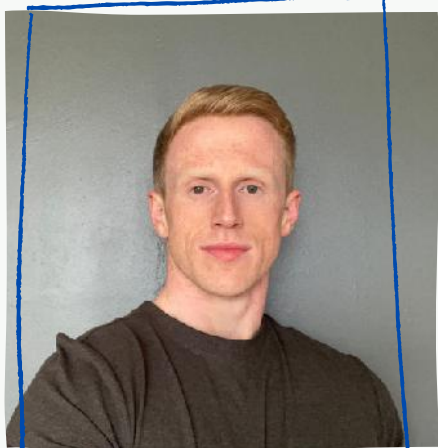
MEET THE TEAM
FERGUS STAPLETON

“As the Accounts Assistant at The Liberties Community Project, I play a key role in keeping things running smoothly by recording, processing, and checking financial information. While my work happens behind the scenes, it’s incredibly rewarding to know that it supports the team in making a real difference in the local community. One of the biggest lessons I’ve learned in community development is the importance of being aware of local issues and understanding how we can take action to improve them. Every small effort adds up to something bigger, and that’s what makes this work so meaningful.”



MEET THE TEAM
OLENA PONOMARENKO

“I’m the Integration Manager at The Liberties Community Project. I work with migrants and refugees, helping them integrate into the local community and find employment. This includes organising English classes, job readiness workshops, and self-employment sessions. I also oversee the Open Kitchen programme, which gives people without access to a kitchen the chance to cook, share their culture, and connect with others. The most rewarding part of my work is seeing people grow in confidence and independence.”



MEET THE TEAM
STEPHEN YOUNG

“I’m Stephen Young, and I’m the Social Media Assistant for The Liberties Community Project. My job involves creating content for our social media platforms, whether that’s writing posts for [In Our Shoes Walking Tours](#), designing posters for our community programmes, or capturing photos and videos at events and workshops. It’s creative, varied and never boring! The best part of working here is knowing that, in some small way, I’m helping to support the local community.”



MEET THE TEAM
ANGELA ROONEY

“Hi, I’m Angela, and I’m the Team Leader in the afterschool program. I’ve been working with The Liberties Community Project for two years now, and I love how it brings people together to share ideas and create a real sense of community. It’s a great space where everyone can contribute to something meaningful.”

NAVIGATING CHANGE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LIBERTIES COMMUNITY PROJECT IN 2024

As 2024 ends The Liberties Community Project stands at a critical juncture – balancing its deep community roots with the demands of a rapidly changing urban landscape. The organisation, the combination of Robert Emmet CDP and SICCDA, two organisations delivering a programme of social and community development for decades, faced a year of both significant change and unprecedented potential.

CHALLENGES FOR THE ORGANISATION

Perhaps the most immediate and pressing challenge was a 300% rent increase at the organisation's community centre in 3 Usher Street which was applied in November 2024. This rent increase threatened not only the stability of the organisation's physical base but also the continuity of the services and supports that thousands of local residents rely on. At a time when the demand for community-based supports is growing, this financial pressure represents a major operational risk.

Compounding this was the need to strengthen the organisation's governance structures. As The Liberties Community Project grows – both in scope and impact – the responsibilities of its Board of Directors are increasing significantly. Recruiting an effective, skilled, and diverse board capable of overseeing a larger, more complex charity is a major challenge. Strong governance is essential not only for compliance but also for steering the organisation strategically through a time of growth.

CHALLENGES IN THE COMMUNITY

The broader Liberties area is itself undergoing transformative change. The pace of physical development – from new residential and commercial blocks to the introduction of major urban regeneration schemes – continues at pace. Yet, there is a growing risk that local residents are not adequately engaged in these processes, and consequently, not positioned to benefit from them. Without deliberate efforts to include and empower local voices, there is a danger that long-standing communities will be left behind in their own neighbourhood.

In addition, the area continues to be underfunded relative to other parts of the city.

An analysis of the 2022-2026 Dublin City council budget on capital spending on the three areas that arguably have the greatest impact on community wellbeing - Sports & Leisure,

Parks and Open Spaces and Libraries and Galleries provides an overview of the level of funding applied to the SWIC relative to other areas of the city.

Despite high levels of need and a relatively dense concentration of population The Liberties often finds itself overlooked in strategic funding plans, creating a sense of omission and missed opportunity. This lack of equitable investment further exacerbates issues of inequality and social exclusion in the area and leads to a sense of ennui and lack of community engagement with consultation processes which in turn can create a vicious cycle of hopelessness.

It is not possible to say whether there is a causal relationship between senior number of government representatives based in a particular area and government investment in that area or whether such a correlation is merely co-incidental. However, it should be noted that funding to an area hosting a senior Minister and a party leader- the North Inner City- is c8,000% higher than an area where for many years there has been an under-representation from parties in government- The South West Inner City. Low levels of engagement in electoral politics and voter turnout in the South West Inner City of Dublin pose a significant challenge in attracting resources, as political influence is often tied to active civic participation. This lack of visibility has arguably resulted in the area being overlooked in strategic planning and investment decisions at local and national levels.

Allocation by Electoral Division 2022 - 2026 Dublin City Council Capital Budget for Sports & Leisure, Parks and Open Spaces , Libraries and Galleries		
Electoral Area	Expenditure 2024	Sum of % Budget
All*	€21,965,427	7.40%
Artane Whitehall	€5,394,000	1.82%
Ballyfermot Drimnagh	€9,167,738	3.09%
Ballymun Finglas	€10,429,572	3.51%
Cabra Glasnevin	€47,311,787	15.93%
Clontarf	€13,075,000	4.40%
Donaghmede	€12,138,365	4.09%
Fingal	€3,400,000	1.15%
Kimmage - Rathmines	€22,421,063	7.55%
North Inner City	€137,326,629	46.25%
Pembroke	€950,000	0.32%
South East Inner City	€11,709,905	3.94%
South West Inner City	€1,630,000	0.55%
Grand Total	€296,919,485	100.00%

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ORGANISATION

Yet in the face of these challenges, there are many reasons for optimism. A key development in 2024 was the voluntary amalgamation of Robert Emmet CDP and SICCCA which created a more streamlined and unified organisation – one with greater capacity to deliver services, engage in strategic advocacy, and represent the needs of the community more effectively. This consolidation offers The Liberties Community Project a unique opportunity to scale its impact, strengthen its voice in policy discussions, and access new streams of funding and collaboration to benefit not just individuals who attend the organisations charitable services but the wider community.

Our enlarged organisation will also be better positioned to contribute to research, policy development, and community-led planning – ensuring that the perspectives of Dublin 8 residents are heard not just locally, but across regional and national platforms.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

For the wider community 2024 presents a rare opportunity to secure long-term benefits from major development projects. The LDA's Pear Tree Crossing and Ballymore's Guinness Quarter have the potential to deliver valuable community infrastructure in addition to both projects core offerings of housing– but only if local stakeholders are supported and organised to engage meaningfully in those processes.

With the right leadership, advocacy, and community development supports in place, there is a real opportunity to leverage these developments for community gain – ensuring that regeneration enhances rather than displaces the existing social fabric of The Liberties.



CONCLUSION

The Liberties Community Project enters 2025 facing a number of structural and strategic challenges. But we also move into 2025 with a stronger sense of purpose, new partnerships, and a vision of a more inclusive, equitable future for Dublin 8.

Navigating these parallel forces of pressure and potential will demand courage, creativity, and collaboration. But if there's one thing The Liberties has always demonstrated, it's resilience – and a deep belief in the power of community to shape its own future.



“It is a fantastic project. I joined at a time when I needed it, which was the drama group. The staff are very helpful and wonderful. I got great information on housing. I attend the drama where I have made so many lifelong friends. It is a great place to drop in, even if it is only for a chat. And the community needs this.”

– Yvonne Wosser



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Every effort has been made to develop a strategy that is ambitious, achievable and directly reflective of what the Liberties community feel is required for the area to progress during the years 2024 – 2028. To this end two separate questionnaires were developed and distributed to community members and partner organisations in early 2023 which posed a series of questions designed to understand sentiment about local need and opportunity. The answers from 98 responses were collated into a series of documents

which, along with research of relevant CSO data, policy and academic papers involved two joint organisation meetings facilitated by an external consultant in February and July 2023.

The output of these sessions was shared and pre-approved by Robert Emmet CDP and SICCCA Boards during 2023 Board Meetings. This strategy was formally adopted by the board of The Liberties Community Project at the organisations first AGM in October 2024.



1. GROW CORE CHARITABLE PROGRAMMES

Why is this important?

The Liberties Community Projects mission tasks us to deliver a variety of programmes to serve local need. The delivery of core charitable programmes is necessary to establish a secure baseline of wellbeing for community members and establish connectivity and trust from which to build more ambitious capacity building projects

2. SUPPORT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY LIFE AND DECISION MAKING

Why is this important?

A community development organisation like The Liberties Community Project can only power the common good through the active participation of people. This involvement is a unique, precious and transformative contribution that benefits everyone. We believe that a healthy community results from a vigorous and positive interplay between representative and participative democracy.

3. ENSURE THE LIBERTIES COMMUNITY PROJECT HAS THE STRUCTURE, CAPACITY AND RESOURCES TO DELIVER THIS PLAN

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4. GROW SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OFFERING

Why is this important?

Social Enterprise offers opportunity for The Liberties Community Project to deliver on our charitable vision and mission in new and innovative ways. It allows us to create education and employment opportunities for local community members directly. It provides a community with opportunities to take control of its own narrative and generate value directly. It provides The Liberties Community Project the means to generate revenue to cover costs of delivering services and move towards a diversification of funding streams.

5. POLICY AND CONSULTATION WORK

Why is this important?

The Liberties Community Project are trusted by the SWIC community and well positioned to act as a conduit between community and statutory organisations to assess current levels of need in the SWIC and develop a fact based approach to the evolution of future policies and development plans governing the area.

The organisations successful delivery of 'Respiratory Health Among Residents of Oliver Bond House' with TCD School of Medicine in addition to several other research projects- and the positive outcomes related to the publication of the same- indicate the importance of this work continuing and growing in the future.



6. SUPPORTING ACCESS TO ADEQUATE HOUSING

Why is this important?

The right to adequate housing is provided for in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the European Social Charter. This is a basic protection in recognition that a home is central to the dignity of each and every person and a foundation of every persons life.

RECDP's 2021 'Environmental Conditions in Oliver Bond House' report and TCD's consequent 'Respiratory Health Among Residents of Oliver Bond House' indicate that at least some individuals are subjected to wholly inadequate housing conditions, that it is likely that this has been the case for many years and that this is having a significantly negative impact on the health outcomes for those individuals.

It is vitally important that residents are provided with appropriate support to secure access to healthy and habitable housing to ensure the basis of individual and collective wellbeing.





7. SUPPORTING INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION

Why is this important?

Community based integration supports clients of international protection services access key rights in their new community, supports with integrating programme participants into the local social fabric and fosters community cohesion between existing populations and clients of international protection services. Delivered appropriately, community based integration improves both the overall resilience and success of individual programme participants as well as the host population. The dangers of not making these benefits apparent and not celebrating our shared humanity have become all too apparent over the last twelve months.

2024 AT A GLANCE



11,500

Distributed fresh fruit and vegetables with a value of €53,705



60

Individual volunteers

1,659

Volunteer hours contributed



10

Weekly adult education classes

2,100

total number of student hours delivered cumulatively in 2024



86,400

Afterschool service delivered in 5 local schools to 150 young people aged 7-12. Total number of student hours delivered cumulatively in 2024

45



69

Individuals Supported Secured Employment -22 part time, 30 full time, 17 self employed



3,500

attendees across

45

events of The Liberties Festival 2024



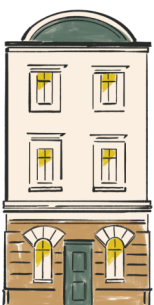
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Active beehives across schools, businesses, and community sites



28,000

Income generated through hive hosting, workshops, and educational programmes



2.1

Million, released for interim remedial works in Oliver Bond House on publication of Respiratory Health Among Residents of Oliver Bond House report



1,576

People participated in paid tours, generating €16,251.25 in income, with consistently strong customer feedback



“Get back up for older people in the community. All the classes are fantastic for meeting new people, and the staff working on the project are so helpful and just fantastic for helping people all around, and so inclusive. I enjoy waking up on Friday mornings knowing that I get to meet my gardening group.”

– Julie Bissett



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

BUILDING A RESILIENT AND EMPOWERED COMMUNITY

Every effort has been made to develop a strategy that is ambitious, achievable and directly reflective of what the Liberties community feel is required for the area to progress during the years 2024 – 2028. To this end two separate questionnaires were developed and distributed to community members and partner organisations in early 2023 which posed a series of questions designed to understand sentiment about local need and opportunity. The answers from 98 responses were collated into a series of documents

Resilience means more than simply responding to challenges – it means equipping individuals, families, and communities with the tools, confidence, and support networks they need to thrive in the face of change. Empowerment means ensuring that people are not just passive recipients of services, but active participants in shaping their own lives and their local environment.

In 2024, this strategic approach guided our work on the ground and in wider forums – from amplifying local voices in urban development conversations to fostering new leadership through volunteer and training opportunities. By linking direct delivery with long-term goals, we are ensuring that The Liberties Community Project remains a catalyst for change, committed to building a stronger, fairer Dublin 8 for everyone who calls it home.

Consequently, all activities delivered in 2024 will be expressed through the lens of our seven strategic pillars. We feel that by reporting on our activity in this way that we best display the cohesive framework that underlies all of our actions. Working in line with, and remaining cognisant of, our strategic objectives allow us to track progress more effectively, highlight impact across different areas, and ensure that all parts of the organisation are moving in the same direction: toward a more connected, confident, and resilient community.



“Joining the belly dance classes as part of the integration programme has had a truly positive impact on my wellbeing. I used to have problems with my back, but thanks to these classes my pain has decreased, my posture has improved, and I feel stronger. Beyond the physical benefits, the dancing also helps me feel more relaxed, balanced, and emotionally uplifted.”

– Tetiana Smirnova

OBJECTIVE 1

GROW CORE CHARITABLE PROGRAMMES

Following the merger of Robert Emmet CDP and SICCCA, The Liberties Community Project focused on combining the strengths and expertise of both organisations to deliver more comprehensive and integrated supports to the people of The Liberties.

This included a dual approach of strengthening and growing existing programmes offered by the organisation and identifying new charitable programmes and programme partners that could meet any additional needs that were addressed.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In 2024, The Liberties Community Project's Community Development Programme continued to strengthen local networks, empower residents, and enhance quality of life across the area. Through a wide range of initiatives – from community consultations and capacity-building workshops to health and wellbeing projects, advocacy efforts, and cultural events – the programme fostered greater participation and a stronger sense of belonging among residents.

Highlights of the year included the delivery of a curriculum of ten weekly adult education classes and activities in partnership with the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb); ongoing support and outreach to vulnerable individuals through one-to-one guidance, referrals, and informal advocacy; and collaboration with NCAD and Maynooth University to facilitate ten student placements, enabling participants to explore social issues and produce work rooted in the lived experience of the neighbourhood.

The programme also supported 24 smaller, non-incorporated groups with access to space, funding, and governance support, while continuing to champion research and policy engagement through the publication of Respiratory Health Among Residents of Oliver Bond House with Trinity College Dublin's Institute of Population Health. The findings of this research directly influenced investment decisions, securing €2.1m for interim emergency works at Oliver Bond House and accelerating a larger regeneration project.



Alongside this, TLCP led the Reimagine Marshalsea initiative in partnership with Hassett-Ducatez Architects and the Arts Council, facilitating multi-stakeholder meetings, managing a dedicated website, and advocating for the preservation and accessibility of the Marshalsea Barracks site. Together, these strands of work reflect a growing spirit of collaboration, with increased engagement from local partners and volunteers, and demonstrate how place-based community development can deliver meaningful and lasting change.

This work was made possible through the support of the Department of Rural and Community Development.



INTEGRATION

The Liberties Community Project's Integration Programme continued to play a vital role in fostering inclusion and building connections among new communities in the area during 2024. Through a combination of 32 weekly classes and activities including language classes, intercultural workshops and one-to-one support services the programme helped individuals from diverse backgrounds feel welcomed, empowered, and engaged in local life.

Participation grew steadily throughout the year with an average weekly attendance of 240 pax demonstrating the ongoing need for targeted integration supports. The programme's success was driven by strong partnerships with colleague organisations- including FITT and the Irish Refugee Council- and the dedication of staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly to create a warm, inclusive environment that celebrates cultural diversity and strengthens community cohesion.

Through our community food programme established in September 2024, we distributed over 500 kilograms of fresh fruit and vegetables every week—free of charge—to individuals and families in need. Complementing this, our community kitchen operated five mornings per week allowing individuals without access to kitchen facilities- primarily IPAS clients living in temporary hotel accommodation- to access kitchen space free of charge.

Through a combination of targeted CV and interview skills workshops and proactive engagement with major employers, The Liberties Community Project supported 69 individuals in securing meaningful employment in 2024. Of these, 30 gained full-time positions, 22 secured part-time roles, and 17 established themselves in self-employment. This achievement reflects our commitment to building pathways into decent work and economic independence for people in our community.

This work was made possible by support from the Department of Rural and Community Development.



AFTERSCHOOL

In 2024, The Liberties Community Project's Afterschool Programme continued to deliver five separate afterschool services offering safe, supportive, and stimulating environment for 150 young people aged 6–12 from 14.30 – 18.00, five days per week, 48 weeks of the year. The services continued to offer a mix of educational support, creative arts, sports, and wellbeing activities focused on nurturing children's social skills, confidence, and academic development while providing crucial respite and support to families in the area. Participation levels remained strong throughout the year, reflecting the continued need and value of this service within the community. The dedication of our staff and volunteers was instrumental in delivering a high-quality, inclusive programme that embodies the spirit and mission of The Liberties Community Project.

In addition, our Afterschool Programme engaged with the organisation Move Ahead through the Smart D8 initiative, becoming part of their Smart Moves programme, which seeks to identify motor development skills among young people and design tailored curricula to meet identified needs. This collaboration aligns closely with our wider commitment to research and advocacy, ensuring that the experiences of children in our community inform innovative approaches to learning, wellbeing, and policy.

This work was made possible by support of The Department of Children, Disability and Equality & Pobal.



COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT (CE)

In 2024, Community Employment (CE) scheme saw marked improvement across a number of performance indicators compared to 2023, thanks to the ongoing support of The Liberties Community Project management team, CE sponsor committee, and Board of Directors. The scheme provides 20 work experience and training opportunities across a wide range of roles including maintenance, reception, administration, accounts, social media, childcare, and community outreach. Three CE positions were successfully sub-sponsored in 2024 to Citizens Information, Solas Project, and new partner Look Good Feel Better, all of whom continue to provide valuable, hands-on experience to participants.

The participant demographic profile in 2024 was 60% international and 40% Irish, with a near even gender split (53% female, 47% male) and an average participant age of 48. This reflects a notable shift from 2023, when 60% of participants were Irish and 58% were male. By December 2024, 75% of our CE positions were filled, representing a 5% increase on 2023 and a 10% increase on 2022. Significantly, 75% of those exiting the scheme transitioned into employment, a 50% improvement on the previous year. There was also strong growth in training outcomes, with a 50% increase in QQI major awards and a 100% increase in QQI minor awards achieved compared to 2023. Furthermore, CE funding rose by 17.5%, enhancing the overall capacity and impact of the programme. These outcomes underscore the CE scheme's continued role as a vital pathway to employment, skill development, and social inclusion in Dublin 8.

This work was made possible by support from the Department of Social Protection



THE LIBERTIES FESTIVAL

In 2024, The Liberties Festival was revitalised under the leadership of a new Festival Director, who re-established key stakeholder relationships and brought renewed energy to this long-standing community celebration.

The festival honoured classic events and traditions while introducing fresh programming, including the popular Community Got Talent showcase, which captured the creativity and spirit of the neighbourhood.

Over the course of the festival, approximately 45 unique events and activities were delivered across 20 venues, attracting an estimated 3,500 attendees and supported by 10 sponsors. With a total programming investment of around €20,000, the festival not only celebrated the heritage and culture of the Liberties but also strengthened community pride, visibility, and connection.



OLIVER BOND REGENERATION

The Liberties Community Project continued to lead the coordination of the Oliver Bond Regeneration Forum, providing essential support to residents as they shape the future of their community. Through regular forum meetings and ongoing work with partner organisations the programme ensured that local voices remained at the heart of regeneration planning and decision-making processes. The project played a vital role in strengthening relationships between residents, statutory agencies, and other key stakeholders, fostering transparency and collective ownership of the regeneration journey. Planning permission is set to be sought for the proposed construction project in Q1 2026 with construction scheduled to begin in 2027.

This work was made possible with the support of The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Dublin City Council.



SOUTH INNER CITY DRUGS & ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

In 2024, The Liberties Community Project was proud to host a Targeted Intervention Worker on behalf of the South Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force (SICDATF). This role focused on supporting individuals and families impacted by substance use through one-to-one interventions, harm reduction, referral pathways, and community engagement initiatives. As part of a broader strategic response to drug and alcohol-related harm in the area, this partnership strengthened our ability to address complex needs locally and reinforced our commitment to working collaboratively to promote health, wellbeing, and inclusion across Dublin 8.

This work was made possible with the support of The Health Service Executive (HSE).

By growing our core charitable programmes in 2024, we took meaningful steps towards achieving our vision of a more equitable, vibrant, and resilient Liberties. These efforts reflect our belief that real change is possible when communities are supported to not just survive, but to thrive and lead.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

In 2024, The Liberties Community Project continued to grow its two flagship social enterprises – In Our Shoes and Bee8 – as powerful vehicles for community engagement, local employment, and sustainable income generation. In Our Shoes is a community-led walking tour initiative that showcases the unique character and heritage of Dublin 8 through the voices of local residents with lived experience. The project not only promotes cultural understanding and civic pride, but also creates meaningful employment and skills development opportunities. 1,576 people participated in paid tours between January and December 2024, generating €16,251.25 in income, with consistently strong customer feedback – including over 45 five-star reviews on TripAdvisor and Google. In 2024, the project expanded its reach by recruiting and training three new local guides and launching monthly Ukrainian-language tours, all of which were fully booked.

Meanwhile, Bee8 – our urban beekeeping social enterprise – continued to flourish as a model for environmental education, biodiversity promotion, and community collaboration. With a focus on awareness-raising and sustainability, Bee8 managed 42 active beehives across schools, businesses, and community sites – a 30% increase from 2023. The initiative generated €28,000 in income through hive hosting, workshops, and educational programmes. Both projects demonstrate how local enterprise can serve broader social and environmental goals, while also directly contributing to The Liberties Community Project’s mission and sustainability. Together, In Our Shoes and Bee8 exemplify our commitment to growing innovative, community-rooted social enterprises that build pride, resilience, and long-term impact in Dublin 8.



OBJECTIVE 2

SUPPORT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AND CIVIC LIFE AND DECISION MAKING

SUPPORT OF RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS

The Liberties Community Project facilitated and supported the ongoing development of three local residents' associations- Oliver Bond Residents Group, Bridgefoot Street Residents Group and Emmet Buildings Residents Group. These support played a critical role in strengthening grassroots democracy, enabling residents to organise collectively, identify shared priorities, and represent their communities in conversations with local authorities, service providers, and developers. By providing meeting space, governance support, and training opportunities, we help ensure that residents are not only informed but also empowered to shape the decisions that affect their homes, neighbourhoods, and future regeneration efforts. This work reflects our belief that inclusive community structures are essential to building a fairer, more representative Dublin 8.

SUPPORT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Liberties Community Project facilitated engagement in 'Unleashing Water', a citizen-science initiative, led by researchers at University College Dublin and Dundalk IT and focused on improving home environments by identifying, testing and advocating for the removal of unsafe lead pipes. Report findings are expected to be published in 2025.

The Liberties Community Project facilitated workshops, supported a participatory approach to water testing and helped amplify results with both rights holders and duty bearers. 'D8 Dash', delivered in collaboration with the Maynooth University Department of Geography, placed local residents at the centre of research and analysis. Community members were engaged in collating existing data, generating new datasets, and contributing to the qualitative analysis of available resources

This participatory approach not only provided valuable evidence to inform local planning, decision-making, investment, and future research on the relationship between urban environments and health outcomes, but also helped to build confidence within the community to engage in complex strategic projects. By equipping residents with the tools

and experience to participate meaningfully in research, the project strengthened their capacity to influence planning and resourcing decisions that directly shape life in the Liberties.

PLACE BASED LEADERSHIP

The Liberties Community Project supported the delivery of a place-based leadership programme commissioned by Dublin City Community Coop and aimed at fostering locally rooted, inclusive leadership across the Dublin 8 community. As a strategic partner, the we supported a number of community members and staff members to participate. Through workshops, mentoring, and shared learning sessions, the programme empowered participants with the tools and confidence to lead initiatives, influence decision-making, and strengthen civic engagement in their own neighbourhoods. The Liberties Community Project's involvement helped ensure that the programme was grounded in local realities and lived experience, contributing to a more connected, representative, and resilient leadership network in the heart of Dublin 8.



COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS NETWORK (CORN)

The Liberties Community Project continued to support and facilitate CORN in providing a regular and inclusive platform for local residents, grassroots groups, and community organisations to come together, share information, identify shared priorities, and coordinate collective responses to local issues. By enabling open dialogue and fostering collaboration across sectors, CORN strengthens the capacity of the community to engage meaningfully with decision-makers, influence policy, and hold statutory bodies to account. Monthly meetings were facilitated during 2024 including which included expert presentations, policy discussions and submissions into consultation processes related to the area.

REIMAGINE MARSHALSEA BARRACKS

The Liberties Community Project continues to facilitate the Reimagine Marshalsea multi-stakeholder group, an inclusive forum where local residents, community organisations, cultural partners, and statutory bodies can collectively envision the future of the historic Marshalsea Barracks site. By hosting regular meetings, managing communications, and ensuring accessible participation, The Liberties Community Project has enabled diverse voices to contribute to a shared planning process for this landmark space.

The Liberties Community Project commissioned the development of a Conservation Management Report on the site in 2023 and has facilitated the multi-stakeholder group to progress this report during 2024. The group exemplifies how community-led engagement can influence urban regeneration and heritage preservation, ensuring that development is shaped by those who live and work in the area.





“Fantastic services provided with a great opportunity for our children to grow and develop and meet new people. It gives me the opportunity to work through the summer months while my children are enjoyed the camps.”

– Deborah Reid

OBJECTIVE 3

ENSURE THE LIBERTIES COMMUNITY PROJECT HAS THE STRUCTURE, CAPACITY AND RESOURCES TO DELIVER THIS PLAN

DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY

In 2024, The Liberties Community Project made significant strides in strengthening its internal governance and financial oversight, directly supporting our strategic objective of ensuring the structure, capacity, and resources needed to deliver on our mission. The appointment of a dedicated Board Treasurer brought added rigour and financial expertise to board decision-making, while the establishment of board subcommittees enhanced our ability to focus strategically on key areas such as finance, governance, and programme development. The recruitment of a Finance Manager has further professionalised our financial systems, enabling more accurate forecasting, improved reporting, and greater accountability across all areas of operation. Together, these developments mark an important evolution in our organisational maturity, laying a solid foundation for sustainable growth and high-impact community delivery through to the end of our current strategy in 2028.

MERGER AND STREAMLINING

The successful voluntary merger of Robert Emmet CDP and SICCDAs to form The Liberties Community Project has enabled a more streamlined, coordinated, and effective delivery of services across Dublin 8. By aligning the programmes of both organisations, consolidating resources, and reducing duplication, the organisation has enhanced its operational efficiency while maintaining a strong local presence and responsiveness to community needs. A key milestone in this process has been the establishment of a clear, agreed-upon internal reporting structure, ensuring greater transparency, accountability, and cohesion across all teams and functions. Together, these improvements directly support our strategic objective of building an organisation with the structure, capacity, and resilience to sustain and grow our impact well into the future.

PROPERTY

A key milestone in advancing our strategic objective – “Making Sure that The Liberties Community Project Has the Structure, Capacity and Resources to Deliver This Plan” – has been the commitment from Dublin City Council (DCC) to provide The Liberties Community Project with a long-term lease at Bridgefoot Street Court, including support for the fit-out of the premises. This commitment significantly enhances our operational sustainability, offering a stable, purpose-built base from which to expand service delivery, foster innovation, and deepen community engagement. In parallel, a professional property evaluation conducted by CBRE of buildings already under our ownership has supported more strategic asset planning, enabling us to assess current and potential use, optimise space, and better align our physical infrastructure with programme needs. Together, these developments reflect a broader organisational shift toward long-term planning, sustainability, and resilience – ensuring that we have the right spaces and resources in place to meet the ambitions of our 2024–2028 strategy.

HUMAN RESOURCES

A key development was the introduction of an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP), providing staff with access to confidential, professional support for mental health, wellbeing, and personal challenges. This reflects our commitment to creating a healthy, resilient working environment where staff feel valued and supported – a critical factor in sustaining service quality and staff retention. In tandem, we engaged the services of Adare, an external HR consultancy, to ensure that our HR systems and policies are robust, compliant, and reflective of best practice. Adare’s expertise has enhanced our capacity to manage organisational growth, support managers, and proactively address HR matters. Together, these initiatives help to embed a culture of care, professionalism, and sustainability at every level of the organisation.

OBJECTIVE 4

GROW SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OFFERING



MANAGING 42 BEEHIVES ACROSS 14 URBAN SITES- IRELAND'S LARGEST URBAN APIARY

The management of 42 beehives across 14 locations represents a key pillar of our strategy to grow The Liberties Community Project's social enterprise offering. Operating under the Bee8 initiative, this unique urban beekeeping enterprise not only generates revenue through the sale of honey and through our unique 'hive hosting' offering but also provides opportunities for training, environmental education, and community engagement.

The scale and reach of the project in 2024 has demonstrated its potential not just as an income stream, but as a flagship example of how social enterprise can be used to combine sustainability, employment pathways, and place-based identity.

By linking enterprise activity with environmental awareness and social inclusion, Bee8 reflects The Liberties Community Project's commitment to developing creative, values-led business models that contribute to the long-term sustainability of our wider mission

"Anthony was a lovely guy... He was a wealth of knowledge and explained the ins and outs of bee keeping including the habits of bees, likes dislikes etc. I attended with my 11 year old son and he really enjoyed it and would like in the future go back to do again"

– Audrey



WINNING TRAVEL AND HOSPITALITY AWARDS 2024 FOR DUBLIN

Winning the prestigious Travel and Hospitality Awards 2024 for Dublin significantly enhances the profile, credibility, and market reach of our In Our Shoes Walking Tours social enterprise.

As well as validating the quality and impact of our social enterprise to both local and international audiences the recognition drives increased footfall and revenue, helping our social enterprise programmes to support core community programmes.

In essence, the award reinforces our strategy to use social enterprise not just as an income stream, but as a platform for visibility, innovation, and inclusive economic development.

IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOURS

The capacity of In Our Shoes to generate additional revenue was enhanced by the hiring of an additional tour guide during 2024; this allowed the project to offer additional tour times and formats all of which contribute to increased revenue, employment opportunities, and the promotion of local culture through a social lens.

In parallel, developing relationships with local anchor institutions – such as hospitals, universities, and large employers – and offering tours to new staff as part of their induction processes serves a dual purpose. It not only builds a reliable and recurring customer base, but also embeds the organisation more deeply within the local ecosystem and creates the basis for future opportunities.



“We found this tour on Google and would recommend to anyone looking for a different experience. Adrienne, our tour guide, was amazing. She took time to explain everything to us and made us feel like fast friends. We loved the time spent with her and learning more about the Liberties.”

– Matthew P



INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE- LIBERTIES BRICKWORKS

The Liberties Community Project also completed a feasibility study on the potential establishment of a new social enterprise, Liberties Brickworks, to strengthen the organisations long term financial sustainability through a potential diversification of revenue streams beyond our two existing social enterprises.

The feasibility exercise involved an assessment of market demand, operational viability and the potential social impact of the proposed project. We look forward to launching an innovative place based model that combines social impact with commercial potential in 2025!



GUINNESS POSTER

LIBERTIES BRICKWORKS

A Project by The Liberties Community Project



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OBJECTIVE 5

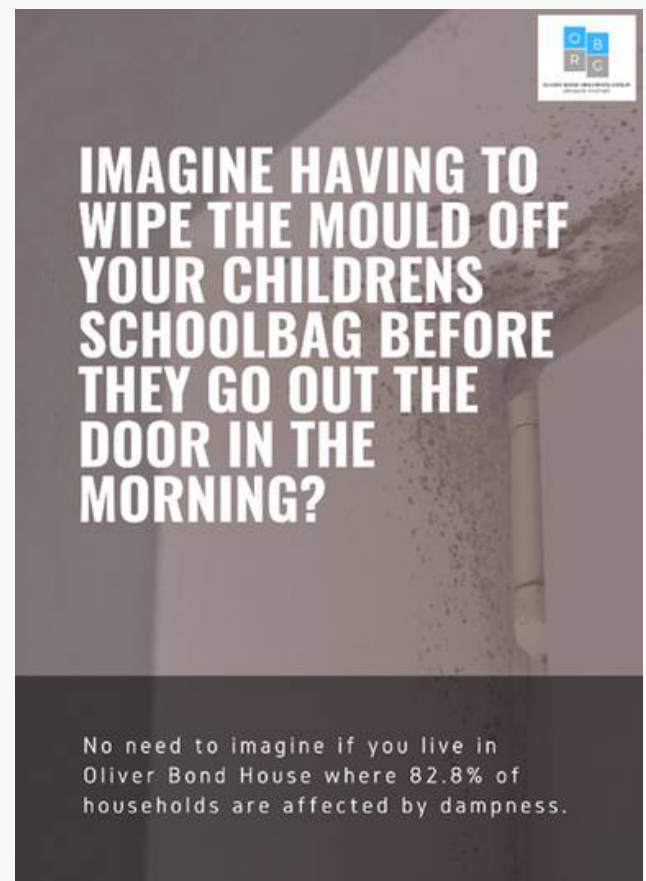
POLICY AND CONSULTATION WORK

RESPIRATORY HEALTH AMONG RESIDENTS OF OLIVER BOND HOUSE

The research and consequent report launched by Trinity College Dublin School of Medicine and The Liberties Community Project in February 2024 identifies a significant disparity between incidents of asthma among individuals with an address in Oliver Bond House compared to individuals with addresses elsewhere in Dublin 8- Oliver Bond House residents are 2.4 times more likely to have asthma in their medical records compared to individuals with addresses elsewhere.

Considered alongside physical conditions reported on in Robert Emmet CDP's earlier 'Environmental Conditions in Oliver Bond House' -83% of households report damp and mould, 74% report poor insulation and drafts, 34% report water ingress into the home etc- this report lays bare the human cost of duty bearing agencies apparent derogation of duties.

While it is lamentable that data like this did not already exist- statutory authorities cannot be expected to discharge their responsibilities rationally if they do not have a data rich logic for action- it's exciting that this inaction creates a vacuum and consequent potential for communities, in partnership with relevant experts, to directly develop data that can be used to steer their own development into the future.



MEETING WITH MINISTER O' BRIEN, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HERITAGE



The team involved with the development of 'Respiratory Health Among Residents of Oliver Bond House', relevant experts and residents met with Minister O'Brien and his Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage team in Leinster House to discuss report findings on February 22nd 2024. This was followed by a visit from Minister O'Brien and Dublin City Council Manager Richard Shakespeare to Oliver Bond House during June 2024 and the announcement of the release of €2.1m allocated for remedial venting and glazing works scheduled to take place in the complex during 2025.

ENERGY POVERTY SUBMISSION

In May 2024, The Liberties Community Project made a formal submission to the national consultation on the Energy Poverty Action Plan highlighting the disproportionate energy costs faced by residents of substandard social housing in Dublin 8 and outlining a comprehensive set of policy recommendations, including increased retrofitting targets for local authority housing, protections for renters against "renovictions," and the development of community-based energy advice services. This work reflects our commitment to using local data, lived experience, and collaborative partnerships to influence national policy and ensure that community voices are represented in decisions affecting housing, health, and environmental justice. By engaging directly with public consultations, The Liberties Community Project continues to advocate for systemic change that addresses the root causes of disadvantage in our community.



OBJECTIVE 6

SUPPORTING ACCESS TO ADEQUATE HOUSING

FACILITATION OF WEEKLY TENANCY SUPPORT CLINICS

Weekly housing clinics were delivered from our 3 Usher Street Community Centre providing confidential advice, advocacy, and practical support on a wide range of housing issues. These clinics offer guidance on social housing applications, understanding tenant rights, managing private rental challenges as well as support with ensuring appropriate maintenance of rented properties. By removing barriers to information and empowering individuals to act on their housing needs, the clinics play a vital role in addressing housing insecurity at a local level. They also enable the organisation to identify emerging issues and trends, strengthening our ability to advocate for policy changes that reflect the lived realities of Dublin 8 residents.



**OLIVER BOND
REGENERATION FORUM**
ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 2021

**CHAIR AND MEMBERSHIP
OF THE OLIVER BOND
MEETINGS INCLUDE:**

- 1x Independent Chairperson
- 4 Oliver Bond House Residents
- Dublin City Council
Representatives
- Garda Representatives from
Kevin Street Garda Station
- 4 City Councillors elected from
the South West inner-City Ward
- 1 Local Community Development
Programme Representative
- 1 Independent Regeneration
Coordinator
- 1 Tenant Representative
- 1 Independent Observer

The Oliver Bond Regeneration Forum meet
once a month. Regeneration meetings will be
held every quarter until more advancement on
Phase 1.

Social regeneration and operational
meetings including Estate Management and
Housing Maintenance meetings are being
held between these regeneration meetings.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Forum will ensure the Masterplan is
negotiated and developed in full consultation
with the community so the community can make
informed decisions about the future of their
estate.

The purpose of the Oliver Bond forum is to plan,
design, drive, negotiate, co-ordinate, monitor,
and ensure the delivery of an integrated
regeneration programme. To provide a
regenerated estate that is safe, attractive, well-
maintained and environmentally friendly.

An Oliver Bond House that provides high-quality
housing and community facilities for the
residents that it serves.



HOUSING CLINIC

DCC staff will be hosting a housing clinic in Robert Emmet CDP to
provide assistance with your inquiries related to rent and general
matters. Please feel free to join us with your questions.

Housing Clinic is open to all DCC housing complexes.

ON A WEEKLY BASIS
STARTING FROM WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY
10:30AM – 11:30AM
ROBERT EMMET CDP, 3 USHER STREET, DR

COORDINATION OF OLIVER BOND REGENERATION FORUM

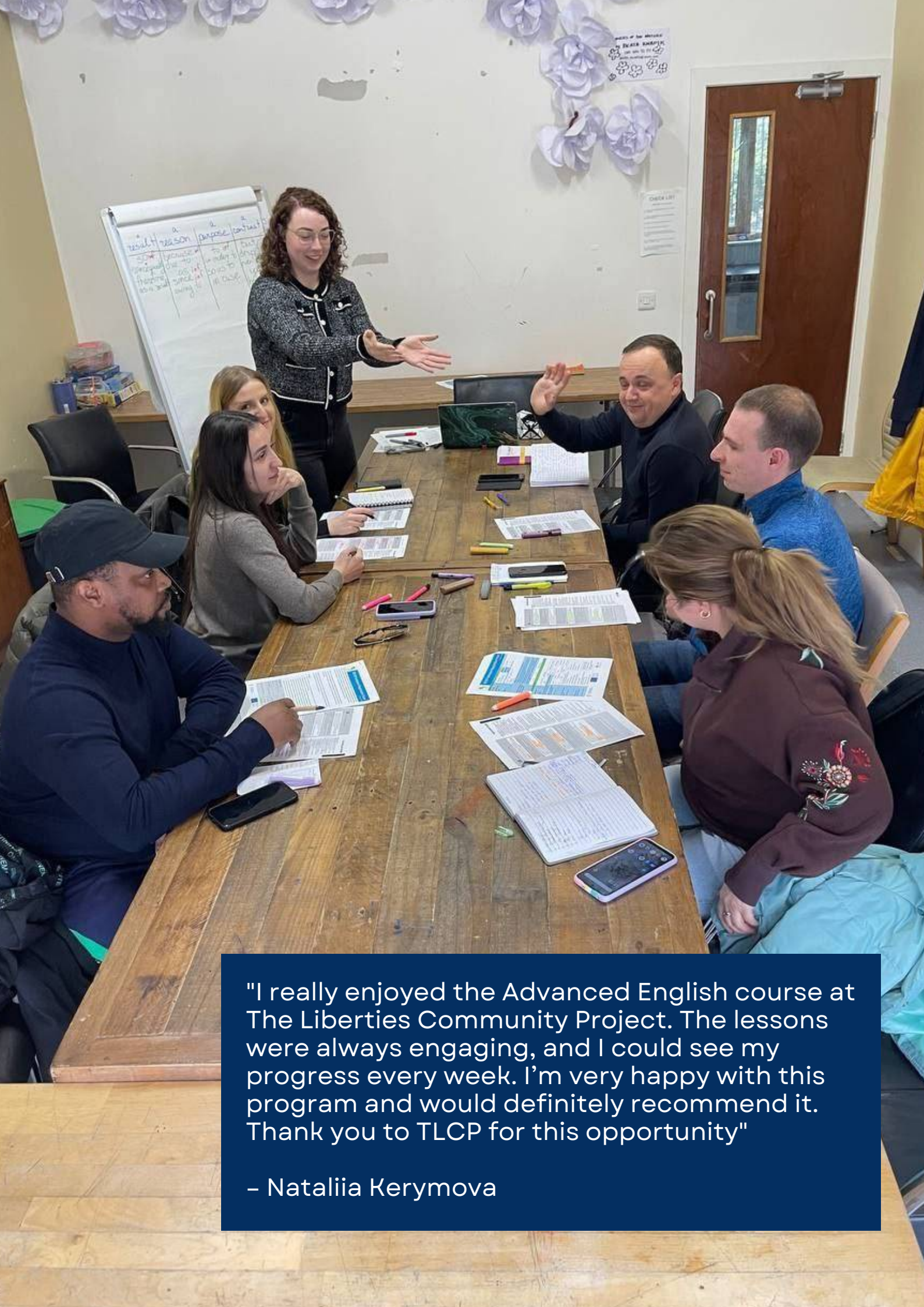
By bringing together residents, community representatives, Dublin City Council officials, and other stakeholders Oliver Bond Regeneration forum serves as a critical space for dialogue, accountability, and co-design in the long-term regeneration of the Oliver Bond housing complex. The project is a significant one with expenditure expected to exceed €100m and the forum ensures that residents' voices are not only heard but actively shape the decisions that affect their homes, health, and future. Through monthly meetings, transparent communication, and a shared agenda- including an awareness of the requirement for social as well as physical regeneration- the forum helps build trust, strengthens local participation, and keeps the focus on delivering safe, high-quality, and sustainable housing that reflects the real needs of the community. This collaborative approach to regeneration exemplifies how inclusive coordination can drive more equitable and effective outcomes in social housing policy and practice.

TCD SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PAPER

A report titled “How might we use AI tools to support social housing tenants in Dublin 8 to understand & access their rights in relation to housing?”, developed by the TCD School of Mechanical Engineering in collaboration with The Liberties Community Project published in January 2024 explored the potential of artificial intelligence to deliver accessible, user-friendly information on housing rights, entitlements, and support pathways.

The report examines existence maintenance mechanisms in place within in Ireland and internationally and demonstrates the potential for application of technology to empower tenants- , particularly those who may face barriers due to language, literacy, or systemic complexity- who are effectively excluded from maintenance mechanisms by the majority of large scale landlords currently. The collaboration reflects an innovative approach to bridging the information gap that often exists between social housing tenants and the institutions that serve them.

By grounding the research in the lived experiences of Dublin 8 residents, and involving tenants in the research, the project ensures that the application of AI tools are not only technically feasible in this situation but also ethically grounded and community-informed – laying the foundation for more responsive, rights-based housing support in the years ahead.



"I really enjoyed the Advanced English course at The Liberties Community Project. The lessons were always engaging, and I could see my progress every week. I'm very happy with this program and would definitely recommend it. Thank you to TLCP for this opportunity"

– Nataliia Kerymova

OBJECTIVE 7

SUPPORTING INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION

ARE YOU A LOCAL RESIDENT DO YOU LIVE NEARBY? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN MANAGING A KEY RESOURCE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

INFORMATION EVENING
7PM - MONDAY 17TH MAY

BRIDGEFOOT STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN

Work on a new Bridgefoot Street Park is underway and will be completed in summer 2021.

An important element of the new park will be a community garden. This area of the park will be designed and managed by a Bridgefoot Street Community Garden Committee made up of local residents.

An evening for anyone who wants to learn more about this opportunity

Email autism@cdp.ie to express interest or for the link to join via zoom

ROBERT EMMET CDP

Cookery Classes

HAVE FUN AND LEARN TO COOK

We are launching a new 12 week programme of cookery classes on Monday September 14th at 3 Usher Street, Dublin 8

Classes run every Monday from 10.00 - 12.00, are open to aspiring cooks of all levels and provide an opportunity to improve cooking skills in a safe and fun environment.

ROBERT EMMET CDP

TENANT INFORMATION & ADVOCACY SERVICE

Robert Emmet CDP Tenant Information and Advocacy Service works to support people to remain in their homes and give people the advice and support that they need to thrive in their local community

This service is provided by Robert Emmet CDP on behalf of Dublin City Council. This service provides advice and information in drop in clinics in Robert Emmet CDP premises on Usher Street, Dublin 8 and through visiting support on a range of issues which include:

- Rent arrears
- Risk of loss of home
- Standard of accommodation
- Difficulties managing the home
- Assistance Accessing Local Classes and Courses
- Introduction and Referral to Local Services

MOVE TOGETHER

INCLUSIVE DANCE & FITNESS WORKSHOPS

THU 31st May 3 Usher Street, D08 K202 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

A dynamic workshop of movement organised by The Liberties Community Project Learning, Zumba, Bollywood, and Street Dance.

Open to people of all ages and backgrounds. You won't just dance and exercise as tools for connection, fun, and interpersonal understanding. You'll also learn from the facilitators to help you.

Do you enjoy making things with your hands? Would you like to engage in a project that promotes sustainability? Want to meet new people and learn new skills?

SUSTAINABLE CRAFTS

ROBERT EMMET CDP IN ASSOCIATION WITH CITY OF DUBLIN EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD ARE RUNNING A SUSTAINABLE CRAFTS CLASS FOR THE NEXT TEN WEEKS.

Classes will be delivered remotely on Zoom every Wednesday from 10.30 - 12.00.

Materials required to engage in class will be delivered to the home of each participant on a weekly basis.

ROBERT EMMET CDP

COMMUNITY MENTORING PROGRAMME

INTERESTED IN REACHING NEW HEIGHTS THROUGH EDUCATION? DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

Robert Emmet CDP is a community partner of the PACT Community Mentoring Programme designed to create accessible pathways to education for all community members.

The programme aims to bridge the education divide by partnering community members who have succeeded through their level education with community members who might be interested in education but don't know where to start.

The mentors will share their own education stories as well as give tips about the application process, consider grants and answer any questions you might have.

ROBERT EMMET CDP

DRAMA CLASS

Robert Emmet CDP, in partnership with South Inner City Adult Education Services are launching a programme of drama classes delivered remotely on Zoom.

Classes are every Tuesday from 7pm - 9pm, are open to actors of all levels and provide an opportunity to improve skills and be social in a safe and fun environment.

PILATES FOR BLIND PEOPLE

5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

every Saturday 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Robert Emmet CDP, Dublin 8

All necessary equipment will be provided. Register on phone: 0877 724 014 or visit the website.

Join us for Free

LINE DANCING CLASSES

STARTING MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Every Monday for 10 weeks

Time: 12.45pm - 1.45pm

Location: 3 Usher Street, Dublin 8

Friday 8th March 2024

International WOMEN'S DAY

10AM - 2PM

ROBERT EMMET CDP, 3 USHER STREET, DUBLIN 8, D08 T202

Happy International Women's Day to all the inspiring women in the world! Please join us in Robert Emmet CDP for wellbeing activities including Yoga, Belly Dancing and a Health and Exercise Talk. Activities are followed by light refreshments and chats!

Children's Art Workshop

Workshop

The Journey

Robert Emmet CDP, 3 Usher Street, Dublin 8

CRAFT THERAPY CLASSES

Join our Craft Therapy classes where we create and enjoy the best of handmade items. We will be working on a variety of projects including:

- 10 month
- 20 month
- 30 month

Robert Emmet CDP, Dublin 8

SATURDAY CLASSES	COOKING ADVICE CLINIC	8:30am - 3:00pm 9:00am - 6:00pm	ALL LISTED CLASSES TAKE PLACE AT ROBERT EMMET CDP, 3 USHER ST.
	DND CLUB	8am - 10:00am	
	BEGINNER'S ENGLISH CLASS 1	8:30am - 10:00am	
	BEGINNER'S ENGLISH CLASS 2	10:00am - 11:30am	
	BEGINNER'S ENGLISH CLASS 3	11:30am - 1:00pm	
	CRAFT THERAPY	9:00am - 10:30am	
	STRETCHING	10:00am - 11:00am	
	THE "I CAN DO" KIDS CLUB	10:30am - 11:30am	
	WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM ONLINE	11:30am - 12:30pm	
	NAIL CARE COURSE	11:30am - 12:30pm	
	ART FOR SMALL KIDS ART FOR CHILDREN	11:30am - 12:30pm 12:30pm - 2:00pm	      Sign up: +353 087 711 72 24 olenap@sicdda.ie https://t.me/SICCDA
	BOARD GAME CLUB	12:30pm - 1:30pm	
	KID'S CHESS CLUB	1:30pm - 3:00pm	
	HIGH HEEL DANCE	2:00pm - 3:30pm	
	ART ADULT	2:00pm - 4:00pm	
	BELLY DANCE	4:00pm - 5:00pm	
	MASTER CHEF GROUP 1/3 MASTER CHEF GROUP 2/4	3:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 7:00pm	
	ENGLISH CONVERSATION, TEENS	4:00pm - 5:00pm	
	ENGLISH FOR BLIND	5:00pm - 6:30pm	
	AEROBICS	5:00am - 6:30pm	
	DND CLUB	5pm - 7:00pm	
	CHOIR ADULT CHOIR CHILDREN	4:00pm - 6:00pm 6:00pm - 7:00pm	FRIDAY SICCDA, EARL ST.
	ENGLISH FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	10:00am - 11:00am	SATURDAY SICCDA, EARL ST.
	ADVANCED ENGLISH	11:30am - 1:00pm	
	INTERMEDIATE ENGLISH	1:00pm - 2:30pm	
	ADULT CONVERSATION CLASS	3:00pm - 5:00pm	

DELIVERY OF 32 ACTIVITIES PER WEEK WITH 320 WEEKLY PARTICIPANTS

Weekly activities – spanning areas such as education, wellbeing and culture – provide accessible, welcoming spaces where people of diverse backgrounds, ages, and experiences can connect, participate, and contribute. By fostering regular, inclusive engagement, the programme not only reduces isolation and barriers to participation but also strengthens social cohesion within the rapidly changing urban context of Dublin 8. This sustained level of community activity reflects the organisation's commitment to building a more connected, equitable, and vibrant community where everyone has a role and a voice.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Through a combination of targeted CV and interview skills workshops- primarily delivered in collaboration with our colleague organisation FITT- and proactive engagement with major employers, The Liberties Community Project supported 69 individuals in securing meaningful employment in 2024. Of these, 30 gained full-time positions, 22 secured part-time roles, and 17 established themselves in self-employment. This achievement reflects our commitment to building pathways into decent work and economic independence for people in our community.







CV WRITING WORKSHOP

SICCDA and FIT (Fastrack into Information Technology) will be providing a CV workshop at Robert Emmet CDP, 3 Usher Street.

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER
10AM TO 12PM

TO REGISTER

Please follow the following link to register: <https://t.me/SICCDA>

For more information, please phone 0877117224 or call into Robert Emmet, 3 Usher Street, Dublin 8

LEARN NEW SKILLS AND IMPROVE YOUR CV

OUT OF TERM CAMPS

A series of out of term camps were delivered during Easter and Summer 2024 to provide safe, inclusive, and engaging spaces for children and young people from diverse cultural, social, and economic backgrounds to come together, build friendships, and participate in positive, structured activities during school breaks. By reducing isolation, promoting cross-cultural understanding, and ensuring equal access to enriching experiences regardless of circumstance, the camps foster a sense of belonging and community connection from an early age. In doing so, they help lay the foundation for a more inclusive, cohesive, and resilient community in Dublin 8. Bottom of Form

LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS

The facilitation of monthly legal advice clinics delivered by the Irish Refugee Council directly provided essential, accessible guidance to individuals and families navigating the complexities of the international protection and immigration systems. By creating a trusted, community-based setting for this service, The Liberties Community Project helped to remove stigma, reduce isolation, and empower people with accurate information about their rights and entitlements. This initiative not only supports individuals in securing legal clarity and stability, but also contributes to a wider culture of welcome, dignity, and meaningful inclusion within the Dublin 8 community.

OPEN KITCHEN

The delivery of an 'Open Kitchen' programme, operating five days per week from 9am to 1pm, plays a vital role in advancing The Liberties Community Project's strategic objective of "Supporting Integration and Inclusion." Designed in response to the needs of International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) clients who lack access to kitchen facilities, the programme provides a safe, welcoming space where individuals and families can prepare their own meals, connect with others, and regain a sense of autonomy and normalcy.

Beyond addressing a basic daily need, the Open Kitchen fosters social interaction, cultural exchange, and dignity, helping to reduce isolation and support smoother integration into the wider community. It reflects the organisation's commitment to practical, person-centred solutions that uphold inclusion, respect, and equal participation for all members of the Dublin 8 community.

THE OPEN KITCHEN PROGRAMME



Robert Emmet CDP and SICCDA are opening its kitchen doors to all migrants and refugees who are living without access to a kitchen. There will be access to two stoves, an oven and general cooking utensils to create your favourite meals. All you will need to bring is the food you intend to cook with.

When:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30 to 12.30
Where:
Robert Emmet CDP, 3 Usher Street, Dublin 8

To sign up, please call: +353877117224

Robert Emmet CDP and SICCDA відкриває двері своєї кухні для всіх мігрантів і біженців, які живуть без доступу до кухні. Буде доступ до двох плит, духовки та загальної посуду для приготування улюблених страв. Все, що вам потрібно взяти, це їжа, з якої ви збираєтеся готувати.

Коли: понеділок, середа, четвер та п'ятниця з 9:30 до 12:30.

Де: Robert Emmet CDP, 3 Usher Street, Dublin 8

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HOW WE CREATE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE LIBERTIES COMMUNITY PROJECT BELIEVE IN PARTNERSHIP. AS A MID SIZED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITH A SMALL BUDGET AND STAFF TEAM GREATER IMPACT IS ALWAYS ACHIEVED THROUGH WORKING WITH OTHERS. THE ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF ALL OF OUR PARTNERS IS CRITICAL TO OUR WORK AND SOMETHING WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR AND WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE. IN 2024 WE STRENGTHENED AND DEEPENED EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS

The Liberties Community project is a founding member of Community Organisations and Residents Network (CORN), a collaborative grouping of community organisations that designs and promotes projects and policies that best serve the people of the South West Inner City. We are also a founding member of Dublin City Community Coop, an alliance of 12 Dublin inner city grass roots community development organisations.

We partner with a wide range of additional organisations and business to design and deliver cultural programmes such as The Liberties Festival which working with 13 sponsors and 10 partner organisations to

deliver a week long cultural programme to 3500 festival attendees.

We work with academic institutions including TCD, TU Dublin, NCAD, UCD and MU to develop meaningful research projects and ensure there are mechanisms in place for the local community voice to be heard and reflected in the ongoing development of the area.

We believe that by working with a diverse variety of stakeholders we increase our own capacity to do meaningful work, we make that work fun and we ensure that the output of our efforts are representative of the diverse needs and opportunities that exist locally.





REHEARSALS

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PETER'S REGGAE

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“ This service is so important to our family and we are confident that our children are cared for to the highest standards. This is an important social outlet for the children whom have learned so much and found new friendships.”

– Daren Walsh

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

SOURCE OF INCOME 2024	€	%
POBAL Afterschool	409,422	33.32
DSP - CE Scheme	268,403	21.84
CDP Resource	262,722	21.38
Rent Receivable	84,478	6.88
HSE Addiction Services - Drug Task Force	62,438	5.08
The Liberties Festival	53,248	4.33
DCC - Oliver Bond Regeneration	262,722	21.38
Social Enterprise	16,023	1.30
Grants	12,000	0.98
Fundraising/Donations	11,314	0.92
Corporate Donations	10,000	0.81
TOTAL	1,228,745	100.00

HOW OUR INCOME IS SPENT	€	%
Salaries and Wages	915,562	74.51
Office Costs	208,316	16.95
Program Costs	80,302	6.54
Rent	24,565	2.00
TOTAL	1,228,745	100.00

THE LIBERTIES COMMUNITY PROJECT RECEIVED CORE FUNDING FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES IN 2024:



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

The Department of Rural and
Community Development



An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais
agus Comhionannais
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

Department of Children, Disability
and Equality



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Department of Housing, Local
Government and Heritage



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection

Department of Social Protection



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Department of Housing,
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Health Service Executive

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