

# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

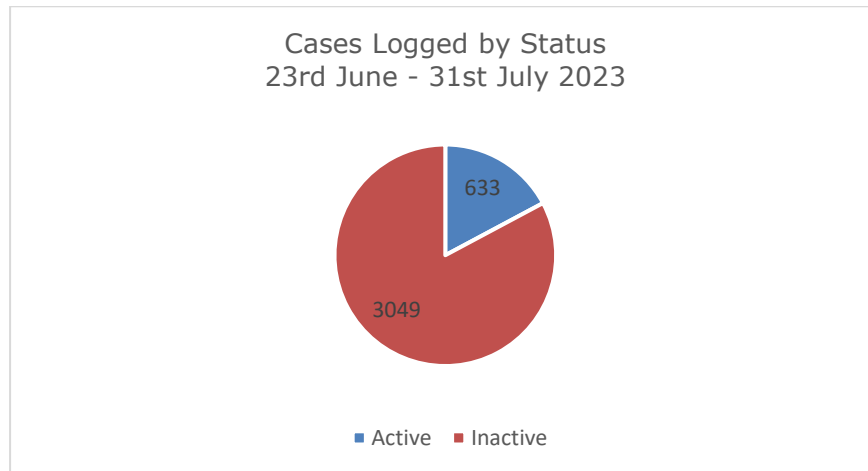
## **JULY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**23 June – 31 July 2023**

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Director: Stephen Brady	
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Director: Helena Cunningham	
<b>Housing *</b>	
Director: Catherine Keenan	
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Director: Aidan Blighe	
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Director: Anne Devine	
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Director: Therese Langan	

\*Included in Quarterly Management Report

### Civic Hub Stats

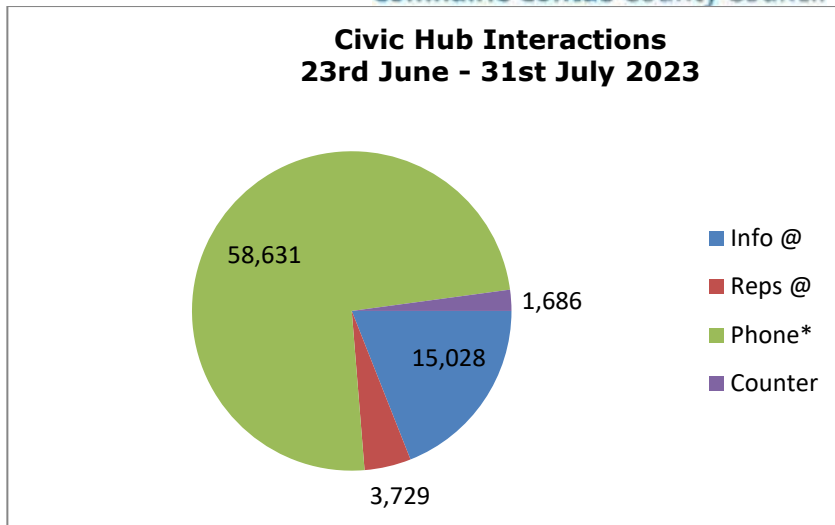


### Cases logged from 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Open	633
Closed	3049

### Cases Logged from 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	1	16	17
Arts	2		2
Communications	26	464	490
Community	4	2	6
Corporate Services	7	1	8
DEACTIVATED USERS	1		1
dlrcoco	2	1	3
Enterprise		1	1
Environment	72	350	422
Finance	9	306	315
Forward Planning Infrastructure	1	3	4
Harbour	1	13	14
Housing	23	199	222
Libraries		3	3
Municipal Services	23	307	330
Parks	286	428	714
Planning	9	23	32
Property	5	9	14
Transportation	151	801	952
Waste Enforcement	9	105	114
Water Services	1	17	18
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>3049</b>	<b>3682</b>



\* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from**

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	9014	1461








Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2750	614	3364

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	155	43	198

**Website Activity – page views**

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	327,673
dlrLibraries	46,095

## Social Media Activity

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
<b>Reporting Period</b> Jun 23, 2023 - Jul 31, 2023	<b>85,321</b> ↗ 1.5%	<b>1,264</b> ↗ 52.1%	<b>845</b> ↘ 30.6%	<b>1,388,568</b> ↘ 4.7%	<b>58,921</b> ↗ 10.3%	<b>4.2%</b> ↗ 15.8%	<b>15,484</b> ↗ 2%
<b>Compare to</b> May 15, 2023 - Jun 22, 2023	<b>84,033</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,457,354</b>	<b>53,397</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>15,181</b>
 @DLR_Libraries	8,776	2	39	32,461	1,157	3.6%	0
 @dlrArts	3,046	17	48	27,443	636	2.3%	156
 @dlrcc	19,935	104	215	359,514	9,793	2.7%	8,426
 @dlrheritevents	4,013	12	53	34,067	833	2.4%	287
 @leo_dlr	5,598	-4	20	3,281	37	1.1%	0
 dlrcoco.ie	7,418	244	171	188,429	3,030	1.6%	321
 dlrevents	13,789	600	38	185,127	11,280	6.1%	758
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	18,490	179	181	429,738	24,963	5.8%	3,987
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,256	110	80	128,508	7,192	5.6%	1,549

### Press Queries

There were 17 press queries received during this period.

### Freedom of Information

There were 17 FOI requests received during this period.

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2023**

50.00%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	29,488,735	72,721,224	40.55%
B	Road Transport & Safety	16,110,264	35,181,888	45.79%
C	Water Services	6,857,755	12,568,752	54.56%
D	Development Management	20,422,535	28,095,012	72.69%
E	Environmental Services	17,853,005	36,294,420	49.19%
F	Recreation & Amenity	18,861,613	37,496,868	50.30%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,249,153	4,792,800	67.79%
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,014,874	9,364,272	53.55%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>117,857,934</b>	<b>236,515,236</b>	<b>49.83%</b>

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	25,185,737	64,175,328	39.25%
B	Road Transport & Safety	6,468,583	13,012,752	49.71%
C	Water Services	4,734,580	8,420,220	56.23%
D	Development Management	10,238,444	6,560,712	156.06%
E	Environmental Services	3,437,744	7,498,392	45.85%
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,637,096	5,699,244	46.27%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,527,798	3,369,900	75.01%
H	Miscellaneous Services	8,922,172	17,213,376	51.83%
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>64,152,154</b>	<b>125,949,924</b>	<b>50.93%</b>

LPT	Local Property Tax	6,283,302	12,566,604	50.00%
RA	Rates	49,211,436	97,998,804	50.22%
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>119,646,892</b>	<b>236,515,332</b>	<b>50.59%</b>

<b>Balance as at 30/06/2023</b>	<b>€1,788,958</b>	<b>Surplus</b>
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DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2023				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/06/2023 €
<b>1 Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	19,396,542	63,864,941	69,491,053	25,022,655
<b>2 Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	7,132,720	20,319,058	19,730,128	6,543,790
<b>3 Total Water Services</b>	2,106,576	369,747	458,920	2,195,749
<b>4 Total Development Management</b>	190,242,443	24,283,239	2,491,117	168,450,320
<b>5 Total Environmental Services</b>	2,177,644		199,500	2,377,144
<b>6 Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	13,896,870	5,106,563	2,804,246	11,594,553
<b>7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health &amp; Safety</b>	4,040,386	519,548		3,520,838
<b>8 Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	40,954,458	354,929	466,202	41,065,731
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>279,947,639</b>	<b>114,818,025</b>	<b>95,641,165</b>	<b>260,770,779</b>

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/06/23						
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €		Balance at 30/06/2023		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
<b>RATES</b>	25,264,293		65,990,062		45,648,401	20,341,661

## Drainage & Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a constraints study, hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders continue. A Ground Investigation Contract is complete. We have received preliminary approval from Irish Rail to tunnel under the rail line. Public Consultation on the preferred option took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The environmental impacts review is complete. The scheme was presented to Area Councillors in early June and has now been submitted for Part 8.

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey is complete. Further topographical survey work has been done. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost beneficial scheme is achievable. An initial public engagement has been completed following short briefing sessions with Area Councillors. The on-site investigation work is largely completed. The options for the project are being considered. Interim technical reports have been developed for some option locations due to the complexity of the



project. Initial discussions have now begun with a small number of landowners. Options are currently being refined.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially complete and final draft mapping and draft options have been submitted for review.





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## Planning and Economic Development

### Planning Applications – monthly statistics 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	148	148
Decision Deferred	0	18	18
Decision to Grant**	0	150	150
Decision to Refuse**	0	13	13
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	140	140
Invalid Applications	0	19	19

\*Includes 14 Applications for Retention.

\*\*Split decisions; Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (inc. For Retention) are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

2 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse).

### Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications

Planning Applications received under Section 5 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large-scale Residential Development) Act 2021.

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD23A/0505	<p>Dante Property Company Ltd. The Sentinel, Block C at the former Allegro Site, Blackthorn Drive, Sandyford Business Estate, Sandyford, Dublin 18.</p> <p>Development will comprise of completion of Sentinel Building to provide for 110no. apartments. Particulars are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of 22 no. 1 bed units, 60 no. 2bed units &amp; 28 no. 3 bed units along with provision of associated residential communal spaces both at terrace roof level and within the building. Ancillary communal spaces at ground level within the building will include for a resident's gym and resident's lounge.</li> <li>• The provision of 2 no. additional floors on the existing 6 storey section of the existing Sentinel building.</li> <li>• Provision of associated internal works and elevational works to complete the building.</li> <li>• Provision of associated car parking and motorcycle parking at basement level.</li> <li>• Provision of electric vehicle charge points with associated site infrastructure ducting to provide charge points for residents.</li> <li>• Provision of associated bicycle storage facilities at basement level and bin storage facilities.</li> <li>• Provision of associated bicycle storage facilities at ground level.</li> <li>• Use of existing access from Blackthorn Drive.</li> <li>• Provision of ESB substation at ground floor level.</li> </ul>	27/07/2023	30/08/2023	<a href="http://www.thesentinelldr.com">www.thesentinelldr.com</a>	20/09/2023

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/96757>

### Planning Counter Figures: 23<sup>rd</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023

Customers Served	397
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### RZLT update

- A total of 82 submissions on the draft RZLT map were received by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- There were no third-party submissions seeking the inclusion of additional lands.
- DLR had until 1st April 2023 to make a determination on submissions.
- A Supplemental Map, showing new sites only has been published, submissions on this were open from 1st May 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

### Building Control: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	28
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	21
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/2
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	16
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	18/0
Commencement Notices Validated	87
7 Day Notices received	10
Completion Certs Validated	31

\*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs, 7 Day Notices & Rev Fire Certs

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

### Dún Laoghaire Harbour

#### Cruise Ship Business

The Cruise Ship Season has commenced with approximately 95 Cruise Ships booked in for 2023 at present with over 160,000 passengers and 68,000 crew. We are working with the Tourism Department, the Dun Laoghaire Business Association and the Dun Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce to maximise the local benefits of the cruise visitors.

#### Grant Funding

The Brexit Adjustment Local Authority Marine Infrastructure (BALAMI) Scheme 2022 – 2023 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has launched a Second Tranche call for applications. Dún Laoghaire Harbour received over €3 million in grant funding from the first tranche. We submitted 5 grant applications to this scheme by the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and have been awarded another €1 million in grant funding for improvements on the Carlisle Pier.

#### Projects:

##### National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 Grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalising the grant process and agreements with the project partners. An MOU has been signed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland in order to set out and agree the objectives of the project.

A concept brochure was presented to the Elected Members during the February council meeting and has since been published. It is hoped that this initiative will assist in building momentum and support for the project. This document was presented to councilors in February 2023.

**Berth 2 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)**

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. We are awaiting Foreshore consent to proceed to works on site.

Grant funding has recently been secured for the installation phase of this project from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme.

**Berth 3 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)**

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to replace the Berth 3 fenders from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. The project has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project as it is a mirror image of the Berth 2 fender project.

**Carlisle Pier Deck repairs and lighting**

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to resurface the deck of the Carlisle Pier and install lighting towers from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This project has been completed and is a significant improvement on the Pier itself.

**East Pier Revetment Repairs**

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to repair the sloping revetment at the back (east side) of the East Pier from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This revertant provides the primary protection for the East Pier and has suffered some damage over recent years from the larger storms. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed to design and manage the project which is likely to be on site during the summer of 2023. Cunningham Civil & Marine have been appointed to carry out the works on this project and have commenced on site.

**Dublin Array Windfarm**

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm have approached the Harbour about the possibility of establishing an Operations and Maintenance Base for the windfarm. It is hoped that there might be synergies with the Ferry Terminal project. Early engagement is ongoing with the developer’s team to establish the exact requirements.

**Coastival Festival 2023**

The inaugural Coastival Festival took from 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The festival included over 120 individual events and was a huge success, aside from the somewhat unseasonal weather.

**Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

<b>Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date</b>		
	Total approved Jan-July 2023	Enterprise Ireland target Jan-July 2023
Feasibility Study	7	29
Business Priming	7	
Business Expansion	10	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	7	
Trading Online Vouchers	61	26

Other Grant Applications (Green, Agile, IP etc.)	15	12
Microfinance Ireland *	7	7
<b>Total Approvals</b>	<b>114</b>	

\*Number of clients supported to submit MFI application for approval by MFI

<b>Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b>	
	Jan-July 2023
No of jobs created	25

<b>Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2023</b>	<b>Total Jan-July 2023</b>
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	114
Clients attending Networking Events	253
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	864
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	150
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	266
<b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>	<b>1655</b>

<b>DLR Economic Development Supports</b>	<b>Total Jan-July 2023</b>
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	3
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	5
Business Promotion Grants	6
Street Furniture Grants	0

### Enterprise Promotion activities in July 2023

<b>DLR Enterprise News</b>	<p><a href="#"><u><b>New Date Announced: Start Your Own Business Course</b></u></a> (Sent 30/06/23) Open rate 49%, 3471 recipients.</p> <p><a href="#"><u><b>Start Your Own Business Course July 2023</b></u></a> (Sent 13/07/23) Open rate 50%, 3464 recipients.</p> <p><a href="#"><u><b>Have Your Say – DLR County Business Survey</b></u></a> (Sent 27/07/23) Open rate 53%, 3469 recipients.</p>
<b>Business Advice Sessions</b>	Business Advice Sessions throughout July
<b>Analytics Advantage: Fuelling Data-Driven Success for SMEs</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Canva: A Practical Workshop</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Trading Online Voucher Webinar</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>8 Week Start Your Own Business Course</b>	Beginning 26 <sup>th</sup> July

<b>LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023-31<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>				
	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>No of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
<b>Facebook</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Twitter</b>	<b>5,596</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2,452</b>
<b>Instagram</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>LinkedIn</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>973</b>

## **Tourism Development**

### **Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2028**

Several Tourism strategy consultation events took place in July. We are developing a new Baseline Report and exploring priority objectives for the new strategy.

### **Coastival Festival & Coastival Nights July 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Coastival Festival ran from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> and included over 100 different events. This festival coordinated with the Dun Laoghaire Regatta. Thousands of visitors attended the programme event.

### **The Dargan Forum**

The Dargan Forum took place in County Hall on July 6<sup>th</sup> and was one of the events supported by an event and festival grant from dlr tourism and Fáilte Ireland.

### **The Glencullen Adventure Park.**

The GAP had their annual Downhill Series Competition on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> attracting riders and bike enthusiasts from around the country and the north of Ireland in particular.

### **“Live in the Harbour”**

A new concert came to Dun Laoghaire Harbour called “Live in the Harbour” for a 3-night run in July.

### **Cruise Summary**

Ten cruise ships visited Dún Laoghaire harbour in July with 23,000 Passengers and Crew. 4 of those ships had capacity of over 2,500 passengers.

### **New Dun Laoghaire Welcome Ambassadors**

The Dún Laoghaire Business association is coordinating a new volunteer Welcome Ambassadors group to provide an additional welcome to cruise passengers. DLR Tourism unit is providing training and induction for these volunteers.

### **Fáilte Ireland Meeting**

Fáilte Ireland Dublin Team had their annual team meeting in the LexIcon in July. The dlr team briefed Fáilte Ireland on our current DLR projects & activity.

## **Social Media Analysis July 2023**

	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>No of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
<b>Facebook</b>	<b>8,885</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43K</b>
<b>Twitter</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7,864</b>
<b>Instagram</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24.54K</b>



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## Infrastructure and Climate Change

### Environmental Enforcement:

23 June – 31 July 2023	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	57	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	62	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	150	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	166	Litter Section
Litter Fines issued	30	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	2	Waste Bye-laws
Legal Proceedings initiated	3	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

### Dog Statistics – 23 June – 31 July 2023

No of dogs on hand on 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	3
No of dogs entering the shelter	5
No of dogs rehomed	0
No of dogs reclaimed	4
No of dogs sent to rescue	2
No of dogs put to sleep	0
No of dogs remaining in the pound on 31 <sup>st</sup> July	2
Dog attacks in this period	5 – 1 of these on person

### 1. Road Maintenance Management Report - July 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>RRP Major</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works</b>					
1	The Park Estate Cabinteely (part of)				✓	
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	Works Completed
3	Barrack Road, Glencullen (part of)				✓	Works Completed
4	Meadowmount (part of)		✓			Works commencing on site in August

5	College Road / Killmashogue (part of)		✓			Contractor commencing on site on 8th August
6	Ballinlea Road (part of)				✓	Work substantially complete
7	Ashlawn Estate (part of)	✓				
8	Glenageary Road Upper			✓		A presentation was made to the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee on the scheme and works commenced in June 2023.
9	Barnhill Road (part of)	✓				Design underway
10	Dalkey Avenue (part of)		✓			Contractor to be appointed July 2023
11	Monkstown Crescent (part of)		✓			Works to commence late July 2023
<b>RRP Minor</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b>					
1	Old Clonkeen Road				✓	
2	Trisilian, Foxrock	✓				
3	Olivemount Grove / Road				✓	
4	Prospect Lawn				✓	
5	Brennanstown Road	✓				
6	Grange Wood				✓	
7	Idrone Lane				✓	
8	Pucks Castle Lane				✓	Temporary works on surface defects have been carried out
9	Sallynoggin Road		✓			Works to commence late July 2023
10	Avondale Road (driveways)		✓			A Contractor been appointed
11	Rock Road (Booterstown to Blackrock)	✓				
12	Foxrock Court	✓				
13	Dundela estate (parts of)	✓				
<b>FP</b>	<b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>					
1	Pine Valley (part of)				✓	
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)			✓		Works Due to be completed in the next 2 weeks
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)	✓				
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)		✓			Tenders being Reviewed Currently
5	Mount Anville Road (part of)				✓	

6	Dún Laoghaire Town (part of Northumberland Avenue)			✓		Footway works have commenced on Phase 1
7	Watsons Estate (part of)	✓				
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				A scheme design has been prepared. Due to an existing nearby Road Closure, works will take place until 2024.
9	Trafalgar Terrace		✓			A Contractor has been appointed but the works are on hold until September 2023
<b>BSP</b>	<b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>			✓		Tender to assess bridges in the County are being assessed.
2	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
3	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment		✓			Tender to appoint a Consultant to assess bridges underway
<b>DGRP</b>	<b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b>					
1	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood				✓	
2	Mount Albion Road Churchtown	✓				
3	Brighton Road Foxrock.	✓				
4	Cherrywood Road/Bray Road junction	✓				
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				
6	Priory Avenue	✓				
7	Mounttown Road Upper				✓	
8	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction	✓				
<b>NRP</b>	<b>National Roads Programme</b>					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing				✓	Phase 2 Pavement Work have been completed between Newtownpark Avenue and Cornelscourt. Funding sought for Phase 3 in 2023
<b>AWP</b>	<b>Accessibility Works Programme</b>					
1	Loreto Park (part of)	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings				✓	Works are completed
3	Laneway Between Seaview Park and Shanganagh Road (near Texaco Garage)	✓				



<b>CMP</b>	<b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>					
1	Wyckham Bypass	✓				
2	N11 3-Year Resurfacing Programme				✓	Cycle lanes currently being upgraded as part of the N11 Pavement Renewal Project
3	Sallyglen Road (part of)	✓				Cycle track lining has been renewed each side of Sallyglen Road
<b>EMP</b>	<b>Estate Management Programme</b>					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn	✓				
2	Rathsallagh Estate		✓			A Contractor been appointed
<b>TICP</b>	<b>Taking in Charge Programme*</b>					
1	Redesdale estate - certain laneways	✓				
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				
<p><i>*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i></p>						
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Reinstatement Programme</b>					
1	Cherrygarth, Stillorgan		✓			Close to an agreement with the Developer of Thornhill to carryout works throughout the Cherrygarth Development
2	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill	✓				
	<b>Other Notable Minor Works Schemes</b>					
1	St. Johns Park resurfacing	✓	✓			A Contractor been appointed
2	Pakenham Road Longford Place junction resurfacing		✓			Works to take place in July 2023
3	Sandycove Avenue re-instatement works		✓			Road resurfacing works to take place in July 2023 alongside Irish water reinstatement works on part of the road. Further works near Albert Road will take place in August.

## 2. Traffic and Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
<b>NTA STMG Schemes 2023 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic &amp; Road Safety Section</b>							
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave				✓			Consequent to the decision to retender, pricing schedules are due back on 30 August 2023
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes					✓		Snagging and review to be done. A site visit has taken place for a road safety audit to be done
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Progressing slowly due to lack of internal resources
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Cycle parking roll-out continuing. A tender is being prepared for the purchase of new cycle stands.
Stepaside Village and Cycle Scheme		✓					A non-statutory public consultation process has just ended. Preparation of public consultation report ongoing
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme				✓			Phase I of Sandyford Village Scheme is at tender stage. Detailed design of Phase II with commence when resources allow
Clarinda Park East-pedestrian improvements				✓			Construction completed in July 2023
<b>Public Consultations-</b>							
<b>Ballybrack Underpass Churchview Road</b>							
The final report has been sent to Ward Councillors for feedback							

### Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Preliminary redesign ongoing, property title search ongoing.

### Speed Limit Review

Consultation with An Garda Síochána, neighbouring Local Authorities complete. Preliminary maps updated and preparation of draft Bye-Laws commenced.

### Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

No TAG meetings took place in July

### Deputations

No Deputations took place in July

### Bus Connects

Bus Connects

The Traffic Section, with -cross departmental input, made a submission to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) with respect to the proposed Blackrock to City Centre CBC. ABP has advised that the decision due date for this planning application, has been put back with no new determination date provided.

The Bray to City Centre CBC planning application has now been lodged with ABP and submission can be made directly to ABP up until October 10th, 2023.

**Bus Interchanges at Dundrum, Dún Laoghaire & Blackrock**

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA regarding bus interchange improvements at these locations. The improvements are needed to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects’ programme.

**Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs)**

Dundrum ABTA - Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 are now complete with the ABTA recommendations having informed the draft Dundrum LAP being progressed by the Planning Section. Public consultation on the draft LAP has now closed and the CEO’s report is being prepared.

**Racecourse South lands & Kiltarnan - Glenamuck-**

The Council, in conjunction with the NTA, is progressing ABTAs for the Racecourse South lands at Carrickmines, in accordance with the requirements of SLO 143 in the current County Development Plan, and also for the Kiltarnan – Glenamuck area in order to support the preparation of a LAP to replace the current Kiltarnan - Glenamuck LAP, due to expire later this year. A consultant has been appointed and work is underway on Stage 1 of the studies – Baseline Assessments for the study areas.

**Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage**

In July 2023 there were:

- 4 applications for road closure
- 2 applications for film locations
- 2 applications for event signage

**3. Roads Control Restoration Works RCRW 2023**

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Restoration Programme 2023</b>	
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Trees Road Lower, Stillorgan	Pending completion of remedial works for public roads

**Section 254’s**

Local Authorities, in their capacity as planning authorities, are tasked with the issuing of licenses for the placement of appliances, cables, signs, and/or other items on public roads under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The Road Maintenance Section are the area responsible for the issuing of such licenses for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 – up to date	
<b>Applications</b>	
Received	6
Granted	3
Withdrawn	1
Refused	1

#### 4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics: June 2023

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	280	244	290	238	316	247
Clean-Ups Assisted	70	58	67	81	88	78
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	19	22	16	14	26	20
Bathing Water Samples Taken	18	18	18	18	36	49
Gullies Cleaned	1210	961	1391	829	594	1117
Dumping Incidents Managed	44	35	34	37	93	31
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	0	7
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No report received
Street Bin Collections	5103	4847	4905	5118	5545	6008

\* Statistics available up to the end of June 2023.

#### Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – July 2023

- Quinns Road Beach Access Repair Project – Project was completed in early July.
- Kavanaghs Corner (adjacent to the 40 Foot) – Storm damage occurred to the bathing area on the 9th of March. Tenders were released in July and will be returned in August.
- Coliemore Harbor granite wall remedial repair project is expected to start on site in September. Final preparations are being undertaken.
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- DLR Baths – Maintenance crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc. whilst also emptying bins.
- The Road and Cycle Lane Sweeping is on-going as per the schedules and also as per CRM requests.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going.
- Beach Lifeguards are in place in Seapoint, Sandycove and Killiney. The Lifeguard service may fluctuate throughout the remainder of the Bathing Season due to Lifeguard staffing shortages.
- Bathing water sampling is on-going at our 9 locations every week as scheduled since the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and will revert to sampling every fortnight after the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.
- A weeding contractor is working at various locations within the county.
- Deep Cleans of Towns & Villages is on-going at specific locations within the county.

- Seasonal 1100L and barrel bins have been deployed at busy coastal and town locations.

## 5. Public Lighting

Work continues on the replacement of the old lights with LED lighting which is more energy efficient, gives less maintenance and improved service. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns and Networks is also on-going.

### Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in July 2023:	63
Percentage of lights out at the end of July 2023:	2.1%
Pole replacement carried out in July 2023:	7
Bracket replacements:	15
Tree trimming:	2
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	15
LED Upgrades	19
Total lights upgraded to LED	21,127
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	86.7%

### LED Upgrading Program

Ballygihen Avenue	2
Brookfield Avenue	1
Cairnfort, Stepside	1
Coppinger Estate	1
Cypress Court	1
Devitt Villas	1
Hyde Road	1
Kill Lane	1
Sandycove Avenue North	4
Sandycove Avenue West	3
Sydney Avenue	3

### Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	35
Inspections completed	3

### Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	7
Alterations:	3
Legal requests:	1

## 6.Relevant Statistics

There were 3,862 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 22nd June and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 breakdown of which is as follows:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>No. of tickets issued</b>
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1495
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	710
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	540
Parking a vehicle on a footway	384
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	139
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	91
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	87
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	77
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	75
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	48
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	35
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	29
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	24
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	21
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	18
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	13
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	12
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	11
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	8
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	8
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	7
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	7
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	4
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	3
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	3
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	2
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	2
Parking out of the limits of a bay	2
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	2
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Misuse of a disabled parking permit	1
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Parking a vehicle endangering other traffic	1
<b>Total no. of tickets issued between 22nd June and 31st July 2023</b>	<b>3862</b>

There were 47 convictions secured in the District Court in July 2023.

### Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	18
Section 5 Declarations	6
Planning Enforcement (consultation, site visits)	1
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 Grant Scheme	Ongoing administration and site visits as required
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023 Grant Scheme	Ongoing administration and site visits as required

### Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	14
Not Dangerous	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

### **Community Response Forum**

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Centre continues to accommodate up to 392 displaced Ukrainian nationals for short periods. Over 8,200 people have stayed at the Centre during this time. Among the facilities available in Ballyogan are separate laundry, sanitary facilities, internet access, television spaces, games consoles, games room, chessboards, use of bikes and scooters, libraries of Ukrainian books for children and adults, translation services, as well as online access to Ukrainian newspapers and magazines.

As part of the comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff providing onsite support to meet the healthcare needs of Ukrainian residents, and residents also have access to an offsite GP service 7 days a week

The Community response to the crisis in Ukraine and the influx of Ukrainian nationals into the county is being led and coordinated by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders through the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

The Community Response Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and met twice in July 2023. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in the Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County.

A sub-committee of the Forum has also been established to provide support services to International Protection Applicants who are being accommodated in the County. This sub-committee meets each week.

Local coordination efforts continue to provide comprehensive support services from Southside Partnership, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, dlr Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteers Centre and a number of other community and voluntary groups.

### **LCDC**

There was an LCDC meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> of June.

The Department of Rural and Community Development approved the list of grant recommendations by the LCDC on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June under the Community Support Fund. Under this scheme a total of €296,010 has been awarded to community Groups.

€145,045 in operating costs grants  
€148,005 in capital costs grants  
€2,960 in Women's Shed funding

The press release is here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/63c7a-community-support-fund/>

### **Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Programme,**

The updated **Directory of Activities & Services for Older People in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown** is now available from the Community Section and being dispersed throughout the county. Copies are available from County Hall & Dundrum Office and email [community@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:community@dlrcoco.ie)





**dlr Integration Forum** have developed a new information brochure and are currently planning work to promote Voter Registration amongst migrant communities in dlr.

Planning is underway for **dlr Festival of Inclusion 2023** with events taking place from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October promoting Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in dlr and this year's theme is on 'Belonging'.

### **Community Recognition Fund**

Community Department continued to work with the successful applicants under the Community Recognition Fund to progress their projects.

### **Audit of Community and Cultural Facilities**

Public consultation on the Audit of Community and Cultural Facilities took place during May. The online consultation opened from 26<sup>th</sup> April until 19<sup>th</sup> May and 1,051 completed surveys were submitted. In addition to the online survey 6 focus group sessions took place covering each LEA. The consultations process included consulting with Children and Young People via dlr Comhairle na nOg and Crosscare Youth Services.

### **Estate Management**

22 new age friendly benches have being placed in 10 estate management areas organised by the dir. Estate Management County Fora and funded by dir.

### **Family Fun Days**

Dlr Community Section supported Family Fun Days in Furry Hill, Ballyogan and Hillview. These community events are organised by local volunteer groups and help to build a sense of Community Spirit and inclusion. Hillview Estate are celebrating their 50 year anniversary and with the support of dlr Community Section are working on a short commemorative booklet which includes interviews and stories from local residents.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

Dlr Comhairle members recorded their 3<sup>rd</sup> podcast episode on body image and are now at editing stage. A fun day was held for members on the 27<sup>th</sup> July in Dún Laoghaire that started with lunch in County Hall Canteen (member's really enjoy this) and a treasure hunt. A date has been set for the Annual Youth Conference (formerly called AGM) for the 8<sup>th</sup> of November and members are at planning stage on how they would like the day to run.

### **Pride of Place**

Preparations re being finalised in the county with the participating groups for an expected visit by Judges in August. There will be a formal welcome to the County by the Cathaoirleach to the two former external county CE's prior to judging proceeding.

### **Men's-Sheds**

Support and advise as required is ongoing, while groups are awaiting outcomes of grant submissions for desired projects. Training for website development/ promotions will be offered after Summer.

### **Network of Community Facilities**

The work plan for the year is continuing apace. Further safety training has been offered to any group/ building who wishes/ needs to avail of it especially in relation to completion of safety statements.

### **Residents Associations**

Support and advice for resident's associations is ongoing with resolutions being found to matters arising.

## Arts

- Chaos/Order the dlr Open Submission exhibition featuring over 50 artworks by artists with a connection to the County continued and was accompanied by Learning Programme Events.

### **Musicians in Residence Programme**

Lidia Jewloszewicz-Clarke's Residency took place from June to July. She explored Dún Laoghaire and its unique culture with violinist Larissa O'Grady. The violinists who represent two vibrant European countries, Larissa from Ireland and Lidia from Poland, created and developed new work through this artistic collaboration. They premiered the work with a free and very well attended concert in the Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexicon, on Sunday 16 July 2023.

### **Baths Artists' Studios**

Laura Sarah Dowdall is the inaugural artist at the Baths Artist Studios in Dún Laoghaire this summer, and she focused on exploring our connection to the sea. She held a regular series of free dance workshops at Otranto Beach near Sandycove; drop-in sessions in her studio at the Baths; and regular gatherings for artists, activists, makers and creators of all disciplines and traditions to come together for chats, creative collaborations and sharing.

### **Artists Coffee Morning**

Over 30 artists working in a variety of disciplines attended an artist's coffee morning hosted in dlr LexIcon to provide networking opportunities for artists and those working in the arts.

## Libraries

### **[dlr Libraries Online](#)**

#### **Online Resources**

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>

All you need is your dlr Library card.

- Kanopy is our film streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.
- Moshi is a well-being app for kids, with hundreds of original and inspiring audio stories, music and mindful meditations to enrich the imagination, promote improved sleep, and unlock potential.
- TumbleBooks is a streaming website of e-books for children
- LOTE is an online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations. New books and languages are added each month
- Who Next? and Who else Writes like?  
Online Guides for adults and children. Help your child on their reading journey, by finding another author they love on [whonextguide.com](http://whonextguide.com) and for adults, browse genres or authors on [whoelsewriteslike.com](http://whoelsewriteslike.com)
- Medici.tv is the leading video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballet, jazz, and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

### **dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainian guests in the County**

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-libraries-resources-ukrainian-nationals> and at: <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsvj8lxav4ukf0>

As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: [LOTE Online, PressReader and Borrowbox](#)

### **Sensory programming**

Continuing our programming of inclusive events for the neurodiverse, we held a Neurodivergent Summer Camp over 3 days in July, with 2 groups attending for 2 hours each day. Active Academy and Laura Steerman Art ran the camp for 20 children, with activities such as, snowball fights, obstacle courses, a bouncy castle, messy art and lots more.

Our Magic Tables in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries continue to be booked for use by individuals and groups, and requests to borrow items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment, are ongoing. We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in some branches where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse.

dlr LexIcon hosted 3 days of Lego workshops for Neurodivergent Children with BrickX.

### **Digital programming**

Dalkey Library held online resources information sessions for adults, with a focus on library resources that are available online with your library card.

### **Events for Adults**

#### **Poetry at the LexIcon**

Poetry at the LexIcon took place on Thurs 13 July and featured readings from poets, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, Mícheál McCann and Mark Roper.

#### **New Craft Groups**

2 new craft groups for adults commenced in July. A weekly Craft Circle takes place in dlr LexIcon on a Tuesday morning and following on from a series of craft events for Bealtaine in Blackrock Library, those who attended continued on to now meet in the library weekly for an informal craft circle and a chat.

#### **Library Clubs & Groups for adults**

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to use our library spaces to meet. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library, the Knit Club in Cabinteely Library, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The staff-led Film Club in Blackrock continues along with the Ciorcal Comhrá, the informal Irish conversation group which takes place in the LexIcon Café every Tuesday morning.

Each of the 8 branches have in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library with some also continuing with their online book clubs, due to ongoing demand. The very popular online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham continues to

meet online

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## **Exhibition Programme**

### **The Yeats Sisters and Cuala Dundrum Library 5-22 July 2023**

The Yeats sisters, Susan and Elizabeth (known as Lily and Lollie), lived and worked for most of their lives in the Dundrum/Churchtown area. With their enterprise Cuala Industries, they made an extraordinary portfolio of work – with the Press directed by Elizabeth, and the embroidery workshop conducted by Susan.

This exhibition features original Cuala Press material from dlr libraries archives, curated by Dr Billy Shortall, Cuala Press Project, Schooner Foundation, TCD, along with a selection of contemporary textile works by members of the Irish Guild of Embroiderers. The exhibition was organised by The Yeats Sisters Commemoration Project in collaborative partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Heritage & Libraries; the Cuala Press Project, Schooner Foundation, Trinity College Dublin; National Print Museum and the Irish Guild of Embroiderers.

For more information, please see <https://theyeatssisters.com/>

### **The Sea, by David Branigan Blackrock Library 1-31 July**

During Covid, local photographer David Branigan received an Arts Council grant to produce a book of his work. The book is A3 in size, hardback and features 21 images in black and white. The theme is how we use our connections with the sea to find our resilience, especially in times of crisis. It was intended that the work would be photographed around Ireland, but the regional lockdowns prevented that.

The result is that most of the images were taken in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and are both land-based and afloat. These beautiful images have been made into this breathtaking exhibition, and they demonstrate how we use our connections with the sea to find our resilience in times of crisis.

### **Blot's Most Marvellous Historical Guide to Printing Books Level 4, dlr LexIcon 13 May – 10 July 2023**

The National Print Museum's exhibition and book project introduces young (and not so young) audiences to the history of bookmaking and a story of printing in Ireland. The affable George Thomas 'Blot' Dickson, an eighteenth-century printer's apprentice, brings the visitor on a colourful journey, describing the evolution of bookmaking, its processes and its impacts. Dr Angela Griffith of Trinity College Dublin, an expert in the history of the Irish printed image, is the author and curator. One of the most country's exciting illustrators, Jennifer Farley, has visualised George's story for the page and for the exhibition space. The creative and symbiotic partnerships between writer, illustrator and printer will be traced in a dynamic way for the reader and the visitor

### **The Rush of the Race Regattas in Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire Level 3, dlr LexIcon 1-31 July**

From its earliest days, Kingstown served as a centre for yachting in Ireland, with the first regatta being held in 1828. Since that time, Dún Laoghaire has continued to host cruising and racing events. This exhibition, coinciding with the 2023 Coastival festival, explores



the evolution of yachting in Dún Laoghaire, the history of the various local yacht clubs and their contribution to the development of aquatic sports throughout the years, and the social and cultural significance of regattas for the participants, spectators and citizens of the area. The display will feature images and archival records from dlr Local Studies Section.

**Offshoot Photography Exhibition  
Level 4, dlr LexIcon  
12 July-31 Aug 2023**

Whether you are an avid photography enthusiast, a curious passerby, or someone looking to be inspired, this exhibition promises an enriching experience for all.

Discover the dedication, skill, and creative vision behind each photograph, and enjoy the collective talent of Offshoot Photographic Society’s members.

*For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>*

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**Events for Children and Families**

**Coastival**

On Sat 8 July, as part of Coastival, we held a Family Fun Day in dlr LexIcon. With over 2,000 people attending on the day, participants took part in Willow Fish-weaving workshops, Sea Themed Collage, Ukulele Workshops, and Illustration and Upcycling workshops. Street Theatre Ireland and Billy Bubbles were on hand with Magic, Juggling and Punch and Judy Shows which kept everyone entertained on the day. We also had face painters and walkabout pirate characters. A sensory room was available on the day in Room 1, Level 3, dlr LexIcon. There were dark dens and sensory toys and equipment available in the room and users could drop in and out throughout the day.

**Summer Stars 2023**

The Summer Stars national reading programme continued throughout July, with events taking place across our libraries. Summer Stars Storytimes took place weekly in Deansgrange, Blackrock, dlr LexIcon and Shankill Libraries. Blackrock Library held flipbook and Sea Collage Workshops. Dalkey Library held a Teddy Bear Sleepover and a Mucky Picnic. We also had author events, including Erika McGann and Jackie Burke visiting our libraries to inspire young writers. Anna Bananas visited Dundrum Library for puppet Storytimes.

**Dungeons and Dragons**

The popular introduction to Dungeons and Dragons series returned to dlr LexIcon in July. Suitable for 12-15 years, attendees would attend 4 sessions to learn the basic rules of the tabletop game with library staff.

**Library Clubs & Groups for children**

Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely, dlr LexIcon once a week. Shankill Library run a monthly Junior bookclub and Dalkey have recently started a new family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a new baby/parent group who meet weekly. Storytimes for children take place across our libraries weekly. For full details visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-services-for-the-young/storytime>

**Statistics**  
**Social media (as of 15 July)**

Facebook	8048
Twitter	8777
Instagram	3927
TikTok	449
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	11264

**Online resources**

Resource	Description	Stats July 2023
Overdrive	ebooks	2207
	eaudio	1657
	Magazines	4978
	Comics	0
Borrowbox	eaudio	9965
	ebook	5100
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	8042
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	18019
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	27
Lote4Kids	logins	7
Who else writes	logins	4
Who next guide	logins	1
Medici	Videos Viewed	62
Moshi	Accounts	2
Kanopy	Visits	3568
<b>Totals</b>		<b>53,639</b>