

NWICAN Annual Report April 2001 – 2002



**A forum for Community and voluntary bodies/ groups
in the North West inner city area , which seeks to enhance
the quality of life for all in that community.**

Welcome to the 2nd Annual general meeting

of the North West inner city area Network at the Ashling Hotel on the 25th April 2002. Thank you for coming , we would like to encourage you to take an active and participatory role in this years AGM. Information relating the AGM maybe found within this booklet (contents on page 3) or on additional documents available on the evening. These are:

- ◆ Audited Accounts
- ◆ Area Action plan review document
- ◆ Minutes of the 1st AGM 26th April 2001
- ◆ Working group guidelines
- ◆ Funding guidelines
- ◆ Draft constitution

Details of membership and voting at AGM maybe found on page 19



AGM Agenda 2002

- 6 pm - Introduction and welcome—Chairperson, Fearghal Connolly
- 6.05 - Minutes of last AGM and Matters arising
- 6.10 - Selection of new committee members
- 6.20 - Presentation of Audited accounts
- 6.25 - Area Network report 2001-2002— Sam Priestley
- 6.35 - Community Forum and Rapid —Robert O'Toole
- 6.40 - Harp and local developments— Noleen Jennings
 - Images from the area—Pictures by Fidelma Bonass
- 6.50 - Development of the Working groups— Alan Trimble
- 7.00 - Vote on the proposed Constitution
- 7.10 - DICP representatives , Nominations and selection
- 7.20- Any other business (Future dates/ general meetings)
- 7. 25 - Thank you for coming

You are welcome to enjoy the refreshments provided and to Network !!

Photos on the front cover

Left to right Top to Bottom:- NWICAN Christmas Event 2001, Brian Farrell with Local group
Youth forum , July 2001, Glendalough organised by Youth Interest group
International Day Against racism Event, Intercultural Working group , March 2002
Children at local intercultural Event Youth Forum, Teambuilding!!! , at Sandymount

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Chairperson (outgoing)— Fearghal Connolly

Steering Committee report by Chair person

The last year has been an eventful one, which has seen the Network further establish itself as a relevant, effective and representative body addressing the pertinent issues in the North West Inner City.

The Steering Committee has been busy throughout the year in developing and managing the organisation. During the year we have had 2 training days; one on lobbying and one on organisation. Our training around organisation was held last July, where we decided on reorganising our structures. The Steering Group, made up of representatives of 11 working groups, the 2 C.D.P.s, 1 D.I.C.P. representative and an independent secretary agreed on the following specific areas of work:

- Issues
- Policies
- Lobbying
- Networking
- Information Exchange
- Debate
- Research
- P.R. and Promotion
- Report activity to membership

A smaller group composed of members of the Steering Group was established.

The Organisation committee made up of 5 members set to the task of:

- Company formation including drafting of Memo and Articles of Association
- Drafting election guidelines and procedures
- Putting in place necessary employment structures (Employment Policy)
- Develop initial Business/Project Plan
- Ongoing Management of Staff and their work including:
Contracts, Resources/Finance, Tax returns, Meeting all legal requirements, Funding applications, Events

Both the Steering Committee and the organisation committee with both the Co-ordinator and the Development worker have been busy on developing this work. We are pleased to put forward to this A.G.M. the proposed constitution of the Network. Work has begun on our Employment Policy, which we hope to be ready soon. A funding group has been established and a set of guidelines has been put in place for the Working Groups.

During the year the Network has been discussing and debating many issues and policies and have advanced on our 5-year plan, "*Meeting the challenge*" a great deal. With the establishment of the RAPID initiative last year I am happy to say that the Network has and will continue to play a major role in it and will strive to ensure that adequate resources and services are delivered and the leadership required to sustain them are in place.

Our big event of last year was the Christmas Party held in Jamesons and attended by scores of activists from across the area and further afield. The keynote address for this event was delivered by Prof. Brian Farrell.

May we take this opportunity of thanking our Funders, primarily the Dublin Inner City Partnership for their ongoing support and committee to the Network's. Also we would like to thank NAHB, DCSFA, Combat Poverty, The Youth Foundation, Dept of Justice and Law reform (Anti-racism Awareness grants), HARP, National Lottery, and the Rapid technical support Budget.

Since our last A.G.M. we have seen the arrival of new staff; new Steering Committee members and the establishment of new Working Groups. On behalf of the Steering Group I am delighted to announce the arrival of Alan Trimble, who we recently recruited as our Development Worker. I would like to say farewell to both Lena Jordan and Gwen Mc Convey who have left the Steering Committee and to thank them for their commitment and hardwork in bringing the Network to the healthy state it is in today.

Finally, I would like to thank all the outgoing members of the Steering Group, the Working Groups and all the membership of the Network for their commitment and hard work over the last year. In particular I would like to thank both Sam and Alan for their dedication, insight and sheer hardwork in developing the N.W.I.C.A.N. to the degree that we are well on our way to achieving our goals as set out in "*Meeting the Challenge*".

We look forward to the coming year and dedicate ourselves to ensuring that the North West Inner City gets what it deserves; a safe, prosperous and happy environment for all that live here.

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**Fearghal Connolly,
Outgoing Chairperson.**

Proposal of NWICAN Steering committee member; 2002-2003

	<i>New Representatives 2002—2003</i>	<i>Outgoing Reps 2001-2002</i>
Drugs	Marie Connor	Marie Connor
Intercultural	Jennifer Wallace	Jennifer Wallace
Senior citizens	(Filled by AGM)	Peggy Mc Cardle
Young people	(Filled by AGM)	Tanya Mc Entergart / Linda Quinn
Women's Network	Pat Barratt	Pat Barratt/ Lena Jordan
Employment & Enterprise	Ger Moore	Vacant
Community forum)	Paul Bedford	No such position
Education	(Filled by AGM)	Gwen Mc Convey
Environment and Housing	Vacant	Vacant
Family and Children	(Filled by AGM)	Vacant
Arts and Culture	Vacant	Vacant
CDP- Macro- Rep	Larry Byrne	Larry Byrne
An Siol - Rep	Fearghal Connolly	Fearghal Connolly
DICP Rep	(elected at AGM)	Carmel Brien
DICP Rep	(elected at AGM)	Tanya/ Vacant
Secretary	No such position	Fidelma Bonass

The Steering Committee proposal for 2002-2003 includes representation from the existing working group structure and reflects the communities and projects of the Markets and Stoneybatter . The working groups are asked to nominate a rep(in writing) to the outgoing committee. This ensures that the issues based work in the area remains with the working groups . The DICp reps are nominated and then elected at the AGM. **The Steering committee provides the monthly forum to exchange these ideas and issues and where necessary develop Area based strategies and decisions.**

Co-ordinators report

Sam Priestley

2001 -2002 has been a busy year at the Network both organisationally and within Local Area development.

Organisationally

As mentioned in the chairs report the improved Structure and development of the committee, and completion of the Constitution and some Articles has been a very valuable contribution of Network time this year. Alan started with us in August as Development worker and the strengthened and more consolidated working groups within the area are a great credit his work. The Network are soon to recruit a Community Participation worker to encourage more local residents to be involved in the Network, which is a top priority for the coming year. Gateway project have provided Placements this year, many thanks to Jacinta, Rachel, Amanda.

Local area development

As co-ordinator I have remained on a number of Committees for the area and have committed myself to becoming familiar with some main plans and strategy documents that relate to the area. There is an ongoing input into HARP from the Network, we also attend meetings concerning the community in the North west inner city to support local people achieve the information they need and to have a say, we do this in conjunction with the two CDP's. We must thank Josephine Henry for her constant support over planning issues and developments. (Report page 14)

This year we have seen the introduction of the Government's Rapid initiative (Revitalising Areas through Planning Investment and Development). As an area we started working on this in May 2001. Several active community representatives came together to develop a Community forum so that representatives could sit on the RAPID Area Implementation Teams with a clear mandate from the local community. (The Rapid reps are listed on page 17). The Community forum have taken a Training weekend away in October which was very productive, our thanks go to Maureen Downing our facilitator and Spinners Town house who looked after us so well and of course to the 15 participants.

May I say I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Community forum and meeting with the Rapid representatives, this positive initiative, like many more, has been challenging and time consuming and the dedication and commitment of all the Representatives has been a great reflection of the dedication to community in this area.

The RAPID Action Plan in the North Inner city also included the communities of Hardwick / Dominick street areas (8 complex areas). The North west inner city area Network and ICON (North East Network) made a joint commitment to work in this area. It was acknowledged that the level of community infrastructures has not been as developed as other areas of the inner city over the last 10 years and therefore Survey of 940 households is due to take place in the early summer. NWICAN is involved in this task group for 6 months.

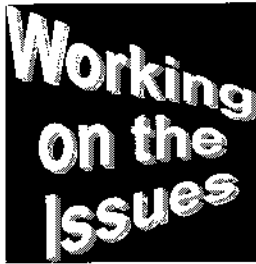
The Links with ICON, SWICAN and South East Networks and other Community organisations across Dublin has produced a more focused and united effort of working with Social and economic exclusion across the city. As shown in this years statistics—16% of time is spent at city-wide forums and networking meetings. Vital to this interagency working is the relationship with the Dublin inner city partnership. Conferences attended in 2001 - A mandate for Community Representatives (SWICAN) Participation and the Practise of Rights (Co. Louth), Rapid Conferences, City Community forum

The efforts to evaluate our 5 year Area Action plan has highlighted many great improvements and expansions in the services and resources for the community in the North West inner city. This review of Action plan recommendations is available from the Network and at the AGM. We are over half way through the Action Plan lifetime and the review has encouraged more energy toward the recommendations over the final 2 years.

So there is much achieved and much to look forward to ! I would like to thank the Network committee and Alan for all the support over the past year and here's looking forward to a productive and energetic 2002-2003 within the Community of the North West Inner city and
for the Network. **Sam**

Development Workers Report

Alan Trimble



In its Area Action Plan NWICN identified ten key areas of activity and decided on the structure of working-groups, Networks and Community Fora as the tools to implement strategies and develop policies around these issues. The strength of the Network lies in these groups and this section of the report provides an overview of their recent activities and plans for the future.

In the past year the five established working groups have undergone a review process, consolidated their structures, developed operational guidelines and updated their action plans, which have been submitted to Rapid and will form the basis of an updated Network Area Action Plan.

Established Groups

Output from all of the groups has been prolific and huge credit is due to the hard work and commitment of those involved:

- **The Senior citizens working-group has established an area Council that represents an excellent model for working in partnership with the statutory sector.**
- **The Youth Interest Group is putting a Youth Forum in place and is also helping to establish a 'Regional Youth Service', which will lead to improved delivery of services in the North Inner City as a whole.**
- **The Drugs working-group has re-organised itself as the mandating and support structure for Network reps on the North Inner City Drugs Task Force and has been instrumental in securing a 'Community Participation Worker' for the Network as part of a strategy to provide support for and promote participation of local groups and individuals.**
- **The Intercultural working-group has been very effective in attracting funding for its many projects, which have been innovative and of high quality**
- **The Education working-group has compiled and published a much-needed 'Directory of Education Services in the Northwest Inner City'.**

Women's Network

Both Networks are currently in the process of clarifying and reorganising their relationship to each other. The adoption of the NWICWN Action Plan as NWICN policy on women's issues is also being explored.

Employment & Enterprise

This year has also seen the establishment of a new working-group around the issue of Employment & Enterprise; membership includes both the Local Employment Service and the Parishes Employment Network. This group will develop an integrated approach to employment issues for the local area and will have representation on the HARP and Social Economy working-group of the DICP.

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1. Education; Drugs; Intercultural issues; Youth; Women; Senior Citizens; Employment and Enterprise; Environment and Housing; Arts and Culture and Family and Children.
 2. Youth, Intercultural, Drugs, Education and Senior Citizens

Working Groups/ Forums in development

Men's working group

A broadly based development group has come together to establish a Men's Network; Premises have been secured in the new Macro building and public meetings and information trips have been organised. It is hoped that in the near future the group will be sufficiently structured to seek ratification as an Area Network working group.

Art and Culture

Over the summer groups interested in this issue will be invited to discuss the setting-up of a local 'Arts Forum' which will tie into the NWICN structure and fulfil a policy development and implementation role in relation to arts and culture for the area.

Family and Childcare

A number of new childcare facilities are being developed in the area and the 'Childcare Forum' is in the process of being renewed in order to co-ordinate the ongoing activities in this sector.

Environment and Housing

The establishment of this group is a priority for the Area Network so that important developments in relation to urban renewal, community regeneration, environment, planning, and voter education can be addressed in a comprehensive and structured way.

Newsletter

The Network Newsletter has been in production since August of last year and has been identified as an important mechanism for communication between the internal Network structures and affiliated groups. The publication is part of the formal Network reporting structure and comprises reports from all of the steering committee representatives; it is intended to extend the distribution of the newsletter in the coming year.

Focus for the coming year

Over the next year the focus of my role as development worker will be around groups in development, support for steering committee representatives, engagement with established groups at a maintenance level and the organisation of an inter-working group conference.

Inter Working Group conference

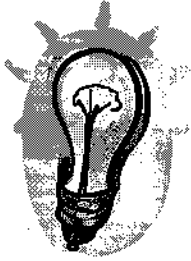
This conference will take place on Thursday 10th October 2002. Its aim will be:

- Promote the Network model
- Information exchange
- Identify training and support needs
- Evaluation/improve existing structures
- Team building
- Celebrate achievements

Results of NWICAN Questionnaire (membership)

We sent out questionnaires with the membership drive this year unfortunately we only received 5 forms back (out of 60) and our volunteer was not able to visit projects as intended. Through establishing the Directory and website we hope to revisit some of this evaluation and we will add the 5 completed forms to this evaluation later in the year. Many thanks to those who wrote back, your answers will be taken on board.

YOUTH INTEREST GROUP AND YOUTH FORUM



Mission statement

The Northwest Inner City Youth Interest Group operates from principals of transparency and equality and seeks to promote the interests of young people and youth organisations in the area using a partnership approach.

Aims

- » Become an effective voice for young people in the Northwest Inner City
- » Provide a Forum where issues affecting young people can be discussed and addressed
- » Lobby on issues on behalf of young people in the area
- » Engage in the policy debate around issues which affect young people
- » Encourage young people to be actively involved and participative within their own communities.
- » Act as a Network for existing services
- » Bring together statutory, voluntary and community stakeholders
- » Establish a 'Young Persons Forum'
- » Identify gaps in service provision and support the development of new services

Diary 2001/2002

May 2001: Strategic and Practical Youth Interest Groups plan for Youth forum Sessions during the summer months.

June 2001: Youth Forum comes together for the first time. Seven young people from the local youth projects attended the first session. We began with a brief introduction to the concept of youth forums that was followed by a trip to an outdoor pursuits centre, the focus being on team building.

Sept 2001: A delegation made a field trip to Belfast to visit the Northern Ireland Youth Forum to access information on establishing a forum in the NWIC.

Oct/

Nov 2001: An open evening was held to explain to Management Committees the work done to date with the youth forum and explore possibilities for the future. The youth interest group felt that a more focussed approach was needed to develop the forum. A series of facilitation days were held and it was decided that the Youth Forum would be the working arm of the Youth Interest Group. The Youth Interest Group would concern itself with issues for the workers while the Youth Forum would be a practical group of young people. Meetings for the Youth Interest Group were to be held on a bi-monthly basis.

Feb/

March 2002: The Youth Interest Group has continued meeting. The main focus has been on local-regional youth services, RAPID plan and training for youth workers in the area. The Youth Forum is in the process of beginning a two-year art-project with LUAS. It will entail the young people planning, designing and manufacturing a piece of sculpture to coincide with the opening of the LUAS line at the Croppy Acre. A general information meeting will be held in the Ashling Hotel on April 17th to bring the young people together and plan for the future.

Drugs Working group



Mission Statement

The Drugs Working Group aims to bring people together from the local area and from community, statutory, user and service organisations to work collectively on drug and alcohol issues in the Northwest inner city

Aims

The Drugs Working Group identified 5 key themes relating to the drugs issue in the area; they are:

1. Ongoing support for existing projects
2. Local treatment centres need to be developed where drugs crisis is most prevalent
3. Education and preventive work needs to continue and expand
4. Community drugs awareness
5. Community participation and training

Each theme has a set of actions that are detailed in the reviewed and expanded NWICN Area Action Plan

About the group

North Inner City Drugs Task Force: In order to address the areas lack of input into the NICDTF the DWG have taken the following measures:

- Nominated three interim reps to represent the area on the NICDTF
- The DWG to act as the support and mandating structure for these reps
- Task Force meetings to alternate between ICON and NWICN areas
- NWICN and ICON reps on the DTF have organised themselves into a single community sector grouping and meet on a regular basis to discuss issues and share information; the Uisce rep has also joined this grouping

Training and Development Programme: Task Force funding has been secured this year for a training and development programme to provide educational and training opportunities for stabilised opiate users, in a structured, respectful and supportive environment.

Participation worker: Funding for a 'Community Participation Programme' has been accessed through the DWG to facilitate, support and encourage local activism and participation in the Network. A community participation worker will be starting with NWICN in May to develop this work.

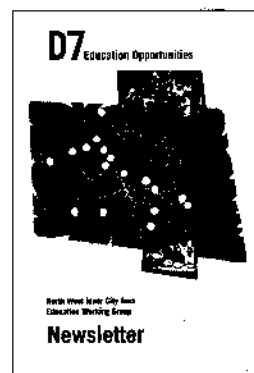
Dates of next meetings

Meetings of the DWG take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 2.30pm in various venues. Membership of the group is open to individuals and groups who feel that they would like to contribute to the debate and actions on drug issues in the area. If you are interested in joining or if you require further information

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Education working group



Aim of the Education Working Group

To promote access to education for all living in the North West Inner City area, in particular those who are socially excluded.

To find ways to identify and address the barriers to, and gaps in educational opportunities, thus promoting social inclusion.

Principles of the Education Working Group/ Value base underlying the aims and objectives

- ◆ To adopt a rights based approach to education in terms of access, affordability and quality.
- ◆ To acknowledge that educational opportunities should be open to one and all, thus including lifelong learning and learning within the workplace.
- ◆ That the term 'education' includes formal and informal education, embraces multiple intelligences and in doing so broadens the mainstream perspective of education to include social inclusion.

About the group

The group has been in existence since Autumn 1997. It has 25 members overall from both informal and school based education interests

Achievements of the group

- NWICAN education newsletter D7 Education Opportunities. This newsletter was distributed to every household in the NWIC in September 2001. It gives information on all the education opportunities in the area for all ages. Many providers have received queries from local people as a result.
- Forum for information exchange and discussion between providers in the area since its beginning in 1997.
- Links with the Dublin Inner City Partnership and two local committees. The latter provides a way to bring the views of parents on board.

Objectives of the NWICAN Education Working Group

Objective 1: To support the work of schools, non-formal education centres and individuals in the local community with an interest in developing educational opportunities for children and adults, in particular for those who are educationally disadvantaged.

Objective 2: To develop action based strategies based on the education priorities identified in the North West Inner City Area Action Plan. Such strategies to include research, mapping, networking, dissemination and new initiative activities, as appropriate to locally identified and expressed needs.

Objective 3: To engage in relevant policy and lobbying activities, in collaboration with like-minded organisations and groups at regional and national levels, which help achieve wider societal recognition of a model of education that promotes the values of equality of access, affordability and quality delivery for all.

Short-term Goals for NWICAN education working group 2002

Goal 1: To advocate with the DES for the appointment of a counsellor/psychotherapist to work with children attending primary schools and child/family projects within the North West Inner city area who have been identified as needing extra support in dealing with personal and family issues in order to benefit more fully from the education system.

Goal 2: To support the existing adult and community education services in the area by

- disseminating information on the services
- supporting proposals for existing and new services
- exploring opportunities for sharing local resources, eg personnel, buildings, facilities, materials

Goal 3: To advocate with the DES for an increased provision in the area of alternative educational services for children aged between 12 and 15 years who have difficulties coping with mainstream education through

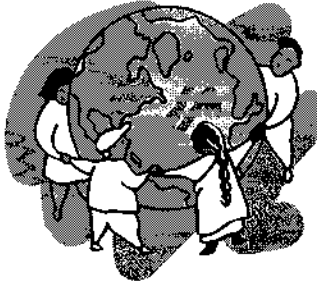
- mapping of existing alternative services (e.g. AOSOG, Special Education Project, Step-by-Step)
- an assessment of needs in collaboration with existing services
- recommended interventions

Goal 4: To establish links with existing groups working with children and families living in homeless accommodation. To foster and promote

- Equality of access to education provision
- Educational provision and support which meets the very specific needs of children living in homeless accommodation
- Provision of after school support so that children do not miss out on educational opportunities

Dates of next meetings: April 26th 10-11.15 am; May 31st; June 28th. Last Friday of every month at Collin's Barracks Education Room

Intercultural Working Group



Aims

- Establish and Inform a working group to raise awareness and actively promote intercultural issues in the Northwest Inner City
- Create an appropriate environment in which to work on intercultural and refugee issues in Ireland and where necessary support this with training
- To develop and formulate strategies that actively improve the awareness and inclusiveness of intercultural issues in service provision in the Northwest Inner City
- To advocate and lobby for culturally inclusive and representative policy formulation and development that effects people living in the North West Inner City

About the group

The Intercultural Group is made up of people living and working in the Northwest Inner City. The group was established during January 2001 and to date has organised anti-racism training for local community organisations and service providers, a consultation seminar with members of new communities on their access to local services and community organisations, a consultation seminar with local service providers and people working in community organisations on possible strategies for developing intercultural policy and practices for their organisations. The intercultural working group has also organised an Information Day for new communities on local services and organisations.

The Intercultural Working Group is interested in raising awareness of interculturalism and racism in the Northwest Inner City. As part of this strategy, the intercultural working group hosted a debate, "Interculturalism is not just saris, samosas and steel bands" to address and name issues relating to the creation of an intercultural society. On March 21st 2002, International day Against Racism, The Intercultural Working Group hosted a celebration event that promoted and celebrated ethnic diversity in the Northwest Inner City. Over 200 local people attended this from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. In the forthcoming year, the intercultural working group will be developing and publishing a Good Practice Guide on interculturalism for the North West Inner City.

The Future

The Intercultural Working Group hopes to launch and publish the Intercultural Good Practice Guide. The group hopes to extend its membership to include more people who live in the Northwest Inner City.

Dates of next meetings

The Intercultural Working Group meets the second Thursday of every month between 10.00 –12.00. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 9th May 2002 at An Siol, 19 Manor Street, Dublin 7. The following meeting will take place on Thursday, 13th June at An Siol, 19 Manor Street

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Council for Services to Older Persons in the Northwest Inner City



Mission statement

The Council for Services to Older Persons in the Northwest Inner City seeks to promote the interests of Older People and Service Providers in the area through a partnership approach

Aims

- » Enhance and develop services to older persons through the co-ordination and integration of Community, Voluntary and Statutory providers
- » Influence policy and planning for services for older persons in the NWIC.
- » To address issues of housing, meals/day-care, isolation/loneliness and security facing our senior citizens and develop comprehensive services for senior citizens in NWIC.

About the group

In April 2001 the Council was established. It is made up of reps from local senior citizens, voluntary, statutory and community groups, the Area Network and the Inner city Partnership.

The Council has carried out research into the needs of the elderly in the Dublin 7 area. Sub groups have been set up to address the following needs: Meals, Isolation/Loneliness and Security, Housing, Directory of Services.

Membership

Dublin City Council, Northern Area Health Board, Dept. Social Community and Family Affairs, Northwest Inner City Network, Dublin Inner City Partnership, An Siol CDP, MACRO CDP, Care Local and community representatives.

Launch

The Official Launch of the Council by Sister Stanislaus Kennedy will take place in Collins Museum on May 20th @ 3pm

Please Contact

Mary McGuire, Chairperson

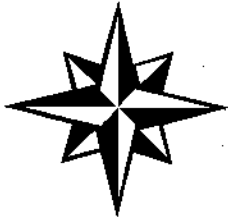
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Northwest Inner City Women's Network



Mission Statement

The North West Inner City Women's Network is a community development organisation, which aims to provide a forum for women to come together to identify issues that affect their lives and plan responses to them

Aims

To provide support, training, information and advice to all local Women

Share ideas and resources

Liase with other women's networks

To develop a women's centre accessible to all local women and women's groups

To co-ordinate the development of women's groups in the NWIC

To link new and existing groups to the NWIC

To promote the work of the network and affiliated groups

To lobby influence policy on matters both local, national and international that affect the lives of women

About the group

The NWICWN is now in it's 10th year of work its main focus in previous years has been to support and provide adult education initiatives, which in turn support the development and progression of women in the local community. Recently we have begun work with women from the new communities and a lot of work has gone into the draft national plan for women. The organisation represents local women's groups and works in collaboration with these groups. We have an active core group on violence against women, which has organised some awareness raising events in the locality.

The Future

The women's network are holding their AGM on May 8th at 7.30 p.m. in the Aisling hotel. We will begin with the business of the meeting followed by a presentation by Rita Fagan on the work they have done to raise awareness on the issue of violence against women. The event will close with some traditional Irish music. Our new development worker will be starting in May

Dates of next meetings

We are currently developing a training and induction programme for new members of management. If there are women in the local community who wish to participate in this training with a view of joining the management of the women's network or if you require further information

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Email womnet@indigo.ie

Environment and housing



Physical Developments in the Markets and Stoneybatter area Report by Josephine Henry

Josephine Henry, is a Community Planner employed by Community technical Aid, works through the Networks in the Inner city area around issues of Physical regeneration with a community focus. Josephine will have supported Smithfield residents appeal, Several Rapid Appraisals across the area, Blackhall, The Markets area. Offering Training, Support and technical were necessary.

Facts:-

The 20% social affordable scheme is now in operation. It operates as 10% social 10% affordable.

The Eastern area has recently had a retail study undertaken which shows that the city centre will increase its retail capacity over the next 5 years. This will have implication particularly for the Markets (and Parnell street) area. The extension of the retail core.

From the 11th March 2002 the new planning act is fully in force any planning objection at the Dublin City council level must carry a fee with it of €20, if an individual or group does not object at City Council level they lose their right of appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

Markets Area

The Markets objectives of the Harp plan are currently being developed the initial, the preparation work for Luas has been completed, thereby allowing the rest of the markets to be re-developed. Two plans have been prepared for the markets, one plan has been presented to the Planning SPC (Strategic Policy committee) it entails the redevelopment of the fish market into a mixed use development. The majority of the market owners are currently moving out to the M50 and Swords. The vacant land that will remain will be developed as mixed use ie; retailing on the main roads, office on first floor and apartments.

The other plan is the BIM plan which looks at keeping an element of fish retailing in the markets (on this site). the overall concept for the regeneration of this area is based around Barcelona fruit and vegetable market and Covent garden.

These plans have not yet been presented to either HARP or the area committee of Dublin Council. Elements which are not yet clear are the type of retailing and the possibility of Live work space (ability for small enterprises). **A Community focused working group is being set up to input into the plans to look at the aspect of Community gain.**

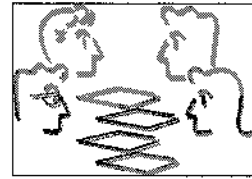
Ongoing development in Smithfield, building on Westside of Square by Fusano (Linders) and Kulling (Wyckem) has commenced pre-development excavations. The Smithfield Working groups has been set up to develop a plan for the use the of Smithfield.

Stoneybatter

Grangegorman there are still no definite movements.

Manor Street, A mixed use student housing scheme is currently on appeal to An Bord Pleanala, it important to note that student housing (section 50 of finance act) qualifies as Social / affordable housing. This has implication for future development, particularly for areas that do not have tax incentives.

Community forum (MARKETS / STONEYBATTER , Dublin 7)



Aims of the Community forum

- 1) To support residents in participating on local initiatives – ie HARP, RAPID
- 2) To enable and empower residents to get their voice heard.
- 3) To inform residents of issues of relevance in their local area (newsletter)
- 4) To be as forum where residents can be heard and listened to on AREA BASED concerns.
- 5) We aim to include all the residents in local Authority housing within (Area stated) and Where areas cannot be/ are not yet represented we will endeavour to include their concerns within the area.
(These can be modified as the forum becomes more established.)

Who does the Forum cover?

Blackhall Parade, Beresford Street, Chancery House, Church street, Constitution Hill, Drumalee, Greek Street, Henrietta House, Kevin Barry,

O' Devaney Gardens, Ormond Square, Marmion Court, Smithfield.

We hope and will work on getting all the Housing areas represented on the Forum. So far 9 out of the potential 13 have showed interest. The forum is continually attempting to get full participation .

Confidentiality & Accountability

Discussions and matter arising will stay confidential to the meeting. (We feel this will protect peoples issues and enable the Forum to work and develop issues.) Minutes will be kept and any actions or decisions taken will be made widely public (Newsletter) . *The Forum is open to all issues concerning the area and will make it's work visible and accessible.*

Pilot Year

The forum was launched in the 9th October 2001. We are trying to develop the Forum for the benefit of the residents in the area and we would ask people to bear with us in this process. We are aiming towards to a year of developing the forum and holding an AGM in September 2002, where we can look at the re-election / selection of representatives and present a more developed Community Forum.

Representation

There will be one vote per member group of the forum.

Each representative has a back-up rep who s welcome to come to the meeting but not to Vote on any issues.

The representatives will be expected to turn up to a certain number of meetings_____.

All the representatives are **VOLUNTEERS**, giving of their own time for the benefit of residents in the area.

The representatives are selected locally and will feedback locally (hopefully with the help of a newsletter)

EVERYONE IS EQUAL AND GETS AN EQUAL VOTE.

Issues and Decisions

When issues need to be dealt with in the interest of the whole area

Issues will be dealt with by using the correct and fullest information available – we will aim to get the information needed

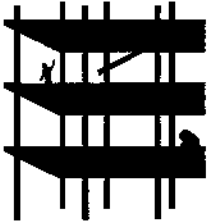
No meeting should last more then 2 ½ hours

All meetings should start on time.

The Community forum will only deal with issues that are presented on the night – in person or by letter

Decisions will be made by those members present on the night

Employment and Enterprise Working Group



Mission Statement

The Northwest Inner City Enterprise and Employment Working Group aims to develop a co-ordinated approach to enterprise and employment issues in the Northwest Inner City.

Aims

- » To develop Network Policy in relation to enterprise and employment
- » To promote the NWICN Area Action Plan as it relates to this issue
- » To forge an integrated enterprise and employment strategy for the area
- » To work in partnership with the private and statutory sector in addressing the provision of quality training and employment opportunities for local people

About the group

This is a recently set up working group of the NWICN. Employment and Enterprise is an important element of the NWICN Action Plan, and is important for the area as a whole. So it was felt that a relevant working group would be useful and necessary. Hopefully this working group can develop and bring together relevant and interested reps in the area. This working group can be a conduit for all issues and initiatives around employment, employment programmes and enterprise. Also, this working group can provide a more focused and integrated voice to employment and enterprise issues in the NWICN Area.

At present the group has representatives on the HARP enterprise and employment sub-group and the DICP social economy -working group. The group is currently comprised of the LES, PEN and HARP and it is hoped in the future to expand membership to include local enterprise and other interested community and statutory organisations. For further information or for people interested in joining the working group

Please Contact:

Ger Moore

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For your information we have included these guidelines for working groups established by the Network steering committee with the support of our Development worker.

The Guidelines promote an appropriate, useful and clear working relationship between the wider network structure and the issues based initiatives in the North West Inner City Community.

These 'Guidelines for Working Groups' were taken to all groups over the last year.

Network Working group Guidelines (2002)

- 1) To Utilise the Network's Local Area Action Plan as a foundation document.
 - i) The Working Groups should develop the recommendations and identify key issues.
 - ii) Carrying out background research and develop policies for the North West Inner city (Network) with regard to their particular area of concern.
- 2) The Working Groups shall also have responsibility for the development of actions and projects within their area of concern. And where necessary target resources.
- 3) Each working group, forum and network has a position on the Network steering Committee. All working groups should select a representative to take an active and equal role in this area forum.
- 4) Regular reports on the work of the Working groups should be provided by the Network representative to the Steering Committee and when necessary to the meetings of the general membership of the Area Network
- 5) No particular proposal should be advanced, nor representations made on behalf of the Network without the approval of the Elected Body. (ie steering committee)

Suggested Good practise

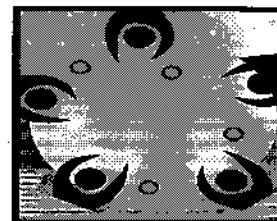
- ❖ The Network encourages and fosters the growth and development of working groups, forums and network to reach their full capacity. Enabling the strongest foundation from which the community's voice can be united and strengthened.
- ❖ The Area network encourages groups to establish structures that allow for a healthy functioning of the group
- ❖ The Groups will also strive to include to the greatest extent possible local individuals who are interested in the group's area of concern
- ❖ The Working groups shall strive to develop working relationships with the Local Authority and various relevant statutory and non-statutory bodies and to have representatives of these participate in meetings of the Groups.

Supporting structures

- ❖ The Area Network assists and supports, as a core objective, the implementation of the above guidelines.
- ❖ Should there be any information needed or any problems arise the steering committee will address any issues through the chairperson and follow-up the matter with the working group as appropriate.

Area Representative roles

Many thanks to all these reps who give up several hours each month, often in the evenings/ weekends on these committees on behalf of this area



DICP representative

What is DICP? The Dublin inner City Partnership (DICP) was set up in 1991. The DICP works with community, statutory and business organisations to ensure that local people benefit from any changes in the inner city. There are Four Area Network's operating in Dublin inner city (ie: NWICAN), the DICP operates through these locally based networks and supports their work. Each Quadrant (Network) is entitled to two positions on the DICP board.

Carmel Brien has been on the DICP for several years. The role involves attending DICP board meetings. As a DICP rep. you are also required to have a knowledge of the projects funded by DICP in the North west inner city (Approx 5/6) and possibly to join a Sub-group of the DICP (ie education, social economy). Additionally you are a member of the Area Network Committee which gives the mandate onto the DICP.

The role can be quite time consuming. It is a very important link for the local area / 'networking across the city' and contains many interesting and satisfying tasks.

DICP meetings attended

The Network (staff) attend the-
Core Infrastructure meetings,
Community regeneration meetings
and is represented on the Social Economy meetings.
Meetings over City-wide issues as requested.

Selection of these two DICP rep positions will be part of the AGM proceedings.

City Community forum

The Dublin city Community forum was established in March 2002. The Forum was established by the City Development Board to provide a voice for the Community and Voluntary sector. The forum is a mechanism through which Statutory bodies can consult with citizens of the city. The forum is organised into separate focus groups on issues relevant to the city. The North west inner city area network has been represented on the Social (Cluster) group since it's inception. Sam, NWICAN Co-ordinator currently attends the monthly meetings and finds it a useful link to other city wide projects and issues.

HARP Monitoring Committee

(Noleen Jennings, rep for 5 years on HARP, will address the AGM)

The HARP project (Historical Area rejuvenation project) is an integrated area based framework plan, originally prepared in 1995 (E.U. Operational Prog. For urban renewal) and adapted to comply with inclusion as an Integrated Area Plan (IAP) in 1998. The Harp Steering committee evolved after three years into a HARP Monitoring Committee which is now in it's third year. Noleen Jennings has been on the harp since it's establishment as an IAP in 1998, Carmel Keogh is the MACRO representative and Sam Priestley is the third community representative selected through the Area Network. to focus on the physical and socio-economic regeneration of the HARP area (NWIC/ Markets). The Harp currently looks at Issues such as the development of the Markets area (more on page ..), Smithfield, Traffic issues, Henry street/ILAC and Dublin City Council residence/ precinct issues within it's catchment area.

Rapid Initiative NWIC Rapid plan

(Robert O'Toole, Community rep on AIT from The Markets area, will address the AGM)

The RAPID initiative was launched by the Government in February 2001, we started working on it as a Network in May 2001 and the Area Implementation team (Community/ Statutory bodies) was established in October 2001. In February 2002 the AIT submitted a basic Rapid Area plan (first draft) to be assessed Regionally and Nationally. Copies of this plan can be made available through your RAPID Community reps (first five on the list), as listed below. The process to date has been immensely time consuming with 5 all day meetings/conferences and at times weekly meetings. Any current Community plan/ needs analysis in our knowledge and the Area Action Plan have been submitted into the NWIC Rapid process.

Members of NWIC RAPID Area Implementation Team (AIT)

Maureen Donnelly,	Community, Stoneybatter area
Robert O'Toole,	Community, Markets area
Declan O'Brien,	Community Dominick /Dorset Street area
Kieran Browning	Community Hardwick Street
Samantha Priestly,	NWICN (North West Inner City Network)
Margaret Quinn,	Rapid Co-ordinator - 672 3289
Hugh Mc Kenna	Dublin City Council (prev. George Perry)
Julie Cruickshank,	NICDTF (North Inner City Drugs Task Force)
Brendan Gribbon, CDYSB	(City of Dublin Youth Services Board)
Shay Smith,	NAHB (Northern Area Health Board)
Kelly,	FAS
Insp. Michael Burke	Bridewell Garda Station
Pat Coughlan,	CDVEC (City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee)

Future Plans 2002-2003

New worker

We will be recruiting a Community participation worker in May to encourage and support more local residents to become involved in their areas. The **Community participation project** compliments the aims of the Action plan, which encourage local people to have a say, achieve positive developments and get resources targeted into the North west inner city area of Dublin. The worker is funded through the *North inner city drugs task force* and will link into the local drugs working group, with a particular emphasis on encouraging local people to become involved in the local issues around drugs. However, the project holds a wider overall role of working with all local issues and supporting any community representative that may require the Area network services / resources.

The project has three elements –

- 1) A worker to **encourage local people** to become more involved in the community and local decision making
- 2) **Training** both for individual residents and community groups. funded through the North inner
- 3) **Information exchange** – newsletter and passing information between people locally and with other networks and groups.

New premises

We are currently based within the Spade Enterprise centre but due to limited space, increasing staff and the constant need for more visibility of services we will be focus our energies into a new premise for the network this year.

Directory and Information exchange

Information Exchange and Networking go hand in hand we are looking to Further Resource and add even more strength to information Exchange and Communications within the North west Area . Statistics show that out of 871 calls in 2001 to the Network office **46 %** of calls to the were **around local information** and the Network has been requested several times to produce a Directory for the area. We have made several applications to resource an **Area Directory**. We hope to start this work in June 2002. The foundations for the work are already there with a current list of 250 mailing contacts. Other ideas include an area based newsletter, linking into current work (MACRO newsletter). Development of a website and the need for accurate and update information on planning and developments are essential.

Highlighted Needs for a network are an information worker , A Community planner and a Planning group/ Environment and Housing group.

Further development of the Network structure

As you have seen from the Chairperson's report a large amount has been achieved by the outgoing committee. In 2002 we hope to further develop the Network organisationally and locally.

Dates for NWICAN General meetings 2002 (venues to be confirmed)

Tuesday 9th July 2002, 6 pm -NWICAN General Meeting (2nd 2002)

10th October 2002 - Inter- Working group Conference mentioned report page 7/8 (3rd 2002)

Thursday 12th December 2002 - NWICAN General meeting followed by Christmas Event (4th 2002)

Financial Report

Accounts are available at the AGM plus financial summary

Financial Guidelines have been developed this year for the Working groups so that the Financial support the network can provide for issue / area based grants is clear , helpful and accountable. (guidelines available). Many working groups have there own income by way of project grants, most working groups now have a Treasurer officer role.

We would like to take this opportunity to Thank **Janet** (from Gateway), **Donna** (An Siol) and **James Kelly** (Auditor) for their assistance with Financial matters.

NWICAN Membership

Description of membership structure

The NWICAN membership structure includes our (priority) full membership—Voluntary and Community groups and bodies who work to benefit the N.W.I.C.. We also invite Affiliation and support from wider voluntary groups and statutory organisations who may support our objectives and promote the success of the Network. All groups must support the aims and objectives of NWICAN. Only Full members (listed below) get to Vote at AGM and general meetings. However, the Network may ask, when relevant, for it's Affiliated members and friends to vote on discussions/issues.

New members—During 2002 we have had 15 new Full Members, Affiliates, Friends which makes the membership
38 Full Members
15 Affiliate members
7 Friends of the Network

List of current membership

<u>Member/ group</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Access Ireland	Monica Blood	878 0589
An Siol CDP	Fearghal Connolly	677 5741
AOSOG	Linda Kileen	671 8201
Aughrim st Parish Senior citizen's	Peggy Mc Ardle	677 5730
Aughrim Street Scouts	Kiernan Gildea	670 7964
Blackhall residents group	Paul Bedford	
Carmicheal Centre for Voluntary groups	Mary Ruane	873 5702
Chrysalis	Ger Supple	670 5544 / 672 9727
Community Against racism	Jennifer Wallace/ Swa Ramamorthy	
Focus Ireland	Caroline Maher	671 8543
Gateway	Carmel Brien	872 0133
George's hill women's group	Phyllis Hall	873 0519
Halston Street Women's group	Carmel Woods	872 4093
Infirmery Road and District Community residents ass.	Margaret Murphy	
MACRO- Markets Area Community Resource Organisation	Larry Byrne	873 7019
MACRO- Senior Citizen's project	Phyllis Hall	872 7054
Macro Building Management	Brenda Murphy	873 7009
Muppet Playgroup	Catherine Glancy	838 3563
NWIC Local Employment service	Ger Moore	868 6333
North King Street residents group	Anne Roe	

<u>Member/ group</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
O' Devaney garden's Development centre	Lena Jordan	868 4283
O' Devaney/ Montpeiler residents group	Anna Manning	838 4183
Ormond Square residents Ass.	Robert O'Toole	
Phoenix project	Erica Butler	838 1260
PEN-	Des Mahon	677 5741
Refugee Information service	John Mc Dermott	809 0437
The Sanctuary	Liz Mc Evoy	670 5419
Smithfield Women's group	Joan Mc Convey	
The Snug	Marie Connor	878 6231
Special education project	Sr Eileen Buckley	872 2240
Stoneybatter CTW	Denis Ward	671 7802
St Vincent's trust	Catherine Prendergast	
Stanhope St Parents Vikings N.S.	Carmel Dillon	671 1875
Stoneybatter Youth service	Gareth Tierney	868 0100
The Churches Ministry of healing in Ireland	Rev. D. Catterall	872 7876
NWIC Women's Network	Pat Barrett	671 7284

Affiliate Members

African refugee Network
 Arts resources and Training Limited
 Catholic youth Care
 Dublin Community games
 Drama league of Ireland
 Introart
 Migraine association of Ireland
 National museum of Ireland
 Post Polio support group
 Pathways project
 Schizophrenia Ireland
 Smashing times Theatre Company
 St Mary's place Boys School
 Soilse
 The Wheel

Friends of the Network

Davis Gallery
 Dublin inner city Partnership
 An Garda Siochana
 HARP IAP
 Nodubco
 Probation and welfare
 Vermillion design

Thanks for coming to the AGM 2002
 We hope you enjoyed the event and found it interesting
 Please use your local network to build the
 community in the North West inner city.