

Happy New Year

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# DUBLIN WEST UPDATE

Castleknock, Blanchardstown, Clonee, Clonsilla,  
Mulhuddart, Ashtown & Navan Road.

Best wishes for the New Year to everyone in Dublin West.



NEW YEAR 2012/2013

## BOOST FOR SPORT IN DUBLIN WEST

There's a huge boost for sports projects in Dublin West as my Department is allocating €778,790 for new facilities, with further funding due in the near future.

Sixteen projects are getting funding, mainly under the new round of sports capital funding from my Department. This will provide new pitches, changing rooms, goalposts and other essentials.

Some €598,790 has been confirmed for Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council and local clubs in Dublin West for 12 different sports projects under the first round of local sports capital funding in four years. This will make a big difference to the clubs and communities

Further sports capital funding of €130,000 has also been confirmed under the national round of sports capital funding: for the FAI Leinster Football League in Phoenix Park, the National Deaf Sports and Leisure Centre on Navan Road, and Canoeing Ireland.

A further €10,000 shall be allocated to the Hartstown/Huntstown Football Club under the Youth Services Programme. It will also create desperately needed jobs in construction.

This funding will help people throughout the constituency by giving them more opportunities to get involved in sport, whatever their ability. In times like this when resources are stretched, financial support is even more significant.

The following will receive grants:

- Ongar Community Centre - €172,752, Sport and recreation all-weather community facility
- Coolmine Rugby Football Club - €159,045, Playing Surface development (natural), Floodlighting
- St Catherine's Park, Laraghcon - €48,000, fitness training
- Castleknock Celtic FC - €11,163, Dressing Room/ Shower/Toilets, Equipment



Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport Leo Varadkar opens a new mountain bike trail in the Dublin Mountains.

- John Paul II Park, Navan Road - €49,289, general sports facilities and drainage works
- Coolmine Gymnastics Club - €25,000, Equipment
- St Brigid's GAA Club €40,328, Equipment, Goalposts, Hurling Wall, Security Fencing
- Phoenix Cricket Club - €29,146, Playing surface development (synthetic), Dressing Room/Shower/Toilets, Equipment, Gymnasium, Security Fencing
- St Oliver Plunkett Eoghan Ruadh GAA Club - €22,783, Playing Surface development (natural), Equipment
- Westmanstown Gaels/Garda GAA Club - €18,244, Goalposts
- St Mochta's Football Club - €18,040, Equipment
- Tyrrelstown GAA Club - €5,000, Equipment
- Hartstown/Huntstown - €10,000\*
- FAI Leinster Football League, Phoenix Park - €20,000
- National Deaf Sports and Leisure Centre, Navan Road - €100,000
- Canoeing Ireland, Strawberry Beds- €50,000

A number of grants made by the last government have been re-confirmed and can still be drawn down in the next few years. These include Castleknock Hurling & Football club, which has €350,000 outstanding, and Coolmine Community School Sports Complex, which has €280,000 outstanding. Funding could not be provided to nine other clubs or projects as the applications were ineligible for grant funding. However, the Department proposes to have another round of funding in the next year or so, and all clubs and local authorities will be entitled to apply.

All applications under the national scheme were initially examined to see if they met the minimum requirements. Applications were typically ineligible for a range of reasons, such as: access to own funding; proof of evidence of title to the property where the project is to be located; planning issues; or insufficient sporting content in the application.



Leo Varadkar pictured at the Headstrong event on the role of sports in positive mental health at Blanchardstown Institute of Technology.

All valid applications received by the deadlines were initially assessed against a number of criteria including: effects on participation; level of disadvantage in the area; level of own funding available; sharing of facilities; previous SCP funding. \* Provided by the Minister for Children and Youth affairs, Frances Fitzgerald.

## BUDGET 2013

The 2013 Budget is very tough and is the toughest you will see from this Government. I know that many families across Dublin West are already experiencing difficulties, and do not relish the prospect of further measures. This is hard for the families and individuals who have already endured five tough Budgets and a deep recession.

It won't be easy for people to bear the additional burden placed on them in this Budget. The Government has tried to ensure that the burden is being borne on broad shoulders, with everyone contributing something and those who earn the most and own the most contributing most.

No government wants to bring in a budget like this and no government wants to be unpopular. But we were elected to balance the books and get the economy

back to health so it can create new jobs again, and that is what we are doing. However, there is a reason for taking these difficult decisions. All things going to plan, and with a little bit of luck, this time next year we will have said goodbye to the troika, made our debt position more sustainable, and a real recovery will be underway - particularly in terms of rising employment, if not incomes.

Budget 2013 has important measures to protect and create jobs, including

jobs in transport, aviation, and tourism. We will finish a small number of road projects next year, and work will start on the long-awaited Luas Cross-City route to link up the Luas lines in town and link our train line to Luas at Broombridge.

As always, I will be producing a leaflet detailing your entitlements and taxes in the New Year. Know Where You Stand will be available early in 2013 and will be distributed to homes throughout the constituency.

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FINE GAEL

## ASHTOWN AND NAVAN ROAD: WELCOME TO THE CONSTITUENCY



The number of TDs in the Dáil is being reduced from 166 to 158 from the next general election. There will be fewer TDs than at any time since 1981 even though the country's population has increased by over a million people since then. From 2014, the number of local councils will be reduced and there will be about 400 fewer councillors, meaning there will be fewer councillors than at any time since 1898. A referendum will also be held on the abolition of the Seanad.

To facilitate the slimming down of the Dáil and to take account of the most recent census, it has been necessary to redraw the constituency boundaries. As a result the Navan Road, Ashtown, Blackhorse Avenue and Rathbourne/Pelletstown areas will move from Dublin Central to Dublin West, which currently comprises the Dublin 15 area including Castleknock and Greater Blanchardstown. This change does not come into effect until the next general election and Paschal Donohoe remains your TD until then. However, we will be working together to represent the area during the transition. Cllr Mary O'Shea remains your local councillor.

## NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

There's more news for our children with the announcement of a new site for the new Children's Hospital. St James's put in an excellent bid. We can now set about providing a world-standard children's hospital on a single site.

St James's is a good choice, and will be easily accessible for everyone living in Dublin West. The site is on the hospital grounds and is owned by the hospital, it is close to the M50, and is well-served by public transport including Luas. St James's is already the largest hospital in the country with adult specialities, research and academic facilities already on site.

However, I want to pay tribute to Connolly Hospital which came very close to being selected. Connolly put in a superb application, and for a while was being touted as the front-runner in the selection process. I was very happy to assist Connolly's application with the offer of National Sports Campus lands, free of charge, to build the new children's hospital. The process should remind us how lucky we are to have a hospital like Connolly, and its staff, in the constituency and that it still has huge potential for expansion and upgrading.

The important thing now is to get on with the job and build the new children's hospital which has been promised for 20 years.

### 2014 Opening Date for Corduff Primary Care Centre

The HSE has confirmed that the new primary care centre for Corduff is due to open in 2014, and a design team is now being sought. This is a breakthrough for the project, which will be of huge benefit to Corduff and the wider area if constructed.

The primary care centre will be a one-stop-shop for health services including GP care, along with many other services. Campaigners have sought this centre for many

years and it will be a very important addition to the area. A Primary Care Team for Corduff is already in place and has been working out of Hartstown for some time. I'm delighted with this announcement and I really want to thank Minister Reilly.

However, there have been a lot of false starts for this project and I won't be satisfied until the ribbon is cut on opening day.

## CHILDREN'S REFERENDUM

This year voters made history by passing the long-awaited Children's Referendum. I want to thank everyone who voted in the referendum in Dublin West whether they voted for the amendment or against it. As Fine Gael Director of Elections for the Referendum, and as a local TD, I was very pleased that Dublin West had one of higher turnouts in the country and was in Top 10 in the country in the percentage of people who voted YES.

This was a historic vote which enshrined children's rights in the constitution for the first time.

This important and democratic

decision will be remembered for years to come as a landmark day for all our children. Ireland's children now enjoy the explicit protection of the Constitution. It also allows for an essential reform to the adoption process, by ensuring that all children are treated equally under the law. I want to pay tribute to Children's Minister Frances Fitzgerald for her work, and to say thank you to everyone who voted.



Leo Varadkar pictured at the count for the Children's Referendum.

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