

# WOMAN HOSPITALIZED AFTER PUBLIC ORDER INCIDENT

On Tuesday evening, The Northern Standard received the following news release from the Garda Press Office: "Gardaí were notified by medical personnel on Monday evening, November 11th, 2024, of a woman in her twenties who had sustained injuries during a public order incident at a location in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, earlier that day. The woman received hospital treatment and was subsequently discharged. Inquiries into the circumstances of the incident is ongoing. Witnesses are asked to contact Carrickmacross Garda Station or the Garda Confidential Line 1800 666 111."

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# HAVE YOUR SAY AT IDEAS STAGE OF REIMAGINING MONAGHAN



At the Reimagining Monaghan event with some of the plans for Monaghan Town and the Convent Lands were (L-R) Kara Ward, Heritage Officer, Monaghan County Council, Donal McElwaine, Monaghan Municipal District Coordinator, Patricia Monahan, Director of Services, Monaghan County Council, Drew Hurley, Senior Executive Planner, Kevin McNally, Monaghan County Council, Katia Papkovskaia, John McLaughlin Architects, Cllr Cathy Bennett, Cathaoirleach, Monaghan County Council, Cllr Sean Conlon, Cathaoirleach, Municipal District, Senator Robbie Gallagher and Cllr Raymond Aughey. Photo Rory Geary

By Veronica Corr

Monaghan County Council, in partnership with John McLaughlin Architects and the Monaghan Town Team, have developed an ambitious heritage-led regeneration plan for Monaghan Town and St Louis Convent Lands. The project is funded by the Heritage Council, and also through the first strand of the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme (THRIVE). Presentation boards are available for viewing at the Market House and paper submissions can be made there up until the closing date for submissions, the 22nd November 2024.

On Friday afternoon, there was a public consultation event in the Market House Monaghan, where Mr. Drew Hurley, Senior Planning Executive with Monaghan County Council said: "We want your views. THRIVE funding has enabled us to carry out two elements: A Town Centre Action Plan and an option for ancillary buildings. We had an initial consultation in the shopping centre, a large number of people

made submissions and this (Draft Regeneration Plan and Options Paper) is the result. Katia (Papkovskaia) and the team at (John McLoughlin Architects) put together these reports and now we want to get your views as to what you think of them, and whether you think they are an appropriate direction for the council to go in, both for the town and the buildings themselves."

Then Ms. Katia Papkovskaia of John McLoughlin Architects commented: "To bring some life back into Monaghan Town, to enhance its qualities, we are looking to build on what you have already, rather than transform it to the point where you may not recognise it. A lot of the actions we are proposing are quite high level: to improve the shop fronts, to bring nice materials and fixtures to the town to bring a little more greener to make the town a little more climate resilient."

"We are really keen for this to be local, this plan that is specific to Monaghan Town and designed to serve the people of Monaghan," Katia concluded, adding that people were encouraged to have their say

(before the submission deadline of November 22nd.)

Cathaoirleach of Monaghan Municipal District, Councillor Sean Conlon said: "I welcome all who have assembled here for the second tier of the consultation process, that is going to see — over the short, medium and long-term — the realisation of tremendous visions that we have for the town here anchored by the recent acquisition of some of the Convent Lands, we have up on 30 acres. That forms quite an integral part of the consultation process."

"As I said at the recent reopening of the new plaza in front of the courthouse, this is only limited by our imagination. We as elected reps have been at the forefront of the consultation, but that is only a fraction of what is going to make up the final product. The most critically important part is that all of ye, the local residents, business owners, stakeholders in various capacities representing groups such as Tidy Towns and other community groups. It is limitless, this is open to everybody."

"The whole purpose of this is when the new grants open up again in the early part

# Minister Humphreys officially opens C:TEK 2 in Carrickmacross



C:TEK 2 enterprise hub representing a €3.9 million investment, €3.5 million from the Dept of Rural and Community Development, match funded €400,000 by Monaghan County Council. Pictured L-R: Enterprising Monaghan Chairperson Claire Cunningham, Monaghan County Council Chief Executive Robert Burns, Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys, Cathaoirleach of Carrickmacross/Castleblayney Municipal District PJ O'Hanlon, Cathaoirleach of Monaghan County Council Cathy Bennett and Finbarr Daly, CEO Enterprising Monaghan. Pic: Pat Byrne.

Monaghan County Council and Enterprising Monaghan were delighted to have Minister for Social Protection and Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, open the new C:TEK 2 business hub last Friday. The project is the culmination of a 4-year process which involved major capital investment in a new state of the art business centre beside the existing and successful C:TEK 1 facility in Carrickmacross.

None of this would have been possible without the significant investment and support from Minister Humphreys' Department and Monaghan County Council. The full capital investment in this new building is €3.9m euro - €3.5m grant aid from the Department and €400,000 match funding on behalf of Monaghan County Council. There are 18 offices and meeting rooms in the new C:TEK 2 complex which complement the existing C:TEK 1 facility's 19 units which are also full. Combined both facilities will support high income jobs covering a wide range of industries including financial services, elderly and vulnerable persons care services, energy companies and accreditation

bodies to name but a few. The project was designed to build upon the C:TEK 1 success and aims to encourage local companies in the region to support high income graduate opportunities.

Enterprising Monaghan who are the project managers, have over 30 years' experience of building and managing affordable workspace within the county. Currently they own and manage nine facilities which have over 50 tenants employing approximately 500 people within County Monaghan. These tenants include local and foreign entrepreneurs and businesses who work in a wide range of industries as already noted above.

In the context of C:TEK 2, Monaghan County Council and Enterprising Monaghan are delighted to say that at present there will be 11 businesses working out of the new facility who between them are aiming to create approximately 40 jobs at C:TEK 2. This would bring valuable new job opportunities to Carrickmacross and its surrounding region.

Continued on Carrickmacross News inside this week.