

SAVE OUR HALL

THE CORPUS CHRISTI HALL NEWSLETTER

Winter 2022



Our wonderful hall illustrated by Chris Judge had been serving our community in all sorts of ways for 50 years

Corpus Christi Parish Hall has been closed to the community and Corpus Christi Girls National School since March 2020. This is despite Covid related restrictions having long been eased,

Background to the Campaign

The Save Our Hall Campaign Committee was formed in January 2022 with the goal of re-opening Corpus Christi Parish Hall for school and community use.

The Hall has remained closed with the church citing 'health and safety concerns'. To date no commitment has been given by the Church to attend to any remedial works to re-open the Hall to the school and community.

The Hall had long been home (but not limited to) the following services and groups:
Montessori and Afterschool provision, McCluskey Academy of Irish Dancing, Drumcondra Ladies Club, Mother and Toddler Groups, Garda Clinic, Zumba and Parents Association Events

The school and local community continue to be impacted by the loss of these services and activities.



Dancers from the McCluskey School of Irish Dancing performing at the Save Our Hall Funday, April 2022, Photography, Paul Reardon



Campaigners, local and public representatives handing our petition into the Department of Education, Oct, 2022. R-L Paschal Nee, Aine Clancy, Yvonne Kenny, Cllr. Eimer McCormack FF, Angela Shafer, Senator Mary Fitzpatrick FF, Senator Marie Sherlock Lab, Deputy Neasa Hourigan TD Greens, Cllr. Declan Meenagh Lab, Pat Farrell.

How you can help?

Our campaign rests on your continued support

Like, Follow and Share our posts on our FB page
- Friends of Corpus Christi Hall, Drumcondra &
Twitter @SaveourHallD9.

Visit our campaign page saveourhall.ie &
subscribe to our mailing list for continued
updates.

Be part of the Change!

We continue to welcome new members in being
active supporters of our Group.

Contact:
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*Meeting with Minster Paschal Donohue TD and Cllr. Colm O'Rourke,
July, 2022.*

Since its formation in 2022 our campaign has:

Organised a hugely successful **Save our Hall Fun Day** to raise awareness of the closure of the Hall and its importance to the community. Thanks to all who contributed to the day.

Rezoning - we successfully petitioned Dublin City Council to have the zoning of the Parish Hall changed from Z1 - residential to Z15 community and amenity for the 2022 - 2028 Local Development Plan, helping to safeguard the Hall site from future development.

A further **amendment** has been added regarding the specific use of the Hall for the community.

Thanks to Cllr. Declan Meenagh, Labour

Organised and delivered a **petition to the Department of Education** asking that the department intervene with the Church and the Board to facilitate access to the Hall for Corpus Christi Girls National School.

*Stay tuned for awareness
events coming up in Dec 2022
to highlight the ongoing
closure of the Hall.*

*Never doubt that a small
group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can
change the world; indeed, it's
the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead