



Information and news from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council SPRING 2014

## The People's Park Restoration and Improvement Works



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is currently undertaking restoration and conservation works to the People's Park in Dún Laoghaire which aim to restore the park to its original historic layout while also introducing sensitive contemporary interventions to meet 21st Century needs

The People's Park is an historic park that opened in 1890 and has a fine array of heritage buildings and structures including a tearoom, gate lodge, bandstand and fountains. It is one of the Council's flagship parks and for its size (1.58 hectares) has one of the highest footfalls of any park in the County.

The works will involve altering the path layout to match its original Victorian style while also repairing and restoring original fittings such

as the seating and the bandstand. The existing Gate Lodge and Pavilion are currently being restored and extended. The existing playground will be upgraded and increased in size while a new contemplative garden will be introduced for relaxation and rest which will house the many memorial plaques and seats. Facilities will be put in place for the increasing number of events in the park including the ever popular Co Co Market. New wide foot paths will improve access and will provide the opportunity to introduce well maintained grass lawns and additional horticultural bedding displays. The existing DART line between the People's Park and Teddy's ice cream shop is being bridged over to provide a visual and physical link to the seafront while also providing a new contemporary public amenity space.



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## **Council Grant Scheme**

At the County Council meeting held on 10 February, the Elected Members unanimously approved the payment of 251 separate grants totalling €420,738 in accordance with the Council's Grant Schemes.

The purpose of the Council's Grant Schemes is to provide financial assistance to individuals, groups and organisations engaged in projects, events or developments at local or county level. The emphasis of the scheme is on providing a diverse range of funding for projects, to encourage the development of as broad a range of local community activities and services as possible and to ensure that the limited financial resources available are used to the maximum benefit of the community at large.

Below is some information on the different types of grant available under the scheme and details of the grants awarded in each category.



- Community Grants provide support to existing community groups, activities and projects but also encourage and support the development of new community groups and community development initiatives.
  - 205 grant applications received, 152 awarded totalling €114,676.
- Festival/Event Grants provide assistance to a small number of events/festivals throughout the year. Our Calendar of events helps promote local businesses and improve the quality of life of residents within the county. For more info see: www. dlrevents.ie.
  - 25 grant applications received, 18 awarded totalling €99,500.
- Environmental Grants provide monetary support to Residents'
  Associations, Tidy Town Groups and other Community Groups
  who are working to improve their local environment.
   14 grant applications received, 11 awarded totalling €4,650.



 Heritage Grants are available to individuals, groups and societies who are undertaking heritage events, publications and exhibitions that have a strong public engagement remit and are specifically related to the heritage of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

7 grant applications received, 5 awarded totalling €18,437.



- Sports Grants: The Council offers a number of Sports Access
  Grants and Small Sports Events Grants every year that
  support community led sports initiatives and local sporting
  associations. Sports Grants aim to increase access to sporting
  activities in the community and enrich the lives of Dún
  Laoghaire-Rathdown residents.
  - 20 grant applications received, 12 awarded totalling €72,900.
- Arts Grants are available to Artists, art organisations, local art groups and community groups through the Arts Grants Programme.

84 grant applications received, 43 awarded totalling €52,575.



Business Promotion Grant: The Council established a
 €100,000 Business Promotion Fund in 2014 to give grant aid
 to recognised business groups in each electoral area of the
 county (€15,000 per area) for co-operative business promotion
 initiatives.

15 grant applications received, 10 awarded totalling €58,000.



#### Local Elections 2014

The Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Mr Phil Hogan T.D. recently announced that the Local and European Parliament Elections will be held on Friday 23 May 2014.

Every person residing in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown who is aged 18 years or over is entitled to vote in the Local Elections for the local electoral area in which they live regardless of their citizenship. The six local electoral areas in the County are Blackrock, Dundrum, Dún Laoghaire, Glencullen/Sandyford, Killiney/Shankill (formerly known as Ballybrack) and Stillorgan.

Every Irish and other EU citizen living in Ireland who is aged 18 years or over is also entitled to vote at the European Parliament elections in Ireland.

The register of electors that will be used for the upcoming elections in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown was published on the 1 February 2014 and came into force on the 15 February 2014. It contains the names of 151,841 electors.

We are encouraging all people who are eligible to vote but who missed the opportunity to get on this new register when it was being prepared to apply for inclusion in the supplement to the register of electors at the earliest opportunity. Application forms for entry to the Supplemental Register must be

received by the Council no later than Tuesday 6 May 2014. Anyone seeking inclusion in the supplement to the postal and special voters' lists must return their application form to us not later than Saturday 26 April 2014.

You can check if you are on the Register of Electors by enquiring in our Offices in Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum, your public library, the local post office or your local Garda station. You can also check at: www.checktheregister.ie

## Why Vote in the Local Elections?

Local elections are held in Ireland every 5 years and at these elections you have the opportunity to elect the Councillors that will be the leaders and policy decision makers of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

The role the Elected Members play in defining the every day services provided throughout the County for all citizens can not be overstated and in this issue of DLR Times we would like to take

the opportunity to highlight for you just how important the decision you will make at election time can be. To do this, we are going to look at how every citizen in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown interacts with the services the Council provides throughout their lifetime.

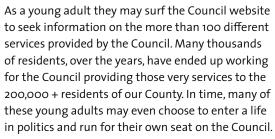
It begins at a very young age with every child living in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown usually making their debut on the footpaths of the County heading to one of our family fun days or haunted walks in the park. They will spend happy afternoons in our playgrounds, swimming in our pools, playing in one of our 23 parks and on our many Gaelic/Soccer pitches. They will no doubt visit one of our 8 Libraries where as well as

borrowing books they can also borrow DVDs and games, play chess and even learn musical instruments.

The School warden will help them to cross the road safely and the road safety officer may provide cycle training. They may participate in the green schools programme or put challenging questions to the staff who go to their primary school to tell them about the Council and what it does.

As they get older they may participate in Comhairle na N'Og, cycling home perhaps on one of our many cycle lanes. They may

go to the beach and swim in the sea, this very special facility will be kept clean and safe by Council staff and during the summer months our highly qualified lifeguards are on hand if needed.



At some stage in their life, they will certainly attend one of the many free events organised as part of our extensive events programme.

As they get older they may set up home in the County, in a development approved by the Members through the County Development Plan or be

accommodated through Social Housing in accordance with the Housing Allocation Scheme. And when we lose our family and friends as time dictates, their final resting place is provided for them at Shanganagh and Deansgrange cemeteries.

We have only touched on some of the many services provided by this Council but the role the Elected Members play in setting the direction of all Council services is very important. If you want to have your say in guiding this direction then make sure you Vote on Friday 23 May 2014.



## **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council**

At the upcoming Local Elections, the total number of Councillors in Dún Laoghaire Local Electoral Areas will be broken down as follows: Blackrock - 6, Dún Laoghaire This change in membership was one of the reforms set out in the Government's was published in October 2012 and came into effect when the Local Government names and contact details of the current 28 Members of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

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#### Stillorgan Electoral Area



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-Rathdown will increase from 28 to 40. The number of seats available in the six - 8, Dundrum - 7, Glencullen / Sandyford - 7, Killiney / Shankill - 6, Stillorgan - 6. Action Programme for Effective Local Government, Putting People First, which Reform Act 2014 became law in January of this year. Below are the County Council.

#### Killiney/Shankill Electoral Area (formerly known as Ballybrack)



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Carrickmines Shankill **KILLINEY/SHANKILL** Johnstown

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# Central Library & Cultural Centre Update

It is expected works on the Central Library and Cultural Centre will be completed in April and that it will open to the public in September. The building will have a gross area of 6,520sqm and will offer a range of facilities across four public floors. The floor plan below shows where the various facilities will be placed in the building.

#### 1. Moran Park Level.

This is the ground floor of the building and will be accessible from the Metals. It will contain a studio space with retractable seating for 100 people, a public café, public toilets, meeting rooms and the library staff offices. On this level the building is double height facilitating a mezzanine level which will be used for book storage, plant & machinery

The Central Library and Cultural Centre project marks a significant milestone in the re-integration of the seafront with the main street of Dún Laoghaire. It will also be a key component in the delivery of the cultural programme in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for many years to come. It will be a vibrant centre of learning and creativity for all those who live, work in and visit the county. It will be at the heart of the community.

#### 2. Haigh Terrace Level.

This is where the main entrance will be off Haigh Terrace and will contain a reading & public internet space, the Municipal Gallery, book taster selections & Magazines, DVD & CD display, computers/laptops, teenagers' space and community meeting rooms.

#### 3. Level 1.

This floor will contain the main lending and children's libraries and a study area.

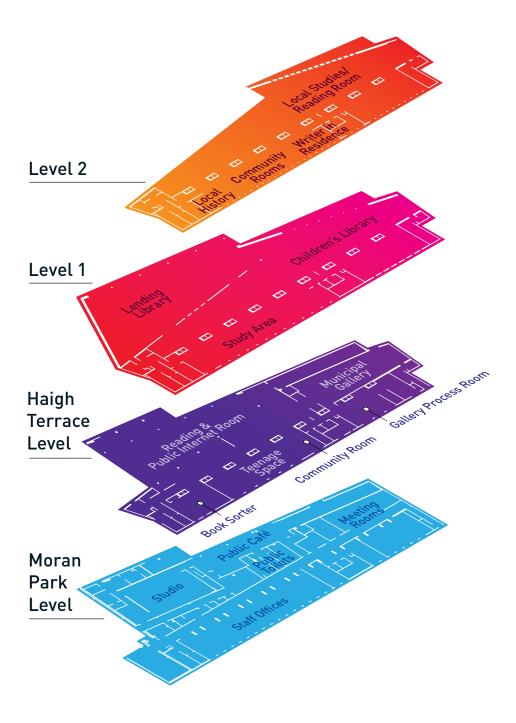
#### 4. Level 2.

This floor will contain a Reference Library, Local History Library, Writer in Residence Room and community meeting rooms.

The development will also include 100 parking spaces that will be available to the public.

The estimated cost of the design, construction and supervision of the building is €36.6m inclusive of VAT. To date the project is currently both on budget and on time. When completed it will be one of the most significant public library spaces in the Country and will attract in excess of 500,000 visitors to Dún Laoghaire each year.

Of course the construction of a new building is not the only thing happening behind the hoardings. Moran Park is also being extensively landscaped and redeveloped to make it accessible to all. A new water feature will be an integral element of the park which will host events, exhibits, film screenings, markets and performances.



#### **Launch of County Sports Participation Strategy**

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Sports Participation Strategy 2013-17, which has a core objective to get more people active more often, was officially launched by An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carrie Smyth on 28 January in Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel.

The 5-year plan will focus on using all available resources to increase participation in physical activity and sport in the County. While catering for all ages, abilities and backgrounds there will be a focus on set target groups which have been shown to have a proportionally lower level of participation. The successes achieved over the past few years have proven that the most effective way to achieve mutual goals in active participation and health promotion is through communication and collaboration.

Speaking at the event An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carrie Smyth stated: 'This strategy is the culmination of months of consultation with local agencies, sports clubs, service users and clubs. The support and development of sport is a key element that contributes to the quality of life for those who live in, work in and visit the County'.

In addition to the launch, certificates were presented on the night to the 11 participants that completed the Sports Volunteer

Development Programme. This programme is a joint initiative of the UCD Athletic Union Council,



Form Left to Right: 'Richard Shakespeare, Director of Services; Kathleen Holohan, County Manager; An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Carrie Smyth; John Treacy, CEO Irish Sports Council; Shane McArdle, Co-ordinator, dlr Sports Partnership.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership and the UCD Centre for Sports Studies. Its main objective is to equip volunteers with the necessary skills to effectively contribute to the management and development of their sports club by means of seminars and workshops.

To download a copy of the County Sports Participation Strategy or for more information on initiatives and training rolled out by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership visit the website www.dlrsportspartnership.ie or call 01-2719502.

#### dlr Babies Love Books

dlr Babies Love Books is back. From the beginning of March, all babies in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area who attend their 9 month health check will receive an invitation at the health centre to collect a FREE book bag from any of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown branch libraries. The bag contains either an English or Irish language book plus lots of tips and ideas for further reading. Sharing books and stories has many wonderful benefits, plus its great fun for parent and baby. This is a pilot project for a year so we hope that many young families will come to their local library to avail of this excellent initiative.

Pictured at the launch were An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Carrie Smyth with 9 month olds Faye Bluebell O'Brien and Aideen DeMel



#### County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council will commence the preparation of the new County Development Plan on Wednesday 19 March 2014.

This Plan-making process must be completed within two years and when adopted the new plan will set out the overall strategy and detailed policies for the future planning and sustainable development of the County for the six year period 2016 - 2022.

It is extremely important that the residents, the business community, interested parties and other stakeholders of this County become involved in the preparation of the next County Development Plan at an early stage.

In this regard the 'Have your Say' public consultation document will be on public display from Wednesday 19 March for an eight week consultation period ending on Wednesday 14 May 2014. During this consultation period members of the Planning Department of the Council will be facilitating six public information open days, one in each

of the electoral areas. The dates for these open days are as follows:

- Tuesday 1 April, Public Open
   Day Blackrock Electoral Area,
   Urban Junction, Blackrock
   2.00pm 8.00pm
- Thursday 3 April, Public Open
   Day Dún Laoghaire Electoral
   Area, County Hall 10.00am 1.00pm, 5.00pm 8.00pm
- Tuesday 8 April, Public Open
   Day Dundrum Electoral Area,
   Dundrum Office 10.00am 1.00pm, 5.00pm 8.00pm
- Thursday 10 April, Public Open Day – Killiney/Shankill Electoral Area, Loughlinstown Leisure Centre 10.00am - 1.00 pm, 5.00pm - 8.00 pm
- Tuesday 29 April, Public Open
   Day Stillorgan Electoral Area,
   Parish Resource Centre, Kilmacud
   2.00pm 8.00pm
- Thursday 1 May, Public Open Day
   Glencullen/Sandyford Electoral
   Area, Sandyford Community
   Centre, Lambs Cross
   2.00pm 8.00pm

## Meet the Vendor

The Co Co Markets team have recently introduced a 'Meet the Vendor' initiative that allows customers to get up-close and personal with our market vendors and their products. The Co Co Markets are packed full of passionate vendors, who are enthusiastic about their products and who have interesting stories about how they got involved in the market community.

Please check out the Meet the Vendor blog, which will appear weekly on the Council's facebook page (www.facebook.com/DunLaoghaireRathdownCountyCouncil), twitter account (@dlrcc) and our website for photographs and stories from our local market vendors.

The Co Co Markets operate on Sundays at the People's Park and every Saturday and Sunday at Marlay Park all year round selling a wide range of products including hot and artisan foods, baked goods, art and crafts and seasonal produce.

For more info see: www.dlrcoco.ie/markets







## A message from Irish Water

Irish Water is Ireland's new national water utility and is now responsible for delivering water and wastewater services to homes and businesses in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and throughout the country. Irish Water's primary focus is to drive improvements in water services and to deliver, in conjunction with the 34 local authorities, a safe and secure water supply and an efficient waste-water system that will meet ever-increasing demands.

A key element in the modernisation of our water supply is the rollout of domestic water meters to all households on the public water mains. Over 120,000 water meters have been installed to date and Irish Water is on scheduled to install 1.05m meters by 2016.

Over the coming months, Irish Water will be commencing the rollout of water meters in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. In advance of that rollout, Irish Water is keen to highlight the following security aspects that householders should be aware of.

- Water meter installers will wear Irish Water branded clothing and will always carry ID
- Irish Water staff and installers are trained to always identify themselves
- Irish Water staff and contractors will always present their identity card and meter installers will NEVER ask to enter your home
- Irish Water staff and contractors will NEVER request money from you

Customer information packs will be delivered to all houses scheduled to receive a meter box and/ or water meter at least 14 days prior to installation and another information pack will be issued at least 2 meter being installed. The a Stay Safe Guide. If you have not received these two direct communications, there is no reason for any person claiming to be from the Irish Water Metering Programme to call to your home.

## UISCE ÉIREANN : IRISH WATER

If you are in any way unsure please do not hesitate to contact the Irish Water contact centre on LoCall 1890 278 278 (which operates 24/7).

To find out more information you can visit our website www.water.ie or call our LoCall number on

The Staff of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council will continue to provide water and wastewater services under a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.

## Caisleán agus Ionad Oidhreachta Dheilginse, mar a bhfuil teicneolaíocht an 21<sup>ú</sup> céad agus Stair Bheo an 15<sup>ú</sup> céad i dteannta a chéile

Tá Caisleán agus Ionad Oidhreachta
Dheilginse bródúil as a áiseanna
úrscothacha nua a maoiníodh faoi Chlár
Infheistíochta Caipitil Turasóireachta Fháilte
Ireland agus le maoiniú comhoiread ó
Chomhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an
Dúin.

Is féidir stair an chaisleáin a leanúint anuas tríd na haoiseanna éagsúla de réir na gcloch atá ann agus táthar tar éis a raibh curtha ar bhallaí an fhorhalla a tharraingt anuas rud a thaispeánann gach a ndearnadh leis ó na 1390idí i leith. Is í an teicneolaíocht

úrscothach lena scáileáin idirghníomhacha agus a taispeántais de réir dátaí ar na ballaí an phríomhghné a bhaineann leis na córais léirmhínithe nua atá san lonad Oidhreachta. Bíonn turais a bhaineann go speisialta leis an Stair Bheo ar siúl ar feadh na bliana go léir, 6 lá na seachtaine (ach amháin Dé Máirt). Bíonn léiriú amharclainne beo ann mar chuid den Turas Treoraithe ó Chompántas Amharclainne Deilg Inis

Living History. Tá na treoraithe atá againn ar an láthair oilte go maith le gach cúnamh agus cabhair a thabhairt don chompántas. Turas taitneamhach é do chuairteoirí mar baineann siad sásamh as a bheith i bpáirt leis na haisteoirí arb é an saol sa 15úcéad

i nDeilginis a bhíonn á léiriú acu. Déantar freastal ar óg agus ar aosta agus ní fhágtar aon duine ar lár. Tá amharc fíorbhreá ar an bhfarraige agus ar na sléibhte ón táibhle. Ar do thuras duit, feicfidh tú Cill Bheagnata atá ann ón 10ú céad agus an Reilig. Féadfaidh tú scaitheamh a chaitheamh ag breathnú timpeall in Áiléar na Scríbhneoirí agus súil a

chaitheamh ar na scáileáin idirghníomhacha láneolais.

Má bhí tú fiosrach faoina mbíonn ar bun i gCaisleán Dheilginse agus má tá áit uait le do chuairteoirí a thabhairt ann, buail isteach ar cuairt. Cuirfidh sé gliondar ortsa, agus orthusan.

Gheobhaidh tú tuilleadh eolais ar: www.dalkeycastle.com



## Ar ais ar Scoil, an bhfuil tú ag Lonrú?

Bhí lá oscailte ag Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin i gcomhar leis an Údarás um Shábháilteacht ar Bhóithre, Briogáid Dóiteáin Bhaile Átha Cliath, An Garda Síochána agus Seirbhís Otharcharranna FSS i Stáisiún Dóiteáin Dhún Laoghaire, Ascaill na Cille ar an 16 Eanáir. Ba é ba chuspóir leis an lá, a bhí dírithe go sonrach ar leanaí scoile na háite, níos mó airde a tharraingt ar shábháilteacht ar bhóithre sa tréimhse díreach tar éis na Nollag agus uaidh sin isteach sa Bhliain Nua.

Thug na baill a bhí ansin ó Bhriogáid Dóiteáin Bhaile Átha Cliath, ón nGarda Síochána agus ó Sheirbhís Otharcharranna FSS, turas thart ar na feithiclí a mbíonn glaoch amach orthu i gcásanna éigeandála do na leanaí a bhí i láthair agus tugadh eolas i dtaobh na sábháilteachta dóibh ar an lá. Tugadh



féiríní eile a bhain le sábháilteacht ar bhóithre amach freisin, rudaí ar nós veisteanna sofheicthe agus Soilse Sábháilteachta le haghaidh na Rothar..



#### Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth An Dúin

Aighneachtaí á Lorg Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003 - Dréachtscéim á hullmhú ag Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin

Tá sé i gceist ag Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin scéim a dhréachtadh de réir Alt 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003. Is é bun-chuspóir an Achta ná a chinntiú go mbeadh fáil níos mó ar sheirbhísí poiblí trí Ghaeilge agus go mbeadh said ar chaighdeán níos airde.

Tá aighneachtaí maidir le hullmhú na dréacht-scéime á lorg anois ag Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin, ó aon pháirtithe leasmhara. Ba chóir nach sáródh na h-aighneachtaí 4,000 focal (c. 8 leathanach) agus más féidir, ba chóir iad a sheoladh isteach go leictreonach chuig: Gaeilge@ dlrcoco.ie. Ina ionad sin, is féidir iad a sheoladh sa phost chuig: Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach, Rannóg Seirbhísí Corparáideacha Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin, Halla an Chontae, Bóthar na Mara, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Tá Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin faoi réir an Achta um Shaoráil Faisnéise. Tá sé ar intinn ag an gComhairle faisnéis a cur ar fáil faoi aighneachtaí ar iarratas

Tá eolas maidir le mandáid agus an ról/na seirbhísí arna soláthar don phobal ag Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin ar fáil ar www.dlrcoco.ie. Tá tuilleadh eolais faoin Acht ar fáil ar láithreán gréasáin na Roinne Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta ag www.ahg.gov.ie

Is é an dáta deireanach d'aigneachtaí a bheith faighte ná 5.00 i.r. ar an **28ú Márta 2014.** 

## Refurbishment of Rochestown House



On 24 February, 2014, An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Carrie Smyth, officially opened the newly refurbished block of what was Rochestown House and has now been renamed Rochestown Terrace, Sallynoggin Road Upper.

This block dates from the early 1970s and comprised of 18 units (12 ground floor bedsit units and 6 first floor one-bed units). The ground floor bedsits were small and have been adapted into 6 one-bed units which has improved the standard of accommodation. Energy upgrade works which consisted of internal cavity and external wall insulation, the installation of improved heating systems, energy efficient lighting and replacement windows are designed to reduce the carbon footprint and increase the comfort for residents.

Speaking at the opening An Cathaoirleach said "the Council wants its housing stock to be of a very high standard and it prides itself on the level of accommodation it provides and maintains. Rochestown House as it stood, did not meet modern standards and was not capable of being heated efficiently. It is a matter of considerable pride to me as Cathaoirleach that the Council has delivered a facility of the quality we see all around us today for our elderly residents."

## Cycling leaflets

Two new cycling leaflets have been produced for mainly off–road routes in the County. These are the Blackrock Cycle Route (Booterstown Dart Station to Dún Laoghaire) and the Metals Cycle Route (Dún Laoghaire to Dalkey). The leaflets provide details of key features along these scenic coastal routes including the route length and cycling time, the terrain type, key destinations along the route (e.g. schools, cafes) and cycle parking locations. Hard copies or a PDF of the leaflets can be obtained by email from cycling@dlrcoco.ie

# Dublin Painting & Sketching Club Art Exhibition

The 140<sup>th</sup> exhibition to be staged by the Dublin Painting & Sketching Club will open to the public from Monday 31 March to Sunday 13 April at the Concourse, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire. Admission is FREE.

## The National Maritime Museum

Washington has its Smithsonian, Paris its Louvre and in Dún Laoghaire we have the National Maritime Museum.

Strategically located near the entrance to the pier and beside the new Central Library & Cultural Centre, the museum re-opened its doors to the public less than two years ago following a large refurbishment programme that, happily, breathed new life into this treasure trove of Ireland's maritime heritage.

As an island nation we have always maintained a close relationship with the sea. Our childhood memories are brimming with references to Dún Laoghaire, its baths and its icecream. Many of our relatives spent their working lives moving back and forward from the Carlisle pier. Visitors to the museum, prompted by the displays, express their gratitude that significant events such as the Palme and Leinster sinkings are not forgotten in the story of our heritage. However, Dún Laoghaire is only one part of the museum's storybook. Stories of the Great Eastern, the largest ship in the world in its time which laid a telegraph cable across the Atlantic are also presented.

Throughout the year the Museum has a calendar of events ranging from art competitions, musical recitals/ evenings and lectures. Children are also facilitated through the many interactive displays.

The original vision of the Museum's founders is made possible today by collaboration between voluntary members and a local Community Enterprise scheme and they welcome volunteers who would like to join the team.

The museum is opened every day from 11am to 5pm. Details, including a virtual tour, can be accessed on www.mariner.ie

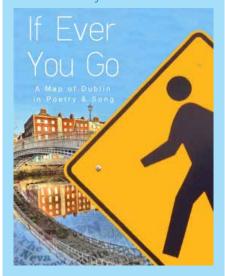
#### Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the Great War

The Heritage Office of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is producing an exhibition on Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the Great War for the Summer of 2014.

The centenary of the outbreak of World War I presents an important opportunity to look at this aspect of the Heritage of the County which in the opinion of our Heritage Officer, Tim Carey has been somewhat overlooked. Although there are many individual war memorials in the County, the scale of involvement and the role of people from the area now covered by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is a subject that many people are unaware of. The Heritage Office would be delighted to hear from people who have personal memorabilia, especially letters and photographs of people who took part in the first modern war. Tel: 01 2054868 or email tcarey@dlrcoco.ie

#### **One City One Book**

The Dublin: One City One Book title for 2014 'If Ever You Go: a map of Dublin in poetry and song' is something completely different yet very Dublin. It is a map of Dublin in poetry and song from a range of literary luminaries connected with Dublin. The book will enable the reader to continually make new connections and discoveries on a virtual tour of the City of Words. dlr Libraries are hosting 3 special events as part of this initiative and full details will be available on www. dlrcoco.ie/library in March.



## dlr Library Voices

The Temporary Gentleman is Sebastian Barry's eagerly anticipated new novel, the sixth book in his cycle of separate yet interconnected novels. It tells the story of Jack McNulty, a 'temporary gentleman' - an Irishman in the British Army whose commission was never permanent - who is writing the story of his eventful life. Don't miss this chance to hear Sebastian read from and discuss his remarkable new novel with Myles Dungan.



Takes place Friday 4 April at 8.00pm. Tickets €10/€8 from Pavilion Theatre. www.paviliontheatre.ie or 231 2929.

#### Cycle parking

As part of the Council's Cycling Policy, the Traffic Section is looking to increase the number of cycle parking spaces around the County. We are inviting suggestions from the public for possible locations where there is demand for cycle parking. This can include public parks or in villages and towns. However, suggested locations should not impede pedestrian movements and locations should



be on public space and not privately owned areas. Details of possible locations on public areas for consideration should be emailed to cycling@dlrcoco.ie.

#### National Spring Clean 2014 Comes to dlr

As this year is the 16th Anniversary of An Taisce's National Spring Clean, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is encouraging everyone to do their bit to make it even bigger and better! Local residents can once again play a part in keeping their community tidy by participating in the Annual Spring Clean which runs through the month of April.

The Council is supporting this important campaign by providing litter pickers and gloves and will be arranging extra resources to pick up waste from weekend cleanups in April. Groups who wish to be involved in the National Spring Clean should nominate a particular weekend in April for their area so that the Council can schedule a pickup on the following Monday or Tuesday.

Groups participating in the National Spring Clean must register in advance with the Council and must also use the clean up bags that we provide. These bags will be registered to your clean-up team. Waste presented in bags that are not provided by the Council will not be collected. Green waste is not eligible for collection.

All you have to do to register your community clean-up is email or ring the Council with your choice of weekend: environ@dlrcoco.ie or o1 205 4817. You can choose from April 5th / 6th, 12th / 13th, 19th / 20th or the 26th / 27th

#### **Calendar of Events**

Date	Event Name	Venue	Telephone	E-Mail	Website
Throughout the year Saturdays	CoCo Markets	Marlay Park	087 9573647	market@dlrcoco.ie	www.dlrcoco.ie
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Throughout the year Saturdays	Marlay parkrun	Marlay Park		marlayoffice@ parkrun.com	www.dlrcoco.ie
Ongoing	The Shackleton Endurance Exhibition	Ferry Terminal Building, Dún Laoghaire	01 2360544	info@shackletonex- hibition.com	www.shackletonexhibition
Ongoing	Actovation - Family Fitness Pilot Project	Monkstown, Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook	M'town 01 2301458 L'town 01 2823344 M'brook 01 2995610		www.dlrleisureservices.ie
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