

Welcome to our third news brief in March.

Garda Vetting & Child Protection Free Training Day

What does your organisation need to do to keep children and vulnerable adults safe?

What should you do if are concerned about a child's safety and welfare?

[Dublin City PPN](#), [Dublin City Volunteer Centre](#) and [New Communities Partnership](#) are collaborating to bring you a free training programme on Garda Vetting and Child Protection.

This training takes place on **Saturday 22nd April from 9.30am - 3.00pm** in the Wood Quay Venue.

This training is for Community groups/organisations based in the Dublin City area that are registered with Dublin City PPN, Dublin City Volunteer Centre or New Communities Partnership.

Places are limited. Please register early at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/garda-vetting-child-protection-training-tickets-32886503417>

PPN Website

The second phase of the new Dublin City PPN Website has just gone live! Check it out at <http://dublincityppn.ie>.

All groups who had given us permission to share their details are listed under our new Members Directory. Please check that we have the most up to date details for your group.

Any changes can be sent to nina.farrell@dublincity.ie. Any groups who

would now like to share their details can do so by sending the information to Nina.

Traffic Management Changes - North and South Quays

Dublin City Council invite feedback on proposed traffic management changes on the North and South Quays.

The commencement of passenger services on the Luas Cross City link to Broombridge in December 2017 will have a major impact on street and junction capacity of Dublin City and it will require significant changes to the traffic network to protect the substantial investment in Luas LCC and to ensure that the commencement of passenger services in December 2017 will be successful.

Luas LCC line crosses the North and South Quays at both O'Connell Bridge and the Rosie Hackett Bridge and without significant changes to east-west traffic movement along the Quays these two areas will become major sources of delays and congestion to all modes of transport.

Therefore it is essential that these proposed changes come into effect prior to the opening of the Luas LCC and it is proposed that they are introduced in August 2017 to allow for the changes to have a period of time to "bed down" and to facilitate the beginning of trial running and testing of Trams in that month.

Proposed scheme - North Quays

The proposals for the north quays include a new dedicated bus lane from Ormond Quay to Bachelors Walk and across to Eden Quay, with buses stops being extended. It is proposed that left turning general traffic will be allowed to access Bachelors Walk as far as O'Connell Bridge. This will facilitate access to car parks and deliveries into the O'Connell Street, Henry Street and Abbey Street areas. Remove General vehicular traffic from Eden Quay at O'Connell Bridge and to reconfigure Eden Quay as far as Marlborough Street as a public transport, cycling and pedestrian only link.

Eden Quay is to consist of two eastbound bus lanes (one for buses stopping) on the north side of the road and the taxi rank will remain on the building side. The right turn from Bachelors Walk onto O'Connell Bridge will be removed for general vehicle traffic, but will remain for buses, taxis and cyclists.

Proposed scheme - South Quays

It is proposed to provide an additional bus lane along Georges Quay,

Burgh Quay, Aston Quay and Wellington Quay. This will facilitate the provision of additional bus stopping points, and the overtaking of stopping buses. One lane of general traffic will be retained along this length of the south quays, which will limit the level of westbound through traffic while facilitating access for retail and commercial premises.

In order to line the bus up to access the bus lane on the North Quays, a new dedicated bus lane is planned on Winetavern Street. Plans and particulars of the proposed changes are attached.

Submissions or observations may be made until **10th April 2017** either by completing the survey online [here](#) or by email to citycentreprojects@dublincity.ie

Proposed Renewal of Business Improvement District Scheme

A proposal to renew the Business Improvement District Scheme (BID) has been received from the Dublin City Centre BID Company Ltd Trading As Dublin Town in respect of the Retail Core of Dublin 1 and Dublin 2. The current BID scheme will expire on December 31st, 2017.

The purpose of the Business Improvement District is to enable ratepayers within the boundaries of the proposed BID to draw up a scheme of projects, services and works which are additional to those provided by Dublin City Council and are carried out for the benefit of the BID district.

If the Local Authority approves the proposal to renew the scheme, having first conducted a plebiscite of local ratepayers, the BID scheme will continue for a further five years, commencing on January 1st, 2018. The scheme will be financed by an annual BID contribution levy imposed on and collected from ratepayers of rateable property within the proposed Business Improvement District.

The key objective of this BID scheme is to continue to develop initiatives designed to promote and improve the trading environment for the area within the BID boundary in which the ratepayers operate their businesses. The scheme will include services to enhance and promote the business improvement district and the development of plans and proposals to generate and protect trade.

The BID proposal may be inspected and/or purchased at the Customer Services Centre, Ground Floor, Block 3, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8 until 5.00pm on Friday April 7th (excluding weekends and Bank Holiday). The purchase price is €20. It will also be available for inspection at Dublin City Library, ILAC Centre, Dublin 1 during normal working hours. The BID proposal is also available to view on www.wearedublintown.ie/renewal/

Submissions in relation to the proposed BID may be made in writing to Ms. Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh, Senior Executive Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Block 4, Floor 4, Civic Offices, Dublin 8 or by email to Deirdre.NiRaghallaigh@dublincity.ie before 5pm on **Friday April 7th**.

Consultation on Passengers Rights in Multimodal Transport

The EU has adopted a set of legislation ensuring that passengers have rights when they travel by plane, train, ship and bus. However, when different modes of transport are used one after the other to complete one journey, passengers' rights are not guaranteed for their entire multimodal journey. This is due to the fact that current EU passenger rights legislations, which regulate each mode separately, cannot be applied effectively in the context of multimodal passenger transport. Therefore, when different modes of transport are used, passenger rights may not be guaranteed when transferring from one mode to another because since no legislation applies in this case.

The European Commission wants to examine options to better protect passengers in the EU when using multimodal transport. The aim of the present open public consultation is to seek the opinion of the general public about key elements of the impact assessment:

- The problems that passengers face when combining different modes of transport for the same journey, including the drivers as well as the roots of the problem,
- The options to be assessed, and
- The likely impacts of each option.

[Questionnaires](#) should be returned by **25 May 2017** at the latest.

For further information log onto http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/passengers/consultations/2017-pax-rights-multimodal-transport_en
