



Welcome to our second news brief in September.

Reuse Month

Free Tour of the Community Reuse Network & Ecomattress

October has been designated Reuse Month to raise awareness about the economic and environmental benefits of reuse. Throughout this month, there will be a coordinated series of events across the country. As part of Reuse Month October, the Community Reuse Network would like to invite interested Dublin PPN members on a tour of the Rediscover Centre and Ecomattress on **Friday 20th October from 10-1pm**.

The Rediscovery Centre is a social enterprise dedicated to providing community employment and training via innovative reuse enterprises which use waste and unwanted materials as a resource and raw material for new product design. They have four reuse enterprises (Rediscover Furniture, Rediscover Fashion, Rediscover Paint and Rediscover Cycling) which use waste and unwanted materials as a resource and raw material for new product design.

The aim of Ecomattress is to build a self sustaining Social Economy Enterprise creating full time employment and developing markets for the waste derived from deconstructed mattresses. They separate all the materials contained in mattresses and bed bases including steel springs, foam, cloth and wood. The wood is cut and packed as kindling and the springs, foam, cloth are baled and sent to companies who are fully permitted and specialise in the further processing of these materials.

To register your interest for this tour please email nina.farrell@dublincity.ie. Please note that places are limited and will be offered on a first come basis.

BlueFire Street Fest

Free Intercultural Arts Festival

BlueFire Street Fest returns to Smithfield square this **Saturday 16th September** from 2 - 8pm with an exciting program that includes interactive workshops, street performances, pop-up interactive activities, live street art, YouthTalks, a teen zone, kids area, craft & food markets and more!

To mark the 5th edition, Bluefire have decided to extend the show by bringing BlueFire After Hours. From 8pm – 2am, you can continue exploring what makes our Dublin community great at these special events curated in partnership with some of Smithfield's top venues.

- Community Talks @ Third Space Cafe - 8pm
- Igers of Dublin Photo Exhibition @ Jameson Distillery - 8pm
- Comedy Night @ Generator hostel - 8pm
- Spoken word @ Generator hostel - 8pm
- Basork & Farah Elle @ Sin É - 8pm
- BlueFire'd up! @ Generator hostel - 10pm till late!

For more information visit bluefirestreetfest.ie,

Visit the Facebook Event

Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/458803607825441/>

Watch Highlight's from 2016

at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dldylsimzy4>

Environmental Pillar

In order to increase the engagement of environmental groups and individual environmentalists in their local PPN, the Environmental Pillar received funding for a dedicated worker to focus on capacity building in this regard.

Catherine O'Toole will be working to increase engagement in the Environmental Pillar of the PPN and to expand the database of environmental organisations in Ireland. In order to educate and inspire those working with the PPNs Catherine will be providing complimentary training opportunities to environmental representatives. These will be organised together with your PPN, and will help you use available resources to the best advantage.

Catherine would also like to keep you up to date on national news and events. Please email her at catherine@ien.ie so that she can contact you with future opportunities.

For further information please contact Catherine at 01-8780116

A Playful City

KLM Airlines and a Playful City are hosting an open design competition for entrants of any age from Dublin to come up with an exciting, inclusive and innovative idea for a playful intervention in a proposed site of Hanover Quay. The winner will speak at the Design Meets Play conference and get to see their idea come to life in 2017-2018. Check out www.playindublin.com for more information.

A Playful City will host a conference and hackathon – ‘Design Meets Play’ on **17th October**. The conference will discuss key themes on how cities can become more playful and inclusive for its inhabitants. The format will consist of interactive panels, workshops, and city walks. Speakers include: Adrian Voce, Dr. Jackie Bourke, Amica Dall (Assemble), Maguerite Hunter Blair (Play Scotland), Elger Blitz (Carve), Aoife Cooling (Google), Robert Kennedy (Baltic Street Adventure Playground). At the hackathon in the evening, they will take the learnings shared during the day and from the consultations to ‘hack’ play and develop prototypes for temporary interventions in proposed identified locations in Dublin. These interventions will then be implemented over the next months, into 2018.

Check out www.aplayfulcity.com for more information.

Bridgefoot Street Open Day Garden Compost Workshop & Open Day Harvest

There will be a stop food waste compost workshop with garden open day and potato harvest at Bridgefoot Street Community Gardens, Liberties, Dublin 8 on **Saturday 16th of September** from 10-4pm.

Schedule of Activity:

- 10 am – 12 pm: Composting talk and construction of pallet composter with Craig Benton
- Weeding and garden tidy up for composting materials
- 12pm – 1 pm: Potato Harvest
- 1pm – 2 pm: Lunch
- 2pm – 4pm: Building a Wormery to make use of food scraps.

Stop Food Waste have written a guide describing the different methods of composting waste material, and helping you to save money on waste charges. You can download your own household guide

at <https://we.tl/2015M1mktz>

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