

Information and news from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council SUMMER 2016

# Samuel Beckett Civic Campus launches

In a major boost for public services in the wider Ballyogan & Carrickmines area, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has announced the first phase opening of the new Samuel Beckett Civic Campus located just off Ballyogan Road. This investment in the area by the Council provides for much needed new community rooms and childcare facilities as well as a new leisure centre, including gymnasium, dance and fitness studios and three all-weather astro sports pitches.

The new development marks the start of a rollout of new services that the Council has committed to as part of its current capital programme. As part of future phases of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus additional services will be provided – these will include key public services such as an expanded leisure centre, a public library and a skate park.

The building itself was designed by internationally renowned Dublin based architects Bucholz McEvoy. In keeping with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's commitment to ensuring best practice in construction of municipal buildings, the new facility is designed to be low energy use, utilising techniques such as natural ventilation and maximising natural daylight and using natural and renewable materials where possible.

This is not the first time Bucholz McEvoy has designed municipal buildings for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council



as they have previously worked on the award winning Ballyogan Environmental Management Centre just down the road from the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus.

The aim of the Civic Campus project is to create a new vibrant focus for the community, providing a broad range of community facilities which will encourage and promote community engagement and active lifestyles in a visibly and physically well-connected mix of indoor and outdoor settings. Throughout the development of the Civic Campus all the buildings will be sensitively integrated into a parkland setting. *More on page 2*.

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### Samuel Beckett Civic Campus launches... Cont

The construction of the Samuel Beckett Civic Centre in Ballyogan provides the area with a long awaited state of the art municipal building to help drive the provision of community services locally.

The development of the community facilities in the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus provide a brand new location and focus for community groups in the local area. Spacious modern facilities, meeting rooms, conference and training rooms will enable local groups to expand and enhance their reach in the local community.

Operating as part of dlr Leisure Services, the new gym in the Civic Campus is manned by fully trained and accredited staff who will be able to assist users whether they are complete fitness beginners or more experienced gym users - there are facilities and classes to suit all levels and abilities.

The gym provides a variety of classes including bootcamp, spin classes, strength and conditioning training, pilates and more. It also offers a variety of flexible membership packages. Over the summertime a number of Summer Camps for children and young adults will be offered, check dlrleisure.ie or their Facebook page for further details.

Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development for the County Dearbhla Lawson commented that "The new civic campus, sits at the very heart of the literary landscape, that so inspired Samuel Beckett. The bright, modern community and leisure facilities offers a new vibrant community focus and we are delighted that it is now open for the community to use and enjoy in a lovely parkland setting".

Below: Modern design interior





Above: Ballyogan's new home for public services

Below: Fully equipped spacious gym



Below: Light filled meeting spaces and studios

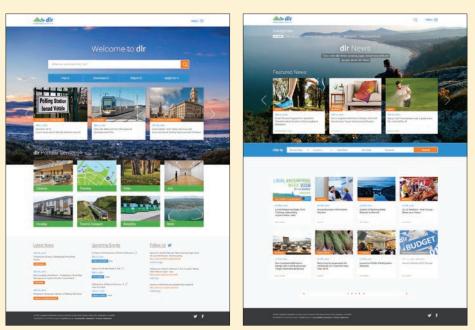


# New County Council Website under development.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is in the process of redeveloping its website to make it as interactive and user-friendly as possible.

We want to improve the level of service that we provide to the residents, visitors and businesses in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. For residents, the new website will provide easy access to services and information, news and updates. For visitors, we will have information on attractions, directions and maps, and for existing and prospective businesses we will have information on the business and strategic infrastructure in our County.

The new website will have a modern layout and provide a much more intuitive user experience. Information will be displayed in a much clearer form with an enhanced visual aspect. Substantially improved search tools will make navigating the new site more straightforward. Final testing is currently underway and the website will go live to the public in the coming weeks.



# **Pottery Road Improvement Scheme officially launched**

The Pottery Road Improvement Scheme was officially launched by An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Barry Saul, on 12th May. This road has undergone a substantial upgrade and now provides a new roadway, footpaths and cycle lanes for all users. Energy efficient street lighting has also been provided. Prior to these improvements, Pottery Road was in a very poor condition with virtually non-existent facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

The construction of a new road is an onerous task and takes a considerable amount of time, not to mention money. The planning for a new road or major road improvement project involves a design and consultation process, which is approved either by the Elected Members of the County Council under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, or by An Bord Pleanála, depending on the size and scope of the project. The Pottery Road project underwent its Part 8 Planning Process back in 2008.

Construction of a new road presents many challenges, not only the building of the road itself, but all the while accommodating existing traffic and maintaining existing services to all residents and/or businesses on the road.

Pottery Road is a most welcome addition to the transport infrastructure of our County and not only does it provide significant road safety measures for all road users, it is key in supporting economic development in the area.



## Gairdíní Cuimhneacháin 1916

An 24 Aibreán 2016, céad bliain ón am ar thosaigh Éirí Amach 1916, d'oscail Cathaoirleach Chomhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin dhá ghairdín cuimhneacháin, ceann i bPáirc na Carraige Duibhe agus an ceann eile i gCábán tSíle. Tá saothar eibhir a bhfuil Forógra 1916 greanta air i gceann díobh agus tá seacht gcrann curtha sa cheann eile i gcuimhne an tseachtair a chuir a n-ainmneacha leis an bhForógra. Gnéithe iad seo a sheasfaidh go buan agus coinneoidh siad comóradh céad bliain Éirí Amach 1916 beo.



Sa phictiúr: An Cathaoirleach, An Cllr. Barry Saul, le baill d'Óglaigh na hÉireann.

## New Councillors for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Following on from the General Election and the success of Catherine Martin (GP), Josepha Madigan and Maria Bailey (both FG) in their election to the 32nd Dáil, there were three vacancies in the Council Chamber to be filled. When a Councillor leaves during their tenure, their political party co-opts in a replacement. In situations such as this the parties follow their own selection criteria and identify replacements. At the March Council meeting the three new Councillors co-opted were Karen Furlong for the Green Party (Dundrum area) and John Kennedy (Stillorgan area) and Jim Gildea (Killiney/Shankill area) for Fine Gael. We would like to wish the new Councillors every success in their new role of representing the residents of their electoral areas.









Cllr. John Kennedy

Cllr. Jim Gildea

# What's On in the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon

We have lots coming up this summer in the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon, organised by dlr Arts Office. There will be a photographic show from the Royal Photographic Society in the UK. We will also have a solo painting exhibition from artist Damien Flood as well as talks, workshops, films and lots more to get involved in for all ages!



11 May - 22 June:

## 158th International Print Exhibition from the Royal Photographic Society

The Municipal Gallery in dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire is delighted to host the prestigious 158th International Print Exhibition from the Royal Photographic Society. Striking images of a huge variety of subjects by international photographers, from portraits to landscapes to wildlife, will give visitors an insight into life around the world. The exhibition will open on 11 May and continue until 22 June.

The International Print Exhibition is the world's oldest and longest-running exhibition of its kind. It has been held almost every year since the Society was founded in 1853. This year the competition received nearly 5,000 entries from students, amateurs and professionals in 56 countries worldwide and this unique selection of winning images will capture your imagination!

### 8 July – 27 August: Damien Flood

In a special commission for the Municipal Gallery painter Damien Flood will create a new body of work that will aim to capture a psychological portrait of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and its people.

For full details of the exhibition programme, including how to book the many free events and activities go to www.dlrcoco.ie/arts

## Writer in residence Selina Guinness hosts: A Reading with Sarah Winman



## 27 May 7.30pm, The Studio, dlr LexIcon

Sarah Winman's debut, When God was a Rabbit, was critically acclaimed and a book club favourite. Now her second novel, A Year of Marvellous Ways, recounts the friendship between an old woman coming to the end of her life and a young soldier who sees little point in going on with his. A Richard and Judy Book-club choice, it has been described as "utterly engrossing".

## The Pale Project & Beyond: New Writing and Place-Making

### 28 May, 11am-1pm, The Studio, dlr LexIcon

In 2009, The Gentle Author pledged to write 10,000 stories about the area of East London where he lives, on his blog Spitalfields Life. The Gentle Author's London Album, a gift from the novelist Sarah Winman, inspired this year's Pale Project, run by writer in residence Selina Guinness. Now Selina has invited these two Londoner's Sarah Winman and the Gentle Author, to reflect on the ethics of writing about real communities in a changing world. They will be discussing what writers owe to their literary territories, and how blogs can foster shared citizenship among readers. In association with Artnet dlr.

Free event, Booking on www.eventbrite.ie

## Musician in Residence: Eidola Trio

### 1 and 24 June, 8pm, The Studio, dlr LexIcon

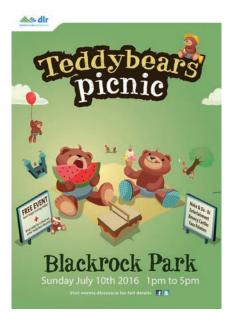
At the culmination of their dlr residency, the Eidola trio (Anita Vedres - baroque violin, Eamonn Sweeney - baroque guitars and Malachy Robinson – viola de gamba) will give two evening concerts. As resident artists, they have been collecting music from five centuries and creating brand new works inspired by the locality. Join these musical time travellers in music as diverse as Bach and Bowie; luxuriate in their 17th century sonorities, and expect the unexpected.

Free events, booking on www.eventbrite.ie











The CoCo Markets Summer of Music is Back! Following the success of the 2016 Summer of Music, the CoCo Markets has re-launched its summer season with a call for musiclans to perform in our Markets each weekend from mid-June to mid-September.

The CoCo Markets are also in the process of arranging great, free, family friendly activities in the Markets this summer with attractions for everyone.

Keep an eye on our website www.dircoco.ie/markets - as well as the Council's Facebook and Twitter for details of acts, activities and dates, #cocomarkets

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\* PLORING



dlr Biodiversity Events
April-June 2016

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE



# Summer Reading in dlr Libraries is back for 2016!

In dlr Libraries we want to encourage all children to begin to read or continue to read over the summer months. This year's theme is: "Be a Summer Star".

The idea of summer reading is simple; in June, simply sign up at your local library for Summer Reading. You will be given a reading card. Each time you read a book you will get your reading card stamped, and there are great incentives all along the way including bags, swim hats, wrist bands, pencils, bookmarks and stickers to encourage all who take part.

When you fill your card with ten stamps you get to enter our competition for great prizes at a prize giving ceremony in dlr Lexlcon in September. Last year our prize winners walked away with family passes to Dublin Zoo and Airfield, as well as a digital tablet, and lots of great vouchers for dlr Leisure and IMC cinema. This year it could be you!

We have some great events lined up for Summer Reading 2016 as follows:

### **Deansgrange Library:**

Summer Reading Launch Saturday 28 May: Puppet workshop with Julie-Rose McCormick 11.00am-12.30pm. Ages: 7-12 (Max 15)

Balloon modelling workshop with Julie-Rose McCormick, 2.00-3.00pm. Ages: all welcome.

Beauty and the Beast - Puppet show with Julie-Rose McCormick, 3.00-4.00pm. Ages: family show, all welcome

### dlr LexIcon Garden:

Family Day & Launch of Summer Reading (weather permitting!), Saturday, 11 June, 11.00am-4.00pm. Enjoy this great family day and sign up for summer reading while you are here. Look out for Woolly Wards Pet Farm, Punch & Judy Shows, Circus Skills workshops including trapeze line, storytime sessions, as well as felting and art workshops throughout the day.

### Dundrum Library:

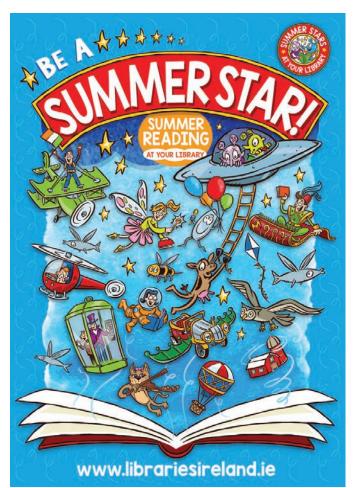
Make a Summer Reading Book Journal with Eithne Griffin, Saturday, 11 June, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Record the books you read over the summer holidays! This workshop includes a brief introduction to the history of books both before and after the invention of paper. Children will be supplied with blank notebooks and given a range of materials to decorate and add pockets and embellishments to the blank books. They will be encouraged to talk about their favourite books and the workshop will conclude with a fun quiz on a book theme!

Max 15. Age 7 + (younger ages also welcomed with parental assistance)

### **Stillorgan Library:**

Bee-themed workshop with Fionnghuaile Griffin, Tuesday, 31 May, 3.30-5.30pm. Make a hexagon bee book and with lots of help and ideas, write a story and illustrate it in this workshop. Ages: 7-11 (Max 10).



Bug Hunt with Aoife Munn, Tuesday 14 June 3.30-4.30pm. Find cut-outs of different bugs in Stillorgan Library and when found, match the bugs with a description of jobs

they do in the garden! Ages: 4-8 (Max 12).

### **Blackrock Library:**

Summer Reading Launch Saturday 18 June: Puppet making workshop with Julie-Rose McCormick, 11.00am-12.30pm. Ages: 7-12 (Max 15).

Balloon modelling workshop with Julie-Rose McCormick, 2.00-3.00pm. Ages: all welcome.

The Chinese Princess and the Cricket -Puppet show with Julie-Rose McCormick, 3.00-4.00pm. Ages: family show, all welcome.

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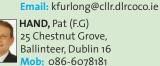




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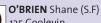


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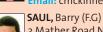
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