

Metropolitan Meeting Nov 2023

Waterford Cultural Quarter

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Mayor of Waterford City and County, Cllr Joe Conway officially opened **WCQ Place Community and Cultural Hub** on Friday 27th October. WCQ Place, 17 – 18 O'Connell Street, Waterford is a newly renovated ground floor unit which houses the services of Waterford Integration Services (WIS) and provides space for a range of language classes and community outreach services of Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board (WWETB).

Developed by Waterford City and County Council with funding from the national Project 2040 Urban Regeneration Development Fund, WCQ Place is a multi-purpose space and plans to provide flexible access to community groups, agencies and cultural and creative performance during evenings and weekends from early 2024 through an online booking system. This project is one of several in the pipeline for the Cultural Quarter.

WCQ Craft Market will take place as part of the Winterval offering this year. 10 WCQ branded market stalls with locally produced crafts will be placed on Hanover Street and will complement the main Winterval market.





Creative Waterford

The **Hill@Halloween** event took place on Ballybricken Green on 31st October 2023. This event was funded by Creative Waterford and Waterford Local Community Safety Partnership. The event was created by the Ballybricken community, supported by Spraoi. Well-known performers to people who had never been on a stage before collaborated on the project — the one thing they have in common is they all have ties to Ballybricken. Weeks of preparation went into the event and included Barrack Street Concert Band and City of Waterford Brass, Mount Sion Secondary School and the Mercy Secondary School. Due to unfavourable weather conditions not all performances could go as planned, however the event went ahead and set the seeds for continued community involvement in creative activities in the Ballybricken area.

Exciting projects with other Creative Waterford 2023 partnerships are nearing completion including projects with Waterford Gallery of Art, GOMA Gallery, Waterford Libraries, Theater Royal and Calmast at SETU.