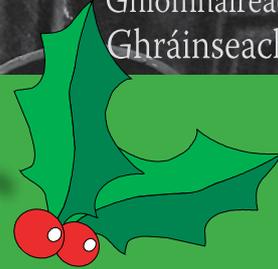


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Newsletter



*The Grangegorman Primary Care
Centre which is almost complete*



GDA End of Year message



After another jam packed year on the Grangegorman project I am delighted to inform you that the GDA is leaving 2016 behind in good health and with a bright year ahead.

It is great to be able to say that following a year and a half of legal proceedings, the Public Private Partnership which will deliver the Central and East Quads is back on track again. Already several meetings have taken place to get the process re-started and we hope to have the contractor fully onsite by summer 2017.

This will be the biggest project to take place in Grangegorman to date and will bring over 10,000 students, half of DIT, to Grangegorman.

Of course there was a lot more happening in Grangegorman in 2016 as can be seen from the list below. The Primary Care Centre is now pretty much complete and fit out should begin in the New Year. This year it was also confirmed that the new HSE Residential Care unit will go ahead and the GDA went out to tender for a design team.

The design team also appointed for the Academic Hub, which will be home to the new library as well as a range of academic services. O'Donnell + Tuomey Architects come to the Grangegorman project with a highly impressive CV both at home and abroad.

'...the lives we live'¹, the Grangegorman public art programme, was a hive of activity during 2016. It is impossible to mention everything that is happening on the public art programme because there is so much but just to mention an artist has just been appointed for the major onsite commission and we will be announcing who that is early in the New Year. There are 8 projects underway as part of Pathway 2, Community-Based Projects/Events. There is huge variety and community involvement in these projects with artists working with school children, older residents, and home owners to name but a few in the area.

A lot has happened on the Grangegorman Labour and Learning Forum this year also. The ABC project, which aims to work with young people who are in danger of poverty, got underway in earnest following the granting of nearly €1,000,000 to it. Also the business side of the forum got going this year with the first Grangegorman Business Breakfast organised by the Business & Enterprise Group.

Having taken over the helm at the GDA from Michael Hand during this year I would like to acknowledge all of the work Michael did here on the Grangegorman project over the past 5 years. He was key to keeping the project moving during some difficult times and I know I can say on behalf of all the team here that it was a pleasure to work with him.

I would to finish now by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year on behalf of all the GDA. We look forward to working closely with everyone on the project in what promises to be a very busy 2017.


Ger Casey



GDA 2016 Year Overview

JANUARY

- Construction of the Primary Care Centre and refurbishment of the protected Laundry building ongoing

FEBRUARY

- GDA seeks new BIM Manager and Health & Safety Coordinator 5th Feb
- James Mary O'Connor TEDx talk on Transformative Power of Education is available online

MARCH

- DIT Cathal Brugha St is put up for sale 2nd March
- Hermitage Green video Make it Better shot in Clock Tower launch
- Practice parade for St Patrick's Day by School of Creative Arts and Colorado School of Mines on campus
- Dublin Bikes secure funding for extension to Grangegorman
- Michael Hand resigns as CEO of Agency 30th March



APRIL

- Brendan Behan lecture in St Laurence
- Unthink receive award for design of '...the lives we live' booklet
- ABC Showcase takes place 22nd April
- GDA advertises position for new CEO 22nd April
- Adaptive Reuse Project wins award at the Irish Building and Design Awards 22nd April
- Repair work takes place in the playground to replace zipline and protective ground surface 27th April
- The first Pathway 2 project The Masterplan is announced 27th April



MAY

- Pathway 2 Q&A takes place 4th May
- Nationwide feature on Grangegorman is aired 16th May
- Francis Haughey Construction sign contract for Clock Tower Works 19th May
- Grangegorman Public Art facebook goes live 20th May
- Alice Maher piece The Axe (and the waving girl) is installed in the Cultural Garden 24th May
- O'Donnell + Tuomey announced as Design Team for the Academic Hub 30th May



JUNE

- The Luas works and construction of the bridge to facilitate Broadstone Gate continues
- DIT School of Creative Arts Graduate Exhibition takes place first week of June
- Creative Agents in the Local Community event takes place with Prof Doris Sommer 10th June
- Deadline for Pathway 2 Round submission 24th June
- Home on the Grange project is announced 27th June



JULY

- Windows on the Laundry building are all restored
- Minister Bruton publishes Cassells Report in Grangegorman 11th July
- Wall between Grangegorman and Broadstone starts to be demolished 12th July
- Ger Casey announced as new CEO 15th July



AUGUST

- Dublin Lord Mayor Brendan Carr visits Grangegorman 4th August
- Landscaping works get underway on the Primary Care Centre
- Dublin Bikes extension put on hold 11th Aug
- Dublin Decoded Walking Tour takes place at Grangegorman 30th August



SEPTEMBER

- Mayor of Atlanta Kasim Reed visits the site 1st September
- GAA pitch opens for matches 14th Sept
- Information on playground and GAA pitch is published 23rd Sept
- Blog page goes live 28th Sept

OCTOBER

- New procurement process announced for Phase 1 Student Accommodation 3rd Oct
- The Masterplan film is screened in the Lighthouse Cinema 4th October
- Open call for Lending Artworks to the Primary Care Centre commences 5th October
- Pathway 2 Round 3 Q&A session held 11th Oct
- Public Information Evening for Temp Surface Car Park 11th October
- First Grangegorman Business Breakfast is held 12th Oct
- Songs About Home music and spoken word evening takes place in St Laurence 15th Oct
- GDA participate in Open House tours of the North House 15th Oct
- High Court decides to dismiss the case regarding the PPPs. GDA await 28 day process for appeals before PPPs project can reengage.



NOVEMBER

- Deadline for submissions for Lending Artworks to Primary Care Centre 23rd Nov
- GDA goes out to tender for design services for the Residential Care Centre 25th Nov
- Park Shopping Centre Link extends opening hours to include Saturdays until 6pm

DECEMBER

- PPPs High Court appeals date passes with no objections. The project is given the go ahead to proceed 7th Dec
- I'll Be in Your Camp: Will You Be in Mine? project announced 12th Dec
- Presentations on 4 Pathway 2 projects take place 13th Dec
- Deadline for Residential Care Centre submissions 20th Dec
- Dublin Winter Solstice Festival to take place at Grangegorman 21st Dec