

# EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

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## ECP Environmental Stewardship Project

Collinstown Park Community College transition year group worked in partnership with the ECP and South Dublin County Council to replant recently vandalised trees in the Rowlagh area. The students assisted SDCC in replanting 8 Tulip trees and 7 Hornbeams grown to an advanced stage to prevent further vandalism. This 4/5 week project culminated on National Tree Week on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.



## ECP area enhancement projects

Supported by South Dublin County Council, St. Kevin's Community College, Core builders providers and Tower Probation Programme. Community flower box planters were installed in estates in North Clondalkin. Residents were consulted on whether they would like to contribute towards a community enhancement programme whereby they help with some painting, planting and litter picking through the local authorities social credits system and the ECP would fund the box planters. Built locally in 'Tower Works' probation programme, signs were made by St. Kevin's Community College, topsoil donated by Core builders providers and flowers by residents.



## Community Clean Ups In Local Schools

Community clean ups with the main primary and post primary schools in North Clondalkin have been a priority of the ECP's work with schools. These organised clean ups are supported by SDCC environmental section and are often complimentary to the schools ongoing efforts to raise awareness of the scourge of excessive litter in an area. ECP has also supported these schools successfully apply for local authority anti litter and anti graffiti grants.



## Creative Ireland Street Art Festival


ECP Clondalkin in collaboration with Ronanstown Youth Service was successful in applying for the Creative Ireland fund, which will endeavor to create a mini street art festival due to take place this summer. We look forward to updating you on this new initiative in our next newsletter.

### NEW PROGRAMME!

We are proud to be launching our brand new Community Leadership Programme, beginning in Rowlagh Community Centre in September 2025 which will seek to work with local residents in Quarryvale, Balgaddy and Rowlagh.

The programme involves a mixture of classroom and community practice, please scan the QR code to express interest or contact Anthony to enquire.



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**Community Leadership Programme**  
September 2025

**FREE 8 week programme, one evening session every Wednesday!**

Start Date: Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> of September (8 weeks)  
Time: 5.30 to 8.30 pm  
Venue: Rowlagh Community Centre, Neilstown Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, D22 VY46.

**INFO VIDEO**

Topics include:

- Leadership Skills
- Leadership Practice
- Further Development
- Practical Challenges and more!

For questions or assistance, please contact:  
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**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE, FILL OUT THE FORM AND WE'LL GET IN TOUCH!**

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### EXPANSION

The ECP now has 17 programmes nationally. Bawnlea in Tallaght was the most recent addition to the Empowering Communities Programme and we're delighted to have them on board here in SDCP.

### LDCN

The LDCN (Local Development Companies Network) now manages the network meetings of the ECP nationally. We meet as a group quarterly to share information in a community of practice.

### SUMMER PROJECT

The ECP North Clondalkin was delighted to support the residents committee of Balgaddy with their summer project and facilitate a community bike ride.

For further information on the Empowering Communities Programme in Rowlagh, please contact Anthony:

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