

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

JANUARY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

**22 December 2022 – 31
January 2023**

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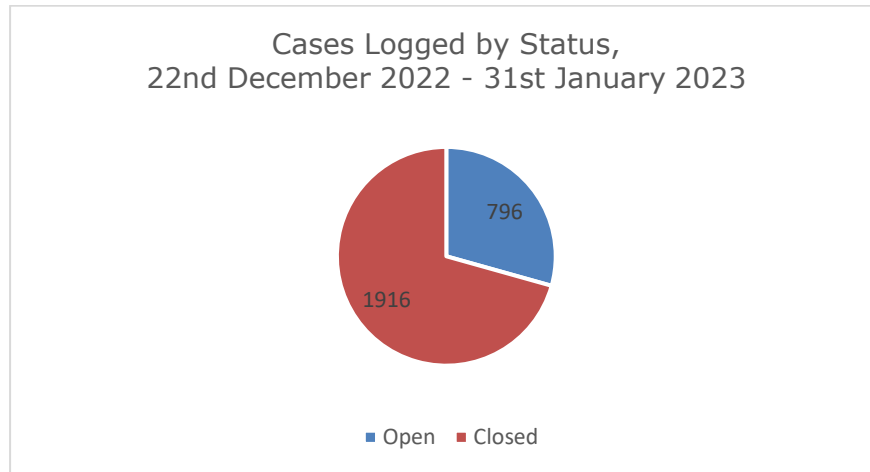
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Civic Hub Stats



* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

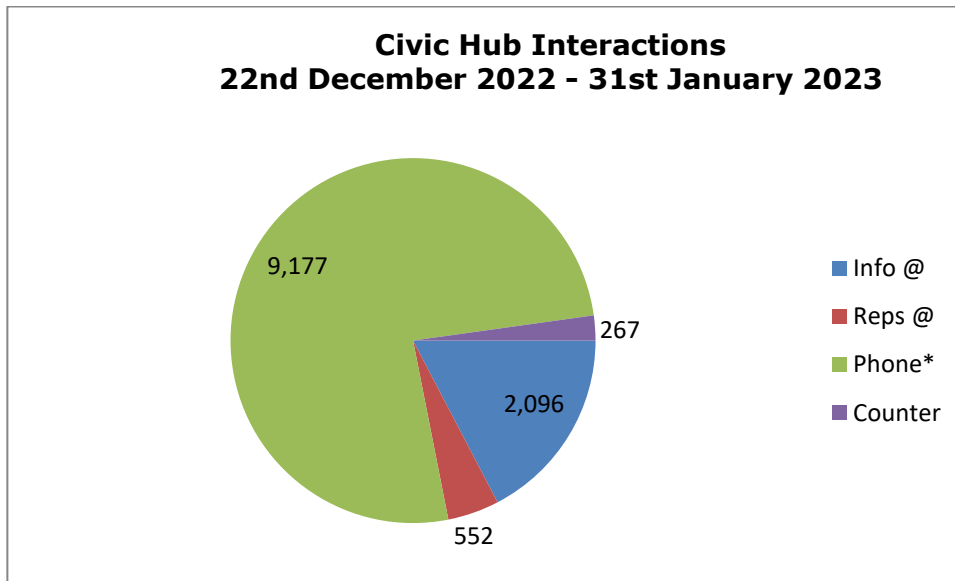
Cases logged from 22nd December 2022 – 31st January 2023

Open	796
Closed	1916

Cases Logged from 22nd December 2022 – 31st January 2023, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	7	11	18
Arts	2		2
CoCo	1		1
Comms & Civic Hub	20	375	395
Community		2	2
Corporate Services	5		5
dlrcoco	1		1
Enterprise	1	2	3
Environment	119	456	575
Finance	35	241	276
Housing	72	81	153
IT	1		1
Libraries		1	1
Municipal Services	1		1
Parks	213	201	414
Planning	2	13	15
Property	8	3	11
Transportation	276	425	701
Waste Enforcement	27	82	109
Water Services	5	23	28
Grand Total	796	1916	2712

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Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	8029	1148

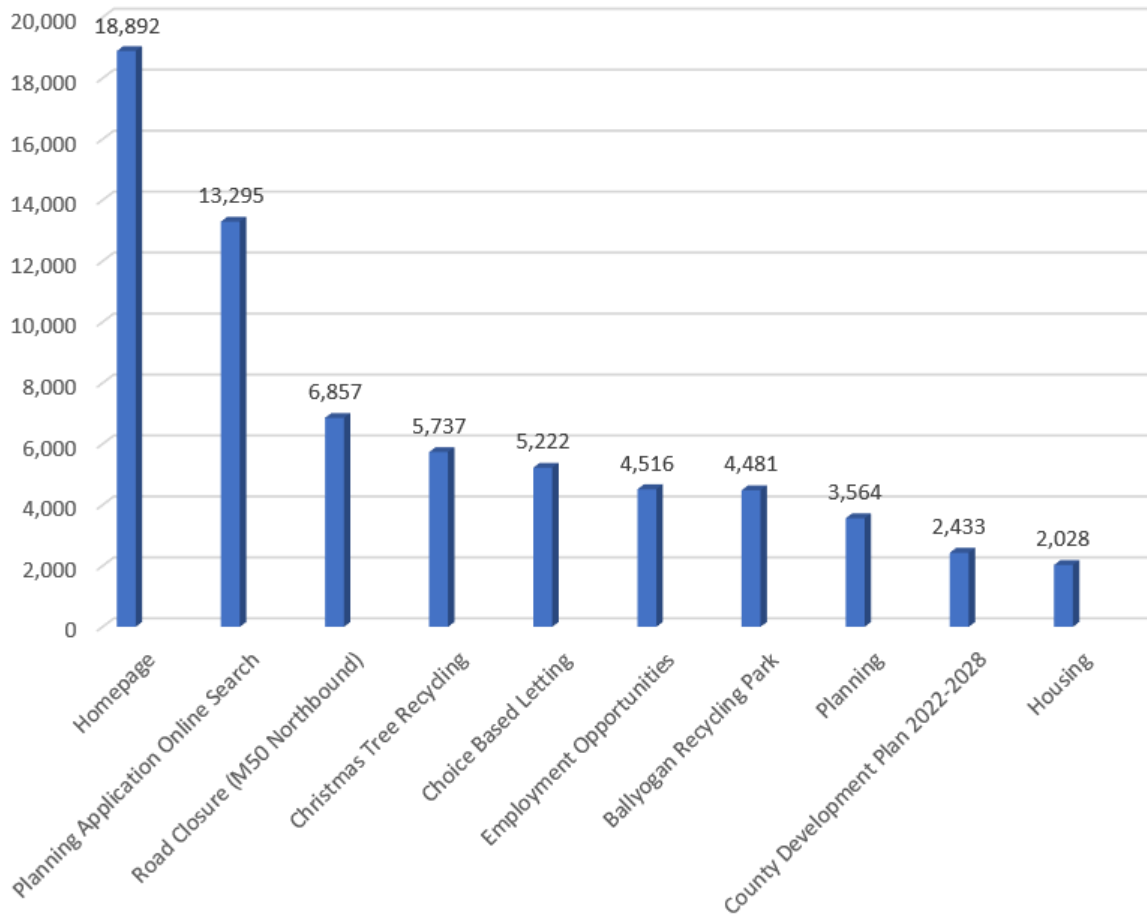
Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2096	552	2648

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	223	44	267










Website Activity

Website	Page Views	Users
Dlrcoco.ie	188,758	63,053
Dlrevents.ie	4,005	1,708
dlrLibraries	53,515	11,782

Top Pages



Social Media Activity

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Dec 22, 2022 - Jan 31, 2023	77,460 ↗ 0.7%	438 ↗ 16.5%	1,054 ↘ 46.4%	1,574,795 ↘ 29.1%	51,245 ↘ 34.1%	3.3% ↘ 7%	14,200 ↘ 62.5%
Compare to Nov 11, 2022 - Dec 21, 2022	76,892	376	1,968	2,221,972	77,785	3.5%	37,863
 @DLR_Libraries	8,756	1	76	48,938	1,107	2.3%	36
 @dlrArts	2,998	31	31	40,879	1,006	2.5%	4,429
 @dlrcc	19,515	92	277	391,719	7,255	1.9%	3,847
 @dlrheritevents	3,996	7	0	364	31	8.5%	0
 @leo_dlr	5,592	-10	54	4,629	69	1.5%	0
 dlrcoco.ie	6,726	127	250	206,426	2,024	1%	2,283
 dlrevents	12,227	-29	16	65,204	3,683	5.6%	98
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	14,525	210	263	703,505	32,028	4.6%	3,396
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	3,125	9	87	113,131	4,042	3.6%	111

Press Queries

25 press queries were received between the 22 December 2022 and the 31 January 2023.

Freedom of Information

9 FOI requests were received between the 22 December 2022 and the 31 January 2023.

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28 April. The Rest Centre continues to accommodate up to 300 displaced Ukrainian nationals for short periods. Over 3,000 people have stayed at the centre for short periods.

As part of a comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff including Environmental Health, Public Health and COVID-19 services. The HSE is 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.

Among the facilities available in the temporary rest centre is separate laundry and 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.

Additionally, orientation and information sessions, basic English language lessons and an arts and music entertainment programme is being developed both onsite and nearby offsite.

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, colleagues in the East Region and a number of other community and voluntary groups.

Work is now underway to provide extra facilities, including 92 extra beds, a homework club room for children, an adults workspace, and a new improved space for teenagers.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - January 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Meadowmount Estate				✓	
2	Roebuck Road				✓	
3	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				
4	Mulvey Park				✓	original contract completed
5	Kilgobbin Lane				✓	
6	Sweetmount Estate (part of)				✓	
7	Ballinclea Road				✓	
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				Tender to issue in February 2023
9	Glenageary Road Upper		✓			Tender assessment completed and contractor to be appointed
10	Barnhill Road	✓				
11	Library Road			✓		
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road		✓			Developer to complete road reinstatement
2	Clonskeagh Road			✓		Resurfacing works included as part of the Active travel Sandyford Cycle Route
3	Woodside Road				✓	
4	Trisillian, Foxrock	✓				On 2023 Programme
5	Brehon Field Road / Kingston Estate				✓	
6	Olivemount Grove / Road	✓				On 2023 Programme
7	Grange Wood	✓				On 2023 Programme - Survey conducted
8	DLR Leisure Centre Meadowbrook				✓	
9	Monkstown Farm				✓	
10	Georges Street Lower				✓	
11	Barnaslingan Lane				✓	
12	Idrone Lane			✓		
13	Pearse Gardens				✓	
14	Avondale Road drive ways				✓	
15	Bellevue Road				✓	Additional item to published Programme
16	St Helens Road				✓	Additional item to published Programme
17	DLR Leisure Centre Monkstown Blue Pool				✓	Additional item to published Programme

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
FP Footpath Upgrade Programme						
1	Pine Valley (part of)	✓				Tender rec'd on 27/01/2023
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)	✓				
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)	✓				Consultation with Parks required
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)	✓				
5	Mount Anville Road (part of)		✓			Tendered, anticipated start date late February
6	Dún Laoghaire Town (Northumberland Ave)		✓			
7	Wynberg Park (Part of)				✓	
8	Watsons Estate (Part of)	✓				Trial holes to be carried out
9	Glenavon Park				✓	
BSP Bridges & Structures Programme						
1	Woodside Road Retaining Wall				✓	
2	Shanganagh Road Retaining Wall				✓	
3	Category 3 Bridges	✓				Commencing Bridge Inventory list
DGRP Drainage / Gully Repair Programme						
1	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh				✓	
2	Woodside Road				✓	
3	N11 at The Rise & Trees Road Lower				✓	
4	Stillorgan Wood				✓	
5	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood		✓			Tendered, anticipated start date mid-February
6	Westminster Lawns				✓	
7	Frankfort Park				✓	
8	Dundrum Road				✓	
9	Kellystown Road				✓	
10	Quinns Road				✓	
11	Mounttown Park				✓	
12	Pearse Street Parking Bay				✓	
13	Newtown Ave Blackrock				✓	
NRP National Roads Programme						
1	N31 (Coast Road, funding dependent)	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				Phase 3 works design being finalised
AWP Accessibility Works Programme						
1	Loreto Park (part of)	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (part of)			✓		On Site

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings		✓			On site in Feb 2023
4	Clifton Park, Rathsallagh Grove				✓	
5	Laneways from Gleann na Smól to Queens Park (subject to agreement)				✓	
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Blackthorn Drive				✓	
2	Kilgobbin Road				✓	
3	Village Road in Aiken's Village				✓	
4	Dublin Road (Quinn's Rd junction)				✓	
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate				✓	
2	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion				✓	
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
* 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.						

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2023 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave				✓			Tenders have been assessed with a contractor to be appointed in the coming weeks
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes				✓			Contract has been awarded for the construction of the Ballymoss Road and Arkle Road public realm schemes.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Detailed design is proceeding on the scheme with a final design due to be completed soon.
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Repairs to existing cycle stands and shelters have been carried out in January at various locations in east & west of the county. New cycle stands are due to be installed at parks and pitches in the west of the county. Additional cycle parking locations will be progressed in the east of the county during Q1 2023.

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
Rapid deployment Cycle schemes					✓		Work is completed on Blackthorn Avenue and on Avondale Road, and will commence on Newtownpark Avenue in early 2023
Churchtown Road Lower (pedestrian improvements)						✓	Construction complete
Stepaside Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						A preliminary design is ongoing
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						A preliminary design is ongoing
Dundrum Bypass					✓		This is with reference to the bus laybys being constructed on Dundrum bypass. Work has been on hold for the last month due to wait for EIR to come on site to assess their infrastructure, which needs to be lowered. It should be re-starting shortly with completion by mid-February or thereabouts.
Public Consultations							
None by the Roads and Traffic Section at present							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Drawings and Information being prepared for non-statutory public consultation in Q2, 2023

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Launch of the Road Safety Strategy plan for 2023-2030. Councillors and members of SPC invited on 27th of January 2023. Staff and CEO attended.

Started recruitment of new intake of School Wardens. Letters were issued for refresher training.

Speed Limit Review

Public consultation documents are currently being prepared.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

A Tag meeting took place on 18th of January 2023 in Area 1 – Dun Laoghaire, and 23 items were dealt with. A Tag meeting also took place on the 31st of January 2023 with 15 items dealt in Area 2- Dundrum.

Bus Connects

The Traffic Section, with cross departmental input, made a submission to ABP with respect to the proposed CBC. ABP has advised that the decision due date for this planning application, has been put back to before April 7th,2023. Regarding the Bray to City Centre CBC planning application, the NTA has advised that the submission of this application to ABP is now envisaged in Q1, 2023.

Bus Interchanges at Dundrum, Dun Laoghaire & Blackrock

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA regarding bus interchange improvements at both Dundrum and Dun Laoghaire. The improvements are needed to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects' programme. Meetings/workshops are ongoing to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist.

In addition, discussions are also ongoing with the NTA regarding potential public realm improvements in Blackrock and the impact on the existing bus interchange and bus services.

Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs)

Dundrum ABTA - Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1 & 2 now completed with work on Stage 3 – Options Assessment & Development and Stage 4 - Preparation of a draft Local Transport Plan, now at an advanced stage.

Racecourse South lands & Kiltiernan - Glenamuck– The Council, in conjunction with the NTA, is progressing Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs) for the Racecourse South lands at Carrickmines, in accordance with the requirements of SLO 143 in the current County Development Plan and for the Kiltiernan – Glenamuck area in order to support the preparation of a Local Area Plan to replace the current Kiltiernan - Glenamuck Local Area Plan, due to expire later this year. The Council is aiming to have a consultant appointed in Q2 to commence the studies.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and 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 are underway. A Ground Investigation Contract is complete, and the report is awaited. Work has begun to review sites for environmental impacts. We have received preliminary approval from Irish Rail to tunnel under the rail line. Public Consultation on the preferred option took place on the 13th December. Detailed preparation is beginning for the Part 8 submission.

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 is complete following short briefing sessions with Area Councillors. The Hydrology/Hydraulic report is now complete and initial options are being developed. A Contractor was appointed for the Site Investigation. The on-site SI work is largely completed. The Contractor must now process the information.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is underway. The topographical survey is now largely completed. The flow/rainfall survey is now completed, and the CCTV survey is well underway. Draft flood maps have been produced and reviewed. The consultant is also looking at some options to help relieve potential flooding in the catchment.

4. Roads Control Unit

Irish Water Reinstatement IWR Works 2023

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out the permanent reinstatement works throughout the administration area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) according to the current service level agreement (SLA) between Irish Water and DLRCC.

Roads Control Restoration Works RCRW 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2023	
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Trees Road Lower, Stillorgan	Pending the completion of private drainage works by Developers
3	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill	On site Feb 2023

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	
22 nd Dec 2022 to 31 st Jan 2023	
Applications	No. 18
Received	2
Granted	1
Withdrawn	0
Refused	2

The Section 254 webpage is now live on dlrcoco.ie

Please follow the below link for details of Section 254 applications which have been processed: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/information-technology/section-254-above-ground-telecommunications-infrastructure>

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	July 2022	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	227	251	242	249	538	325
Clean-Ups Assisted	56	61	50	63	67	30
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	27	1	26	14	23	7
Bathing Water Samples Taken	37	42	37	18	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	1470	1305	711	1177	792	690
Dumping Incidents Managed	30	46	26	34	32	65
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	7	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Street Bin Collections	6246	6012	5214	5294	4620	4670

* Statistics available up to the end of December 2022.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates

- Coliemore Harbour: Coliemore Harbour rock anchor installation and structural repair project is scheduled to commence in March. Final details are being reviewed and agreed with the contractor. It is expected that the project will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.
- Quinns Road – The beach access repair works were tendered, and a contractor has been selected. Access and compound conditions are under review and Local Councillor and Resident Group communications will be commence within the next few weeks. The contractor is expected to start in early March. Access onto the beach from Quinns Road will be prohibited during the 8-week construction period.
- 40 Foot Remedial Repairs – One ladder has been installed thus far and the remaining elements of the project will be completed during February and March. Long lead times for wrought iron and fabrication time have caused the project to be delayed thus far.
- 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 schedule has remained suspended for January to enable CRMs and other work areas to be swept. The Sweeping Schedule will be reinstated from the 1st of February.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going.
- An advert for Beach Lifeguards was posted on the 26th of January.
- Bathing water sampling is ongoing at our 9 locations every fortnight as scheduled

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,126 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 22nd December 2022 and January 2023 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	844
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	372
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	350
Parking a vehicle on a footway	141
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	76
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	70
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	66
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	65
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	36
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	25
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	17
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	16

Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	8
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	8
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	6
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	3
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	3
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	3
Parking out of the limits of a bay	3
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	2
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	2
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	2
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	2
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	2
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Total no. of tickets issued between 22nd December 2022 and 31st January 2023	2126

There were 43 convictions secured in the District Court in January 2023.

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 Jan 2023:	370
Percentage of lights out at the end of Jan 2023:	1.1%
Pole replacement carried out in Jan 2023:	5
Bracket replacements:	34
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	19
LED Upgrades	40
Total lights upgraded to LED	20,795
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	85.6%

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	42
Inspections completed	6

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	3
Legal requests:	1

Road Opening Licences (22nd Dec 2022 to 31st Jan 2023)

National Mproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	177
Applications Not Processed Yet	69
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	2
Valid Licences Issued	92
Licensed Works Completed	14

Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In January 2023 there were:

- 2 applications for road closure.
- 1 application for film location
- 0 applications for event signage

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Cruise Ship Business

We had approximately 72 Cruise Ships booked into the Harbour in 2022. 3 ships cancelled due to weather. Overall, the Harbour was being well received by ship management, cruise guests and the crew who come ashore. We are now doing a full review of the 2022 season with our various stakeholders and beginning to plan for a busier 2023 season with approximately 90 ships booked at present.

Grant Funding

The Brexit Adjustment: Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme 2022 – 2023 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has launched a Second Tranche call for applications. Dun 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 30th 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.

DLRCC and Irish Sailing are developing a brochure/prospectus for the project to detail the project vision and scope. It is hoped that this initiative will assist in building momentum and support for the project. This document will be 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 is now out to tender.

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. Surveys are now complete, and design work is well underway on the repair project.

Ferry Terminal

Planning permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on 7th February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála. An Bord Pleanála have now granted permission for the development.

A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on 25th February 2020. An agreement to lease the building (subject to Foreshore and Section 183 consent) was signed in December 2021, and the Foreshore Lease has been agreed with the Dept.

This matter was brought to the full June Council Meeting and the Section 183 Disposal passed and the lease granted on 5th July 2022.

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 Biennial Dun Laoghaire Regatta is due to take place in July 2023. We are working with several DLRCC departments to expand this into a week-long festival names "Coastival" for the Dun Laoghaire Town and Harbour areas. This is planned to run from 1st – 9th July and many DLRCC departments are involved in putting together a schedule of events.

Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved January 2023	Enterprise Ireland target January 2023
Feasibility Study	1	1
Business Priming	1	1
Business Expansion	2	1
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	3	1
Trading Online Vouchers	16	4
Other Grant Applications (Green, Agile, IP etc.)	2	2
Microfinance Ireland *	0	2
Total Approvals	25	

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

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	January 2023
No of jobs created	3

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2023	Total January 2023
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	25
Clients attending Networking Events	69
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	126
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	22
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	29
Clients participating in Management Capability Development Programmes	9
Total No of Clients Assisted	280

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total January 2023
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	0
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	0
Business Promotion Grants	0
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in January 2023

DLR Enterprise News	<p><u>LEODLR – New Year, New Training</u> (sent 05/01/23) Open rate 60%, 2747 recipients</p> <p><u>LEODLR – Upcoming Training & Events Feb 2023</u> (sent 23/01/23) Open rate 60%, 3354</p>
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	recipients
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout January
8 Week Start Your Own Business Course	11th Jan 2023
8 Week Online Marketing & Social Media Course	12th Jan 2023
Introduction to LinkedIn	16th Jan 2023
A Business Plan is Your Roadmap	18th Jan 2023
Trading Online Voucher Webinar	25th Jan 2023
Best Practice for Financial Management	27th Jan 2023

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: December 22nd 2022 – January 31st 2023				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,143	0	53	517
Twitter	5,592	-10	53	4,541
Instagram	1,479	58	52	3,178

Tourism Development

The Tourist Information Office opened again after the Christmas break on the 1st week of January. The Tourism office is Open 7 days a week from 10 to 5pm providing information to visitors in the area on transport, best local restaurants, toilets, places of interest, parks etc.

Sustainable Tourism Ireland Conference 2023 (Online)

Sustainable Tourism Ireland organised a conference on January 25th which the DLRCC Tourism Team attended.

Regional Festivals & Events Grant 2023:

The annual Tourism Festivals & Events Grant 2023 opened for application on January and features on dlroco.ie, dlrtourism.ie and on social media channels. Closing date for applications is February 3rd.

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2028

The process for developing the new DLR Tourism Strategy has started. A Tender Call for tourism expertise to assist with the process has been published on ETenders.gov.ie

James Joyce Tower & Museum

The Joyce Tower and Museum have organised an event to take place in the Lexicon on 2nd Feb to celebrate the 101st anniversary of Ulysses.

Holiday World travel Show

Holiday World travel Show took place in the RDS Dublin on the weekend of the 26th January. Holiday World sent nine Instagram social influencers to the Glencullen Adventure Park and the Ski Club on the weekend of the 22nd January to experience and promote the two activities.

Social Media Analysis January 2023				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	8,603	94	21	46,484
Twitter	3,826	5	21	13,800
Instagram	3,090	40	21	7,917

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/12/2022				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2022 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/12/2022 €
A Total Housing & Building	-15,421,669	52,818,380	-53,852,754	-16,456,042
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-8,174,111	30,858,111	-27,672,386	-4,988,386
C Total Water Services	-2,171,378	588,753	-445,376	-2,028,001
D Total Development Management	-147,508,338	24,024,186	-72,650,625	-196,134,777
E Total Environmental Services	-1,752,665	27,691	-451,518	-2,176,491
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-11,888,519	10,162,464	-11,225,697	-12,951,752
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,613,287	3,006,731	-2,382,247	-3,988,802
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-35,601,148	2,866,173	-3,072,621	-35,807,595
Grand Total	-227,131,114	124,352,490	-171,753,222	-274,531,846

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/12/22						
	Balance at 01/01/2022 €		Balance at 30/12/2022		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	21,425,164		25,066,203		15,780,572	9,285,631

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/12/2022

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	63,595,000	64,495,600	98.60%
B Road Transport & Safety	30,632,400	30,916,000	99.08%
C Water Services	12,201,200	12,483,500	97.74%
D Development Management	26,487,800	24,816,800	106.73%
E Environmental Services	33,306,600	33,025,200	100.85%
F Recreation & Amenity	35,866,800	33,627,900	106.66%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,515,900	3,760,700	120.08%
H Miscellaneous Services	13,400,800	10,673,200	125.56%
Total Expenditure	220,006,500	213,798,900	102.90%

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	56,413,700	57,510,800	98.09%
B Road Transport & Safety	12,573,700	12,773,100	98.44%
C Water Services	8,344,100	8,552,800	97.56%
D Development Management	7,200,100	6,538,300	110.12%
E Environmental Services	7,421,700	5,616,300	132.15%
F Recreation & Amenity	7,296,400	5,664,900	128.80%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,377,300	2,817,600	119.86%
H Miscellaneous Services	12,985,100	9,824,100	132.18%
Sub Total	115,612,100	109,297,900	105.78%

LPT Local Property Tax	10,866,800	10,866,800	100.00%
RA Rates	93,527,900	93,634,200	99.89%
Total Income	220,006,800	213,798,900	102.90%

Note: The above figures are based on projected Outturn Budget for 2022 and are the most up to date figures available, but are subject to change, pending completion of AFS 2022.

Planning Applications – monthly statistics 22nd Dec 2022 – 31st January 2023

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	100	101
Decision Deferred	0	30	30
Decision to Grant**	0	83	83
Decision to Refuse**	0	9	9
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	80	80
Invalid Applications	0	20	20

*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".

0 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/0052	<p>Viscount Securities. Site at Clay Farm, Ballogan Road, Dublin 18.</p> <p>Site located to south of Clay Farm Phase 1, to north-west of Stepaside Golf Course, to north & north-east of Cruagh Wood & Stepaside Park & to east of two dwellings, including Clay Farm house.</p> <p>Alterations to the S.H.D. permitted under ABP Ref.: 301522-18, as amended under ABP Refs.: 304212-19, 305172-19, 308563-20 & 310422-21, which is currently being built.</p> <p>Proposed alterations in (West Village area) of development, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provision of an additional substation & switchroom, associated maintenance access rd & set down area; -Replacement of 8 no. 3-bed two storey terraced houses, with 7 no. 3-bed two storey semi-detached houses & 1 no. 3-bed two storey detached house; - All associated car parking changes, landscaping & site development works. 	31/01/2023	07/03/2023	www.cfphase2shdamdts.ie	27/03/2023

Planning Counter Figures: 22nd December, 2022 to 31st January, 2023.

Customers Served	318
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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 have until 1st April 2023 to make a determination on submissions.
- A Supplemental Map, showing new sites only, is to be published by on 1st May 2023.

Building Control: 22nd December 2022 – 31st January 2023

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	22
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	16
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	10
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	13/0
Commencement Notices Validated	64
7 Day Notices received	8
Completion Certs Validated	10

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

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation



Comhairle Contae County Council

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section

22nd December 2022 – 31st January 2023	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	20	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	20	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	159	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	149	Litter Section
Litter Fines issued	45	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	0	Waste Bye-laws
Legal Proceedings initiated	4	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

Dog Statistics 22/12/22 – 31/1/23	
No of dogs on hand on 22/12/22	2
No of dogs entering the shelter	5
No of dogs rehomed	1
No of dogs reclaimed	1
No of dogs sent to rescue	1
No of dogs put to sleep	0
No of dogs remaining in the pound on 31st Jan 2023	4
Dog attacks in this period	1*

* 1 dog on dog attack in this period.

Energy

The dlr Energy Team successfully achieved ISO50001 recertification, following the completion of a 3-day recertification audit in December. The associated report detailed positive steps being taken across the dlr Energy Management System.

The Reduce Your Use campaign has continued to raise energy awareness through social media and notices on video screens within some council buildings, as well as sharing useful resources to assist householders in reducing their energy bills. As part of the campaign, helpful information booklets produced by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency, have been circulated through the dlr Daily Dish and to the Age Friendly Team, among others. In addition, a presentation was delivered to an Active Retirement Association to support people in reducing their energy consumption where appropriate and without compromising on their health.

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	23
LRD Applications	3
Section 5 Declarations	2
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023 Grant Scheme	Closing date for applications 23 January 2023. Following this all applications for both schemes were reviewed and assessed, with submission of all the necessary information to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage due by 10 February

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	4
Not Dangerous	0
Total	5



Community and Cultural Development

Community Response Forum

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 in 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 three times during January. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in the Ballyogan Rest Centre and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County.

English classes and other activities continue to be provided in Ballyogan, Sandyford, Dundrum and Loughlinstown. English classes are also being provided in libraries. Employment support services are being organised by Southside Partnership.

Pride of Place Awards

Two community groups from dlr won awards at the Pride of Place Awards held in January. The annual Pride of Place Awards celebrate and recognise voluntary work of Communities and Community Groups all over the island of Ireland.

Rathsallagh / Shanganagh / Clifton Estate Management group were awarded Runner Up in the Housing Estates Category with the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, Ballyogan being awarded Runner Up in the Population over 5000 Category.

The Pride of Place Awards is an annual competition organised by peacebuilding charity Co-operation Ireland and sponsored by IPB Insurance. The awards were established to promote and celebrate the best in community development and recognise the efforts of people to make their local neighbourhoods better places to live, work and socialise.

Local Policing Fora (LPF)

A meeting of Ballybrack Loughlinstown Shankill LPF took place on 17th January 2023.

LCDC

A meeting of the LCDC took place on 25th January 2023.

Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Programme, January 2023:

The **free dlr Age-Friendly Magazine 2023** was launched during the month and 12,000 printed copies of the magazine are being distributed across dlr. The free 84-page full colour magazine is full of information on services, activities and supports for older people being provided by dlr County Council and a wide-range of Age-Friendly groups and organisations operating across the county, as well as creative writing articles, puzzles and recipes.

The 2023 dlr Age-Friendly magazine is produced by the dlr Age-Friendly Programme of dlrc and is funded by Creative Ireland, the dlr Age-Friendly Programme, and Healthy Ireland.

Free copies are available in libraries, community and public health buildings as well as churches, shopping centres, nursing homes and day care centres and kindly delivered by the Community Gardaí and volunteers from the dlr Volunteer Centre.

For further information and to view the online version, see [here](#) and to receive copies, please contact the Community Section, dlr County Council at 01 205 4893 /

community@dlrcoco.ie.

The **Cuairt agus Cultúir programme 2022/2023** continues in 11 Nursing Homes and Day Care Centres across the county, with 6 artists and well-being facilitators providing workshops and activities during winter 2022/23 for residents, day care service users and staff. The programme is being organised and funded by dlrc Arts Office, Libraries and dlr Age-Friendly Programme.

Planning is underway for the upcoming **dlr Age Well Expo to take place on Sunday 11th June 2023 in the Pavilion, Leopardstown Racecourse from 10a.m – 4p.m** to showcase and highlight the many Age-Friendly activities, support services and organisations operating in the county as well as hosting well-being talks, cookery, exercise and creativity demonstrations on the day. Further information and programme of events will be made available over the coming months.

The **Garda Older Person's Association (GOPA)** met during the month in County Hall to plan for their upcoming Public Seminar taking place on Friday 3rd March from 11a.m – 2p.m in the Stillorgan Talbot Hotel with key speakers and information stands on **Text/Email/Phone Fraud as well as updates on the Assistive Decision Making Act**. GOPA are made up of older residents as well as representatives from An Garda Síochána, the Senior Alert Scheme, the dlr Older People's Council and the dlrc Age-Friendly Programme Manager.

The **annual diary for Social Inclusion events for 2023** is currently being drafted in conjunction with the dlr Integration Forum, dlrc Arts, Community, Libraries, Staff Wellbeing Section and DLR Sports Partnership with events taking place regularly to support minority groups in dlr.

Estate Management

Each of the 12 Dlr Estate Management Forums have submitted their 2023 service plans. Service plans will be reviewed by Community Section and other relevant dlr sections before 2023 funding is agreed.

Comhairle na nÓg

Dlr Comhairle na nÓg formed their new 2023 committee at their January meeting. A workshop was delivered to Comhairle members which focused on committee roles, functions and responsibilities. dlr Comhairle currently has 30 members, age range is from 12- to 17-year-olds and includes an increase in numbers of males on the previous two years.

An application for the 2023 funding allocation has been submitted to Pobal.

Residents Associations

Community Section staff continue to provide information and support to requests from local communities seeking support in setting up resident's associations.

Community Section staff are working with Residents of Broadford Court in relation to use of their Communal Space.

Mens Sheds

Community Section staff are currently liaising with Mens Sheds within dlr to update all activities/services, opening hours, locations and contacts of all Men Sheds in the county.

Mini Forest, Coolevin

Community Section staff along with Parks staff and supported by volunteers from the Ballybrack and surrounding areas commenced the planting of trees as part of the Mini



Forest project in Coolevin on the 11th of January. Volunteers came from the LBS Men's Shed, Ballybrack Climate Action, Ballybrack Project Centre and Dún Laoghaire Rotary Club. The second stage of planting will happen in February, and it will be the turn of the Youth Volunteers working with Crosscare Youth Services to support the planting and maintenance of trees.

Community Centre Investment Fund

Pobal held two Support Events during January for successful applicants of the Community Centres Investment Fund (Category 1) funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Successful applications from dlr for Category 1 grants are Mounttown Community Facility, Cois Cairn Youth & Community Facility, Loughlinstown Community Rooms, Rosemount Community Development Group and Glasthule Estate Management Group.

Arts

Municipal Gallery Programme

Heirloom, an exhibition of new work by artist Rachel Doolin continued in the Municipal Gallery. The exhibition will run until the 5th March. It is the result of a collaboration with Seedsavers and presents a series of visual, installation and digital based works that celebrates the 'profundity of seeds'

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/heirloom>

Open Call for Exhibition Proposals

The Arts Office has launched an Open Call for proposals for the 2024-2026 visual art exhibition programme for the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire. The callout is open to professional artists, curators, and arts organisations to apply. A minimum of three separate exhibitions will be programmed from this call out and it is envisaged that one exhibition opportunity will be for an emerging artist. The deadline for receipt of applications Tuesday 14th March.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/open-call-exhibition-proposals-2024-26>

Artists Day

A professional development day will be held on the 31st January including a meet the Arts Office session, an Artists Panel and an opportunity for networking.

Dementia and Creativity Awareness Talks

The final talk in the series exploring dementia and creativity with the Global Brain Health Institute took place in dlr LexIcon on the 14 January. The talks explored the positive impacts of music, movement, visualising, storytelling and connecting on people living with dementia. They included interactive and performative elements and were given by artists and fellows of the Global Brain Health Institute. These talks were supported by dlr Arts Office and dlr Library Service and funded by Creative Ireland's Creativity in Older Age Programme 2022.

https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/dementia_and_creativity_awareness_talks.pdf

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.

New online resource! Kanopy

We were delighted to launch our newest online resource in mid-January, Kanopy, a film streaming service. Kanopy 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.

- download eBooks and eAudiobooks from **BorrowBox** and **Overdrive** to read/listen to on your tablet, laptop, or smartphone
- **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 and for adults, browse genres or authors on 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
- read magazines and newspapers online with **Overdrive** and **Pressreader**
- take an online course with **Universal Class**
- learn over 100 languages online with **Transparent Language Online**
- stream or download music to your device with **Freegal**
- listen to a podcast with **dlr Soundcloud**
- look at an exhibition on your tablet, laptop, or pc

You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

Visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>

dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainian families

We continue to add to our list of resources on our website here:

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-libraries-resources-ukrainian-nationals> and at: <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>

These resources include information on library services, including free Wi-Fi, free internet pc access, photocopy, print and scanning services. We have also translated one of our existing flyers into Ukrainian and Russian, outlining our services. In addition, we have also drafted an information leaflet specifically for the Ukrainian Rest Centre in Ballyogan. We have ordered books for children and adults in Ukrainian and Russian. We have purchased a selection of e-books on our existing online platforms (Overdrive and Borrowbox) and have purchased licences to download and print early readers in Ukrainian for children. We have also ordered some Ukrainian newspapers and magazines for our library branches along with the Ukrainian Community Hub in Ballyogan. 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](#)

dlr Libraries Events in 2022

In 2022, dlr Libraries hosted 1,932 events with 40,684 adults, young adults, children, parents, families and schools attending our online and in-person events.

Brigid 1500

dlr Libraries are hosting a range of events to celebrate St. Brigid as part of Brigid 1500.

On Wed 25 and Fri 27 January we had Wicklow Willow with St. Brigid Cross Making workshops for schools and families across our Libraries. We welcomed Candlelit Tales to dlr LexIcon on 28 January for tales of St. Brigid for families. On Tues 31 January, **Wild Women** – a panel discussion, chaired by Flor MacCarthy featuring Ailbhe Smyth, Flor MacCarthy, Senator Eileen Flynn, Sarah Webb, Justine McCarthy, Martina Devlin and Lise-Ann McLaughlin, took place in the Studio, dlr LexIcon, where we learned about some of the unconventional and unruly women who followed in Brigid's footsteps and broke the mould.

English in the Library

This popular, informal group, for those learning English as a second language, continue to meet every Monday evening in dlr LexIcon.

Quiz Nights

January saw the return of our popular online quiz nights. Taking place at 8.00pm each Friday during January and February. Themes alternate each week, with some quizzes geared toward families and others for adults. Email libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie to register for these quizzes.

Events for the Neurodiverse

Continuing our programming of inclusive events for the neurodiverse, we held Creative Art Workshops with Quaint Baby Art on Saturday 7 January. We had an area with sensory toys and equipment set up for participants to use if they needed to self-regulate during the sessions. 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 collection of sensory toys, are ongoing.

Yoga Videos

We provided a series of Yoga Videos through the DLR YouTube channel for our library users to partake in over the Christmas and New Year period. Sally Dunne and Lydia Sasse provided yoga videos on gentle chair yoga, immunity and better sleep. Videos are available on the dlr YouTube Channel now.

Events for Adults

Get Crafty

Following on from the successful series of events in 2022, we were delighted to begin working with the craft collective The Muddle again in 2023 for online and in-person events. We held jewellery making, collage and drawing workshops, with more to be announced for February and March.

Yoga for Adults

Sally Dunne is providing Yoga Classes in Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon throughout January and February. Classes are for adults, with half the available spaces reserved for Ukrainian nationals.

Clubs & Groups

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 Knitting Club in Cabinteely Library, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The staff-led Film Club in Blackrock continues; the Ciorcal Comhrá, the informal Irish conversation group, has returned to the LexIcon Café every Tuesday morning, and a weekly Crafting Circle takes place in Shankill Library.

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. The December title for discussion *Small things like these* by Claire Keegan, was discussed at the January meeting, alongside the January title *I Am, I Am, I Am* by Maggie O'Farrell. As part of its centenary year celebrations, a new *Ulysses* book Club for adults is ongoing in Dundrum Library. For those who've always wanted to read this literary masterpiece, members will meet monthly to discuss two chapters at a time in order to finish the tome by Bloomsday 16 June 2023.

Exhibition Programme

The Sea by David Branigan

dlr LexIcon, Level 4

Until 28 January

During the Pandemic, local photographer David Branigan received an Arts Council grant to produce a book of his work. The book features 21 images in black & 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 be photographed around Ireland but regional lockdowns prevented that. The result is that most of the images were taken around Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and are both land-based and afloat. These beautiful images have been made into this breathtaking, unmissable exhibition.

Humans of the Biosphere

dlr LexIcon Lab, Level 3 dlr LexIcon

Until 3 January 2023

This exhibition celebrates the sustainable and harmonious relationship between people and nature, fostered by UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme. It was produced by local man Derek Skehan with the aim of capturing, through a lens, the shared connections between local people and our internationally important nature reserves.

The Hall School 150

Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Until 14 Jan 2023

Memories and memorabilia from the Hall School Monkstown to mark 150 years since it was founded in 1872. Younger visitors can try on the replica hat and dresses, while everyone should enjoy the wide range of photographs, artefacts and memories of schooldays gone but never forgotten. In 1973, the Hall School amalgamated with Park House and Hillcourt, creating Rathdown School.

An Garda Síochána Centenary Exhibition

Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Until 28 Feb 2023

This exhibition gives an insight into the founding of An Garda Síochána and how An Garda Síochána developed its own style of policing in Ireland from the foundation of the state and in particular focuses on the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Dún Laoghaire Baths Exhibition 1843 – 2023

Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Until 28 Feb 2023

Marking the reopening of the Dún Laoghaire Baths area to the public and celebrating the 180th anniversary of their original opening, this exhibition is a pictorial celebration of life, work and play in the Baths. From their origins as a private enterprise, through the Edwardian redevelopment by the Urban District Council and covering heydays and dereliction through to the present day. It charts the highs and lows of this much-loved local institution – swimming lessons, sunbathing paradise, childhood freedom, protests, ice creams and fun park. Told through the images and the voices of those who lived, worked and played in the Dún Laoghaire Baths over many years, the exhibition brings the past to life, while looking to the next chapter in the life of this iconic Dún Laoghaire attraction.

Christians in Morocco: Living Together

Level, dlr LexIcon

Until 28 February

This exhibition shines a spotlight on some episodes in the shared history of religious groups in Morocco, tracing the 800-year history of the Christian community there, including the visits of Pope John Paul II in 1985 and Pope Francis in 2019. The exhibition was first presented in Christ Church Cathedral in June 2022. It was also displayed in St Mel's Cathedral in Longford, during November and December 2022.

Brigid, the Goddess, Brigid the Saint

Level 5, dlr LexIcon

This exhibition features a selection of books and images on St. Brigid that are part of dlr Local Studies Collection, dlr LexIcon.

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

Events for Children

Chinese New Year

Cantonese In Ireland ran 2 events for schools in dlr LexIcon to celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year on 25 and 26 January.

Regular Events 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. 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 25 January 2023)

Facebook	8130
Twitter	8749
Instagram	3590
TikTok	330
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	9,920

Online resources (preliminary monthly figures as of 25 January 2023)

Digital library issues

Prelim. Jan. 2023

Resource	Description	Checkouts Prelim. Jan. 2023
Overdrive	e Audio	1195
Overdrive	e Book	1803
Overdrive	Comics	26
Overdrive	Magazines	3366
Borrowbox	e Audio	7034
Borrowbox	e Book	3197
Freegal	Streaming + Download	1208
Press Reader	Newspapers	15223
Tumblebooks	Books	30
Lote4kids	Logins	5
Medici	Videos Viewed	xxxxxx
Who Else	Logins	2
Who Next	Logins	2
Moshi	Logins	xxxxxx
Total		33091



Parks

- Landscape Maintenance ongoing in Public Open Spaces/Parks/Sports Pitches/Playgrounds/Cemeteries/Housing sites/Halting Site/Senior Citizens residence/ Reservoirs & Pumping Stations/Sandyford Industrial Estate/Road Reservations/Margins, roundabouts, medians & embankments (Grass cutting/litter picking etc), ongoing by Landscape Maintenance Contractors and Parks Staff
- Major tree pruning works underway countywide
- Tree planting underway countywide
- Christmas tree recycling completed countywide
- Preparation of Wildfire Management Plan progressing
- Footpath Improvements completed in Marlay, Heather Lawn and Loreto Park
- Access Improvements complete at Leopardstown Lawn
- Flailing works ongoing

Heritage

- Integration of heritage interpretation into Active Travel projects
- County Heritage Plan projects funding application to Heritage Council of Ireland
- Administration of National Community Monument Fund for archaeology
- Strategy workshop for Joyce Tower Museum
- Meeting with National Monuments Service re. Rathmichael hillfort
- Bespoke Dublin mountains archaeology training for Tour Guides, distribution of Dublin’s Monumental Mountains booklet, Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology social media
- Preparation of 2022 Annual Heritage Plan Review / 2023 Implementation Plan
- Progression of County Geology interactive digital content
- Progression of Fernhill house condition report
- Progression of Glen Druid dolmen public access feasibility study
- Progression of Dún Laoghaire Augmented Reality historic photo project / pier interpretation project

- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Dlr Tree Policy input
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups

Biodiversity

- Biodiversity Event Launch of the Hedgerow Toolkit for Schools by Minister Noonan, Cathaoirleach Cllr Mary Hanifan and Director Therese Langan
- Killiney Hill Red Squirrel monitoring and meeting with NPWS
- Killiney Hill ecology survey design for Habitat and Species Management Plan including restoration areas
- Killiney Hill Fire Strategy ecology input
- Dalkey Island Tern Project - tern boxes design and samples made
- Dalkey Island biodiversity monitoring and management
- Shanganagh Cliffs coastal study meetings for management plan
- Deansgrange Flood Scheme and biodiversity
- National Biodiversity Database Meeting regarding invasive species recording for DLRcoco
- Meeting re invasive species Mink in DLR catchments
- DLR Biodiversity on National Invasive species steering group
- Biodiversity and Heritage Council meeting
- Meeting with landowners regarding rewilding
- DLR Marine Project - grey seals off DLR coastal waters video developed for public on our website
- Marine Nature Based Solutions workshop with Dept
- Meeting with DLR schools to plant hedgerow and connect to the DLR Ecological Network
- Loughlinstown Linear Park Biodiversity Plan review and meetings

Sports Development

dlr Leisure: Set up and completed the following activities in January;

Schools (Drafts programme)

- Good Shepard, Dundrum (10-12 age)
- Queen of Angels (10-12 age)
- St Kevin's, Sallynoggin (10-12 age)
- St Joseph's, Dún Laoghaire (10-12 age)
- Dominican School, Dún Laoghaire (10-12 age)

Youth groups

1. Shankill Crosscare girls group - (10-14 age)
2. Dún Laoghaire Crosscare girls group - (15-17 age)
3. Loughlinstown Community Rooms - mixed group (10-14 age)
4. Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group - (10-14 age)
5. Balally Family resource centre - mixed group (10-14 age)
6. Boylan Centre - mixed group (11-13 age)
7. Boylan Centre - mixed group (15-18 age)
8. Whitehouse Crosscare - boys group - (10-14 age)
9. Youth Diversion Ballyogan - boys group (15-17 age)
10. Ballybrack Crosscare - mixed group 1 (12-15 age)
11. Ballybrack Crosscare - mixed group 2 (10-14 age)

12. Carmona - special needs group – mixed group (18-24 age)
13. Autism Initiative - special needs group (18-24 age)
14. Strive - disability group - mixed group (18-24 age)

Other activities

- Assisted dlr Sports Partnership with their Community 3k event in Cabinteely Park.
- Met with Aidan Boyle, school completion officer for Ballybrack / Shankill area in relation to setting up sporting programmes for teenagers at risk.
- Met with Autism Initiative in relation to setting up a summer camp for their participants.
- Met with Georgina from the Boylan Centre about setting up an active youth challenge starting in February.
- Met with Mary Teehan from Sallynoggin Crosscare about setting up an active youth challenge starting in February.
- Met with Dean Doyle from St. Lawrence’s College in relation to continuing the afterschool programme.
- Met with Kilcross Crosscare and have booked sessions in for February (update to follow in February report).
- Met with Holy Family Dheis school and have booked in sessions starting the end of February (update to follow in February report).
- Met with Áine O’Gorman from Sallynoggin Youth Reach in relation to setting up an activity programme.
- Met with Colmcille’s new principal Niamh O’ Hanlon and have booked in our drafts programme starting in February (update to follow in February report).

Leinster Rugby – January 2023 report

Schools

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools

8 – 642 males and 424 females

Secondary Schools

– males

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO)

Primary Schools

3 – 104 males and 194 females

Secondary Schools

3 – 12 males and 106 females

Andrew Egan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Old Wesley RFC)

Primary Schools

9 – 197 males and 167 females

Secondary Schools

– males

Luke Sloyan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC)

Primary Schools

7 – 740 males and 498 females

Secondary Schools

3 – 297 males and 76 females

dlr rugby clubs sessions, workshops or AOB (please include numbers and breakdown male/female)

Every Sunday U6/7 Old Wesley RFC 32 players – AE

dlr female club rugby

Blackrock vs Terenure u8's, 10's and 12's girls match – EMcK

Old Wesley vs DLSP u12's girls match – EMcK

Seapoint & Stillorgan combined team – Seals vs Kilkenny u14's girls match – EMcK

DLSP u12's girls session – 12 girls – EMcK

DLSP u18's girls session – 18 girls – EMcK

Seapoint u12's girls session – EMcK

Girls Rugby – U12 side, refereed match v DLSP on Sunday 15th January (10 players) – AE

Girls Rugby session on Sunday 8th January (12 players) – AE

dlr rugby development schools (male/female)

South Dublin 7s or female tournaments 1st year touch or X7s (dlr only)

SD7s round 3 – hosted in Blackrock College RFC – 27th of January 2023 (4 dlr schools attending) – 149 male players – JS

Leinster Rugby & dlr sports partnership county council programs

FAI:

- **Administration** - Planning work for all programmes in 2023 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going on a weekly and monthly basis.
- **SAFEGUARDING 1 Workshops** – Two workshops delivered for Shankill FC and St Joseph's AFC, 50 coaches participated.
- **Primary schools** –
 - o Three Futsal in The Yard, 120 boys and girls taking part.
 - o One School Club Link/ Future Stars girls' football in St Kevin's NS with St Joseph's AFC – 25 girls.
 - o Promoting the Primary 5s National 5-a-side Competition with all Primary schools.
- **FFA** – Planning DLR programmes with FFA Development Officer and DLR Sports.
- **Girls Centre of Excellence** – Player ID ongoing every Sunday in January for 2023 group.
- **COACH EDUCATION** – Two PDP 2 course delivered, 50 coaches took part.
- **Club Mark:** Fifteen DLR Clubs registered. Rosemount/Mulvey and Stepside FC now applying for **Club Mark One Star Award**. On-going contact meetings with other registered clubs to achieve award.

Leinster Cricket:

- Kill of the Grange NS 4 week course for 4th, 5th and 6th class to bring teams up to blitz competition level.
- Ballinteer Girls National School - 4 week course for stream A 4th, 5th and 6th classes to bring pupils up to blitz competition standard.
- Rathmichael National School - 4 week course for 4th, 5th and 6th classes up to blitz competition standard.
- On-going planning for future school yard sessions.
- Planning for area blitz competitions, feedback from schools has indicated that some schools will face budgetary issues this year and school travel budgets have been slashed.
- Continued liaison with both Sandyford and DLR cricket clubs regarding on-going works at both Marlay and Shanganagh parks.

Sports Partnership

- **Sport Ireland Core Grant Application 2023** – confirmation of funding totaling €274,187 in addition to €78,000 deferred from 2022.
- **Dormant Accounts 2022** – secured grants across the 4 projects we applied for to the value of €134,000 - Active Cities (€82,500), Volunteer Supports (€17,000), Urban Outdoor (€20,000), Sports Inclusion Disability (€14,500).
- **Staffing** – new staff are in place a couple of months and are progressing well. Gwen O’Looney continuing to deliver the disability sports brief in an acting capacity with the administration tasks spread throughout the team.
- **Website** - Development of a new Sports Partnership website for early 2023.
- **Winter Initiative** – continuing to link into and promote this national initiative to raise awareness and increase people’s activity levels during winter months.
- **Blazing Wheel’s Roller Skating Programme** – weekly, learn to roller skate initiative for women with a fun, social focus now complete (20 participants).
- **Community Walk Event** – took place on the 21st January in Cabinteely Park for all ages and abilities to promote an active start to the new year.
- **Walking For Health** – delivering 2 x 5-week walking programmes with one in Dun Laoghaire and the other in Marlay Park (20 participants per venue).
- **Secondary Schools Programmes** – delivering a number of sports specific programmes in local schools in partnership with NGBS – Table Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Rowing, Basketball, Olympic Handball.
- **Inclusive Cycle Skills Training** – delivering a workshop for teachers in Ballyowen Meadows and children’s learn to cycle programme starting this month.
- **Online Older Adult Exercise Classes** – continuing to deliver a 6-month online programme for older adults not ready to join in-person activities.
- **Active Cities Dublin** – establishing a Steering Group and collaborating with other Active Cities. Developing new and existing programmes for 2023. Raising awareness of project through presenting information to key stakeholders.
- **Child Safeguarding** – 2 Safeguarding 1 Workshops in January (22 participants)
- **ExWell** – weekly programme for older adults with chronic illnesses in Sandyford Community Centre as part of the Active Cities initiative.
- **Ukraine Refugee Supports** – joint funding gym visits to the dlr Leisure Ballyogan centre for adults staying in the Rest Centre.
- **Boules Courts** – working with the Parks Dept. to complete installation of new Boules courts in Marlay and Kilbogget Parks as part of the Active Cities project.