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## Message from An Cathaoirleach

Welcome to this Summer edition of the dlr Times. I am honoured to have been elected as Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and I am looking forward to working with you all to bring about positive and inclusive change for everybody in our county.

I want to work with our local communities and local businesses to try and help them recover after the difficulties created by the Covid pandemic. A number of measures are already underway, and you can read about these and other supports and initiatives in this edition of the dlr Times. Inside you will find information about dlr Summer Streets which will provide additional space for outdoor dining during the summer.

In this edition you can also read about dlr Anseo, an exciting project that will provide a variety of street art in Dun Laoghaire, and the Council's 'Take Me Home' campaign which will ask people to bring their litter home, particularly during our outdoor summer.

CLLR. LETTIE MCCARTHY



## Message from the interim dlr Chief Executive

I am delighted to see our local economy re-opening for business and leisure. We are now able to meet with family and friends and enjoy the simple things in life.

We have been busy preparing for the outdoor Summer and you will see improvements in our public realm with extra seating, extra bins and toilets now in place. Our dlr Summer Streets initiative will provide safe, welcoming, and people-friendly public spaces in our towns and villages and bring life, food, and energy to the County's streets this summer.

We have a special event taking place in June called dlAnseo where you will see artists paint wall murals in Dún Laoghaire. Meaning “here” in Irish, Dún Laoghaire Anseo is our way of letting everyone know, after everything that's happened over the last year, that we're here.

I want to thank Councillor Una Power who was Cathaoirleach during 2020 for her support as we navigated the year and adapted to our new circumstances.

We have lots to look forward to now as Summer is here and we can plan our staycations. I would like to congratulate Councillor Lettie McCarthy on her election as Cathaoirleach and wish her the very best as first citizen of the county for the year ahead.

TOM MCHUGH

## CoCo Markets

PEOPLE'S PARK & DLR LEXICON, Dún Laoghaire  
Sunday 11am-4pm

MARLAY PARK  
Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

Saturday 10am-4pm & 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



### dlr Lexlcon

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.





# Dún Laoghaire becomes an open-air canvas

From 22–28 June, Dún Laoghaire town will be transformed into an open air canvas as it plays host to Dún Laoghaire Anseo, the first street art project of its kind in the county.

Bringing together the best in contemporary street art, with a mix of 14 established, up-and-coming, and local artists, a total of 16 pieces will be installed on walls and doorways throughout the town. We've collaborated with business owners in the town who have enthusiastically offered up their walls for inclusion in the project.

Meaning "here" in Irish, Dún Laoghaire Anseo is our way of letting everyone know, after everything that's happened over the last year, that we're still here. It's the artists' interpretation of the essence of Dún Laoghaire, borrowing not just from its maritime heritage but reflecting on all the elements that make Dún Laoghaire a unique place.

Dún Laoghaire Anseo is happening at an exciting time for Dún Laoghaire. The development of a new plaza, Myrtle Square, just outside Bloomfields Shopping Centre, comes at the same time that dlr is planning its Summer Streets programme for Dún Laoghaire and beyond.

Funded by dlr, with the support of Creative Ireland, Dún Laoghaire Anseo hopes to attract locals and visitors alike to the town, and to ensure that our Summer Streets are full of colour, energy and excitement.

- DLR-based **Johnman** will be brightening up a wall on Patrick Street beside the Ritz Cafe. His piece takes the Crimean Cannon that can be seen on the East Pier in Dún Laoghaire and transforms it with an explosion of colour.
- Local icon Vera Breslin will be honoured by **John Brady**. Vera was a well-known presence at her fish stall on Convent Road for many years, and she will be commemorated on a wall between McCabe's and the Cutting Hut.
- Local artist **Paul Francis** tells the story of William Maher, a resident of Cross Avenue, Dún Laoghaire and his rescue of Dorothy Toppin from certain death as the RMS Leinster, on which he worked as a stoker, went down. This mural will be placed on Haigh Terrace.
- **Bloom | The Art Project** uses art and creativity to promote positive mental health and wellbeing within local communities. They are bringing their community-based project to Dún Laoghaire Anseo where they will work with some of the Boylan Centre's service users to create an artwork that will bring their vibrant work to Sussex Street.

For further information please see [dlrcoco.ie/dlAnseo](http://dlrcoco.ie/dlAnseo) or follow us on Twitter [@dlrc](https://twitter.com/dlrc)

#dlAnseo #dlrStreetArt



## New Cathaoirleach Elected



Councillor Lettie McCarthy has been elected Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at the Council's Annual General Meeting on 14th June. Councillor McCarthy, a representative of the Labour Party, was first elected to the County Council in 2004 as a Councillor for the Glencullen-Sandyford Ward.

The new Cathaoirleach, who previously served as Cathaoirleach from June 2010 to June 2011, was also Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Dublin Regional Authority in 2008. She has a keen interest in politics and has been particularly involved in trying to make the immediate environment and community a better place to live by clearing litter, planting trees, flowers and shrubs. Living in one of the fastest-growing areas of the city, she was also a founding member of Stepside Area Residents' Association and the very successful Stepside Saint Patricks Day Parade.

The newly-elected Cathaoirleach outlined her main priorities for the year:

*"The past year has challenged us in ways we would never have thought possible. It made us realise how much we rely on services provided by our Local Authorities like public parks, libraries, good walking and cycling infrastructure and public seating. Building on this foundation with energy, positivity and fun will be my priority during the year.*

*In collaboration with my Councillor colleagues and the Arts Department, I would also like to introduce positivity walls in some of our public spaces.*

*Over the last year, the Dublin Mountains played host to 1000's of people daily. The mountains are a wonderful amenity for our County and I want to introduce this public open space to all dlr citizens and create greater awareness of scenic walks and access points.*

*I plan on visiting every village and town in our County, strengthening links between business and dlr. I will also be giving my full attention to many proposed projects, including Jamestown Regional Park and Phase 2 of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, which includes a swimming pool and library."*



Councillor Juliet O'Connell was also elected Leas Chathaoirleach at the meeting. Councillor O'Connell, also a representative of the Labour Party and local small business owner in Dún Laoghaire town, was elected in the Dún Laoghaire Local Electoral Area in 2019 as a first time Councillor. Cllr O'Connell is the Labour Party spokesperson for small businesses and at the Council AGM stated that in her year as Leas Chathaoirleach she would like to work with local businesses and the dlr Local Enterprise Office to encourage upskilling and training for small business owners.



## New Harbour Water Safety Patrol

Earlier this month, Dún Laoghaire Harbour launched the Harbour Water Safety Patrol Boat. This boat will provide a safety and advisory reporting service on the waters within the harbour for kayakers and stand up paddleboarders and other water-based activities.

The Harbour Water Safety Boat will take to the waters between 2:00pm & 8:00pm, when the Harbour is at its busiest. The service will be in operation throughout June, July, and August, weather permitting.

Simon Coate, Harbour Master, Dún Laoghaire Harbour said: *"We love to see everyone out on the water enjoying all that the*



## Dún Laoghaire – Home to our Olympics Sailors



Annalise Murphy, Robert Dickson and Sean Waddilove

The Irish Sailing Team are heading to the Tokyo Olympic Games this summer. The Team are based in Dún Laoghaire harbour and train from the Performance HQ which is proudly supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co. You can see the Performance HQ on the grounds of the Commissioners of Irish Lights on Harbour Road. It consists of three specially converted shipping containers which comprise of an athlete's lounge and classroom, a boat shed, and a fully fitted gym. The athlete's lounge shipped out to Tokyo last month so that the sailors will have a base when they arrive for the Olympic Games.

Ireland will be represented at the Olympics by three sailors: Annalise Murphy, Robert Dickson and Sean Waddilove. Annalise Murphy, who won the silver medal at the Rio 2016 Olympics will compete in the Laser Radial which will be familiar to many by the red sunburst on its white sail.

Robert and Sean have qualified Ireland in the 49er, a men's double-handed "skiff" or high-performance dinghy. The helm (Rob) steers and makes tactical decisions, and the crew (Sean) controls the sails. They are an extremely technical type of boat. The 49er became an Olympic class in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

You can learn more and cheer them on by following Irish Sailing on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook or website [sailing.ie](http://sailing.ie)

Irish Sailing is the national governing body for sailing, powerboating and windsurfing in Ireland, and home to the Irish Sailing Team.

*Harbour has to offer. We want to make sure that you are safe and look forward to welcoming you during the Summer months. We would like to remind people to check the weather forecast, wear safety gear, and always tell families or friends where you will be."*

As an additional benefit, this service will assist with the collection of marine based litter from the Harbour waters. Marine litter has also been a growing problem over the last few years, and we have an ideal opportunity now to assist in the removal of some of this while the boat is in the Harbour.

If you are a new visitor, ask the Harbour Safety Patrol for a safety chart which outlines the areas of usage in the Harbour. dlr believe that this innovative and safety-focused initiative will allow locals and visitors to enjoy water-based activities in a safer and more controlled environment.

The service will be provided by the Dún Laoghaire Powerboat school on behalf of the council and will be dlr branded and fly a yellow flag.





## Extra bins and toilets in place around the County

We have installed additional bins and toilets in key areas of the county so that the public can comfortably dine, enjoy and spend time in our villages, towns, parks and seafronts.

### Bin Provision

An additional 1,100 litre bins and barrel bins are located at hotspot locations along the coast. We installed 38 new smart bins as well as seven smart recycling waste bins, with a further 18 to be installed in June. We are also trialling two pizza box bins in Blackrock and Dalkey as part of the dlrBETA.ie project

### Toilet Provision

A list of toilet facilities in public places in our county can be found at [dlrcoco.ie/Toilets](http://dlrcoco.ie/Toilets)

### Illegal Parking

Wardens have been deployed to some coastal areas at weekends to monitor illegal parking for the months of June, July and August so that access can be maintained at all times.



## Take Me Home Anti-Litter Campaign

Over the Summer we are launching our “Take Me Home” anti-litter campaign which will be advertised on our big belly bins and in various locations around the County. The campaign encourages people to dispose of their litter responsibly and to keep our beauty spots and county clean.

We are making every effort to ensure that all our bins around the county are emptied regularly. However, with an increase in the number of people likely to visit our county and an increase in outdoor activities over the Summer months, we are expecting more waste and litter to be left at beaches and parks.

The “Take me home” campaign asks the public to take their rubbish to the nearest bin, or to take it home and dispose of it responsibly if one cannot be found nearby.

We are asking everyone in our community and visitors to join the campaign in keeping the county a litter free zone.

## New Ability Swing in Cabinteely Park

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council are delighted to launch their new piece of inclusive playground equipment - the Ability Swing. Located at Cabinteely Park playground, it is suitable for children with a physical disability that use a wheelchair. The Ability Swing is located beside other swing sets and playground equipment so that a child with a physical disability can enjoy the activity surrounded by their friends, family and other children. Funded by Sport Ireland through the Dormant Accounts Fund, the Ability Swing can be accessed by a universal Radar or Abloy key that also opens many disability toilets and changing areas in Ireland. For more details or any other queries in relation to disability sport contact Brian on 01-2719506 or [bodonnell@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:bodonnell@dlrcoco.ie)



## Starting and Staying Active

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership are dedicated to helping everyone in the County start or remain active. We have a range of programmes, activities and ideas for all abilities and ages on our website [dlrsportspartnership.ie](http://dlrsportspartnership.ie)

## Active Dublin



Dún Laoghaire Rathdown is one of 8 city areas to recently be successful in its application for Sport Ireland and Dormant Accounts funding to develop an ‘Active City’ initiative. An Active City is one that is continually creating and improving opportunities in the built and social environments to enable everyone to be physically active in day-to-day life. This 3-5 year initiative will be led by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership who will work with the various sections in the Local Authority and partner agencies in the County to deliver on Active Cities. The overall goal of the Active Dublin project is that everyone in Dublin will have both the opportunity and motivation to actively participate in sport and physical activity. There will be a key focus on areas of disadvantage and people with disabilities. So keep an eye out for Active Dublin over the next few years and help us make it an active city.





# Time for some Summer Staycation Fun



## Mind the GAP to get your mountain highs

Mountain bikers will have plenty to smile about when Glencullen Adventure Park finally opens in June – with the addition of two new highly-anticipated trails that have had the MTB rumour mill spinning since April.

The GAP now has with 16 adrenalin-pumping, purpose built trails, bike uplift, a rental shop and a café that is renowned for its delicious, energy-boosting burgers.

For owner Matthew Davy, the opening can't come fast enough. *"It was really hard for the park during the initial closure. We had been gathering huge momentum and making constant upgrades to the trails and felt like we had really come into our own as Ireland's top mountain-biking facility. Then Covid hit."*

Social distancing restrictions mean the GAP's uplift pass is bookable only by families or groups that have been cocooning together. Groups of 2-8 people can book half the uplift van. Each van is kitted out with protective screens and vans and trailers will be wiped down and sanitised after each booking. Visit [thegap.ie](http://thegap.ie).



## Forest adventures with 'Ireland's Bear Grylls'

Children exploring wooded mountains, revelling in the freedom of the great outdoors after a year of pandemic lockdowns, learning about nature and themselves.

Sounds idyllic – but that is what is on offer at Forest Kids, where adventures with Ireland's answer to Bear Grylls await intrepid youngsters.

Forest Kids is the brainchild of Heather Burnett Niland, allowing her to combine her passion for the great outdoors with 25 years' experience in childcare. She runs three-day courses which allow children aged 6-12 to learn, explore, discover, meet new friends, have fun, and play in a safe and exciting outdoor environment. They introduce the concept of 'Leave No Trace' and cultivate in children a respect and appreciation of the abundance of nature around us, whether you live in the city, suburbs or countryside.

At Forest Kids, children lead the way in their experiences, building confidence by developing their skills and adapting to overcome adversity and their complete tasks. This approach helps to create independent thinkers and develop self-esteem and physical and emotional resilience

Based in Glencullen Adventure Park in the heart of the Dublin Mountains, you can book Forest Kids online at [forestkidsfun.net](http://forestkidsfun.net)

Also open and ever popular with kids and families are Zipit ([zipit.ie](http://zipit.ie)) high-rope forest adventures in Tibbradden Wood, and [biking.ie](http://biking.ie) cycle rental on Ticknock Hill mountain bike trails.



## Make a BigStyle splash in the Harbour

There's more watersports than ever on offer in Dún Laoghaire this summer, with a new stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) school opening in the west of the Harbour.

BigStyle are the first company to operate a paddleboarding school out of Dún Laoghaire Harbour – but they're certainly no strangers to the area.

The company was founded in 2013 by local lads Kris Goodbody and Ben McDonald, who started off by teaching water sports in Blackrock.

BigStyle SUP School and rental shop offers paddleboard lessons and rental from two repurposed shipping containers. The environmentally-conscious operation runs off the grid with solar panels and a water harvester. Visit [bigstyle.ie](http://bigstyle.ie)

Also located in the water activity area beside the West Pier, the Irish National Sailing School offers kayak and paddleboard rental, and also sailing and powerboat lessons. Visit [inss.ie](http://inss.ie).

## Seacht saoire sa bhaile an samhradh seo

1. Faigh do rothar agus téigh ag rothaíocht ar an mBealach Soghluaisteachta Cósta ón gCarraig Dhubh go Cuas an Ghainimh. Beidh an Cycle Hub ar Bhóthar Crofton in ann cabhrú leat le rothair ar cíós, deisiú rothar, trealamh rothaíochta, caife agus sneaiceanna. [the-cyclehub.com](http://the-cyclehub.com)
2. Téigh ag sciáil. I ndáiríre! Tá fánaí sciála tirime Chlub Sciála na hÉireann le hoscailt ó mhí Iúil ar aghaidh. [skiclub.ie](http://skiclub.ie)
3. Téigh ar thuras cadhcála ar Shunda Dheilginse, a thosaíonn i gCuan Bhlóic. Cuir do spás in áirithe le Jenny agus a foireann ag [Kayaking.ie](http://Kayaking.ie)
4. Téigh ag fánaíocht ar cheann de na conairí siúil slímharcáilte ar Shlí Shléibhte Bhaile Átha Cliath, atá 42.6 ciliméadar ar fad. [dublinmountains.ie](http://dublinmountains.ie)
5. Téigh ar chrús cósta a bhainfidh an anáil díot ar an long seoltóireachta nua-athchóirithe Brian Bóramha, a bheidh ag feidhmiú an samhradh seo ón gCé Thoir. [dublinundersail.com](http://dublinundersail.com)
6. Déan thú féin a thumadh i scéal a théann siar 6,500 bliain le turais bheostaire i gCaisleán agus Ionad Oidhreachta Dheilginse. [dalkeycastle.com](http://dalkeycastle.com)
7. Faigh blaiseadh de shaol na tuaithe in Eastát Airfield, feirm 38 acra, teach maorga, músaem carranna seanré agus caifé i nDún Droma. [airfield.ie](http://airfield.ie)

## Showcasing dlr Entrepreneurs



### The Institute of Chinese

The Institute of Chinese is an online tutoring start-up that's disrupting the bricks & mortar language school model through live online tuition, available 24/7 with professional native speaking tutors in a virtual classroom.

It was founded in 2019 by husband & wife team Andy & Lauralee O'Donovan who have a background in various entrepreneurial & international businesses and a passion for education. Their mission is to create a virtual space for all foreign language learners worldwide to connect with professional teachers for structured, authentic & immersive live online tuition that accelerates the acquisition of linguistic and cultural fluency.

Since adapting to the Covid-19 crisis in March 2020, they have grown rapidly & delivered in excess of 4,000 online lessons to language learners worldwide & the majority of their online students are based across countries like Ireland, the UK, EU, US, Australia & Asia.

*"The business mentoring from the LEO has been invaluable in terms of getting us to objectively evaluate our game plan".* – Lauralee O'Donovan, Founder 2021 continues to bring success for The Institute of Chinese, not only were they one of 5 winning Finalists in the SFA Awards 2021 in the Emerging New Business Category, they're on target for 300% revenue growth & they've also just raised seed capital from an angel investor. With assistance from the Local Enterprise Office, their goal is to design and build their own platform to solve the global challenge in accessing top quality online education for hundreds of millions of language learners worldwide. *"At a crucial time in our development, the Business Expansion Grant funding from the LEO has enabled us to increase our headcount & hire in the talent we need to scale our business".* – Andy O'Donovan, CEO

[www.learnchineseplus.com](http://www.learnchineseplus.com)

## Age Friendly Accreditation



The Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme invites businesses across the county to become Age Friendly accredited, as part of an initiative being run by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Age Friendly Ireland with the support of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber.

The programme encourages retailers and service providers to think about what three changes they could make to help make their older customers' experience better. The changes are low- or no- cost, such as providing a rest chair, or making sure all signage is easy to read and in large print.

Already businesses in Nutgrove Shopping Centre, Dundrum Town Centre and Dún Laoghaire Town have taken part in the programme, nominating Age Friendly Champions who attended an online workshop, and committing to making three small but significant changes in their outlets. According to Conor McDaid of Dundrum Town Centre, which has received accreditation as an Age Friendly business, *"the workshop was very interesting and it was very useful to hear other people's ideas and suggestions about how to improve our older customers' experience"*.

Steven Stocks of Nutgrove Shopping Centre, which has become Age Friendly accredited under the programme, said he believed it was very important to encourage older people back into shops after a very difficult period. *"It's been very challenging for everyone, and we want to do everything we can to make our older customers to feel safe and welcome coming back into our shops"*.

Having successfully completed the programme, Age Friendly accredited businesses can display their certification and accreditation window sticker at their premises and will also be listed on the [agefriendlyireland.ie](http://agefriendlyireland.ie) website. Interested businesses can find out more and sign up to this free programme at [dlrcoco.ie/BusinessAgeFriendly](http://dlrcoco.ie/BusinessAgeFriendly).

## Applications open for Outdoor Dining Scheme



A new Outdoor Dining Scheme, supported by Fáilte Ireland in partnership with local authorities, is now open for applications.

The Scheme will help food and hospitality businesses in dlr to increase their dining capacity by providing 75% funding of up to €4,000 towards the ex-VAT cost of outdoor furniture and equipment.

The grant is available to individual tourism and hospitality businesses to develop and increase their own outdoor dining capacity whether on private premises or in the public realm – public realm dining will require a Street Furniture Licence from the Council which can be applied for free of charge.

Applications can be made for furniture purchased since 01 April 2020, and the scheme will be open for applications until 30 September 2021.

All the terms and conditions, along with the online application form, can be accessed at [dlrcoco.ie/OutdoorDining](http://dlrcoco.ie/OutdoorDining)

## Management Development Programmes

When is the last time that you have upskilled in a meaningful way as an owner/manager of a SME? As the world is becoming more connected there is a stronger imperative to differentiate your business through innovative thinking and driving efficiencies to remain competitive in the global economy.

We are building a suite of programmes to support companies making important step changes. We are currently offering LEAN for micro training for companies up to 20 employees, and will be offering a LEAN for Leaders program for larger companies in July 21. LEAN is a highly effective method for introducing positive change in any organisation resulting in increased profitability, sales, employment and employee satisfaction. We have also partnered with Lift Ireland to deliver their excellent Leadership program which can significantly improve the culture in any organisation. In August this year we will be rolling out a Financial Management Capability Programme providing dedicated Financial mentors to companies with more than 10 employees to increase capability in this critical area.

This is on top of our broad training, mentoring and grant supports found at [localenterprise.ie/dlr](http://localenterprise.ie/dlr)

For more information on the specific programmes listed visit [leandlr.ie](http://leandlr.ie) and [liftireland.ie](http://liftireland.ie)



### dlr Leo newsletter

Sign up to our dlr Leo newsletter on [bit.ly/leodlrnewsletter](http://bit.ly/leodlrnewsletter) to hear about all our new initiatives as they happen



## Public information



# Myrtle Square & Convent Lane A New Public Space

Myrtle Square will be a new public space in the heart of Dún Laoghaire town. It will provide a destination point and an attractive space for locals and visitors to linger, relax, play and enjoy. The square sits in a new location created as a result of the careful dismantling of the block containing numbers 35-37 Lower George's Street. It is hoped to repurpose architectural material from the dismantled building into the new square. The existing buildings around the perimeter of the space create a natural embrace which provide shelter and a sunny aspect to the new area.

The completed, permanent scheme will be characterised by nature and greening. A new grove of trees, groundcover and climbing plants will establish a calm, pleasant location. The space will feature a canopy structure, generous public seating and a bespoke multi-tiered play unit. Suds (sustainable urban drainage system) is to be utilised in the scheme. This is a method of absorbing rainwater run-off into the planted areas in a more natural way. The greener habitat will help to encourage biodiversity and nature into the heart of the town. A temporary space is to be created in the interim before construction of the new permanent scheme is undertaken.

## dlr Summer Streets

This temporary space at Myrtle Square will form part of a broader, exciting initiative called "dlr Summer Streets". This is an initiative that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has introduced which aims to provide safe, welcoming and people-friendly public spaces in our towns & villages and bring life, food and energy to the County's streets this summer. This will provide spaces for cafés, restaurants, pubs and other businesses to operate outdoors throughout the summer and beyond.

The temporary arrangement being created in Myrtle Square will give a flavour of the final Myrtle Square scheme. Picnic benches, seating and the introduction of greening will set a welcoming tone to the space. The greening will include the placement of mature specimen trees in large scale containers as well as in the ground and linear planters containing pollinator friendly, lush planting. Effort is being made to create a family friendly character to the space. Maritime inspired line marking on the ground will offer a play element. Natural play incorporating the trees, boulders and other elements in the space will allow kids and adults to explore and play in the new space. This is going to be a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy our streets and urban realm from a new perspective.

## dlr staff profile



### Ursula O'Connor

URBAN REGENERATION  
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

#### What do you do?

The Urban Regeneration Development Officer is a fairly new role in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. It sits within the Finance and Economic Development Directorate and is particularly focussed on driving improvements in the public realm that support business in our Towns and Villages. So, we provide various supports to individual businesses and to business network organisations through funding or placemaking interventions. It also involves working closely with the rest of the Economic Development team in the Local Enterprise Office and the Tourism Unit too. On a wider basis there is considerable cross-departmental collaboration working with colleagues in Parks, Architects, Roads and the Arts Office in particular.

#### What is your typical work day like?

No two days are especially alike and at the moment things are varied further with a lot of working from home. I am out on site at least two or three days a week though, meeting business groups on the ground, especially now as we manage the Council's response to the demand for outdoor dining space through our Summer Streets programme. And currently we are coming closer to the Dún Laoghaire Anseo event so there is a good deal of checking in with the project managers for the street art event. Looking forward to seeing the heart of Dún Laoghaire Town transformed with some fantastic art to draw people in to the Town Centre.

#### What is the most difficult part of your job?

There are frequently difficult decisions to be made and we cannot fund or support every application that comes our way, so that's a challenge when you have to deliver disappointing news. The selection process for the art for Dún Laoghaire Anseo was really challenging with so many fantastic proposals from artists and only so many walls to go around.

#### What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Getting to meet so many people across the County is really rewarding, especially when you can work together to improve things. Seeing the results of schemes that I have worked on like the painted traffic boxes, Summer Streets: Cabinteely or the emergence of Myrtle Square in Dún Laoghaire is especially rewarding. And there are plenty more projects in the pipeline so lots of opportunity to make your mark on the County in such a positive way.



# Woodbrook Coastal Protection Project

Work recently commenced on the Woodbrook Coastal Protection Project and involves the stabilisation and protection of approximately 300m of cliff frontage just north of Bray Harbour and south of Woodbrook Golf Club.



The purpose of the proposed works is to address the ongoing issue of erosion of landfill waste material from a cliff-face and depositing onto the beach in front. This will be addressed through the installation of coastal defences.

The work includes the installation of rock armour and coastal protection along the cliff face and on the beach. The rock is being imported from local building sites in Killiney and surrounding area, this is reducing the impact on the road network and the environment. An ecologist is on site advising on Wildlife and Habitats. Access paths will be provided along the new embankment with access to the beach front.

A temporary site compound will be located on the cliff top at the south end of the site. The access for plant and personnel will be made via the harbour road, off Strand Road R766. It is anticipated that works will finish next Spring.



## Killiney Beach Enhancements

dlr are in the process of delivering an enhancement scheme at Killiney Beach. The project is now at substantial completion and includes significant maintenance and resurfacing works, accessibility improvements, cycle parking provision, placemaking, creation of a public realm space, signage and wayfinding and refurbishment of existing facilities. The project commenced construction in November 2020 and is being delivered by a cross departmental multidisciplinary team across Beaches, Road Maintenance, Parks and Architects.

Works remaining to be completed as part of the current phase of enhancements include signage and wayfinding improvements, minor resurfacing and the enhancement of the existing beachside walkway access and associated ramp. The project has also evolved into a longer term enhancement strategy in line with Fáilte Ireland funding and will include the provision of a sustainable water sports facility to provide changing / sanitary / and meeting facilities to participants engaged in water based and other sporting activities, and to support the services of the operators providing water sports activities in an area.

## Fáilte curtha ag dlr roimh Staraí Cónaithe nua

Tá lúcháir ar Oifig Oidhreachta dlr fáilte a chur roimh David Gunning mar an Staráí Cónaithe don bhliain 2021 faoi Chlár Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán.

Gheobhaidh David spreagadh ó na cartlanna, na bailiúcháin agus na foirgnimh oidhreachta atá faoi chaomhnóireacht Chomhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin le clár taispeántas agus imeachtaí a chur i dtoll a chéile d'fhómhar 2021. Cuirfear faoi chaibidil dearthaí nua ar an Teach Mór i nDún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin agus leagfar béim ar leith ar na hathruithe a tháinig ar an tsochaí sa tréimhse roimh Chogadh na Saoirse, lena linn agus ina dhiaidh.

I measc na bhfoilseachán atá curtha amach ag David le déanaí tá What's in a Name – Dunleary, Kingstown, Dún Laoghaire agus Divine Illumination, a foilsíodh mar chuid de chlár a d'eagraigh dlr le déanaí faoi Chlár Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán agus a bhfuil duaiseanna buaite aige. Tá suim mhór aige in oidhreacht thógtha agus i stair Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin agus d'oibrigh sé mar threoraí turais do Shamhradh Oidhreachta dlr ar feadh roinnt blianta. Is mar an Cartlannaí Cónaithe ag dlr Lexicon ba dhéanaí a bhí sé ag obair, áit a raibh club nuálach leabhar scannánaíochta, a bhí bunaithe ar théama an Tí Mhóir, á chur ar siúl aige.

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Tá ról an Staráí Cónaithe maoinithe ag an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán.

## dlr County Heritage Plan Update

A huge thank you to all who shared fantastic ideas and suggestions for heritage in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown as part of the County Heritage Plan consultation process this year.

We will be launching the new five year plan shortly – watch this space for new ways to get involved and enjoy your local heritage.

For more info please contact the Heritage Officer, Deirdre Black at [info@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:info@dlrcoco.ie)







## Newpark Arts Exhibition

Haigh Terrace and dlr Lexlcon 1 June – 16 July

We are delighted to host the work of Transition Year students from Newpark Comprehensive School, Blackrock in the grounds of dlr Lexlcon along Haigh Terrace and inside in the Lexlcon Lab. It is the culmination of Arts Week at the

school where students get the opportunity to try out a variety of forms including hand weaving, stop motion animation, installation art, sound and drama. The projects on display are as follows:

- **Hand Weaving:** Trudy Feighery led her students in a hand weaving workshop incorporating the use of found and upcycled materials, incorporating hidden messages and reflections in response to lockdown. A special feature is the use of 30 bicycle wheels, courtesy of Mike's Bikes!
- **Installation Art:** David King led his students in exploring the exciting world of installation art culminating in large collaborative art pieces and kinetic art installations.
- **Stop Motion:** Naomi Good worked with her students to create animated short films. Students photographed static objects that were brought to life on the screen using animation techniques. These are shown inside in the Lexlcon Lab during opening hours.



## Join the Summer Stars with dlr Libraries!

Come along to dlr Libraries this summer and join in the Summer Stars Reading challenge. This annual free Reading Challenge runs in public libraries across Ireland. All children are invited to take part by registering at their local library where they get a Summer Stars Reading Card. Stamps are awarded for every book read and recorded on the Reading card.

There are some great fun incentives for those who complete a Reading Card: bookmarks, pencils, drawstring bags and notebooks. All reading counts - independent reading, shared reading, bedtime reading, and any book read counts, not just library books. Children can browse and borrow from all dlr Library branches and online. Children's e-books e-audiobooks, and comics are available through the BorrowBox and Libby apps, and a new service Tumble books.

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dlr Libraries are delighted to mark the launch of Summer Stars 2021 this June with our Summer Stars Family Fun Quiz on Friday 18 June; contact Seán at [libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie) to register. In June and July there will be new online storytimes available on Facebook and YouTube each Friday at 3.30pm. In August, look out for music and other live events in our library gardens.

The programme wraps up in September with the Reading cards draw and our Grand Prizegiving. Prizes include: vouchers for fun days out in dlr and vouchers for local retailers. Remember the more you read, the more chances you have to win!

## Poetry at the Lexlcon: Jen Hadfield, Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe, Mark Roper

This is pre-recorded event and will be available on Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's YouTube Channel.



Jen Hadfield, Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe, Mark Roper, Rosamund Taylor

Spend this Midsummer with three exciting and inventive poets who explore landscape, nature, the human form, and the webs that connect everything. It has never been more important to look outside of ourselves to gain a deeper understanding and respect for the natural world. The poets' keen eyes and sustained study of everything from limpets to grey whales to wolves give us stunning insights into a variety of natural environments. They also examine the ways we use language and how words shape what we see. Join Jen Hadfield, Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe and Mark Roper for this dynamic and thought-provoking evening. The event is facilitated by Rosamund Taylor.

## James Joyce's Dublin Houses: Charles Hulgraine

dlr Lexlcon 1 June – 31 July



Leoville, Blackrock

The Friends of Joyce Tower Society and dlr Lexlcon are proud to present a first visual-art representation of the Dublin houses where James Joyce and his family lived. The houses stretched across Dublin's southside, later crossing the River Liffey to the city's northside, and afforded a rich palette of characters and experience for Joyce.

Painter and printmaker Charles Hulgraine is from Dublin city and has had a lifelong interest in all things Joycean. He wanted to recreate a visual record of these important homes in Dublin which, for the most part, still exist. Charles is a graduate of DIT and NCAD and is a Member of the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland. He is the owner of the Ballsbridge Gallery in Dublin 4, where he exhibits, and is a member of Friends of Joyce Tower Society in Sandycove, Dublin. With thanks also to Vivian Igoe for her publication James Joyce's Dublin Houses (2007), an invaluable source for dates and context. The full exhibition will be located on Level 3, dlr Lexlcon with some taster panels outside in the Lexlcon garden at Moran Park.



## WHAT'S ON IN THE MUNICIPAL GALLERY IN dlr LEXICON

### Tangled

15 May – 18 July

Featuring work by Ursula Burke, John Byrne, Alice Maher, Breda Mayock, John Power, Dermot Seymour and Michael Fortune. The exhibition was curated by Michael Fortune who worked in collaboration with staff and participants from the Southside Travellers Action Group (STAG) in 2019 and 2020. During this period, Michael introduced the group to the work of several Irish contemporary artists; the selected artists and the themes running through this exhibition reflects his collaboration and engagement with STAG. The exhibition includes both new and recent work from the artists' studios.



Boosterstown by Gary Coyle

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

### Musician-in-Residence Programme

Keep an ear open for updates and information about our Musicians in Residence Programme over the summer.

Traditional flute player Iarlaith Mac Gabhann was awarded the Emerging

Musician-in-Residence in May. He is the first of three Musicians-in-Residence for 2021 in a scheme jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network. Iarlaith has been using archival material to investigate tunes by lesser known musicians associated with the North Connacht flute tradition; he has also connected with local musician and founding member of The Chieftains, Michael Tubridy. A public performance of his new work will be scheduled in late summer or early autumn, subject to public health restrictions.



Iarlaith Mac Gabhann

### On Returning New work by Gary Coyle

24 July – 26 September

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



### dlr Scéal Trails

A dlr Scéal Trail is an outdoor story walk that everyone can enjoy. It's a picture book on display boards that you can follow, from beginning to end, as you walk with your family or friends.

**The Vanishing Lake Scéal Trail** in Dundrum Library garden: a captivating tale from author/illustrator Paddy Donnelly, celebrating a young girl's determination, a Grandad's wisdom, and the fantastical wonders of the natural world.

**Spidey Scéal Trail** in Cabinteely Library garden: a delightful book written by Carmel Uí Cheallaigh and illustrated by Fintan Taite. Little Séimí just loves spiders! No matter where he goes he can think of nothing else. If only he could be a spider himself!

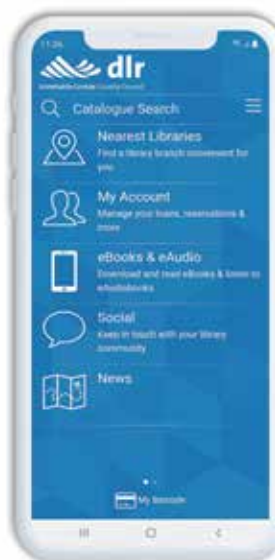
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### Tumble Books

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The app is free and can be found on both iTunes and Google Play by searching for dlr Libraries. Try it out today!



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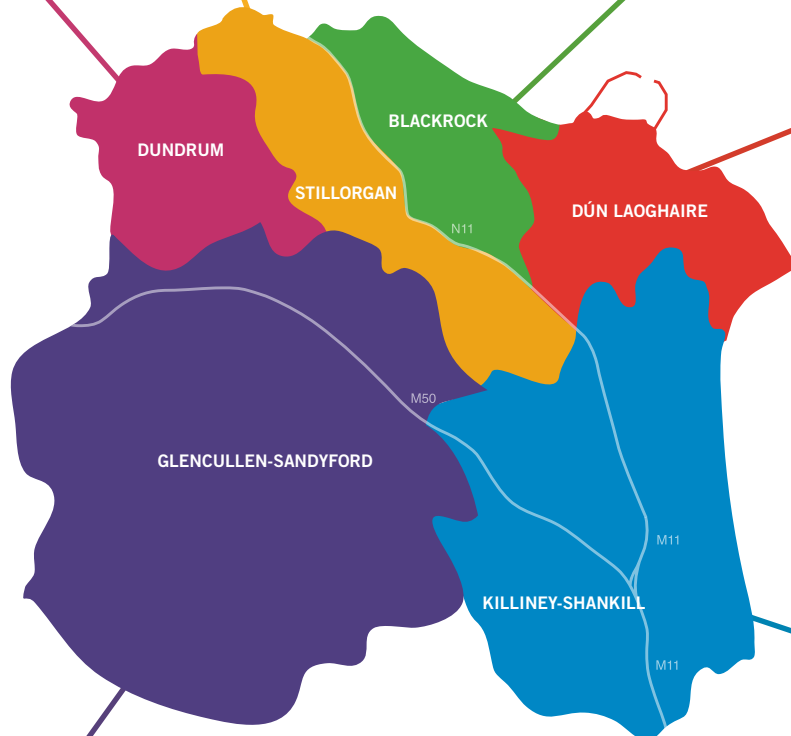
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