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Partnership

'Building an inclusive community'

Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership CLG



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Our Vision

We commit to improving and enhancing lifelong opportunities for the citizens of the area by working to reduce poverty through the promotion of social inclusion and equality in Ballyfermot Chapelizod and Cherry Orchard.



Company Information

Chairperson: Jennifer Courtney

Company Secretary 2022: Pamela Kearns (January- August 2022)
Teresa Dunphy (September 2022 – present)

Directors in 2022: Jennifer Courtney, Terry Hobdell, Patricia Cassells, Hazel Norton, Cecilia Munroe, Daithí Doolan, Sophie Nicoullaud, Warren Dempsey, Peter Kavanagh, Lydia Marshall, Dave Donovan

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2022

The year in numbers

1,373

New clients registered with BCP and received social inclusion supports



59

Clients were supported into part time employment



163

Clients were supported into full time employment



16

New businesses were established with support from BCP



747

Speech & Language Appointments Offered



111

Clients engaged in counselling support with a further

68

Engaging in group based mental health supports



1700

KG of food sustainably produced by Cherry Orchard Community Garden



151

Clients received support to access further and higher education



157

Families engaged in parenting & family support programmes



298

People received health & wellbeing supports through the Sláintecare Healthy Communities initiative



160

Supported work placements on Tús programme



Care Packs provided to

420

Older Persons as part of the Winter Community Response



Support provided to

42

Local Community Groups



Chairperson's Statement



As Chairperson of the Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership CLG I am pleased to present this 2022 annual report to you. This report summarises the work of the Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership throughout 2022.

Throughout this report you will see the impact the services and activities of our organisation has on all age groups from young children, their families, young adults and older people throughout the community. In addition a whole range of supports were provided to enable community groups and youth services to further their work in making this community an inclusive one. These achievements are only possible because of the trust individuals, families and other organisations place in us as an organisation, as a board and a staff team. As Chairperson, I wish to thank the individuals, families and community organisations who have placed their confidence in us to do our best in supporting them. I would further like to thank the agencies and local organisations who work alongside us in endeavouring to improve life outcomes for all people who call our community home. Collaboration is one of the values of our work and throughout 2022 these collaborations delivered for our community time after time.



As an organisation Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership CLG is almost entirely funded by the Irish Government through a variety of programmes. In particular, I wish to thank the Department of Rural and Community Development, the Department of Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, the Department of Social Protection, the Department of Health/HSE, and Dublin City Council for their funding their support in 2022. All the contracts by various funders were delivered on time and on target to our funders' satisfaction in 2022.

In 2022 BCP tendered for the new Local Area Employment Services Contract for the Dublin City Area. A tender for the provision of services to unemployed individuals. This was a major undertaking as a joint bid with Dublin South City Partnership, BCP was the lead organisation in the bid. As Chairperson I was delighted along with my colleagues on the Board of Management (BOM) to win this tender, which is for a 4-year period. The BCP tender had, as always, an emphasis on the provision of quality services to individuals and we are pleased that the DSP accepted this focus on quality and awarded the contract to BCP.

The staff of BCP, as led capably by our CEO Anne Fitzgerald, are central to the success of the work. Each staff member brings skills and, in particular, passion and commitment to our work. I would like to thank each staff member for their dedication and work in 2022. The following pages of this report sets out their work in detail.

Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership is a charity and governed by a voluntary BOM who carry out their responsibilities in line with the requirements of the CRO and the Charities regulator. I would like to thank and acknowledge the dedication and commitment of each board member and their contribution to the work of BCP in 2022.

Finally, as an organisation dedicated to learning and improving our services to the community we are interested in your feedback, let us know how we are doing, what we are doing well and what we need to improve on. Please take the time to give us your views and insights on our work.

Jennifer Courtney



CEO's Statement

The core purpose of Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership CLG is to enhance the social and economic development of the area and thereby increasing education, employment and life options for local people. In addition BCP is dedicated to working collaboratively with local groups and statutory agencies to address the causes and consequences of poverty and its impact on people who live within BCP area of operation. As Chief Executive Officer of Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership CLG, I am pleased to say that 2022 was another year of success for BCP: 1373 new individuals registered for and received social inclusion supports from BCP. 42 community groups were supported both financially and by mentoring, training and other supports in 2022. 2022 saw the expansion of BCP programming into Social Prescribing and through the engagement with the HSE, through the Sláintecare programme, 298 individuals were supported through 1520 engagements.

BCP operates four core areas of programme activity - Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP), Employment Services, Family Matters (Area Based Childhood) Programme and an ever-expanding range of health and well-being programmes. In total BCP delivers 22 projects covering: community development, lifelong learning, older persons, addiction recovery, mental health, wellbeing, employment services, enterprise, school and family support. The community garden initiative continues to deliver on BCP's climate action agenda. The range of programmes delivered by BCP reflects the identified needs of the community with a core aim of, through an integrated services delivery model, addressing both, the causes of, and impacts of poverty.



2022 saw the ending of the Local Employment Services and Job club programmes following 26 years of delivery. This arose due to a national change of policy and programme models by the Department of Social Protection. In partnership with Dublin South City Partnership BCP tendered for and won the contract to deliver the new employment services model across the Dublin 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 20 areas of Dublin city. The ending of the old programme models and the implementation of a new model of employment services involved major restructuring of BCP systems in 2022. BCP is confident that its new programme model while meeting funder criteria also continues to provide excellence in service provision for those outside of the labour market.

The success of BCP involves the dedication, skills and commitment of many, to that end I wish to thank the Chairperson of BCP Jenny Courtney for her work and commitment, the members of the BCP BOM, the BCP management team and the staff of BCP who, day in and day out, approach their work with commitment and enthusiasm. To conclude I wish to thank the individuals and groups who continue to place their trust and stories in our hands, we continue to learn from them how to do better.

In carrying out its work BCP is grateful to the following funders; Heath Services Executive, Tusla, the Department of Social Protection, Department of Rural and Community Development, Dublin City Council and Tús.

Anne Fitzgerald

Child & Family Services

The Family Matters Area Based Childhood (ABC) Team had a very busy year 2022. There were many different early learning and supports on offer to parents and their young children across the whole community. These included a variety of programmes and initiatives such as Baby Massage, Parent Child Plus Home visiting programme, Parents Plus parenting course, PEEP parents and baby/toddler group, Incredible Years baby parenting programme, Parent and Toddler groups and creative workshops. All the groups show that when a parent plays and has fun with their child, the child learns, develops their speech and language and also advances physically and emotionally. This helps each child uniquely to grow up to be confident, independent and to reach their potential. Family Matters couldn't conduct its work without the collaboration with staff in TUSLA, the local Schools, Early Years services, FamiliBase, BTAP and all the community projects in the area.



Getting Ready for Baby Massage

Baby Massage, PEEP – Jane's Story

“ Jane has been engaged with Family Matters since early 2022, with her baby Sophie. They first began attending baby massage classes after being recommended by the Public Health Nurse. Jane really enjoyed this course and the connections she made with other parents with babies of similar ages.

Jane then enrolled in Incredible Years Infant course held in FamiliBase, with a lot of familiar faces and some new ones. They learned lots more about their babies, their cry, sleep, weening, how to keep them safe and what helps them grow and develop. Some parents in the group arranged their own weekly met up in parks, coffee shops etc., continuing to build their bond and support of each other. Recently Jane & Sophie have been involved in PEEP, parent and toddler group, which further supports the importance of play and early reading for the child's future speech and language development and learning. She rescheduled her working hours to attend the group. Jane also is enrolled in the Parent Child Plus Home Visiting programme, where a local Home Visitor will begin with their family when Sophie is around 17 months.

Jane is enthusiastic about attending parenting courses as she wants the best for Sophie. She now understands how important playtime and meeting other parents and children together is in helping to develop Sophie's brain, her physical, social and emotional development. Through joining the Baby Massage group Jane has built a network of friends for herself and Sophie and will continue to enjoy groups and programmes run by us here in BCP. ”

Parents Plus Parenting Programme – Nicola's Story

“ Nicola participated in our early years Parents Plus parenting programme for her son Jack who is 3 years old. She really enjoyed the practical ideas that she got from attending the course that she could try at home. Nicola said that this helped transform her daily routine with just 'simple changes' and 'the pause button is an amazing tool' which helped her with her emotions, when sometimes she found Jack's behaviour to be challenging for her to manage. These little changes are all it took to make a big difference to Nicola and Jack's relationship and daily life. Now Nicola feels she is less worried, life at home is calmer, she is a more confident parent, she enjoys being a parent and knows what to do to support Jack as best she can. ”

Parent Child Plus - Home Visitor's story

“ I moved to Ballyfermot into rented accommodation in 2016 with my husband and 2 children. Both my husband and I were unemployed and we got help with rent allowance from the social welfare. I got referred to the BCP to try help me get a job. I ended up going back to college and did SNA Level 5 and then went on to do SNA Level 6 and another module for Level 6. I also did relief SNA work in a number of schools in the area. My friend then told me about the BCP Family Matters Home Visitor programme. It sounded great, so I applied for the job was successful and then did the training to become a Home Visitor. The role was for 10 hours visiting parents and their child with a book or toy in their home twice a week. I started in Feb 2020 and a month later we went into lockdown, during that time we still kept contact with the families doing video calls and doorstep visits which was great. We also did a lot of online professional learning. I am now a qualified Home Visitor Coordinator, Infant Massage Instructor along with a lot of other courses we have done on attachment, child development and play. In October 22, my family finally got our 'forever home' and then as a result I was able to take on extra work as a Senior Home visitor. I am now working 20 hours a week and continuing with my education and in January 2023 my husband got a full-time job. ”



BCP Parent Child Plus Home Visiting Team

Botvin's Lifeskills

In collaboration with local schools and School Completion Programmes, the Lifeskills Programme was delivered again in 2022. This discussion and interactive programme helps children from 4th class to 3rd year, to explore and manage, in an age appropriate way, their decision making and choices, emotions and feelings, friendships, their talents. It gives children practical tips and tools on what they can do to manage very challenging dilemmas around smoking, drugs and alcohol when they occur. It also encourages the children and young people to stand up for children's rights and to be aware of the power and influence of advertising and social media on them. During the year 1,036 children part-took in Lifeskills, with 2 additional teachers being trained in how to deliver the Lifeskills Programme.



Parents & Children having fun in Ballyfermot Library

Employment & Self Employment

2022 saw changes to the way in which employment services are delivered across the country with the end of the Local Employment services contract and an open and competitive tender process to deliver the new Local Area Employment Services in Spring 2022.

Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership (BCP) were successful in tendering for the contract to deliver the Local Area Employment services in the Dublin City lot in collaboration with partner organisation Dublin South City Partnership. With BCP acting as contract lead, Dublin City Community Local Area Employment Services' (DCCLAES), was awarded the lot 17 contract on 14th July 2022. The contract duration is four years, with referrals being made directly from the Department of Social Protection (DSP) for the first three years. Under the new LAES model, BCP and its partners will aim to deliver the highest quality employment services to jobseekers living in the Dublin 1, 3, 2, 4, 6(w) 8, 10, 12 and 20 areas.

The foundation of the DCCLAES delivery model is the provision of quality employment guidance service whereby clients are supported and motivated to secure and sustain employment with specialised supports put in place appropriate to each clients' unique journey including specialised staff working with young adults and minority ethnic communities. In addition employer engagement under the DCCLAES model will be enhanced through the recruitment of a specialised Employer Engagement Officer working to connect jobseekers with local employment opportunities.

The first group of client referrals were received in late September 2022 with 2,300 referrals expected annually across the four core delivery sites in Dublin 1, 8, 12 and 10.



What our clients say about LAES

“ The support I received was fantastic and really helped me find the right job for me. My guidance officer helped me with not only finding the vacancy in the first place but arranged everything to make my transition as smooth as possible into my current role. All I had to do was turn up for an interview. He firstly helped with my curriculum vitae before turning attention to emergency tax and assisting me to do a manual handling course. Finally my guidance officer assisted me through the job application process online and four months down the line I love my job and thanks once again much appreciated. Cheers. ”

Andrew Mayo – Employment Services Client

“ I would like to say the Local Area Employment Services (LAES) programme has helped me 100% since I started it last year. I applied to Dublin Bus in October and then my Employment Guidance Officer helped me on a Bus Driving course in DDLETB Tallaght Training Centre starting in February 2023. In the meantime I have been going through the recruitment stages with Dublin Bus where I passed my CPC Test and Medical Assessment. I have also completed Children’s First and First Aid training. While I was doing all of that, my guidance officer was helping me when I needed it. Today, 20th February I was informed by the Dublin Bus that I can start with them on Monday 27th February. The LAES programme was very good for me and I would recommend it to anyone to enter the service. The staff can’t do enough for you and my guidance officer was a brilliant person to work with. ”

Gerard Morris – Employment Services Client

“ I have been using the Employment Service in the Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership for a number of years now and have always found it very useful. I have been linked in with an Employment Guidance Officer when I was job searching and again when I was looking to change jobs. I always found the advice and help great. I use the public computer to job search and reception also booked a room for me to do some online training. It is a service that you would not get anywhere else and I really value it. Everyone is so friendly and helpful. I will continue to use the service and always recommend it to others in the area. ”

Caroline Lamb – Employment Services Client

“ I have been using Ballyfermot Partnership for quite a new of years now and my guidance officer has been Grainne. She has helped me gain employment with Irish Home Care after having two young children. She has also helped me complete my modules in my health care support level 5 major award and I am now a qualified carer. She looked for my courses for me and has always been a helping hand. I also used the service of the public computer and also borrowed a laptop while saving to buy my own. Without the support of the Ballyfermot Partnership employment service I wouldn’t got as far as I did in my career and education. I am forever thankful for the support I received. ”

Carrie Lynch – Employment Services Client

Self-Employment

In 2022, BCP provided support to 84 people exploring self-employment. 28 people completed the Start Your Own Business course covering topics such as business planning, market research, sales, marketing, bookkeeping and resilience. In total, 16 individuals went on to set up new and innovative businesses.

Beyond our start-ups, BCP provided a suite of further training for businesses in the first two years of trading. Over 60 BCP-supported business owners attended training in taxation, bookkeeping, digital marketing and more. A further 15 clients attended one-to-one mentoring sessions with our panel of business experts.

The BCP facilitated four D10 Business Network meetings in 2022 helping local businesses meet other entrepreneurs, alleviate concerns and create new opportunities. This included the Women in Business event which saw 50+ female entrepreneurs from Ballyfermot attend a networking event for International Women's Day at the Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

Client Story - Sylvia Kennedy – Treats by Sylvia

Treats by Sylvia was one BCP-supported start-up from 2022. Founded by Sylvia Kennedy, Treats by Sylvia was inspired by self-reflection during lockdown. After practising and perfecting her cheesecakes, Sylvia reached out to Brendan Finn, Enterprise Officer, to begin the path to self-employment. Having availed of a variety of courses and mentoring through the BCP, Sylvia has grown her business exponentially. She now supplies Super Valu Rowlagh, Bliss Café, Ballyfermot Café, Coyle's Green Grocers, Grant Thornton's Cafeteria and most Ballyfermot events.



“ Brendan (BCP Enterprise Officer) was so helpful and guided me through the process of setting up my own business. I completed a 'Start Your Own Business Course', along with a Bookkeeping Course and other modules. I also completed all my HACCP Training. Brendan is always the other end of the line whenever I need him and checks in with me often. ”

Sylvia Kennedy – BCP Enterprise Client

Tús Work Placement Programme

Tús is a year-long work placement programme providing opportunities for people who are long term unemployed to gain work experience in local non-profit and charity organisations. Tús boosts motivation and confidence, offering people opportunities to experience different work environments and providing the opportunity to learn new skills.

In January 2022 a new Tús Team Leader joined the BCP team. 7 team leaders each support a caseload of approximately 25 participants covering a large geographical area including Dublin 2,4,8,10 & 20. In 2022, 305 referrals were received from DSP leading to a consistent 100% fulfilment of our target (160 participants on payroll).



Daniel Roantree,
Tús Team Leader

Tús Participant Feedback

“ I have always been interested in the area of addiction studies; having seen the damage it has done to communities throughout the country. I met with one of the BCP Tús team and I explained to her that I was very interested in the work that Ballyfermot Star were doing, as it was addiction related. I met with them shortly after and I was offered the role of support worker. I was delighted, as now not only could I gain 12 months experience, but I could also study to gain my full qualification in addiction studies at the same time. I found the Tús program really helpful, it allowed me to ease myself back into work and my confidence increased. I am now working in a job I love! ”

Ann Marie – Tús participant

“ My name is Alex. I registered in 2022 with LAES, I found them to be very friendly from reception to my guidance officer, since being with them I have now secured a place on Tús programme as a receptionist with Rehab Care, which I am very excited about and due to start 27th February 2023 which will enable me to gain the experience and confidence I need to progress and have been assured that my guidance officer will be in regular contact with me throughout the programme. ”

Alex – Tús participant

Tús Host Organisations

As well as providing huge benefits for participants through placements in community organisations, the host organisations are also supported in carrying out vital work within the community. In 2022, the Tús Team continued to be very proactive in securing additional host organisations and have secured the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland, Citizen's Information Centres, 3 new Primary Schools, One Book Store, Oxfam Book Store, Mendicity, Friends of the Elderly, Softball Ireland and New Community Partnership. Clients have been placed in new roles in these organisations.

“ I write as Parish Priest of Cherry Orchard Parish, Dublin 10 to acknowledge the work that is done by Tús workers at our Church and grounds. A number of parishes like Cherry Orchard are unable to finance paid staff for the day-to-day activities of the parish. It is here that the local people placed on the Tús scheme come to make a very worthwhile contribution. ”

Fr. Mick Murtagh, Tús Host Organisation

Tús Host Organisations IFI, Manna Charity Shop & Mendicity



Irish Film Institute



Serving Ballyfermot Community with Love



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Health & Inclusion

Mental Health Supports

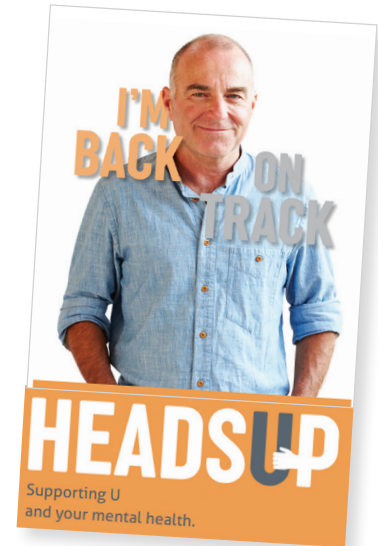
Throughout 2022, Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership continued to add to our suite of individual and group supports aimed at improving mental health and wellbeing for those living in the area.

Heads Up

Heads Up is an evidenced-based, inter-agency programme to help men struggling with their mental health. For men from challenging socio-economic backgrounds in Dublin 8, 10 and 12, life's daily challenges can be an obstacle to their development. Head's Up supports men to build their mental and physical fitness, while developing their ability to engage with local services, set goals and develop a life plan.

2022 has been the strongest year to date for Head's Up with 4 mini programmes and 3 full programmes. A total of 57 clients participated in the programme which was also rolled out in Crumlin Parish Centre for the first time.

Participants are encouraged to engage in a range of supports & services after participating in Heads Up to keep the momentum they have gained in terms of improving their wellbeing. In 2022 participant outcomes included progressing to IT training programmes, engaging in stop smoking programmes, engaging with local employment services to seek work, and continued meet ups with other participants to reduce social isolation.



“ Fantastic course – lovely atmosphere with all participants and facilitators very respectful and cooperative. ”

Heads Up Participant

“ Great tools for tackling my problems and I found it helpful to know that I am not alone in my struggle and that other people have similar issues. ”

Heads Up Participant

Women's Space

In late 2022, BCP worked collaboratively with the Suicide Prevention & Community Engagement (SPACE) and Heads Up Project to pilot a women's mental health and wellness programme. The programme commenced in late 2022 with 11 women engaging. The model is loosely based on the Heads-Up programme with space and flexibility to address issues impacting on women taking part.



Counselling Service

Throughout 2022, BCP continued to offer brief solution-focused psychotherapy to clients of the service. Due to underspends in other programme areas, BCP was in a position to significantly expand its counselling service from September 2022 with the addition of two counsellors to our panel offering a total of 42 hours of counselling per week.

In the period January – December 2022 150 referrals to the counselling service were received and 111 clients attended at least one session of counselling. Clients of the counselling service presented with a wide range of issues including substance abuse, depression, anxiety, serious illness, trauma and bereavement, panic disorder, relationship difficulties and conflict in the home.

“ Honestly! It has changed my life and I don't think I'd be where I am today without it. I think it's such an important service to people like myself who have struggled in the past to find an understanding and accepting the path they were on and supporting them on finding a path that's right for them. I think it should be made a very important service for people like myself who struggle with mental health and I couldn't be without it as I'm still struggling and I need a lot more support but it is a fantastic support and I'm very grateful at getting the support from this service and I hope to be able to continue coming to the service for this counselling as it a life changing experience if you allow to be. ”

BCP Counselling Service Client

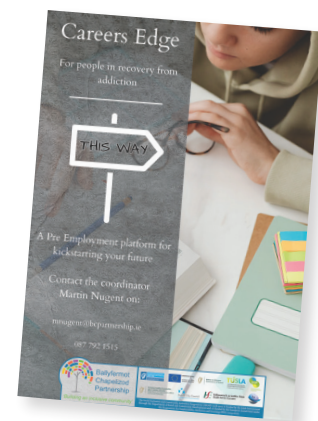
Careers Edge

2022 was a big year for the Careers EGDE (formally Job Plan) programme as it underwent significant changes. A revised programme was developed requiring participants to be drug-free with an enhanced work experience aspect and an increased focus on employability while retaining core elements of communication skills and personal development. The main aim of the programme was to solidify the client's motivation to remain drug and alcohol free by strengthening their educational and employment prospects.

After a rebranding process and intensive promotion campaign the first course started on the 10th of April with 10 participants. The programme ran for a total of 16 weeks and ended on the 10th of August. After the completion of the group element of the programme some of the clients remained in contact and availed of 1 to 1 career guidance to support post-programme progression. Out of the 9 clients, 5 progressed into employment and 4 progressed into Education. A Graduation was held on the 14th of October to celebrate their achievements.

The second group of the year was the newly designed taster programme which was co-facilitated with Casadh in Crumlin. This started on the 29th of November with 12 participants and ran for a total of four weeks.

In total, 21 people completed the programmes, with 50 percent progressing into employment, 40 percent progressing into education and a further 10% engaged in other outcomes.



Careers Edge Graduation

Year 1 of Sláintecare Healthy Communities

One of the significant achievements of Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership in 2022 was the launch of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Initiative in the Cherry Orchard and Ballyfermot Areas.

What is Sláintecare Healthy Communities?

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme aims to provide increased health and wellbeing services in 19 community areas across Ireland. An evidenced based process identified that in Cherry Orchard/Ballyfermot health and wellbeing risk factors are particularly concentrated and a range of programmes were to be delivered to help promote and improve the overall health and wellbeing of people in the area.

Programme Areas

Social Prescribing - To improve mental health and wellbeing, a Social Prescribing link worker was recruited to work with individuals who need support, linking them into community activities and services. In 2022 BCP received 87 referrals to the Social Prescribing service with 50% of referrals coming from Public Health Nurses & General Practice Doctors in the area.



Healthy Food Made Easy - To support and inform a healthier diet, the Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME) programme provided a nutrition and cookery course that helped people to change to a healthy diet, plan meals on a budget and make easy to cook meals. In 2022, BCP delivered 11 Healthy Food Made Easy Programmes with 150 participants taking part. In addition 5 new peer leaders were recruited and trained to deliver the programme in to groups in the area.

We Can Quit is a friendly and supportive 12-week programme, including Nicotine Replacement Therapy and other stop smoking medication to help people quit smoking and stay quit for good. In 2022 in collaboration with 4 local We Can Quit facilitators, BCP delivered 3 WCQ programmes with 21 participants starting their quit for good journey.



Parenting Programmes - To support the mental health of parents and healthy child development, BCP provided families access to evidence-based parenting programmes for vulnerable families. In 2022 BCP delivered a range of parenting programmes including Parents Plus Early Years/Childhood/Adolescent and Incredible Years Baby & Infant to local parents.



In 2023 BCP will continue to expand our suite of health promotion initiatives with recruitment underway for a Community Food & Nutrition project worker and a Community Connector to work with Older Persons in the local area.

Community Development

Early in the year the focus of the team was to reach out to all community groups in the area to meet with them, discuss how the pandemic had affected their members and activities and how BCP could support them in 2022. From January to August a Ballyfermot Women's Group 'Empowerment and Community Action' community leadership programme 2022 was delivered in Cherry Orchard. BCP supported a series of events held in the community called 'Cherry Blossoms' where community groups and other service providers opened their doors and/or put on events to promote the work that they do, show how local people can get involved, as well as general events for the public to take part in (e.g. group cycling events). The team also supported a week-long series of events to mark International Women's Day including arranging a workshop by an expert in bias against women, the theme for the 2022 International Women's Day. In June 2022, the BCP Showcase 2022 took place in Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, an event to link local community groups. BCP, along with 41 community groups and services had stalls in the civic centre where they set out their services, recruited new participants and promoted their services. At the event BCP distributed 500 bags containing details of local services and other local social enterprises.

In 2022, BCP facilitated over €70,000 of funding to community groups ranging from supports to Cherry Orchard, Social Inclusion, and small community grants from the Ballyfermot Drug & Alcohol Taskforce. The monies also included funding for a consortium of several youth focus organisations to deliver summer programme centred in Cherry Orchard which was the first time this joined-up approach was taken.

Cherry Orchard Community Garden

2022 was a successful year for the garden and the purchase of an additional polytunnel was key in unlocking more of the garden's potential. Allotments were at almost full capacity and in May, 5000 bedding plants were delivered to Dublin City Council for the annual bedding plant sales in local community centres.

Deliveries of salads started in late April with strong sales. New labelling was developed for Spinach and Kale to be sold in SuperValu and in other outlets. The garden team developed a strong relationship with Dublin Food Co-op and was able to expand the range of produce sold through that outlet. As the summer crops became available the garden started to supply additional customers including four cafes and broadened the range of items supplied to Dublin Food Co-op.

The Garden supported the Cherry Blossoms initiative in April by hosting talks on how to grow your own food and flowers as well as partnering with Cherry Orchard Integrated Youth Service on a day of events for younger people. In a similar vein, the garden linked with St Ultan's school to enable children to see seeds planted in pots, transferred to the ground, and grown.



Cherry Orchard Community Garden

Cherry Orchard

Cherry Orchard, given its significant disadvantage remains a priority area for BCP in the delivery of all BCP programmes; SICAP, Tús, Family Matters (an area-based childhood programme). BCP has operated as the implementation body over the past number of years for the Cherry Orchard Development Group implementing and resourcing the social actions of the CODG plan. DRCD in partnership with DCC have jointly funded this initiative from 2017 to date.

Out of Hours Grants

The Making Cherry Orchard Better Area Action Plan identified the need for more service provision in the evening and at weekends, especially during the summer holidays, for young people living in Cherry Orchard. In 2022 the Out of Hours Grant provided the services with extra resources required to roll out programmes over the weekend and during school holidays, which including new sports, recreation, and cultural clubs and develop alternative sports and activities for children and young people in the area.

Leaders in Learning

The Leaders in Learning Fund is ring-fenced for anyone living in the Cherry Orchard area who would like to take part in education, including apprenticeships and short courses. In 2022 over €40,000 of funding was awarded to learners in Cherry Orchard and learners were approved across some of the following student disciplines: Horsemanship, Health Care, General & Children's Nursing, Makeup Artistry, Health & Social Care, Law, PHD Pancreatic Cancer Research, Commercial Modern Music Screenwriting, Sports Science.

In December a celebration was organised for all the students who have been supported through the Leaders in Learning Programme.



Pictured: Students, Brendan Foster Chair Cherry Orchard Development Group, Anne Fitzgerald CEO, Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership.

Community Resilience Fund 2022

The Community Resilience Fund is a fund to enable organisations providing support in the Cherry Orchard Area to continue to provide services to vulnerable groups and individuals within the public health guidelines applicable due to the impact of COVID.

The Cherry Orchard Development Group

In September 2017 the Making Cherry Orchard Better Area Action Plan, prepared by Dublin City Council (DCC) and Ballyfermot Chapelizod Partnership (BCP), was presented to the South-Central Area Committee and the Board of Management from BCP. The aim of this non-statutory area action plan was to provide a framework for the renewal of the Cherry Orchard area of West Dublin and its community. The plan's vision, informed by extensive consultation, was: To create, at its heart, a content, caring, vibrant and sustainable community, which caters for the employment, community, and environmental needs of existing and future generations. March 2022 saw this plan reviewed.

A Cherry Orchard Planning Workshop took place on 11th November 2022. This energetic and positive workshop was facilitated by Marie McGrath on behalf of the Cherry Orchard Development Group. During the afternoon there were many issues discussed including identifying key successes from the last 5 years of the Making Cherry Orchard Better Area Action Plan. As part of the workshop participants were invited to identify 3 key achievements from the last plan which they feel have made a real difference for the area.



Participants were also asked to identify the 'big ticket' desirable ideas/themes 'wouldn't it be great if' and 'wouldn't it be awful if'. It was clear from this workshop that the majority of the participants identified that it would be great if the development of both Making Cherry Orchard Better and Local Area Plans were implemented prioritising the development of the village centre and it would be awful if nothing happened.



Cherry Orchard Planning Workshop

Older Persons Services

Helping Hands/Care & Repair

In 2022 Ballyfermot Chapelized Partnership relaunched the Helping Hands service in the Dublin 2,4 and 8 areas. BCP have 4 staff members on this team and developed new leaflets to advertise the service which were distributed in conjunction with the Guild of the Little Flower Meals on Wheels team. BCP Tús staff are also linking in with Alone and Friends of the Elderly to encourage more use of the service. The Ballyfermot service continued its success in 2022 and has 6 members on the team continuing to support older residents with home repairs, gardening, shopping, and other support needs.



Helping Hands Team 2022

“ The Helping Hands lads are always so friendly and keep the hedges and grass cut as I can no longer manage myself. ”

Helping Hands client

Older Persons Winter Response

Informed by the needs analysis of older persons finalised in late 2022, BCP led on the establishment of a multi-agency winter response group with a specific focus on assisting older people experiencing isolation, the challenges of inclement weather and rising food and fuel costs which were more acute during the winter months. The group was highly collaborative and made up of BCP, DCC, Alone, HSE ICPOP and other local groups. A number of activities took place including:

- Development of an information booklet (cover pictured right) of supports and services available to older people locally during the winter months.
- Development of a shared activity calendar offering warm spaces with light refreshments and social activities for older persons in the area every day of the week.
- Development of inclement weather response plans.
- Distribution of a care pack for older persons. BCP led on a Christmas initiative to distribute care packs to older persons living locally on December 16th. 400 care packs were distributed including hot water bottles, a handwritten Christmas card, warm blankets, puzzles, magazines, torches, hats, gloves and chocolates. DCC staff coordinated deliveries to those living in older persons complexes and BCP staff distributed the other packs as part of a team building day. As well as delivering packs, the distribution teams were sure to take time to chat with older persons on the doorsteps signposting them to additional supports where needed.



BCP staff delivering care packs to older persons

Our Services

Health Programmes	Triona O’Sullivan Health & Inclusion Programmes Manager Phone 01 623 5612 Email tosullivan@bcpartnership.ie
Social Prescribing	Social prescribing offers GPs and other health professionals a means of referring people to a range of non-clinical community supports which can have significant benefits for their overall health and wellbeing.
Nutrition	Healthy Food Made Easy is a 6-week course which aims to; encourage healthy eating, improve our knowledge of nutrition when preparing our meals at home, learn healthy meals on a budget.
Smoking Cessation	We Can Quit is a free, friendly and supportive 8–12-week programme for people who smoke and who want support to quit smoking.
Heads Up	HEADSUP is an evidence based mental health education and training programme for men who are finding life stressful, have issues with unemployment, feel isolated or lonely and wish to learn ways to improve their wellbeing. This group programme aims to encourage participants to make positive changes to their lives, develop resilience and offers support to access local services and supports.
SPACE	Ballyfermot Suicide Prevention and Community Engagement (SPACE) Project works collaboratively with other key service providers in the Ballyfermot community, identifying and highlighting prevention, intervention and post suicide services that are available in the area.
Treatment & Rehabilitation	The Treatment & Rehabilitation Project Officer works closely with the Ballyfermot Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force (BLDATF) and addiction projects as well non-specialised substance misuse services as relevant within the 4 Tier Model of Substance Misuse Services.
Community Health	Health Promotion activities with a focus on the whole Ballyfermot Community and in particular members of the Traveller Community living locally with the goal of awareness raising and improving health outcomes.
Counselling Service	Free 8 sessions of counselling/psychotherapy with a qualified counsellor/psychotherapist. Counselling is a talking therapy that involves a trained therapist listening to you and helping you find ways to deal with emotional issues.
Personal Development	Group based programmes such as STEPS for Success and Transform Your Life, using principles of CBT and/or a life coaching approach.



Child & Family	Liz O’Sullivan Child, Family & Community Programmes Manager Phone 01 623 5612 Email losullivan@bcpartnership.ie
Parenting Programmes	Range of group based parenting programmes available throughout the year including Baby Massage, Parent & Baby Programme, Early Years, Child & Adolescent programmes.
Parent Child Plus	Parent Child + Home visiting programme: an early literacy and school readiness programme designed to support early parent/child relationship.
Youth Mental Health	To support the mental health and wellbeing being of children and young people aged 0-25 years in the Ballyfermot area.
Speech & Language	Two Senior Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs) work within the Family Matters Oral Language Programme, in early years services and primary schools intervening at universal, targeted and specialised levels with a focus on prevention and early intervention.
Childcare Fund	Providing funding for parents affected by drug and alcohol use to support childcare placements in local early years services.
Individual Family Support	Individual Family Support is provided in an integrated way within all the strands of the Family Matters programme, by our partners BTAP and Familibase, enabling parents and children to reach their potential socially, emotionally and educationally.
Education supports	In collaboration with schools and early years services, children, young people and their parents are supported to reach their potential in having high realistic expectations, and increased skills and knowledge around their future education and training.
Employment Services	Mike Burger Employment Services Manager Phone 01 623 5612 Email mburger@bcpartnership.ie
Local Area Employment Services	One to one career guidance and group-based employability supports for those in receipt of social welfare payments and others who are looking for work. Drop in career guidance available daily in Drumfinn Office.
Tús	Tús provides opportunities for people who are unemployed to break the cycle of long-term unemployment, helping to improve a person’s work readiness and support them in returning to the labour market through a 12-month work placement with local community organisations.
Pre-Employment Programmes	Group-based and individual support to move clients closer to the labour market with a particular focus on CV preparation, interview skills, motivation and goal setting, career paths, IT programmes and practical training such as manual handling.
Self-Employment Support	One to one support combined with training and mentoring to support people to set up their own businesses. Also supporting new businesses in the first two years of trading.
Ability Project	Employability Programme is aimed primarily at young adults 18 to 29 years old based in Dublin 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 20 communities who experience emotional, psychological and mental health challenges (EPMH) and/or co-occurring disabilities. Programme includes 1:1 support, group programmes and work experience components.
Careers Edge	The aim of the CareersEDGE programme is to support the employability and progression of people with a history of substance misuse. This group-based training programme runs 2-3 times annually for 12 weeks and covers personal & professional communication, employability modules and work experience placement.
Community Development	Support for local people and community groups to come together and take collective action to address community challenges, promote social inclusion and enhance life for all residents of the area.
Cherry Orchard Community Garden	The Cherry Orchard Community Garden provides an area of horticultural development and recreation for residents in the area of Cherry Orchard and is an inclusive space in a social and therapeutic setting.

Financial Summary 2022



	2022	2021
Income		
Grants from government and co-funders	5,639,779	4,705,443
Expenditure		
Charitable Activities	5,430,256	4,683,183
Net Income	209,523	22,260
Fixed Assets	21,594	7,853
Current Assets	2,656,972	1,416,941
Total Assets	2,678,566	1,424,794
Total Liabilities	2,214,308	1,170,059
Net Assets	464,258	254,735

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