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Continuous Flight Auguring

A steel auger drill descends below ground in the East Quad construction site at Grangegorman. Concrete is injected through its hollow core as it emerges from its final depth. Lastly, steel reinforcement is lowered down into the deep well of wet concrete; making a continuous pile foundation, without ever leaving an open hole. Eventually a total of 182 piles will be constructed to support the weight of the building above.



Grangegorman's first Dublinbikes arrives

Dublinbikes Arrive Three New Stations

The expansion of the Dublinbikes scheme sees new stations open at Grangegorman; two opposite the Clock Tower and one further north on Grangegorman Lower, at Ivy Avenue.

These new stations increase Grangegorman's connections throughout the city; providing additional sustainable transport to and from the campus - both key aspects of the Grangegorman Masterplan.

There are now 116 Dublinbikes stations across the city, providing secure access to 1,600 bikes.

Elections Grangegorman Residents

The term of office of the Grangegorman Development Agency Board, and that of the Consultative Group will come to an end in September 2018.

With that in mind, the agency will begin the process to elect new local resident representatives in June 2018.

The first stage of this process is for Resident Associations and Community Groups in the neighbourhood to register. Even if your group has registered for previous elections, you will need to register again. For full details visit <http://ggda.ie/agency/election-of-local-representative>, or call 01 402 4140.

Apprenticeships New Opportunities

Our Grangegorman contractors have potential apprenticeship opportunities to share with you.

We are hosting a drop-in event from 9am to 1pm, Wednesday 27th June in Rathdown House, Grangegorman.

For more, contact Kathleen McCann 01 402 4262, 087 739 1602, kathleen.mccann@ggda.ie

Primary Care Additional Services Added

The Health Service Executive Audiology and Ophthalmology services are now well established in the new Primary Care Centre. Recent months have seen the addition of GP and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Access to the Primary Care Centre is via Grangegorman Upper. The Centre is available at 01 867 6200.

One Hour Archive Grangegorman Public Art Commission

'Smile and give your face a holiday' said Alice to me as I sat down beside her at the long communal table in Aughrim Court's dining room in Stoneybatter.

Surrounded by Alice, and the other members of the Tuesday Club, I am the youngest member by about forty years, fifty in most cases. Each of them knitting, crocheting, chatting and laughing.

This is now a typical Tuesday afternoon for me. Between two and four, I meet with the club members for tea and hear tales of an area that is currently going through a rapid period of expansion, development and 'gentrification'.

Stoneybatter has always been desirable, so I'm told. Incredulously I hear that it's well past its prime but when I hear of the diverse history of trade and commerce (now long gone) along the shortest street

in Ireland 'Stoneybatter Road' I start to believe them.

Alice Fitz-Harris founded the Tuesday Club about fifteen years ago with the sole purpose of ensuring that the older members of her community were never short of company.

Fast forward to present day and the club meets once a week while also going on day trips and weekend trips. - Louis Haugh.

One Hour Archive is a GDA Pathway 2 Public Art commission by Louis Haugh. It sets out to find meaningful engagement with older members of the community; looking for their collaborative efforts to map the cultural history of Stoneybatter.

Louis will conclude his project later this year with a publication in five parts and accompanying text by writer Dr. Nathan O'Donnell.



Turning the Sod for the Central and East Quads

Brian Norton; President of DIT, Paschal Donohoe; Minister for Finance, Expenditure and Public Reform, Tom Collins Chair DIT Governing Body, Oliver Cussen, Chair GDA, Mary Mitchell O' Connor, Minister of State for Higher Education, Ger Casey, CEO GDA, Richard Bruton, Minister for Education and Skills and David Fass, CEO EMEA Macquarie Group





The changing landscape of the new Grangegorman urban quarter

Ministers Turn the Sod on the Central and East Quads State's largest-ever Higher Education Investment Breaks Ground

On Monday 30th April, the Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton TD, Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe TD, and Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD, turned the sod on the new Central and East Quads project.

This €220m Public Private Partnership (PPP) project is the largest ever investment in infrastructure for higher education in the history of the state. The 52,000m² development will create 1,600 jobs over its lifetime.

Speaking at the launch, Ger Casey (GDA CEO) said, 'Breaking ground on the Central and East Quad project is hugely important for the GDA. Not only does it mean that we are a step closer to half of Dublin Institute of Technology moving to Grangegorman, but it allows the Agency to move forward with other aspects of the overall development. I would like to acknowledge the immense work done by all of our colleagues in the Department of Education and Skills, the National Development Finance Agency, The European Investment Bank, DIT and all of our stakeholders and project partners who have helped make this happen.'

Minister for Education and Skills commented, 'We have set the ambition to make Ireland's education and training service the best in Europe by 2026. Delivering high quality facilities for our higher education institutions is important to achieving our goal. With that in mind, I am delighted to be here today to turn the sod on these critical infrastructure projects,'

Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor said, 'It is great to see construction now starting on these projects. The facilities being

delivered here at Grangegorman demonstrate the Government's commitment to supporting excellence in higher education.'

Minister Paschal Donohoe noted, 'The start of construction on these important buildings represents another important milestone in the Government's PPP programme, and illustrates our commitment to investment in the higher education sector. I will be keenly following the progression of the build over the coming two years and look forward to welcoming the first students to the new campus in 2020.'

Brian Norton said, 'A huge amount of work by many people, with the support of Ministers Bruton, Donohoe and Mitchell O'Connor, has enabled us to reach today's major milestone for DIT. By 2020, over 10,000 students and 600 staff will be based on this fantastic city-centre campus, including musicians and artists, scientists and engineers, culinary artists and event managers. They will have the opportunity to interact with one another, sharing ideas, playing sport, building communities.'

The completion of these flagship buildings will mark a huge step forward in progressing the consolidation of DIT on the Grangegorman campus, adding to the changing landscape of the new Grangegorman urban quarter.

The contract for the provision of these buildings has been entered into with the Eriugena consortium; including Macquarie Capital, John Sisk & Son, FCC Construction and Sodexo. The National Development Finance Agency, which was responsible for the procurement of the project on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills, will also monitor the construction phase.



The Grangegorman Development Agency (GDA), is a statutory agency.

This Newsletter is published by us for you. Stay in touch, come visit.

We were established to redevelop the former St Brendan's Hospital grounds in Dublin City Centre. We aim to create a vibrant new city quarter, in a way that is sensitive to the context of Grangegorman; its surrounding neighbourhood and its existing communities.

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Educate Together School Advances

The GDA hosted a public information evening recently for the new Dublin 7 Educate Together school. Two planning Permission applications have now been lodged with Dublin City Council. One is for the development of the twenty-four classroom school, designed by award-winning Grafton Architects (see below). The second application is for necessary improvement works to the junction of Rathdown Road and Grangegorman Upper.



D7 Educate Together Primary School, Proposed East Elevation
Drawing - Grafton Architects



Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara (Grafton Architects)
Photo - Andrea Avezzu. Courtesy La Biennale di Venezia



O'Donnell + Tuomey Architects - 'Folding Landscape - East and West'
Photo - Andrea Avezzu. Courtesy La Biennale di Venezia

Irish Architects Setting Global Agenda

Grangegorman Designers Curate the 16th International Architecture Exhibition

'A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in' - Greek proverb. This unpretentious aphorism concludes Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara's (Grafton Architects) FREESPACE Manifesto.

The pair, architects of Grangegorman's D7 Educate Together Primary School, have curated the 16th International Architecture Exhibition - the world's greatest celebration of architecture, held every second year across multiple sites in Venice, Italy.

Grafton Architects' theme for the Biennale Architettura 2018; FREESPACE, focuses on architecture's 'ability to provide free and additional spatial gifts to those who use it, and on its ability to address the unspoken wishes of strangers.'

The sprawling exhibition includes sixty-three National Participants (pavilions), Individual Participation from seventy-one world-leading architectural practices and several Special Sections - all including very strong Irish representation.

Ireland's Pavilion, commissioned by Culture Ireland, 'FREEMARKET' was co-curated by six Irish architects and artists, including Miriam Delaney (DIT, Dublin School of Architecture).

O'Donnell + Tuomey Architects, designers of Grangegorman's Academic Hub, are among the selected Individual Participants. Presenting, 'Folding Landscape - East and West' - they link recent work of theirs; Shanghai Grand Opera House (competition entry) and the proposed Roundstone Arts Centre, Galway.

As part of a Special Section, 'Close Encounters', twenty-six practicing Irish Architects have been given a platform at the Biennale to present reflections on a series of well-known existing buildings. Among Yvonne and Shelley's ambitions for the Biennale are that 'complex ideas are made understandable', and that the 'curious general public come away refreshed by architecture.'

The Biennale is now open, and runs to November 2018.

