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Message from An Cathaoirleach

Welcome to your latest edition of the dlr Times which will give you an idea of all the different initiatives that we are carrying out at this time of year. With children now returning to school, we have been implementing Safe School Zones and promoting our Active Schools Travel initiative to and from schools. These programmes tie into the wonderful public realm works that have been carried out throughout the summer and aim to enable students and pupils to walk or cycle to school in a safe environment.

Inside you can also find information about a variety of business grants and supports we offer that will help local businesses adapt to the challenging COVID 19 working environment. These include a rate support grant and a street furniture grant, which aims to help relevant businesses better utilise the public realm facilities as well as an expanded Restart Grant Plus.

Our dlr Heritage Section are providing accessible 3D Virtual Tours to allow people explore several of the wonderful heritage sites from the safety of their home and I would encourage everyone to take a look at these if they get a chance.

CLLR. UNA POWER



Message from the dlr Chief Executive

We move now into an Autumn like no other and while we did not have our normal summer programmes, we can be very proud of the efforts of our volunteers, of the public realm works which created enough space to gather, of the services that continued to run and of all the people who did their level best to contain the virus. We keep these efforts going now to give us a better Winter.

It is at times like this that it is all the more important that the Council support local groups and once again we are announcing the launch of our dlr Grants Scheme, which supports grassroots local groups and initiatives and events all across the county. The nature of these initiatives and events will be different due to restrictions, but nonetheless they will continue to play a vital role in our communities.

I would encourage everyone to continue to look after themselves and those around them this Autumn and enjoy this wonderful county that makes 'staying local' a fulfilling experience.

PHILOMENA POOLE

CoCo Markets PEOPLE'S PARK & DLR LEXICON, Dún Laoghaire

Sunday 11am-4pm

MARLAY PARK Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

Saturday 10am-4 pm & Sunday 11am-4pm



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Out of Hours: 01 677 8844
[after 5pm + weekends]

Homeless Persons: 1800 724 724
[after hours services]

Irish Water: 1850 278 278
[24 hours]

Your dlr parks



BLACKROCK PARK

TIME: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov – Jan 8am to 4.30pm
Feb – Mar 8am to 6pm | Apr 8am to 8pm | May – Aug 8am to 9pm

CABINTEELY PARK

TIMES: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov – Jan 8am to 5pm | Feb 8am to 6pm | Mar 8am to 7pm | Apr 8am to 8pm | May – Aug 8am to 10.30pm

DEER PARK

TIME: Open Access

FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS

TIME: 9am - 6pm

KILBOGGET PARK

TIME: Open Access

KILLINEY HILL PARK

TIME: Open Access

MARLAY PARK

TIME: Sep 9am to 8pm | Oct 9am to 6pm | Nov – Jan 9am to 5pm
Feb – Mar 9am to 6pm | Apr 9am to 9pm | May – Aug 9am to 10pm

PEOPLE'S PARK

TIME: Dec – Mar 8am to 4.30pm
Apr – May 8am to 7.30pm | Jun – Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct – Nov 8am to 7.30pm

SHANGANAGH PARK

TIME: Open Access

Recycling information



BALLYOGAN RECYCLING

Ballyogan Road

TELEPHONE: 01 291 3600

TIME: Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm
Sat 9.30am to 5.30pm | Sun/Bank Hols 10.30am to 5.30pm.

CLOSED: Christmas Eve – St. Stephen's Day, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday.

EDEN PARK RECYCLING

Summerhill Road, Glashule

TIME: Mon – Thur 8.30am to 4pm
Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm.

CLOSED: Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.

SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE

Cemetery Car Park, Shankill

TIME: Mon – Thur 8.30am to 4pm
Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm.

CLOSED: Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.

Your dlr libraries



LIBRARIES OPERATING CLICK AND COLLECT SERVICE DUE TO LEVEL 3 RESTRICTIONS

dlr LEXICON

Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire

TEL: 01 280 1147

TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm
Fri to Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Sun 12noon – 4pm

BLACKROCK

Blackrock Town Hall, Main Street

TEL: 01 288 8117

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

CABINTEELY*

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely

TEL: 01 285 5363

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat* 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm

DALKEY

Castle Street, Dalkey

TEL: 01 285 5317

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

DEANSGRANGE

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange

TEL: 01 285 0860

TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 10am – 5pm. My Open Library self-service 8am-10pm, 7 days a week, including bank holiday weekends.

DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum

TEL: 01 298 5000

TIMES: Mon, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm

SHANKILL*

Library Road, Shankill

TEL: 01 282 3081

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat* 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm

STILLORGAN

St. Laurence's Park, Stillorgan

TEL: 01 288 9655

TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm

* Libraries with an asterisk are open either Friday or Saturday – please contact for further details. - On Bank Holiday weekends, all libraries are closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday while Deansgrange opens in My Open Library mode.



dlr GRANTS SCHEME 2021 NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

COVID 19 has changed many things for us all, but daily life in the community goes on in all areas, with groups, associations and projects of all types doing their best to thrive even while complying with necessary public health restrictions.

Do you have an idea for a project or an initiative, big or small, that could benefit your local area in community development, sports, environment or business promotion? Your initiative could make a difference to the well-being and quality of life, even in a small way, of the people in your local neighbourhood!



Each year Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council opens a grant funding scheme for the following year, known as the dlr Grants Scheme. It provides funding to individuals, groups and organisations engaged in projects, events or initiatives at a neighbourhood or County level within our area, with a particular emphasis on supporting locally driven and grass roots initiatives. Grant funding is available for community-based initiatives, local business promotion, in sports development, local heritage, environmental protection, cultural festivals, events and other areas.

The impact of COVID 19 this year is unparalleled and planned events and initiatives at all levels and in all areas of our community, like society as whole, have been very significantly affected. The ongoing pandemic will likely have an impact on initiatives, events and festivals into 2021 but we are also aware of the resilience and flexibility of all our community groups and the many innovative ways that they have kept their programmes and events running as much as practicable. In times such as these, it is all the more important that the Council continue to support our communities.

The scheme assists with the development of projects and initiatives to help them achieve their full potential or could help them to adjust to best work within restrictions. Applications are made online via a dedicated portal on the Council website, www.dlrcoco.ie/grants

In order to ensure good governance and transparency there are a number of general guidelines that refer to applying for the grants and some additional guidelines around specific grant categories. This helps ensure that the Council is supporting the very best in the development of our communities.

Speaking of the opening of the dlr Grants Scheme for 2021, An Cathaoirleach for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Cllr. Una Power said *'The dlr Grants Scheme offers a great opportunity to help community groups and local people implement a wide variety of initiatives in a number of different areas. During my time as a Councillor I have seen the benefits these grants have had and I believe they can offer important supports for local groups during these difficult times. I would advise any individual or group in the dlr area, who are looking for assistance or supports, to consider applying for the grants available.'*

This is your chance to apply for funding that could kick-start a new local initiative that makes a real difference or take an existing local initiative and lift it to the next level. For further information on the specific grant streams available, how to apply online and the relevant criteria please go to www.dlrcoco.ie/grants. The dlr Grants Scheme 2021 is open for applications up to 23 October.

Restart Grant Plus

Grants of between €4,000 to €25,000 available to businesses



In order to help businesses reopen and get people back to work, the Restart Grant Plus scheme allows eligible small and medium sized businesses to apply for grants of €4,000 to €25,000 to help them get back on their feet after what has been an exceptionally difficult time.

Hairdressers, sports clubs with commercial activities, cafes, restaurants and other businesses can use this money to help with the costs associated with re-opening and adapting to what is a very different environment.

Medium sized companies are now eligible and companies with up to 250 employees can now apply.

Businesses that have already received funding under the Restart Grant do not need to re-apply under the Restart Grant Plus Scheme and will have been contacted by the Council.

For first-time applicants under the Restart Grant Plus scheme, the minimum grant is €4,000 and the maximum is €25,000.

Applications are now open to the Restart Grant Plus scheme. For full details on eligibility and to apply online, please see www.dlrcoco.ie/restart-grant-plus

Closing date for Restart Grant Plus scheme has been extended until the 31st October 2020.

Street Furniture Grant

If you're an independent business engaged in food services, you might be able to avail of the Council's Street Furniture Grant. Introduced to help get businesses back up and running post-lockdown, the grant provides funding for street furniture up to a value of €2,000.

Available to businesses who have been granted a (currently free) street furniture licence by the Council, and applicable only where additional seating is being provided rather than simply upgrading existing furniture, the full details can be found at www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Street-Furniture-Grant-Scheme/

Our Economic Development Unit will answer your queries at 01-2047083 or economicdev@dlrcoco.ie

Fancy a fresh look for your shopfront?

Shops on the streets of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's towns and villages can avail of the Council's Shopfront Improvement Scheme to help them rejuvenate and refresh their premises. The aim of the scheme is to enhance the streetscape with shop fronts that are more attractive for shoppers, residents, visitors and businesses. The Council offers to match expenditure up to a maximum of €5,000.

There are terms and conditions and staff in Economic Development are always happy to guide applicants through the process. Call them on 01 204 7083 or visit www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Shop-Front-Improvement

NEWS FOR RATEPAYERS

RATES WAIVER FOR BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

The Government announced on the 23 July that the waiver of commercial rates will be extended for a further three month period to the 27 September. Further updates will be available after this time.

A 100% waiver will be applied to all eligible businesses as a credit in lieu of rates for a six-month period to the 27 September. There are a number of categories excluded such as vacant properties, utilities, banks, building societies, large supermarkets - for the full list of exclusions and FAQ's please see www.dlrcoco.ie/rates.

It is not necessary for Ratepayers to apply for the waiver, it will be automatically applied where the business is not in an excluded category. We will write out to all Ratepayers when the waiver is applied.

For queries please email us on rates@dlrcoco.ie or telephone 01 2054821

GRANTS PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL

The rate support grant for ratepayers whose rates bill is less than €21,019 remains in place. The Scheme provides for those eligible to receive a grant ranging from €300 – €800 subject to meeting the terms and conditions of the Scheme. The Scheme has been revised to extend the date to pay the 2020 rates bill (including arrears if any) in full or enter into an agreement to pay from the 1 July to the 1 November 2020.

Please contact us as soon as possible to put the necessary agreement in place to ensure you qualify.

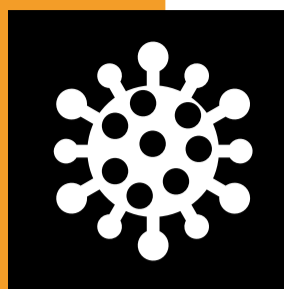
There is no need to apply for the grant. If you qualify, it is automatically applied to your account. See www.dlrcoco.ie/ratesgrants for details of the current Scheme including the terms and conditions.

If you sign up to pay by direct debit and subject to meeting the other terms and conditions of the Scheme, your grant will be applied automatically to your account this year.



Premises in Dún Laoghaire that availed of a shopfront grant

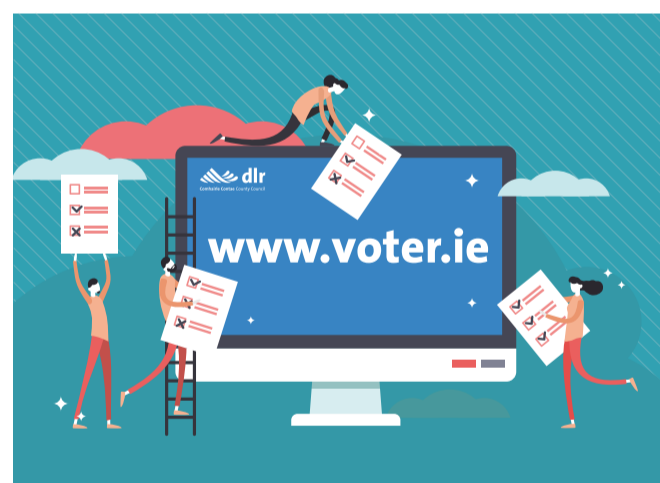
Level 3 COVID-19 Service Restrictions



Along with the rest of Dublin, the dlr area has been placed on Level 3 of the Framework for Restrictive Measures, for a period of 3 weeks, until Friday 9 October.

Services will be affected as follows:

- Public access to County Hall, Dún Laoghaire & Dundrum Local Area Office will be by prior appointment only. Face coverings must be worn when attending for your appointment. Our phone line is 01 205 4700 or email info@dlrcoco.ie
- dlr Libraries will be closed to the public but the Click and Collect and Book Drop services will remain available to all. Visit the dlr Libraries website to see how to avail of these services on the dlrlibraries.ie website. Scheduled exhibitions in library spaces will be affected by these restrictions.
- Community centres will continue to operate in a limited capacity while following public health advice. Please contact your local centre for more information.
- dlr Leisure Centres and dlr swimming pools will remain open for individual training. Classes will be suspended.
- Parks and playgrounds remain open.
- The annual Samhain Halloween event in Marlay Park scheduled for Sunday 25 October is cancelled.
- Keep up to date via our website and social media.



Register of Electors

The Register of Electors comes into force on 15 February each year and is used for each election and referendum held in the succeeding 12 months.

The new Draft Register for 2021 – 2022 is now being prepared. It will be published on 1 November 2020 and made available for inspection online at www.voter.ie or in hard copy in our offices in Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum and in our libraries.

It is important that you check that your details / voting status are correct and that you are registered only once.

Claim for corrections to the Draft Register

Any person may claim to have a correction made to a Draft Register from 1 November. This can include a claim to have the name of a person added to, or deleted from, the Draft Register. All claims by electors with addresses in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown must be sent to the Franchise Section, Dundrum Office Park, Off Main Street, Dundrum, D14YY00 on or before 25 November 2020.

The Dundrum Area Office is responsible for the generation of the Register of Electors for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. They are open from 9.30 – 12.30pm and 1.30 – 4.30 pm Monday to Friday.

For queries please email on registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie

Open House Dublin

Celebrating its 15th birthday, the architecture festival Open House Dublin, an initiative of the Irish Architecture Foundation (IAF) and supported by dlr will take place from 8-11 October.



The COVID-19 crisis has made us re-think how we engage with our everyday surroundings, our green spaces, our homes, our working environments and our places of social interaction.

Led by Senior Architect Bob Hannan, a bike tour from Blackrock, through Monkstown and onto Glasthule will explore dlr's response to the crisis, highlighting new place-making and public realm interventions.

At the city edge, the interplay between architectural material, places of extraction and public space will be explored through Dublin's quarrying and stone masonry heritage. Led by dlr Heritage Officer Deirdre Black, the walking tour will trace a timeline from historic quarrying in the hills and the supply chain to the city, to the contemporary granite stone masonry of the new peri-urban public realm at Fernhill House and Gardens.

The Open House Junior programme, for families, children and young people, will include a range of activities for all ages. Teens can get involved in their own design project with 'DIYStudio', an online IAF resource that gives an introduction to architecture and design. A 'Minecraft Challenge' for children aged 7 to 15 will invite inventiveness and design ideas for locations in the county. Primary school children can build their own structures with everyday materials for a 'Building Stories' competition, in response to buildings in the area.

Other highlights include film shorts showcasing Dublin's architecture including Pritzker Prize winners Grafton Architects and 'The Big Debate'. To find out more and to get involved please visit www.openhousedublin.com for details.

Halloween Appeal



dlr would like to appeal to residents and businesses alike for their assistance in ensuring this Halloween is safe and enjoyable for everybody. The uncontrolled burning of waste in a bonfire is an illegal, costly and dangerous practice. The Council would like to appeal to residents to be vigilant and report any stockpiling of waste. Please note that allowing unpermitted waste collectors to remove waste is an offence and could incur a fine of up to €5,000. Any materials that are likely to be taken and used for bonfires should be stored safely and securely, or disposed of correctly, prior to Halloween.

To report stockpiling please call 01 2054700 or email info@dlrcoco.ie.

Active School Travel Initiative

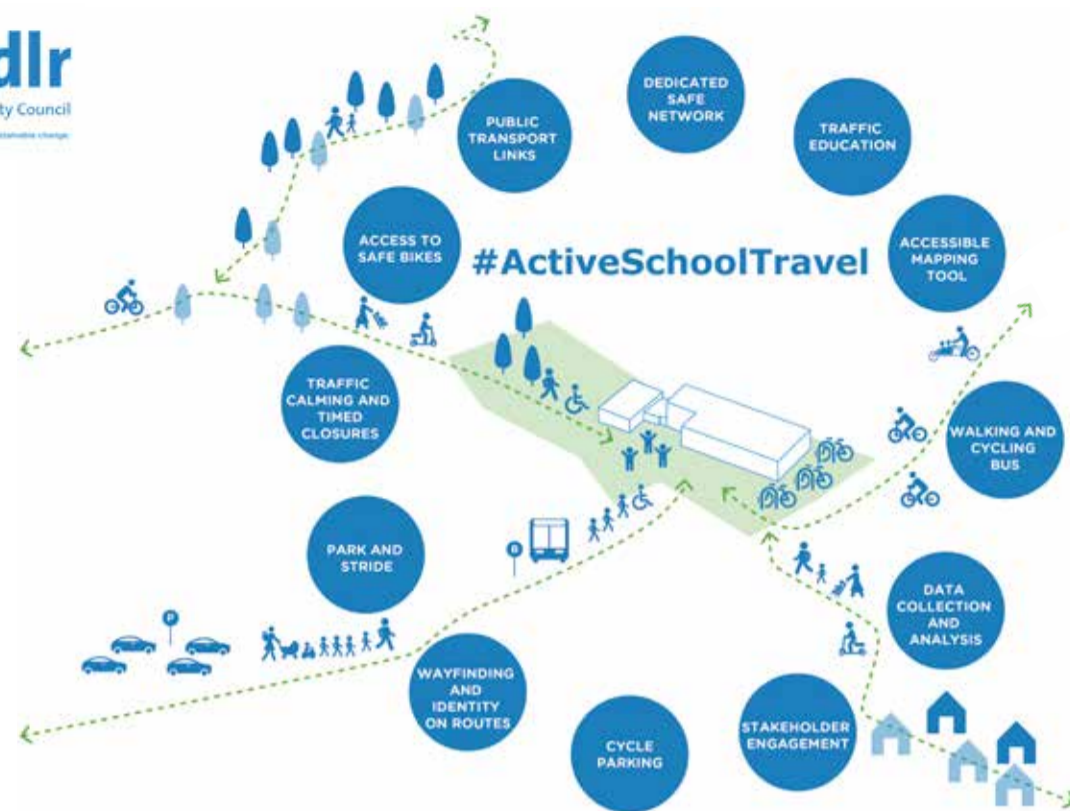


The Council has launched its Active School Travel initiative, aimed at supporting and promoting alternative means for children to get to school in a safe and active way, in particular, walking and cycling. In launching the initiative, the Council also recognises that families have been keeping active during the COVID-19 pandemic and wish to continue to do so.

This will reduce the impact on the public transport system of school travel, avoid traffic congestion at school gates and encourage a continued shift away from the use of the private car. This initiative is being carried out in partnership with other stakeholders, including the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, The National Transport Authority (NTA) and the An Taisce – Green Schools Travel programme.

As part of the initiative, the Council launched an interactive web map, showing a range of information, including walking and cycling routes, other sustainable transport routes, and the location of bike repair outlets across the County. The Council also invited schools, parents, Councillors and the public to identify local travel and transport issues, where the Council could provide assistance and support. Using the Council's 'Report It' tool, over fifty submissions have been received to date. As a result, the Council has assisted schools by delivering cycle stands, traffic cones, and providing site specific traffic advice.

This September the Council subsequently launched its trial School Zone initiative, which forms part of Active School Travel. This pilot project involves working with Carysfort National School in Blackrock, to implement measures to prevent obstruction of school entrances and footpaths by vehicles, making it safer for those who walk and cycle to school.



This also includes developing temporary traffic calming measures in the vicinity of the school. In the longer term, the Council will work with the school, the wider community, the NTA and An Taisce, to put in place more sustainable measures such as additional pedestrian crossings, markings and more permanent traffic calming measures. This trial will also inform appropriate approaches and measures that may be used at other schools across the County, in the future.

For more information on the initiative and the online map, search 'Active School Travel' on our website, dlrcoco.ie and follow updates on social media with #ActiveSchoolTravel

ReLove Fashion Competition

The ReLove Fashion competition is open to all secondary school students within dlr.

The competition encourages students to explore creative reuse options such as upcycling, repairs, alterations and mending of clothes. Students use their design and repair skills to make their own fashion statement. Entrants are invited to source clothing from a charity shop, swap shop or reuse items already available at home.

This competition is a great opportunity for any students interested in the field of fast fashion, reuse, design or upcycling.

Key Dates

- Registration Deadline – 5pm 2 October
- Submission Deadline – 5pm 30 October
- Grand Final – 26 November

The competition is a joint initiative between Local Authorities and the Rediscovery Centre.

Further information on this competition can be found on www.dlrcoco.ie or by contacting the council's Environmental Awareness Section on 01 2054700.



Green Flags for dlr Schools



Congratulations to all schools within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown who were awarded their Green Flag this year!

The Green-Schools programme is facilitated locally by dlr County Council staff, in conjunction with An Taisce and we have seen some great work in local schools relating to litter

and waste reduction, energy and water conservation, sustainable travel, biodiversity and marine education.

The programme is designed to promote and acknowledge whole school action for the environment.

Schools undertake long term projects on environmental issues such as waste and litter management, energy, water, sustainable transport, biodiversity and global citizenship.

Keeping Active



with dlr Sports Partnership

It can be a challenge to remain active during these challenging times and as Covid-19 continues, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership is determined more than ever to “foster active communities” by providing activity programmes on how the people of dlr can get active.

Club Participation Grants Scheme 2020

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership would like to invite applications from sports clubs and organisations under its Club Participation Grant Scheme 2020. The purpose of this grant scheme is to provide assistance to clubs based in the County to develop or expand targeted participation initiatives for girls/women, people with disabilities and the provision of training for volunteers/coaches.

For further details on this grants scheme and how to make an application please see www.dlrsportspartnership.ie. The final date for applications is the 23rd October 2020.

Staying Active

We are all aware that activity is important for our physical and mental wellbeing but how much exercise should we be getting? A general guideline for an adult is 30 minutes of moderate activity, 5 days per week. Children and teens should get 60 minutes or more of physical activity daily. To help stick with it pick an activity that you like, make it part of your day, exercise with others for motivation and do it to your favourite music.

Activity Suggestions from dlr Sports Partnership:



Walks in our dlr Parks

We are so lucky to have a range of beautiful parks around the County and what better place to be active than go for a walk in your local one. We organise free guided mindfulness eco-walks, which are particularly suitable for adults who have previously been isolating. We are also rolling out 4 week walking programmes on that cater for all fitness levels but in particular those looking to get back to activity and exercise.

Online Home Activities to Suit Everyone

Our dedicated DLR Sports Partnership YouTube Channel has a variety of classes to keep you active at home. This is broken down by age, activity and ability with something for everyone.

Couch To 2K and 5K

Whether you've never jogged before or if you just want to get more active, Couch to 2K/5K is a free and easy way of getting more energy and healthier. This is for everyone who would like to get from walking to jogging, but might be a little unsure on how to get started.

Inclusive Sport

Our dedicated Sports Inclusion Disability Officer is on hand to assist clubs, schools and facilities to provide inclusive sporting opportunities for children and adults with a disability. With training workshops, practical supports and expert advice we continually work to ensure all abilities can access the activity of their choice and at a level that suits them.

Ballyogan Sports & Physical Activity Hub

We are recommencing programmes in our Ballyogan Sports Hub, including taster activities, basketball programmes and training. The Hub is not a specific place or building, it's a way of connecting people through a range of sports and physical activities that are designed for children and young people in Ballyogan.

So please call our team on 01 271 9502 or email sportspartnership@dlrcoco.ie should you need any assistance or advice.

Public Engagement on New Safe Walking and Cycling Routes



As part of the Active School Travel initiative, the Council has launched public engagement on three new pilot walking and cycling routes. They are the Sea to Mountains Route, Mountains to Metals route and the Park to Park route.

These new consolidated routes, totalling approximately 20kms in length, will upgrade and connect the existing walking and cycling network in the County and are aimed at encouraging increased walking and cycling to school, and for wider use by the general public.

You can view maps and a description of the three pilot routes in an Information and Engagement Booklet available on our website at www.dlrcoco.ie/en/environment/active-school-travel

Phase 1 of this project is an engagement process which is being undertaken to Friday 23 October 2020. As part of this process, we invite your feedback on the proposed routes which will help to inform Phases 2 and 3 of the project.

You can provide feedback either online or by post.

Online:

Use the dlr Consultation Hub available at <https://bit.ly/dlrWalkCycle>

Post:

Active School Travel Project,
Infrastructure and Climate Change Department,
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council,
County Hall,
Marine Road,
Dún Laoghaire.

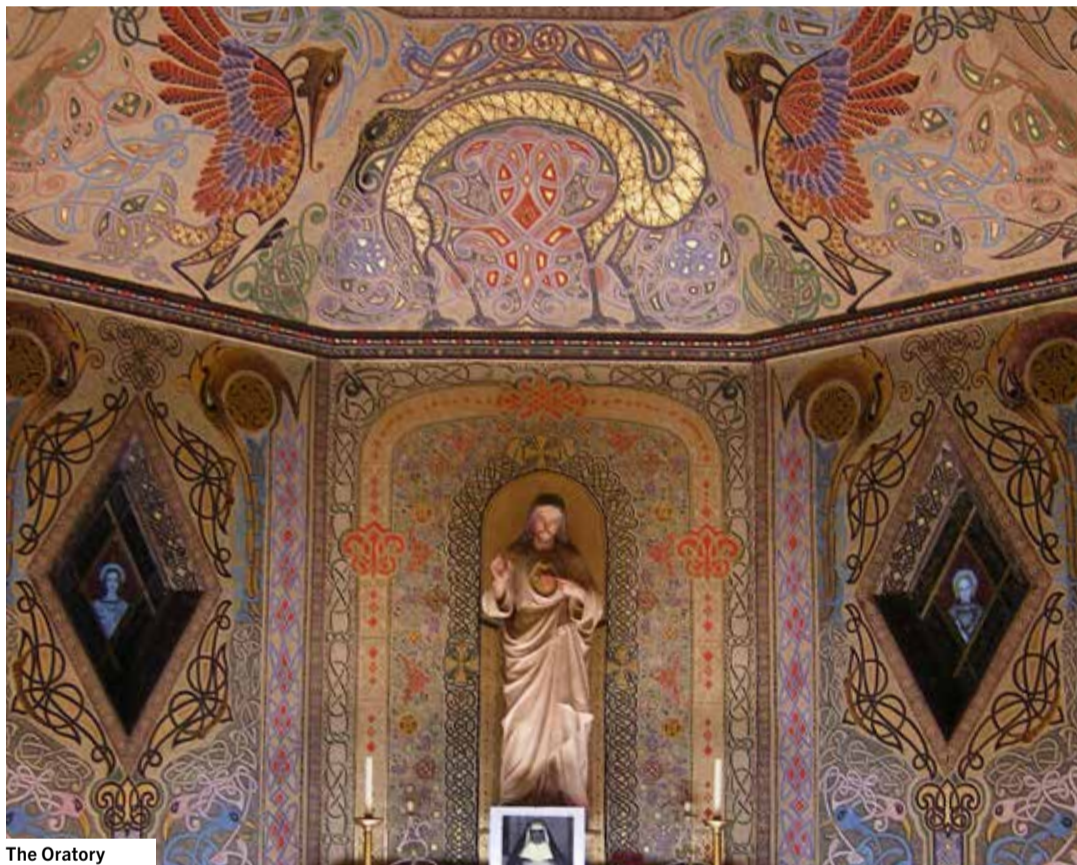
Your feedback on Phase 1 can be submitted up to and including Friday 23 October 2020. There will be ongoing engagement opportunities over the coming months, on later phases of the project.

Heritage At Home

3D Virtual Tours

'Heritage at Home' is dlr Heritage Events' innovative solution to provide safe, accessible heritage during the Covid 19 pandemic. What originated as a cross social media campaign, consisting of two virtual tours, on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram platforms, developed into four virtual tours. The tours explore Cabinteely House, Marlay House, The Oratory of the Sacred Heart and the National Maritime Museum, providing an intimate insight to these hidden gems of local heritage.

While the 3D Virtual Tours initially arose as a resolution for the unfortunate cancellation of our Spring into Heritage programme, due to Covid 19, they have proven themselves to be a multi-faceted tool. Not only do the tours supply the opportunity to explore our heritage properties from the comfort of your own home, they also act as a preservation tool, providing a digital immortalisation of our built heritage, an integral tool to help heritage transcend time. The tours also cater to the educational demand, providing accessible, interactive pockets of knowledge for both the school and home environments.



The Oratory

Our 3D Virtual Tours ensure that local heritage remains accessible and enlightening, any day, anytime, and for anyone. You can access our virtual tours through our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram platforms any time of the day. Find our tours on www.events.dlrcoco.ie



Marlay House



Deirdre Black

dlr HERITAGE OFFICER

What do you do?

I am the new County Heritage Officer and was delighted to join the dlrc team earlier this year. Heritage is where the past meets the future - my work is not only about looking after and raising awareness of our shared past and natural environment, but also about making decisions about what we hand on to the next generation. I work closely with colleagues across many parts of the Council on heritage plans, events, programmes and policies and support the heritage activities of a wide range of organisations and community groups in the county.

What is your typical working day like?

I could be anywhere in the county, talking with people about their local natural, built or cultural heritage, checking in on our many fantastic historic buildings and places, or back at the desk busy with phone calls and reports. You may spot me out and about on a dlrc electric bike, which helps with site visits to the higher parts of the county! I will be working on a new County Heritage Plan this year and look forward to engaging with people and groups throughout the county with an interest in how heritage can enhance our lives.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

Like any job with lots of variation, the trick is striking the right balance between the day to day work and keeping an eye on the bigger projects that can take years to complete - it's all about keeping the spinning plates in the air!

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

I love the dynamic aspect to heritage. Being able to access and feel connected to heritage forms a key part of individual and community identities, but this is a constant evolving process. We tell the stories of places anew in each generation, and I love exploring how we can tell old stories in new ways, offering new perspectives and making the past relevant to today so that it really resonates. It is very enjoyable to work with so many different parts of the Council organization and to have the opportunity to work with people throughout the county who are passionate about their local heritage.



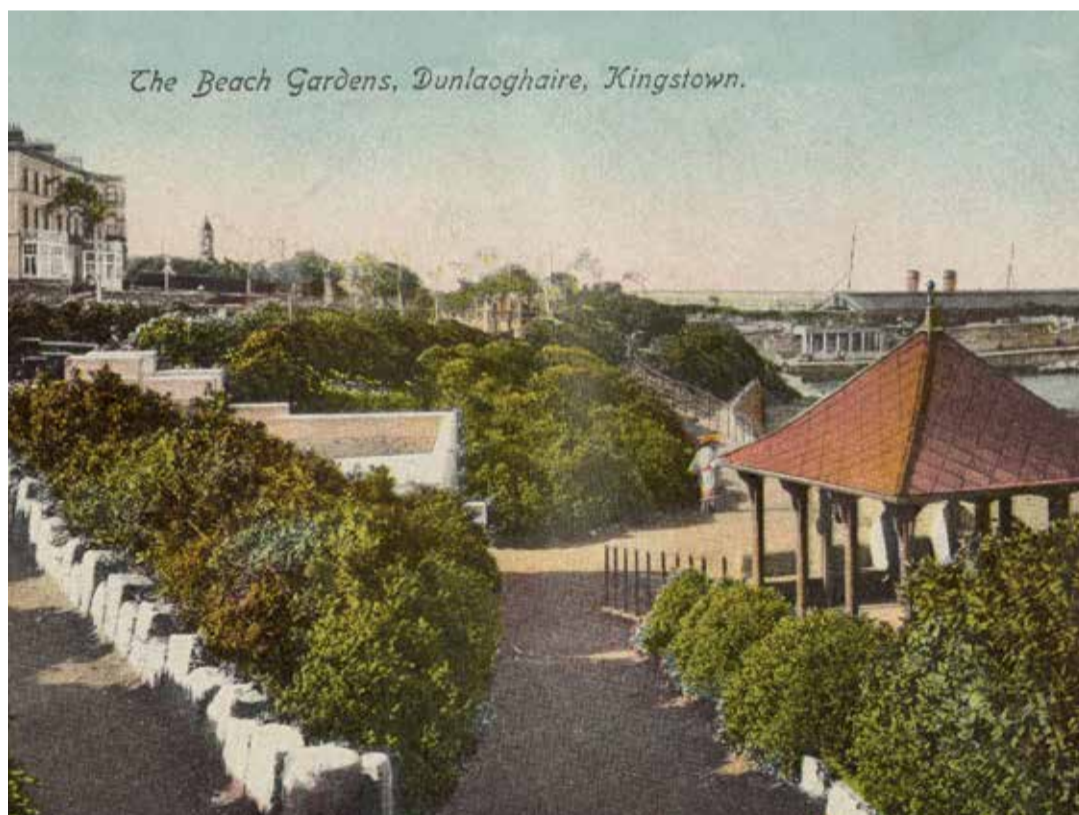
Decade of Centenaries 2020



An Roinn Cultúir,
Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta
Department of Culture,
Heritage and the Gaeltacht

What's in a name? Dun Leary – Kingstown – Dún Laoghaire. A visual history through postcards celebrating the centenary of the town's name change during the War of Independence.

In 1821 the name Dunleary or Dun Leary was changed to Kingstown in honour of George IV's visit to this bustling and rapidly developing town. In 1920 it was officially given the name Dún Laoghaire, referring back to the original Irish name for Dunleary. It is asserted that the name came from an old fort (Dún) that belonged to a chieftain called Laoghaire. It was a deliberate political act during the War of Independence, an act of defiance against the old order in Ireland. Council Minutes from the Urban District of Kingstown reveal that the change was proposed by Seán Ó hUadhaigh from the Kingstown Township on 6 July 1920, later confirmed by Dublin County Council on 24 July 1920 and acted upon a month later on 5 August 1920. At the same meeting on 6 July, several other name changes were proposed and carried, including that 'the name of the Royal Victoria Baths be altered forthwith to Dún Laoghaire Baths'.



dlr Libraries acquired nearly 700 postcards of this area from the sale of the Seamus Kearns Collection of Postcards in 2019. They are currently being catalogued and digitised and, along with a further approx. 300 postcards already in the Local Studies Collection will form the basis of an onsite and a digital exhibition in November 2020 featuring a selection of these postcards. Ephemeral material adds colour to the national story, tells individual stories and informs our understanding of the social and cultural preoccupations of the period.

It is hoped that by celebrating the name change from Kingstown to Dún Laoghaire that it will highlight the dlr Local Studies Collection of postcards and enhance the importance of public libraries and archives in their role to promote, curate and digitise significant events within the local community through the provision of free public access to ephemera and collections.

This initiative is supported by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under the Decade of Centenaries 2012-2023 initiative.

Call for Housing to Property Owners and Developers



Do you own a property and are interested in selling?

Do you own a residential property that is vacant but in good condition?

Do you own a residential property that is vacant but requires repairs?

Are you interested in a stable return on your investment property?

Do you have a turnkey development or unfinished housing scheme?

dlr currently has approximately 4,280 individuals and families on its' Housing Waiting List and is seeking to increase the number of houses available for social housing through several delivery mechanisms. Properties suitable for social housing are sought under the following initiatives:

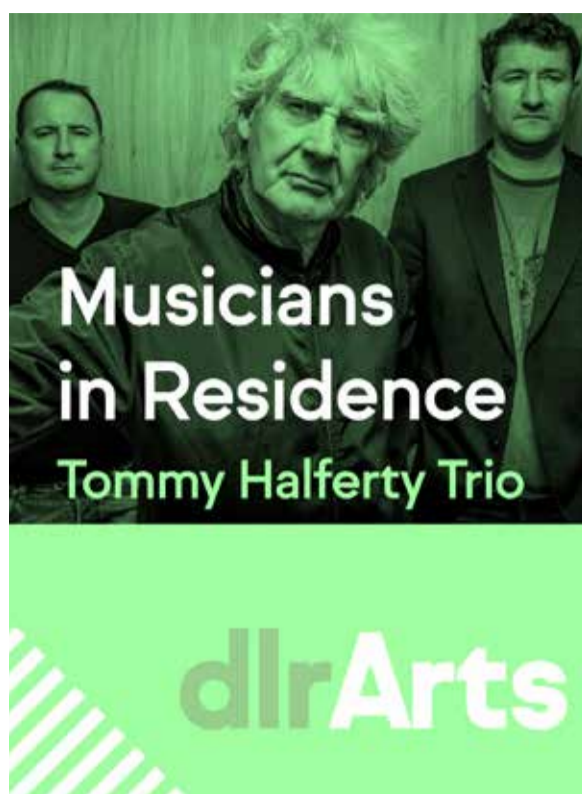
Purchase: dlr is seeking to purchase properties to meet a specific social housing need including: 1 bed homes, Larger family homes - particularly 4-bed or homes that are or can be adapted for persons with disabilities or older persons, such as a bungalow or apartment. However, all proposals will be considered.

Social Housing Leasing Scheme: If you are interested in a stable return on an investment property, the social housing leasing initiative provides an opportunity to lease the property to dlr on a long, fixed-term lease for an agreed discounted rent. Benefits include no vacancy periods and no rent collection or arrears. Options include both Standard Leasing and Enhanced Leasing.

Repair and Leasing Scheme: The Repair and Leasing Scheme is available to assist owners in bringing properties, which have been vacant for 12 months, back into use for social housing purposes. An interest free loan of up to €40,000 is provided to assist with the cost of repairs required to bring the property up to private rented standards. In return, the owner makes the property available to the Council under a lease agreement.

Turnkey Developments: We welcome expressions of interest for the provision of turnkey developments for social housing. Proposals for turnkey housing developments within areas of demand, which do not currently have a concentration of social housing, will be particularly welcome. The development should be located close to services and facilities such as shops, schools and local recreational amenities and must meet all relevant statutory planning and building standards requirements.

If you wish to explore any of these options, please contact the Housing Department by email at secretariat@dlrcoco.ie or telephone 01 205 4765.



dlr Musicians in Residence 2020

Thursday 15 October, 7.30pm –
dlr Lexlcon Studio*
Kevin Brady (on behalf of the
Tommy Halferty Trio)
Tudo E Som (Everything is Sound)

Drummer and percussionist Kevin Brady will be dlr's Musician-in-Residence during September and October 2020.

Kevin honed his global style through study in New York and Havana and has performed at the legendary Sydney Opera House & Ronnie Scott's club in London, as well as at

international jazz festivals from Cork to Columbia. Kevin has been a member of the Tommy Halferty Trio for over 10 years, performing alongside double bassist Dave Redmond and guitarist Tommy Halferty, whose unique performance style has placed Irish jazz firmly on the global map.

During his Residency, Kevin and the other members of the trio will explore and compose music influenced by Música instrumental Brasileira. This literally means Brazilian instrumental music, and refers to jazz and other forms of instrumental music.

Tudo E Som (Everything is Sound), the resulting new programme of music developed during the residency will highlight the diversity of culture in Ireland today.

**Please note that venue may be subject to change*

dlr Musicians in Residence is jointly funded by dlr and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network.

Online Book Club

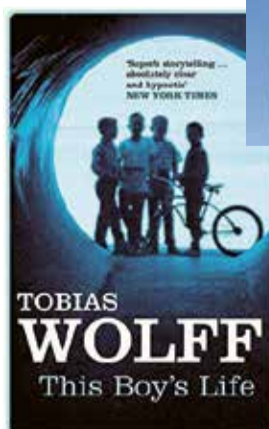
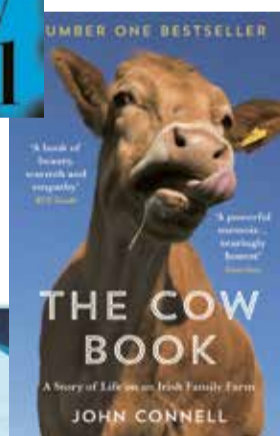
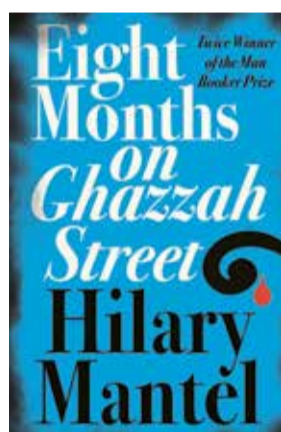
Join dlr libraries book club discussion from the comfort of your own home!

Do you like reading and discussing books? If you prefer to stay at home at this time but would still like to be involved in a live discussion, this is the club for you! Join dlr libraries staff and our excellent book club facilitator Mary Burnham, on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm via Zoom. You can read Mary Burnham's book blog at www.blog.dubraybooks.ie/author/maryb

Upcoming titles:

- 30 September: Eight months on Ghazzah Street by Hilary Mantel
- 28 October: The Cow Book: a story of life on an Irish family farm by John Connell
- 25 November: This boy's life by Tobias Wolff

Copies of the above titles are available from staff on Level 4, dlr Lexlcon and some are also available to download online.



Children's Book Festival 2020



CBF is a national initiative that takes place every October all over Ireland to help spread the enjoyment of books and reading among children and families, authors and illustrators, teachers and librarians. dlr Libraries have been organising CBF events for many years, inviting authors and illustrators for storytime sessions, drawing and illustration classes, crafts and creative writing workshops. It is part of the wider Right to Read Literacy campaign



To access our Book Set Collection please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie. Visit our website www.libraries.dlrcoco.ie and social media pages for more details of our Children's Book Festival 2020 programme.

Book Set Collection

Are you in an existing book club but need some support from dlr Libraries?

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Your book club can borrow multiple copies of any of these books from any dlr Library of your choice. www.libraries.dlrcoco.ie/find-and-renew/book-choices/book-sets

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EXHIBITIONS AT dlr LEXICON (Restricted until the 10th Oct)

A History of Ireland in 100 Words

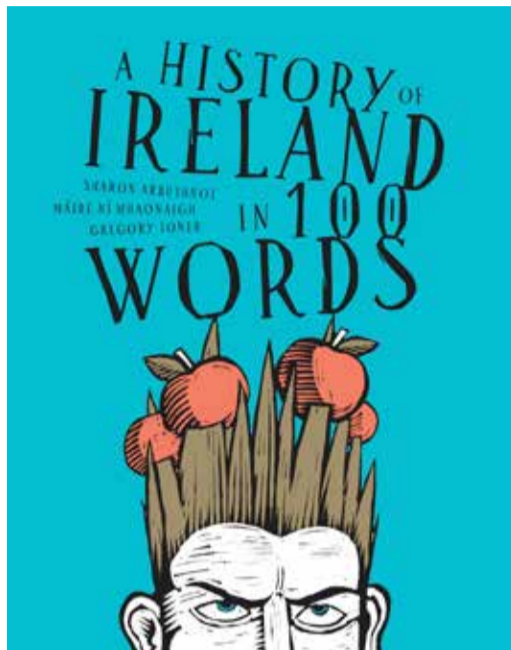
Courtesy of The Royal Irish Academy and eDIL



Acadamh Ríoga na hÉireann
Royal Irish Academy

Level 3, dlr Lexicon | 2 September – 31 October 2020

The words we use say something fundamental about us and how we think. They give others an indication of what we know, what is important to us, and how we perceive our environment. The words that have come down to us from Gaelic Ireland are the product of a rich and varied textual culture which included legal tracts, covering everything from murder to bee-keeping, and tales about kings, queens, heroes and warriors. Discover how the Irish ate, drank, dressed, loved and lied through the centuries in this fascinating exhibition based on the A History of Ireland in 100 Words by Sharon Arbuthnot, Máire Ní Mhaonaigh and Gregory Toner, illustrated by Joe McLaren and published by the Royal Irish Academy (2019).



Crowns of Waste Photographic Exhibition

Level 3, dlr Lexicon | 2 September – 31 October 2020

Stepaside Educate Together Secondary School present a series of photos highlighting their engagement with the Creative Schools programme. Working with Creative Associate Mimi Doran and Schools Co-ordinator Alice O'Connor, students played a central role in the development of an arts and creativity programme for their school. With the artist Annie Holland they explored sustainability and the climate crisis culminating in this series of professional photographs of headpieces made by students using non-recyclable plastics.

Mind Yourself: CBI Reading Guide 2020

Published annually by Children's Books Ireland, this year's guide, Mind Yourself, will be a 120 page listing of titles for young readers from 0–18yrs, focusing on reading recommendations to improve mental well-being. It will feature advice from clinicians on looking after your mental health, and help adults talk to children and young people about how they're feeling and show them that others have felt the same way.

The guide will be launched on World Mental Health Day (10 October) and will be available in all dlr Libraries after this date.



WHAT'S ON IN THE MUNICIPAL GALLERY IN dlr LEXICON

UNFOLDING

An Exhibition of Contemporary Irish Craft

26 September – 8 November 2020



Kate O'Kelly, Cloud Collection

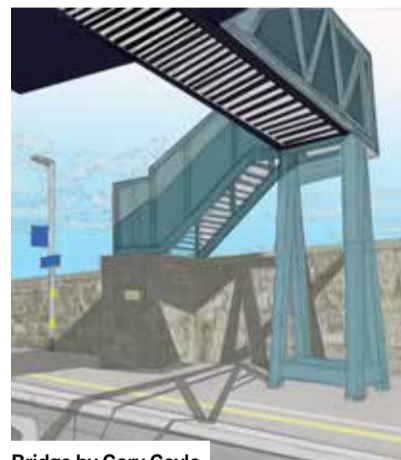
Curated by Angela O'Kelly, the concept of the exhibition is to focus on revealing the design and making process of the chosen designer makers. It is a new approach to exhibiting contemporary craft and will feature the work of Irish makers creating innovative and exciting work.

Work by Cathy Burke, Lorna Donlon, Trudy Feighary, Elaine Harrington, Pierce Healy, Alison Kay, Tara Ní Nualláin, Aoife Mullane, Fiona Mulholland and Kate O'Kelly will feature in the exhibition.

This exhibition is supported by the Arts Programme of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, with additional support from the Design and Crafts Council of Ireland (DCCol).

New Work by Gary Coyle

20 November 2020 – 12 January 2021



Bridge by Gary Coyle

Gary Coyle's forth-coming exhibition in dlr Lexicon will feature a series of coloured drawings – a new departure for Coyle - based on his DART journey between the City Centre and Dún Laoghaire. In part inspired by Japanese Wood block prints of the 18th & 19th Centuries, they will be made on a computer using photo shop and a drawing tablet.

Gary says "Since the DART opened in the Summer of 1984 I have travelled on it literally thousands of times, I have always loved the sensation of emptying my mind and gliding between the City Centre & Dún Laoghaire. Often, as I passed by a familiar landmark or scene I would think I must make an image of that, but never did. So with this exhibition I have finally gotten around to exploring that impulse."

Gary Coyle received the Visual Art Commission for 2020 in order to create the work for this exhibition. The Award is kindly supported by The Arts Council.

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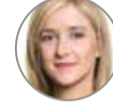


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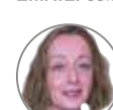
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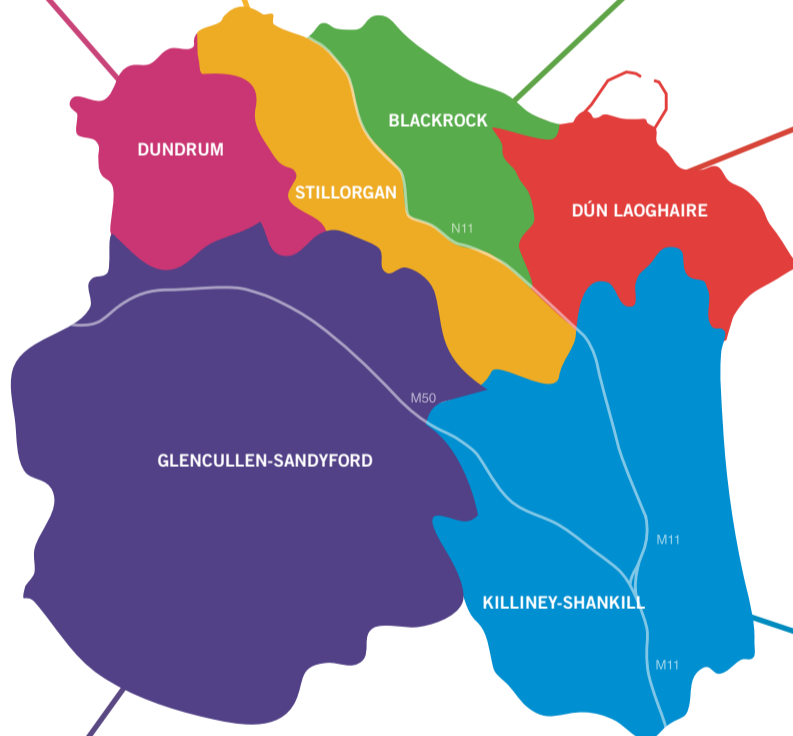
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