

NEW BUILD HOUSING PROVISION IN dlr AT 5 YEAR HIGH



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Cormac Devlin and contractors get works underway at St. Michael's Terrace

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is significantly ramping up its delivery of new social housing units to a level not seen in more than five years. The units that have recently come on stream, or at an advanced stage of construction, are located in a number of areas in the county including:

Glenageary, Dún Laoghaire: 124 units of one, two and three bedroom apartments

Rochestown House Phase Two, Sallynoggin: 34 units of single residency accommodation for elderly people

Cromlech, Kiltarnan: a 15 unit mix of single unit and family accommodation

Rochestown House Phase 3: an additional 14 units of single residency accommodation for elderly people

Clontibret, Blackrock: 4 units of 1 bedroom accommodation

St. Michael's Terrace, Dún Laoghaire: 4 units, of 3 one beds and 1 four bed.

Through its own housing construction programme alone there are three further schemes at on site stage and a further nine developments due to commence in the coming months.

Increasing the supply of housing is one of the key objectives for the County Council over the coming years. These developments demonstrate the County Council's commitment to achieving its targets as set out in a programme for delivery of high quality accommodation for the people in the area.

In addition to the direct provision of new accommodation for people on the housing list there are a number of ways, as part of a whole suite of housing accommodation options, in which the County Council is tackling the numbers of people on its housing waiting list. One of these options is downsizing, where any person who is a tenant of the County Council can approach the Housing Department to apply to move to smaller accommodation if they feel the accommodation they are in is too large

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for them. This larger accommodation can then be provided to a family on the waiting list while the downsizers will be provided with fully refurbished smaller sized accommodation. Developments like Rochestown House Phase 2 have helped provide these options for people.

So far in 2016, 186 housing units have been provided to people on the Housing waiting list. Combined with the new units due to come on stream by the end of 2016 it is envisaged that many

more units of accommodation will be offered to families and individuals in the coming weeks, taking more people off the housing waiting list and providing much needed homes.

Aside from progress already made there are still more housing units coming down the line over the coming months into 2017 in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area. One of these is a major development at Fitzgerald Park, Mounttown, Dún Laoghaire. This site was formerly occupied by the Fitzgerald Park flat



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IN PROGRESS

**34 Units
Sallynoggin**

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Glenageary**

complex, which was demolished in 2006. Construction is due to commence shortly with 50 units consisting of a mixture of 1, 2, 3 & 4 bed houses and apartments.

Another similarly sized scheme is Rosemount Court, Dundrum. This site was formerly occupied by the Rosemount Court flat complex which was demolished in 2011. Construction of 44 units consisting again of a generous mixture of 1, 2, 3 & 4 bed houses and apartments is expected to commence in the coming months.

Other developments nearing construction stage are located throughout the county including 4 one bed units over 2 storeys in Sallynoggin Park; 10 one bed units at The Brambles, in Glenageary; 21 one bed units & a multi-use Community Room at Broadford Court.

Further housing developments coming down the track will be 4 one bed units on Pottery Road and a 12 unit two-bed rapid delivery development of two-storey dwellings in George's Place, Dún Laoghaire.

The progress made in developing these units of accommodation has a very real effect for those families and individuals on the housing waiting list. Each unit represents a home for a family and each home contributes to the continuing development of new communities in our area. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is committed to delivering on its targets for housing in the coming months and years.

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COMING SOON



Shankill Wins dlr Tidy Towns Awards 2016

Shankill Tidy Towns were announced the overall winners at this year's annual Tidy Districts Competition, now in its 24th year. Contributing to their success was the introduction of an "Adopt an area" programme which called on an army of volunteers to maintain small areas.

dlr Tidy Districts Competition recognises the effort of volunteers to maintain a clean environment by working closely with the Council, local schools, businesses and other organisations.

Speaking at the Awards ceremony, An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Cormac Devlin said "We are very proud of all entrants in this year's competition. It is very impressive to see groups of individuals who make time to add value to their local communities by taking responsibility for their local environment".

Kilcross Estate Management won the Biodiversity Award for their Bee Friendly estate, after implementing many of the suggestions outlined in the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

Leopardstown Heights Residents Association won the Youth Award for the actions of their Junior Committee, whilst Sandyford Village won the best newcomer prize for their efforts to improve the appearance of Sandyford Village.



dlr Community Awards

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Community Awards took place on 13 October. The Awards highlight the activities, excellent work and projects of community and voluntary groups within the County. These awards afford the Council an opportunity to acknowledge the valuable contribution these groups provide in their communities through a diverse range of services and activities.



Supporting community engagement, participation volunteerism and active citizenship is one of the Council's key objectives, and these awards help to recognise and reward the valiant efforts that the community groups play in developing and improving their communities.

The Awards, now in its 20th year, received 63 entries from Community Groups for this year's competition.

dlr was delighted to award the accolade of overall winner of the dlr Community Awards 2016 to Kilcross Estate Management Forum.

A further 22 winners were awarded on the night across seven different categories.

An Cathaoirleach of dlr, Cllr Cormac Devlin (left) and Dearbhla Lawson (right), Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development, dlr, with members of Kilcross Estate Management Forum, Sandyford, Co. Dublin who were the overall winners.

LEO Dún Laoghaire in €540k boost to Local Business

Local Enterprise Office Dún Laoghaire has recently approved 27 businesses for grant funding. This approval will allow for the creation of 44 jobs immediately, with this figure growing to over 100 within the next twelve months.

LEO dlr has approved over €540,000 in financial support to 27 start-up and expanding small businesses since the start of the year. The businesses assisted by the Council trade from towns and villages right across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and are led by people who are bringing exciting innovation

to their chosen sector, be it software development, fashion, ecommerce or tourism. Small businesses are imperative to the on-going development and growth of the local economy in the county.



An Cathaoirleach of dlr, Cllr Cormac Devlin, with Eibhlin Curley (left), Local Enterprise Office dlr and Dearbhla Lawson (right), Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development, dlr, with some of the businesses assisted by LEO dlr

dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020

The dlr Age Friendly Alliance launched its strategy earlier this year. The vision of the Strategy is: To make Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown a Great Place in Which to Grow Old. Some of the initiatives in 2016 include:

- Southside Partnership manages and supports an active care and repair service for persons over the age of 65. The service includes light maintenance or gardening tasks. All workers are Garda vetted. They can be contacted on tel. 01 44545450;
- The HSE & dlr continue to support two Social Singing Choirs inclusive of people living with dementia and their carers. The Choirs meet at 11am on Wednesdays (Deansgrange Library) and Saturdays (St Raphaela's, Stillorgan);
- An Garda Síochána, with Home Instead, have developed a Textpert Programme where transition year students train older people in how to use mobile technology. 30 students from Newpark Comprehensive have already shared their knowledge with 30 older people from Guardian Angels and Blackrock Older Persons Associations.
- dlr, with support from the HSE, is about to commence a pilot Age Friendly Support Service in the County. This service will offer tailored individualised support to older people trying to access public or private services or facilities. Further details on this, and any of the Age Friendly schemes, from the dlr Community Section email: community@dlrcoco.ie or tel: 01 2054873.



Garda Niamh Colfer and Sgt Pat McDonald with Bernie Ruddock from Home Instead are joined by members of the Guardian Angels and Blackrock Older Persons Associations and students from Newpark Comprehensive.

Lots more initiatives are planned for 2017 - we will keep you informed.

Dún Laoghaire Digiteach ag Cuidiú le Poist a Chruthú

Straitéis nua maidir le hathbheochan uirbeach is ea Dún Laoghaire Digiteach a bhfuil Ceantar Feabhsú Gnó Dhún Laoghaire ina ceann agus a bhfuil cuidiú aici ó dlr. Tá sé d'aidhm léi féachaint le 450 post nua ar a laghad a chruthú san ionad digiteach sa bhaile sa dá bhliain seo romhainn ionas go mbeidh Dún Laoghaire ina mhol do chomhlachtaí digiteacha ar mhian leo méadú.

Tá breis is 60 comhlacht lonnaithe san Ionad Digiteach i nDún Laoghaire cheana féin lena n-áirítear líon áirithe comhlachtaí ilnáisiúnta agus comhlachtaí atá nua san áit agus atá ag méadú go tapa. Tá sé d'aidhm leis an tionscadal seo cnuasach maith de chomhlachtaí digiteacha a fhorbairt mar chuid den ollstraitéis maidir le hathbheochan uirbeach. Taispeánann an taighde a rinneadh ar na comhlachtaí seo go bhfuil sé beartaithe acu 450 post nua a chruthú sa bhaile sa dá bhliain seo romhainn le cuidiú na straitéise.



Draft Register of Electors 2017/2018

The Draft Register of Electors 2017/2018 will be published on the **1st November**, you can check your details online at: www.checktheregister.ie. If any of your details are incorrect please complete Form RFA1 which can be downloaded from www.dlrcoco.ie and duly completed form can be forwarded to us on or before the **25th November 2016**:

Register of Electors,
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If you are not included on the draft register please complete form RFA2 for first time applicants or form RFA3 change of address. These forms can be downloaded from our website www.dlrcoco.ie. If you have taken out Irish Citizenship, please complete form RFA5 and attach proof of evidence of citizenship and return to above address on or before **25th November 2016**.

This Draft Register will become the Live 2017/2018 Register of Electors on the **14th February 2017** and will be used for any upcoming election/referenda from next February. If you have any queries regarding the above you can view our web page or you can contact us at Tel: **2054880** or by email at: registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie

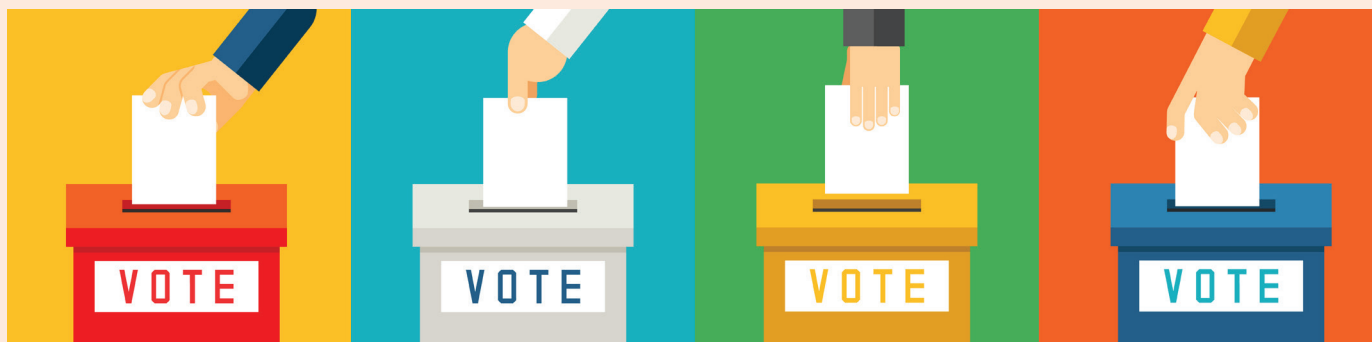
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Check the Draft Register of Electors by 25 November 2016

The Draft Register of Electors is on display at your City/County/City and County Council's offices, Garda Stations, Libraries, Post Offices and online at www.checktheregister.ie until 25 November 2016

If on 15 February 2017 you are aged 18 or over check that your name, address and other details are present and correct on the Draft Register. If there is a mistake, tell your local Council **before 25 November 2016**



What's On

dlr LexIcon & dlr Libraries

October-December 2016



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Science Week Events in dlr Libraries

Science Week takes place from Saturday 12 November–Sunday 20 November and there's plenty of action in dlr Libraries from Physics Busking to the Science of the Circus, 3D printing for school groups and 'Meet the Animals' sessions plus lots and lots of experiments with the Rediscovery Centre. Check out the What's On Guide in Libraries for full details!

Literature Commission for Blackrock

dlr is delighted to announce that David Butler has been awarded a literature commission that will focus on the Blackrock area. This is part of the dlr Arts Office public art programme. A former lecturer in English and Spanish literature, David Butler works as a full-time writer. His debut poetry collection, *Via Crucis*, was published by Doghouse in 2011, while his most recent novel, *City of Dis (New Island)* was shortlisted for the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year, 2015.



David will be based in the area between October 2016 - May 2017. He plans to write a sequence of poems that draw inspiration from the rich visual, cultural and historical heritage of the area, and will also be engaging with various local groups through Blackrock Library. More details re David's events available soon.

LexIcon Reader and Writers' Day

Saturday 5 November, 9.30am-4.30pm.
dlr LexIcon, Studio Theatre. Booking:
www.eventbrite.ie, search LexIcon
Reader and Writers' Day



6 Choral Masterpieces in 6 Cities with Tim Thurston

Fauré and Paris, Monteverdi and Venice, Tallis and Cambridge and Back and Leipzig will remain after Halloween.

dlr Library Voices

dlr Library Voices with Margaret Drabble in conversation with Niall MacMonagle. Wednesday 23 November, 7.30pm in dlr LexIcon, Studio Theatre. 'Join Margaret Drabble for a discussion on her dark and enthralling new novel *The Dark Flood Rises*. With characteristic wit and caustic prose, it dazzles, entertains and poses the big existential questions in equal measure. Tickets €12 and €10 from www.paviliontheatre.ie or 01 231 2929.



How to Slay a Literary Agent: The Deadly Opening Chapter

Thursday 24 November, 7pm, dlr LexIcon, Studio Theatre

Sam Blake, Catherine Ryan Howard and Liz Nugent discuss the vital ingredients needed for a killer first chapter that will hook agents and readers. This event is for crime readers but also crime writers. Find out what makes a deadly opening chapter – where should a book start and what makes a reader not want to put it down? Hear from these bestselling women writers and see what it takes to succeed plus test out your opening lines on the panel!

Booking: €5.00 at www.eventbrite.ie. Search for How to Slay a Literary Agent

What's On in the Municipal Gallery this month

The exhibition in the Municipal Gallery, level 3, dlr LexIcon, this autumn explores the mountainous areas of the county – 9 artists have created drawings, sculptures and video works in this show called 'Lines of Negotiation: Mapping the Land'. As part of this, there are special free drop in workshops for children during the mid-term break.

How Big is BIG? Drawing and Building our Worlds is on Wednesday 2 November between 2-4pm, and you can drop in at any time to visit artist Anne Cradden. Draw and construct to create different scales ranging from tiny to huge! This is suitable for all ages.



On Thursday 3 November **Lace Balloons!** is suitable for ages 8+. Come along and join artist Diana Caramaschi in making a beautiful personalized lace balloon sculpture; drop in any time between 2-4pm.

Come and visit the **Project Room** beside the Gallery during opening hours. There's lots activities for children with a chance to create their own secret forest place, along with books and information about the local area.

Booking: These workshops are free. To book go to www.eventbrite.com and search for Lines of Negotiation.

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