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South Dublin
County Council

South Dublin Summer Projects Programme 2026



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Strategic Content

Purpose: support supervised summer activities for young people and strengthen community wellbeing.

- Stronger community connections
- Citizen-focused services
- Inclusion and participation
- Positive outcomes for young people



Impact and Reach

Approximately 4572 children participate in the summer programmes supported by SDCC.

36 projects for 2026 mixture of volunteer & youth service

There is currently 3 neurodiverse projects that are supported through the programme

Sensory Fun with friends

Sensory Safari

Adamstown Blue Connect



Programme Delivery

- **Examples of supported organisations**
- **Fettercairn Community Centre Summer Project**
- **Lucan Youth Fun**
- **Killinarden Community Centre Summer Camp**
- **St Pius Summer Project**
- **Quarryvale Community Centre Summer Project**

Outcomes

Recreation

Education

Arts & Culture

Personal Development

Friendships

Capacity building of Volunteers

Funding and next Steps

Priorities for future investment.

- Expand participation
- Target underserved communities
- Improve outcome measurement
- Build stronger local connections



Food poverty and provision

Supported and funded by ETB

- Quarryvale Fettercairn and Killinarden are two projects supported.
- Children engaged in projects experience food poverty - summer months no school meals
- Summer projects – pathway to give children and their families food over the duration and beyond of the project.
- Reaching children affected, reduce stigma, hunger and shame



Funding and next steps

- Continue support and growth of community summer projects.
- €80,000 budget 2026
- Over €100,000 in funding sought from applications
- 36 applications for 2026 with at least 4 new projects due for 27 bringing applications to approx. 40.
- Increase costs to projects
 - Activities in house and off site
 - Room hire
 - Materials
 - Transport costs
 - Volunteer led

Thank you

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