

Citywise Education Science and Language Centre



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Planning application approved

Citywise Education's planning application for a new, innovative Climate, Science and Language Centre adjoining its existing building in Jobstown has been approved. When the building is constructed in late 2023, new programmes on climate action, sustainable development, general science and biologics will be targeted at second- and third-level students from the west Tallaght area, opening up new and exciting employment opportunities for them. Citywise will also extend its range of support programmes for local schools, especially in the area of natural sciences and languages.

Citywise Education has had a lasting and transformative impact on young people in west Tallaght through its innovative approach to addressing educational inequality. Building on the success of its current programmes, this new development will allow Citywise to increase its present capacity by over 60%. The project is expected to involve an investment of €5 million over the next three years including substantial support from the corporate sector and trust funds. Construction is expected to commence in autumn 2022 with new programmes up and running by autumn 2023.

Primary - Third Level

With this expansion, it will allow for the development of FTA into third level, meaning support for students right throughout their education.

Scale

This project will mean that we can increase the number of students taking part in our after school programmes from **500 to 800** and reach over **2000** students across **20** local schools

Community Facilities

- New Science and Biologics lab
- 5 New Language Rooms and 4 Classrooms
- 80 Seat Lecture Hall
- 80 Extra Study



"I achieved my goal and I would have to place a large degree of that success down to the resources open to me in Citywise." - Jack (UCD)



"Citywise helped me build my confidence and opened up so many opportunities" - Mariam (UCD)



"It gave me the help and support I needed throughout school in order to achieve results that exceeded my expectations" - Robyn (Leaving Cert)

What is Involved?

The project involves the construction of a new Science and Language Centre alongside the existing Citywise Education Centre in Jobstown, Tallaght, on a site provided by the local authority, South Dublin County Council. A new multi-sports playing area will also be constructed to the east of the current building which will be available for public use.

Catering primarily for senior students (16-23), the new building will allow for a substantial increase in services - preparing local young people for college, supporting them while in college and providing top-class career advice and supports to access 21st century jobs.

“I was always interested in STEM and Citywise have been there every step of the way, introducing me to new areas of science, further inspiring me and even providing me with an internship in my field. Thanks to them I now get to study something I love.” - Jack Martin (UCD)

The additional space will complement the work already being carried out in Jobstown and will enable a 60% increase in programme activity and outreach locally.



It will also facilitate additional leadership training and dedicated career support activities for young people.

This will mean:

- Growth in regular provision from 500 to 800 young people
- 2000 students across 20 local schools involved in programmes
- Partnerships developed with 4 third-level colleges
- Greater career guidance and opportunities in the STEM, biologics and languages
- Partnerships with Ireland's top corporate employers

THE BACKGROUND

Citywise Education in Jobstown, Tallaght grew out of Citywise, a not-for-profit organisation which began in Dublin's inner city in 1991 as a response to the educational under-achievement of young people living in hostile city conditions. Now over 500 local Tallaght young people, aged from 8 to 18 years, ranging from alienated youth to young people with third level aspirations, attend Citywise Education's character building, education and sporting programmes each week. A multiple of that number engage in programmes hosted by Citywise Education for fifteen local schools.

