



Darndale Belcamp Community Pride Project



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Community Pride Project Partners:

- Darndale Belcamp Village Centre
- Darndale Residents Association
- Dublin City Council
- The Dales
- Sphere 17
- Our Lady Immaculate Junior School
- Our Lady Immaculate Senior School
- New Life Centre
- Travact
- Local Councillors
- Probation Services



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Community Pride Project Funders

- St. Stephens Green Trust
- Department of Social Protection
- Pobal
- Dublin City Council



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The Community Pride Project, a community environmental support group was set up in August 2010. Many local groups and community came together to develop this initiative, from the youngest to the oldest which really makes it work.

The project concentrates on maintaining and rejuvenating the environment making the community a better and safer place to live. There are regular clean up events, such as the painting of the walls on the main road, the rejuvenation of the basketball court, clean up event on the spine site, clean up event in Marigold, clean up event in Buttercup, not to mention our environmental workers who are out everyday working in the Community.

With the support of St. Stephen's Green Trust and FÁS we purchased our very own graffiti removal machine (not many communities can boast about this one!) and we are currently working our way around the community removing graffiti from walls and homes.

The main benefits of this project are:

- It provides local employment through the FÁS Community Employment Programme.
- It provides a safer, more pleasant place to live.
- It provides educational supports for children about their environment.
- It provides support to small environmental groups in the community.
- It provides a '**Pride of Place**'.

The Community Pride Project team are constantly looking to support residents to set up small environmental groups either by road, cul de sac, or area. The first of these environmental groups will be set up in Tulip Court in January 2012. We will work with the residents here in what ever way we can to improve their part of the community and to support them in their work.

It's all about '**Pride of Place**'.

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Bring a Brush Day Tuesday 24th August 2010

On Tuesday 24th August 2010 the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre had a Community Bring a Brush day. The day was organised to paint the walls on the main road across from the Village Centre this was the first event of it's kind and, due to the great positive response it got, it was developed into what is now known as the Community Pride Project. All the staff from the Village Centre got involved along with fifteen children and five team leaders from Sphere 17.

Participants on the day were:

- Sphere 17
- 15 Children
- 5 Leaders
- DBVC Staff



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Spine Site Community Clean Up 12th May 2011

On Thursday 12th May 2011 the Community Pride Project organised a Community Clean Up at the Spine Site beside the church in Darndale. The day involved planting trees, painting the walls and bollards in the area, cutting back over grown grass and a clean up of the whole area. There was a fantastic turn out from the people in the community, Sphere 17, Our Lady Immaculate School and all the Village Centre staff.

Participants on the day were:

- Communion and Confirmation Classes from Our Lady Immaculate School
- DBVC Staff
- Darndale Residents Association
- Community
- Sphere 17
- New Life Centre
- Dublin City Council



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Lower Buttercup Community Clean Up 29th June 2011

On Wednesday 29th June 2011 the Community Pride Project organised a Community Clean Up in the lower end of Buttercup in Darndale. Residents from the community got involved with the clean up and painting of the area. Staff from the Village Centre, Dublin City Council and the Residents Association were present and the clean up event was a great success.

Participants on the day were:

- DBVC Staff
- Darndale Residents Association
- Community
- Dublin City Council



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DHL Global Volunteer Day 3rd September 2011

On Saturday 3rd September 2011 the Community Pride Project, in conjunction with DHL organised a community clean up event in Darndale. Over 60 volunteers pledged their support by rolling up their sleeves and got involved. The Village Centre has been hugely successful in our Community Pride Project Initiative and with DHL's help it made a contribution to two projects. Firstly, volunteers rejuvenated the outdoor basketball court by painting the railings and walls, marking the court and cleaning the surrounding area. Secondly, volunteers dug in and reworked the Community Garden and transformed it back to it's original beauty. Staff from the Village Centre, DHL, members of the community, The Dales, The Probation Services, Dublin City Council and the Residents Association were all present on the day and they all generously contributed their time.

Participants on the day were:

- DBVC Staff
- DHL
- Darndale Belcamp Residents Association
- Community
- Dublin City Council
- The Dales
- Probation Services



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Community Garden October & November 2011

Through the months of October & November The Community Pride Project team took on the rejuvenation of the Community Garden in Darndale. The Dales, Probations Service, Our Lady Immaculate Junior and Senior Schools and the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre maintenance team and environmental workers all contributed to the rejuvenation project. Children from both schools came over to plant flowers and local artist Frances Verschoyle repainted the engraved plaque on the garden.



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Spine Site Community Clean Up 28th February 2012

On Tuesday 28th February 2012 The Community Pride Project organised the second community clean up at the Spine Site in Darndale. The day involved removing large amounts of graffiti from the walls in the area, clearing a lot of illegally dumped waste, painting the walls and bollards in the area, cutting back over grown grass and a clean up of the whole area. Children from Our Lady Immaculate School and all the Village Centre staff took part in the clean up and with the assistance of Dublin City Council the day was a success.

Participants on the day were:

- DBVC Staff
- Our Lady Immaculate School
- Dublin City Council
- The Dales



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Tulip Court Community Clean Up 28th May 2012

On Monday 28th May 2012 the Community Pride Project organised a community clean up event in Tulip Court in Darndale. The clean up was in preparation for the City Neighbourhood Awards which the residents of Tulip Court entered. The Community Pride Project assisted the residents in tidying the area and getting it prepared for judging. The day involved tidying up the green space in the area, cutting back overgrown grass and removing the waste, painting the lamp posts and helping the older residents clean their gardens and trim back hedging. The day was a great success and the weather helped to keep everyone in great form.

Participants on the day were:

- DBVC Staff
- Local Residents

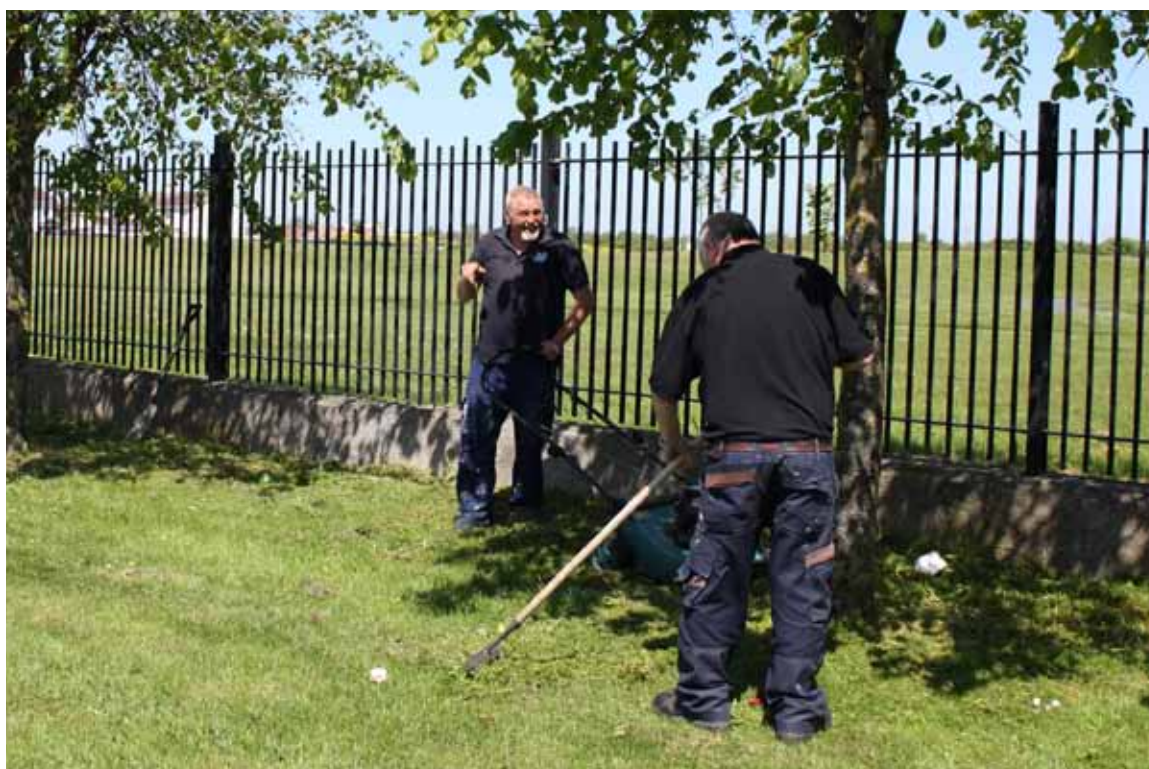


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Our Lady Immaculate School Bring a Brush Day 2nd October 2012

On Tuesday 2nd October 2012 The Community Pride Project organised a Bring a Brush day to paint the railings of Our Lady Immaculate Junior school. Members of the community were invited to participate and staff from the Darndale Belcamp Village Centre also volunteered. The day involved preparing and cleaning the railings for painting and then once prepared, the volunteers started painting. Some parents of children from the school participated on the day and overall the day was a success.

Participants on the day were:

- DBVC Staff
- Our Lady Immaculate School Staff
- Students from Our Lady Immaculate
- Local Residents
- Parents from the school



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Our Lady Immaculate Senior School Clean Up 23rd January 2013

On Wednesday 23rd January 2013, the Community Pride Project organised a community clean up event in Our Lady Immaculate Senior School. What originally started off as another community Bring a Brush day turned into more of a full-scale clean up of the school grounds. The day involved clearing out all the grass areas in the school yard, tidying up the school grounds, preparing the railings for painting and then painting the school railings.

Participants on the day were:

- DBVC Staff
- Local Residents
- Staff from OLI Senior School
- Students from OLI Senior School



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Community Bring a Brush Day - Wednesday 19th June 2013

On Wednesday 19th June 2013, the Community Pride Project had a Community Bring a Brush day. The day was organised to freshen up the paint on the walls on the Link Road in Darndale. These walls used to be plagued with graffiti before we painted them in 2010, and since then they remained graffiti-free and just needed a touch up and fresh coat of paint. All the staff from the Village Centre and volunteers from the Dales, Travact and Councillor Larry O'Toole got involved on the day.

Participants on the day were:

- DBVC Staff
- The Dales
- Travact
- Cllr. Larry O'Toole



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Environmental Workers

The Community Pride Project has two part time Community Employment Programme Environmental workers that go around the whole area cleaning up and maintaining our community. Currently our two environmental workers are Joe Cumiskey and Noel Cunningham Jr.



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Graffiti Removal Project

The purpose of the graffiti removal project is to support the work of the Community Pride Project, which focuses on the regeneration and improvement of the environment of Darndale and Belcamp. At present there are approximately 2,080 m² of graffiti on our community's walls and homes. The cost to remove this commercially would be €23,608 the Community Pride Project's cost would be much cheaper than this. Work will commence on the Graffiti Removal Project very soon. The Community Pride Project would like to extend a big thank you to Dublin City Council for providing us with over €3,500 worth of chemicals and helping us to progress further with the Community Pride Project.



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Community Environmental Groups

The Community Pride Project have supported some local residents in setting up a community environmental group in Tulip Court. This group is the first in Darndale and entered their area into the Dublin City Neighbourhood Awards and won an award for their efforts. The area came third in their category and have hopes of winning it next year. This community group is a great start for the overall community of Darndale and we hope that this will encourage other local residents to set up community groups in their areas. We have high hopes that over time they will spread out throughout the entire community and each road, cul de sac and area will reclaim their piece of Darndale and continue to develop their **'Pride of Place'**.