

Presentation Sisters launch community project



On the Nano Nagle Bridge were Johnny McGrath, Norma Roche and Keiran Kealy from the Lantern Project prepare for their official launch.

Lighting way for city's vulnerable

A NEW community project aimed at developing skills and promoting education and social inclusion in Cork city is being launched today.

The Lantern Project has been set up by the Presentation Sisters to meet the needs of vulnerable people across the city.

Norma Roche, project coordinator, said that they were inspired by the founder of the Presentation Sisters, Nano Nagle, one of the most important figures in Cork's

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educational history.

"It draws its inspiration from Nano Nagle who was known as the Lady of the Lantern, as she went about visiting families and setting up schools in this area of Cork.

The Lantern also represents hope and direction for people in their lives," she said.

"The project has partnered with the Social and Health Education Project (SHEP) in trying to develop healthy and resilient people

and communities," she added.

The project offers courses across a wide range of areas, all aimed at empowering the people taking them.

Courses are available in health and wellbeing, coping with grief, English and communication, and stress management.

The project also educates through creativity.

A part-time outreach worker for men is currently being sought to help expand the project.

The launch will take place today at 5.30pm at Georges Quay.