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Message from An Cathaoirleach

Welcome to this Autumn edition of the dlr Times which highlights initiatives that have been carried out over the Summer and that dlr plan on carrying out at this time of year. As the country continues to reopen, this edition outlines several supports available to businesses, such as shopfront improvement scheme, green business supports, and grant supports for ratepayers.

This edition also provides information on the public consultation process for the creation of the Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement for our county. Details are also available on upcoming Open House events across the county, and you can read about how our Architects Department have been nominated for the 2022 European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture for their placemaking projects.

You can read about the wonderful Sportsability Camps that were run over the summer which enabled children with a variety of disabilities to take part in water-based activities in Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

Finally, you can read about the incredible new Roger Casement statue that was recently installed at the Dun Laoghaire Baths.

CLLR. LETTIE MCCARTHY



Message from the interim dlr Chief Executive

Welcome to our Autumn 2021 edition of the dlr Times. Over recent weeks I am very happy that we have found ourselves transitioning out of necessary COVID-19 restrictions, with public services increasing and public buildings reopening and with schools recently returning we are reminded of some of the rhythms of life pre-Covid.

The Dún Laoghaire Baths site project on our coastline has been continuing apace and will be completed in Spring 2022. We recently had the honour of installing the magnificent sculpture of Roger Casement at the site. This Council is very proud to commemorate Casement, who had ideals and values far ahead of his time, ones which we can all aspire to; read more on this fascinating historical figure and the latest progress on the project inside.

You can also learn about our ongoing local business supports and how we are once again taking part in Open House, the annual showcase of architecture, built heritage and increasingly energy conservation.

Enjoy your read...

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 : (after 5pm + weekends) 01 677 8844

Homeless Persons: (after hours services) 1800 724 724

Irish Water: (24 hours) 1850 278 278

Your dlr parks

BLACKROCK PARK

TIME: Open Access

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, Glasthule

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 Lexicon

Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire

TEL: 01 280 1147

TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm

Fri to Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Sun

12noon – 4pm

BLACKROCK

Blackrock Town Hall, Main Street

TEL: 01 288 8117

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am –

1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur

1.15pm – 8pm

CABINTEELY*

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely

TEL: 01 285 5363

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat* 10am

– 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur

2pm – 8pm

DALKEY

Castle Street, Dalkey

TEL: 01 285 5317

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am –

1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur

1.15pm – 8pm

DEANSGRANGE

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange

TEL: 01 285 0860

TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to

Thur 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 10am

– 5pm. My Open Library self-service

8am-10pm,

7 days a week, including bank

holiday weekends.

DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum

TEL: 01 298 5000

TIMES: Mon, Fri & Sat 10am –

1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue to Thur

10am – 8pm

SHANKILL*

Library Road, Shankill

TEL: 01 282 3081

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat* 10am

– 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur

2pm – 8pm

STILLORGAN

St. Laurence's Park, Stillorgan

TEL: 01 288 9655

TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to

Thur 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 10am

– 1pm, 2pm – 5pm

* Libraries with an asterisk are open either Friday or Saturday – please contact for further details.

- On Bank Holiday weekends, all libraries are closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday while Deansgrange opens in My Open Library mode.

Feature



In September, the Roger Casement Statue was lifted into place at the Dún Laoghaire Baths project under construction.

Born in Sandycove in 1864, Casement was one of the most interesting Irishmen of his generation. An early international human rights campaigner, he was later executed for his part in the 1916 Rising. When leaving for London to stand trial, his last sight of Ireland was from the boat leaving Dún Laoghaire, near the place of his birth.

Joining the British Colonial Service as a young man, he carried out human rights investigations in Africa, and later reported on the abuse of workers in South America. He was knighted for this work in 1911, but became increasingly interested in Irish nationalism, resigning from the Foreign Office in 1913 to devote his energy to Irish independence. He travelled first to America and then notably to Germany to garner their support for a Rising. After landing in Kerry on Good Friday 1916, he was arrested, found guilty of high treason, and executed in London on 3 August.

dlr commissioned the bronze statue by sculptor Mark Richards in 2016 through an open competition. Plans are underway to celebrate Casement's homecoming when the site opens in the new year.

The Dún Laoghaire Baths Project

Works at the Dún Laoghaire Baths site are now significantly advanced. Completion was expected in December 2021 but due to Covid and other site factors, the project is likely to be delivered in late Spring 2022. When complete the project will provide for the continuing public use of the area. The current projected cost is €13.5m which includes the refurbishment of the existing Baths Pavilion, constructing a new jetty to give easy access to the water for swimming and the creation of a new route between Newtownsmith and the East Pier. This walkway will be at a level that will create a safe and secure walk offering panoramic views over Scotsman's Bay. The form of this walk will reflect the original rocky shoreline and the historic alignment of the old gun battery that was originally located on this site. The walkway will incorporate sitting and viewing points and the land adjoining this walk will be re-graded to create sloping grassed areas. The scheme also includes the refurbishment of the historic small gazebo situated along this route.



The former Pavilion building has been substantially refurbished to provide studio space for artists and to provide gallery and café facilities overlooking Scotsman's Bay. The original Baths entrance along Windsor Terrace is being restored to provide access to the building while an outdoor 'café terrace' linked to the new café will provide an attractive sitting area for viewing, eating and relaxing. The Pavilion will also provide a new public toilets Changing Places facility and will be accessible for wheelchair users.



Draft Register of Electors for 2022-2023

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

The Draft Register of Electors for 2022 – 2023 is now being prepared. It will be published online on www.voter.ie on 1 November 2021 and will be available for inspection in our offices in Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum, in our libraries and also in post offices within our area.

Applications for entry to the Register of Electors 2022-2023 closes on 25 November.

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

Following the publishing of the Draft Register any person may submit a claim to have a correction made to their details on the Draft Register, including a claim to have the name of a person added to, or deleted from, on or before 25 November 2021.

All application forms for the Register of Electors, including a change of citizenship, are included on our website www.dlrcoco.ie

If you have any queries, please contact us on 01-2054880 or by email registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie

You can check your details online at www.voter.ie

Right to vote

- Be at least 18 years of age on the day the Register comes into force
- You must be ordinarily resident in the State since 1 September in the year preceding the coming into force of the Register

As a resident you are entitled to be registered, the registration authority needs to know a person's citizenship to determine the elections at which they may vote.

Voting rights:

- Presidential Election and Referendum - Irish citizens
- Dáil Election - Irish citizens and British citizens
- European Parliament Election - Irish citizens and EU Member State citizens
- Local Elections - All citizens resident in Ireland

Contact us at registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie or tel 01-2054880.

Dréachtchlár na dToghthóirí, 2022-2023

Tagann Clár na dToghthóirí i bhfeidhm ar an 15 Feabhra gach bliain agus úsáidtear é i ngach toghchán agus reifreann go ceann 12 mhí ina dhiaidh sin.

Tá Dréachtchlár na dToghthóirí, 2022 – 2023 á chur i dtoll a chéile faoi láthair. Foilseofar é ar líne ag www.voter.ie ar an 1 Samhain 2021 agus beidh sé ar fáil lena iniúchadh inár n-oifigí i nDún Laoghaire agus i nDún Droma, inár leabharlanna agus in oifigí poist sa cheantar.

An 25 Samhain an spriocdháta le haghaidh iarratas ar iontráil ar Chlár na dToghthóirí, 2022-2023.

Is tábhachtach a sheiceáil go bhfuil do mhionsonraí/stádas vótála ceart agus nach bhfuil tú cláraithe ach uair amháin.

I ndiaidh don Dréachtchlár a bheith foilsithe, féadfaidh duine ar bith éileamh a chur isteach go ndéanfaí a mionsonraí ar an Dréachtchlár a cheartú, lena n-áirítear a éileamh go gcuirfí ainm duine leis an Dréachtchlár nó go mbainfí ainm duine ón Dréachtchlár, ar an 25 Samhain 2021 nó roimhe sin.

Tá gach foirm iarratais maidir le Clár na dToghthóirí, lena n-áirítear athrú ar shaoránacht, le fáil ar ár láithreán gréasáin www.dlrcoco.ie

Má bhíonn aon cheist agat, déan teagmháil linn ar 01-2054880 nó tríd an ríomhphost ag registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie

Is féidir leat do mhionsonraí a sheiceáil ar líne ag www.voter.ie

An Ceart chun Vótáil

- Ní mór duit a bheith 18 mbliana d'aois ar a laghad ar an lá a dtagann an Clár i bhfeidhm
- Ní mór duit gnáthchónaí a bheith ort sa Stát ón 1 Meán Fómhair sa bhliain sula dtagann an Clár i bhfeidhm

Mar chónaitheoir, tá tú i dteideal a bheith cláraithe. Caithefidh saoránacht duine a bheith ar eolas ag an údarás clárúcháin chun na toghcháin ina bhféadfadh sé nó sí vóta a chaitheamh a chinneadh.

Ceartha Vótála:

- Toghchán Uachtaránachta agus Reifreann - saoránaigh na hÉireann
- Toghchán don Dáil - saoránaigh na hÉireann agus saoránaigh na Breataine
- Toghchán do Pharlaimint na hEorpa - saoránaigh na hÉireann agus saoránaigh an AE
- Toghcháin Áitiúla - gach saoránach a chónaíonn in Éirinn

Déan teagmháil linn ag registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie nó cuir glao ar 01-2054880.



Open House Dublin 2021

With the travel restrictions we've all endured in recent times, our appreciation for what's on our doorstep has grown. The architecture and built heritage that surround us influence who we are as a society. They frame not only the comings and goings of our daily routines but often how we feel too. On the weekend of 15-17 October, the Open House Dublin festival returns to celebrate our built heritage and all things architectural.

This year will see a welcome return of in-person activities alongside an array of online events, including a second series of site specific short films and online residential tours, enabling people far and wide to see Dublin from a new perspective. Open House Dublin 2021 will continue to include on-site and online activities for young people and families too, with workshops and competitions supporting design-led education across the city, self-guided 'Architreks' and the intriguing Airfield Junior: 360 Time Travel Tour.

Activities across the county include outdoor pursuits such as architect-led tours of Airfield Estate, Marlay Park House Courtyard and accessible cycling tours of the dlr Coastal Mobility Route and the Royal St George Yacht Club will be part of the programme. These are complimented by a guided walk of the historic parkland of Marlay House led by dlr Historian in Residence David Gunning, sharing new insights from the dlr 2021 Decade of Centenaries project. In addition, there are dlr hosted building tours of the awarding winning energy efficient Rochestown House, tours of the newly renovated Deansgrange Library complete with inclusive creative technologies and fantastic sensory area to compliment the popular Tovertafel. We are also delighted to feature an online Grace Wilentz poetry reading, filmed in Marlay House and featuring new work commissioned as part of the Marlay – Creative Responses project.

Explore the range of options and book your place on www.openhousedublin.com

EVENT

EVENT	LOCATION
dlr Architect led tour on the built heritage of Marlay House Courtyard	Marlay Park
dlr Historian-in-Residence led tour of Marlay House Parklands with insights from the Decade of Centenaries project	Marlay Park
dlr Architect led tour of RIAI Sustainability award winning Rochestown House which achieved EnerPHit certification	Rochestown House
dlr Librarians showcase the inclusivity and accessibility of the recently renovated Deansgrange Library	Deansgrange Library
dlr Engineer led tour of the Monkstown public realm improvement and conservation project	Monkstown Village
Building tour showcasing the history, built heritage, accessibility and inclusivity of the Royal St. George Yacht Club	Royal St George Yacht Club
dlr architect and The Bike Hub lead a cycling tour on the landmarks and hidden gems between Sandycove and Blackrock	Coastal Cycle Route
Home energy upgrade webinar with architects and energy experts sharing insights to help save money and energy	Online

Free Home Energy Upgrade Webinar



Sandycove Mews, Architect Mel Reynolds

Ireland has set out ambitious targets in this year's Amendment to the Climate Action Bill. As headlines of environmental concern, emissions limits and unpredictable weather patterns fill our news streams ahead of this year's crucial Climate Conference in Glasgow, COP26, it's easy to become overwhelmed by the challenges entailed in climate action, but we should not overlook that there are huge benefits to taking action too.

Just like charity, climate action starts at home. By improving the energy performance of your home, you can not only make yourself more comfortable, but you will also be playing your part to stem the tide of energy-related emissions, needlessly produced trying to heat uneconomical homes. Energy upgrades create win-win outcomes for you and your family by improving your quality of life and lowering your energy bills, and also for wider society by reducing the carbon emissions you produce every day.

A free and easy first step is to register for dlr's Home Energy Upgrade webinar on Sunday 17 October, held as part of Open House Dublin and brought to you by the dlr Energy Team, who were recently shortlisted for the SEAI's Energy Team of the Year Award. The event will feature examples and insights from architects and energy experts who will not only illustrate what can be achieved, but also explain what supports are available to help you get there. Local architect Mel Reynolds will describe how he got energy bills down to €300 per year in Glashule and how even for older urban buildings, A-ratings are achievable, while speakers from the SEAI, Superhomes, the Irish Green Building Council, Codema and the Dalkey Sustainable Energy Community will share their experiences and discuss financial and other supports available.

Book your place at the webinar now at www.openhousedublin.com

Focusing on the Green for Micro

We are offering businesses with up to ten employees two days of free consulting (worth €1,800), with the help of a Green Consultant, to help prepare you for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. Companies engaging in the program will enjoy;

- Increased cost savings
- Improved resource efficiency (e.g. using less energy, water & materials)
- Reduced environmental footprint & greenhouse gas emissions
- Opportunities for higher & additional value on products & services
- Increased access to customers, improved corporate image
- Increased resilience to climate change impacts

For more information on the Green for Micro programme, please visit www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Green-for-Micro/



Green Business Supports

Did you know that 62% of people say that a business's positive sustainability credentials have an impact on their decision to buy that firm's products or services as most people are acutely aware of our national target of reducing carbon emissions (greenhouse gas emissions) by 51% by 2030, and to achieve a climate neutral economy by 2050.

Having a strong sustainability focus is now not only essential for attracting and retaining discerning customers but it will help companies face the increasing overheads that come with changing regulations and rising resource costs. Adopting a more eco-friendly approach is increasingly important for any businesses.

To this end we have put a list of Green Business Supports (training, mentoring and financial supports that are available through the dlr LEO and other support agencies including;

- Green for Micro – LEO dlr (see above)
- Lean for Micro – LEO dlr
- Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy – The Environmental Protection Agency
- GreenStart – Enterprise Ireland
- GreenPlus – Enterprise Ireland
- Support Scheme for Renewable Heat – SEAI
- SEAI Energy Academy – SEAI
- Climate Ready (Training) - Skillnet

For more information on all Green Business Supports available, please visit: www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Other-Green-Supports and sign up to our newsletter on bit.ly/leodlrnewsletter for news on new initiatives as they happen.

NEWS FOR RATEPAYERS



RATE SUPPORT GRANT

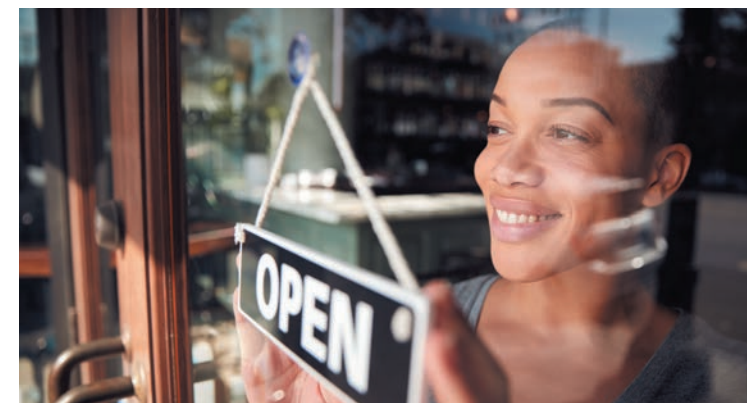
The rate support grant for ratepayers whose rates bill is less than €21,019 remains in place. The Scheme provides for those eligible to receive a grant ranging from €300 – €800 subject to meeting the terms and conditions of the Scheme. The Scheme has been revised to extend the date to pay the 2021 rates bill (including arrears if any) in full or enter into an agreement to pay from 1 July to 1 November 2021.

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

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

If you sign up to pay by direct debit, prior to 1 October 2021, and subject to meeting the other terms and conditions of the Scheme, your grant will be applied automatically to your account this year.

Shop Front Improvement Scheme



The Scheme is open to independent retailers facing onto public streets in towns and villages across the county. The Council will fund 50% of the shop front cost with a maximum allowable grant of €5,000 per applicant, subject to the terms and conditions of the Scheme. So if you think your shop front could use a fresh coat of paint or a new design, why don't you check out all the details at <https://dlrcoco.submit.com/show/48>

Scéim Feabhsúcháin Aghaidheanna Siopaí

Tá an Scéim oscailte do mhiondóltóirí neamhspleácha a bhfuil aghaidh a siopa ar shráideanna poiblí i mbailte agus i sráidbhailte ar fud an chontae. Maoineoidh an Chomhairle 50% de chostas aghaidh an tsiopa, agus €5,000 uasmhéid an deontais a cheadófar in aghaidh na hiarratasóra, faoi réir théarmaí agus coinníollacha na Scéime. Mar sin, má tá tú den tuairim go bhfuil brat péinte nó dearadh nua ag teastáil ó aghaidh do shiopa, caith súil ar na sonraí ar fad ar <https://dlrcoco.submit.com/show/48>



Airfield Estate “farming regeneratively”

As life gets back to normal post-pandemic, visitors to Airfield Estate in Dundrum, might notice a few changes to the way things are being done.

Airfield has long been known as a heritage site, farm, gardens, and café. Established as a charitable trust in 1974, Airfield's history of farming, gardening, and philanthropy stretches back much further under the guidance of the previous residents, the Overend family. Growing up in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the two Overend sisters produced a diversity of plants and animals with minimal mechanisation and artificial inputs. They were not afraid to experiment with new techniques and varieties either! Many then-standard practices would now be known as “organic” or “regenerative”.

Airfield's most recent step in honouring that tradition is a commitment to “regenerative agriculture”. In essence, this means leaving the soil and land in better health. Visitors might notice longer, lusher paddocks than they would expect on a farm, as grass is left to grow taller and establish deeper roots before being grazed. They will see multiple crops planted together instead of a single monocrop: better for soil, the food it produces, and the wildlife it supports. They could see gardeners trialling innovative, natural, and sometimes strange-looking soil improvers. And of course, they can purchase these fruits/vegetables at the Friday/Saturday outdoor farmers market and digest these sights along with a freshly made lunch or coffee from Airfield's Stables café, Overends restaurant, or food trucks onsite.

Information and tickets at www.airfield.ie or +353 (1) 969 6666.



Competition



Samhain Haunted Forest Walk

Would you like to be the winner of one of four family passes (pods of 6) to our annual event at Marlay Park? Not for the faint hearted, this will be a free fright fest of spooky thrills and chills in our haunted forest on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 October. Each pass will consist of six complimentary passes which will allow 6 people to enter the Haunted Forest.

To enter all you have to do is sign up for the dlr Times by email. Log on to www.dlrcoco.ie/SamhainComp by Monday 18 October. Winners will be notified on Tuesday 19 October. Best of luck!

Dún Laoghaire Anseo Street Art



Dún Laoghaire Anseo was a huge success, transforming grey walls around the town into stunning pieces of art. Take your own tour and check out all the details at www.dlrcoco.ie/dlanso.

Set Sail in Dublin Bay

The Brian Boru sailing boat continues to delight passengers during its first summer on the water in Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The boat takes a small group of passengers on a unique three hour journey around Dublin Bay and along the beautiful Dublin coastline.

Get a chance to test your sailing skills, be part of the crew and help with the ropes/kit on the day. Sailing continues into September and for the 1st weekend in October (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays) from Dún Laoghaire Harbour.



Follow the team @DublinUnderSail on Instagram & Facebook. Price : Adults €69 & Children's (Under 12) €63. www.dublinundersail.com

Cuir chun farrage i gCuan Bhaile Átha Cliath

Tá an bád seoil An Brian Boru fós ag cur aoibhne ar phaisinéirí le linn a céad samhraidh ar an bhfarrage i gCuan Dhún Laoghaire. Téann grúpaí beaga paisinéirí amach ar an mbád le haghaidh turas speisialta a mhaireann trí uair an chloig timpeall Chuan Bhaile Átha Cliath agus le cósta álainn Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Tapaigh an deis triail a bhaint as do chuid scileanna seoltóireachta, a bheith ar dhuine den fhoireann agus cuidiú leis na rópaí/an trealamh ar an lá. Beidh seoltaí ag dul ar aghaidh le linn mhí Mheán Fómhair agus don chéad deireadh seachtaine i mí Dheireadh Fómhair (Dé hAoine, Dé Sathairn agus Dé Domhnaigh) ó Chuan Dhún Laoghaire.

Lean an fhoireann @DublinUnderSail ar Instagram & Facebook. Praghas: Daoine Fásta €69 & Leanaí (Faoi 12) €63. www.dublinundersail.com

SportsAbility Summer Camps 2021



Wheelchair Basketball camps

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership, South Dublin County Sports Partnership, IWA Sport, Basketball Ireland and Éanna Basketball Club teamed up to run a 2-day inclusive basketball camp for children with a physical disability. We had 13 children with a physical disability take part and it was great to see 15 to 20 children and coaches rolling around the courts having fun and learning new skills.



Water based SportsAbility Camp

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council partnered with Active Connections, Vision Sports Ireland and Sailing in Dublin to run a very successful water-based sports Ability summer camp over 5 weeks in June and July.

We had 62 children aged 5-17 with a range of disabilities including physical, intellectual, visually impaired and children on the autism spectrum taking part.

The Camp was a great success and for many participants it was their only sporting outlet during 2021 as they had been cocooning with underlying conditions or for many their disability had prevented them taking part in traditional sporting outlets.

“Who would ever think that a little 7-year-old boy and a wheelchair user would be able to participate in so much water sports activities, feeling so alive inside and having so much fun free from his disability. This was his first ever camp and I am very grateful for everyone's efforts in making it such a happy fun-filled week for him.”

Outdoor SportsAbility Camp

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership teamed up with Larchill International Scouting Centre to provide a 2-day outdoor adventure camp for children aged 13-18 on the autism spectrum. We had 18 teenagers take part over the 2 days in rock climbing, archery, orienteering and team building exercises with it all culminating in a campfire to close the camps.



Brian O'Donnell
SPORTS DISABILITY OFFICER
DÚN LAOGHAIRE
RATHDOWN SPORTS
PARTNERSHIP

What do you do?

I am the Sports Inclusion Disability Officer with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership and my aim is to make sport and physical activity accessible for people of all abilities.

What is your typical work day like?

The best part of my job is that no two days are the same.

A typical day can involve checking and responding to email inquiries and phone calls from members of the public or clubs and disability services.

I meet with disability services, special schools, sports groups or members of the public that would like to create more inclusive opportunities for people with a disability or get active themselves and advise them on the best routes to take.

I organise workshops to upskill people in sport and activity for people with a disability, this way more clubs, groups and leisure centres can be in a place to make disability sports a lasting programme in our communities.

I highlight sports and physical activity initiatives on our social media pages and other media outlets to make sure that people are aware of the opportunities are out there.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

Thankfully there is a great culture of creating opportunities for people with a disability to get active in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown from our leisure centres to our sports clubs and cycling lanes.

Sometimes a particular opportunity or a particular sport may not be available in our county and it may take some time to set it up properly so that it is sustainable. It can be hard to tell someone that wants to get started straight away that it can take time.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Giving people of all abilities access to sport and physical activity.

I was lucky to grow up in a very sporty household, I like the fact that I work in a job that gives people of all abilities the same opportunity I got to get the benefits of physical activity and sport such as a sense of community, health benefits and mental health benefits.

Building an inclusive county



Changing Places, Shanganagh.

Standard disabled accessible toilets do not meet the needs of all people with complex disabilities. For example, individuals with conditions such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, and older people with physical disabilities or people with autism may need extra support to enable them to use a bathroom, maximising independence and comfort.

A 'Changing Places' bathroom is a large fully accessible bathroom that includes features such as a height-adjustable adult-sized changing bench, a ceiling hoist, adequate space for a person with a disability and up to two assistants, and ideally a shower. A new bathroom with these features has been built at the entrance to Shanganagh Cemetery. With another almost ready for use at Kilbogget Park and the upgrade of the Cabinteely Park facility, to add to the Marlay Park Courtyard bathroom which was opened in 2019, this brings to 4 the Council provided fully accessible bathroom facilities, and more are planned. Recent upgrades to more compact bathrooms including the provision of hoists and changing benches have also taken place at Deansgrange Library and the Samuel Beckett Civic Centre.

All of these facilities are designed to enhance the health, safety, comfort and dignity of someone who may need extra supports and additional equipment during personal care tasks. For the standalone facilities, members of the Irish Wheelchair Association have a key for access, otherwise a key is available nearby.

Vision for Community Wellbeing for this and Future Generations Consultation

This September, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network (DLR PPN) in collaboration with dlr County Council will begin the consultation for the creation of the Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement for our county.

What do we need for the wellbeing of the community of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown? That is the question being posed and we would like to hear from groups, organisations and people in dlr. Developing a Vision for Community Wellbeing means thinking about what we have and what we need to help our county be as great as it can be for us and for the many generations that follow on from ours.

The Statement aims to capture the aspirations of the local community for present and future generations in terms of six important themes:

- Social and Community Development
- Participation, Democracy and Good Governance
- Values, Culture & Meaning
- Health (Physical and Mental)
- Work, Economy & Resources
- Environment & Sustainability

The initial part of the consultation will take place from 27 September to 8 November 2021 and will consist of a series of online workshops, online submission with the possibility to write in.

All the details about the consultation, including the online submission form can be found on the dlr Public Participation Network website at www.dlrppn.ie



dlr nominated in Mies van der Rohe Architecture Award



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NOMINEES



The dlr Architects Department has been nominated in the 2022 European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – The Mies van der Rohe Award for their COVID-19 placemaking projects in Blackrock, Glasthule, Dundrum, Dalkey and along the new Coastal Mobility Cycle Route.

The final list of nominated works, completed between October 2018 and April 2021 in 41 countries was announced in Barcelona and Brussels by The European Commission and the Fundació Mies van der Rohe.

The European Union Prize for Contemporary Architecture – The Mies van der Rohe Award recognizes and commends excellence in European architecture and highlights the involvement of the European Union in supporting architecture as an important element that reflects both the diversity of European architectural expression and its role as a unifying element to define a common European culture.

The COVID-19 placemaking projects were recently a joint winner alongside King John's Castle in Carlingford, Co. Louth in the Public Space Category the 2021 RIAI Awards.



Bookclub Sets

If you are a member of a private bookclub within the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown area, you can avail of our Book Club sets. For a list of our sets visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/find-and-renew/book-choices/book-sets>

Please email librarybib@dlrcoco.ie to request a particular set, which will be sent to your chosen dlr Library for you. Library staff will then contact you once it is available for collection.

Information for Teachers in dlr

Every teacher in the County is invited to apply for a Block Loan card. A Block loan can be used to borrow books for your class throughout the school year. To obtain a card you must present proof of address (a current utility bill, etc.) and a letter from your school principal on headed paper stating that you are currently employed there.

Once you have a Block Loan membership, you can use your card to borrow books for class projects, or avail of one of our classroom sets. To see a full list of classroom sets, visit the teachers' area on our website at: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/library-services/teachers-area>

Please email librarybib@dlrcoco.ie to request a particular set, which will be sent to your chosen dlr Library for you. Library staff will then contact you once it is available for collection.



Home energy saving kits

Did you know that every dlr Library has a Codema Home Energy Kit which you can borrow to test out just how energy efficient your home currently is? Contact your local dlr Library to put your name down for a trial.

dlr Scéal Trails book gifting to dlr Schools

We hope you got to visit our lovely dlr Scéal Trails over the summer months and if you haven't, they are in place for another while so be sure to visit Cabinteely Library garden, Dundrum Library garden and the new Bracken Road Park in Sandyford before you miss them. We have The Vanishing Lake in Dundrum and Sandyford, from debut author/illustrator Paddy Donnelly and we have Spidey in Cabinteely Library, written by Carmel Uí Cheallaigh and illustrated by Fintan Taite.

Thanks to the support of the Creative Ireland Programme, we've been able to set up these fabulous Scéal Trails and also gift copies of our Scéal Trail books to all primary schools in the County.

Look out for the books in your local schools! Enquiries on dlr Scéal Trails and book gifting by email to: libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie



Dyslexia Talks



Join dlr Libraries and the Dyslexia Association of Ireland for a series of online talks from September to November. All talks will take place live on Zoom.

All talks are free but booking is essential via dlr Libraries Eventbrite.

What is dyslexia – strategies for adults at college and work

- Tues 5 October, 7.00pm

Dyslexia and Assistive Technology

- Tues 21 November, 7.00pm

There will be time for Q & A at the end of each session.

Please email: libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie for more information

Children's Book Festival 2021



We've a great line-up of authors and illustrators who will be 'zooming' in to dlr Libraries for Children's Book Festival this October! The following online events are especially for Primary Schools in dlr.

All events are free, but booking is essential. For your school or class to join in these lively, interactive online events please register your interest by emailing librarybookings@dlrcoco.ie.

Bookings will open on Monday 20 September at 9.00am.

For families, there will be exclusive videos from Alan Nolan, Oisín McGann, Paddy Donnelly, Shane Hegarty & Sheena Dempsey available on the dlr YouTube channel throughout the Festival month.

Keep an eye on our website and our social media for information about staff storytimes, arts and crafts workshops and other events celebrating CBF in October!

Online events for schools:

Bad Panda with Swapna Haddow & Sheena Dempsey

- Fri 1 Oct, 10.00-10.45am – 1st to 3rd Class

Shane Hegarty Event

- Thurs 7 Oct, 10.00-10.45am – 2nd & 3rd Class
- Thurs 7 Oct, 11.30am-12.15pm – 4th & 5th Class

The Magical History Event with Judi Curtin & Sarah Webb

- Mon 11 Oct 11am to 11.45am – 4th to 6th Class

A Short Hopeful Talk About Climate Change with Oisín McGann

- Thurs 14 Oct, 10.00-10.45am – 4th to 6th Class

5-4-3-2-1 Chun Siúil! with Máire Zepf & Paddy Donnelly (Irish/English event)

- Fri 15 Oct, 10.00-10.45am – 1st & 2nd Class

A Mudlarker's Guide to Story-Starting with Eve McDonnell

- Mon 18 Oct, 10.00-11.00am – 3rd & 4th Class
- Mon 18 Oct, 11.30am-12.30pm – 5th & 6th Class

Scary Irish Spooks and Monsters with Alan Nolan

- Wed 20 Oct, 10.00-10.45am – 1st to 3rd Class
- Wed 20 Oct, 11.30am-12.15pm – 4th to 6th Class

WHAT'S ON IN THE MUNICIPAL GALLERY IN dlr LEXICON

A mobile living thing

An Exhibition of New Work by Brian Fay

Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexicon,
2 October – 5 December 2021

The focus of this solo show is a response to four small paintings by Irish artist Mainie Jellett in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Art Collection. These works on paper from 1932 to 1939 mark a change in her artwork from abstraction to a return to more naturalistic forms of painting. DLR based artist Brian Fay has made a series of new drawings that respond to the physical properties of these works as they slowly age and to the life of Jellett herself. Together they can be seen as a reflection on time, both clock time and our own lived time.



The title of the exhibition 'A mobile living thing' comes from Jellett's writings on the making of painting and here Fay uses it to consider these paintings as having a life and afterlife of their own. As well as Fay's new drawings the exhibition will show the four works by Mainie Jellett.



Musician in Residence: Ruth O'Mahony-Brady

During the course of her Residency at dlr Lexicon, pianist, vocalist, producer and composer Ruth O'Mahony-Brady will work in collaboration with artist Mary Barnecutt, fusing their varied musical fields – cello (both electric and acoustic), piano, synthesizers/electronics and vocal harmonies. The duo will compose music inspired by the unique field recordings and found sounds captured from various areas within the greater Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown landscape.

The Residency will culminate in a public performance to showcase the material developed during the residency. It is envisaged that this will be a live event in late autumn or early winter, subject to public health restrictions. This final performance will be recorded and later released as a 6-track EP. Funded by the Arts Council.

Poet in Residence: Jessica Traynor

Autumn 2021 will see poet Jessica Traynor take up residence at dlr Lexicon. Her residency will give her time to work on her upcoming collection Pit Lullabies as well hosting a poetry book club. She is also excited to develop a project entitled The Carbon Project which inspired by her own work on carbon and the climate crisis will see her working with other writers based in the County.



Light Up Dún Laoghaire

15, 16, 17 October, dlr Lexicon



See dlr Lexicon come to life at night as we project a number of exciting new animations on the exterior wall of the building over 3 nights in October. All the animators have a connection to the county and the animations themselves will respond to the local area. Funded by Creative Ireland

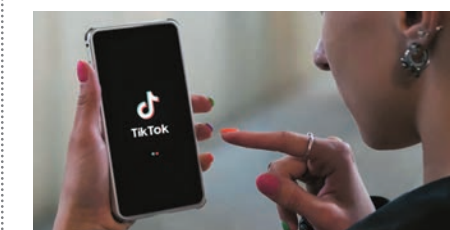
Folding

by Izumi Kimura, Cora Venus Lunny and Anthony Kelly

Folding is a new vinyl LP and CD of collective compositions featuring piano by Izumi Kimura, violin & viola by Cora Venus Lunny and field recordings by Anthony Kelly. This recording project developed from Izumi's DLR Musician in Residence at dlr Lexicon during 2019.

These new studio renderings offer vibrant, deeper explorations of ideas developed together during the artist's time on Izumi's very successful DLR Musician in Residence at dlr Lexicon, which may well recall culminated in two memorable concerts at the Studio theatre. Song birds, snowstorms, bees, thunder and rain, a zephyr gently moving dried leaves, and other sounds feature prominently, reflecting the beautiful and diverse sonic environment of Dún Laoghaire itself.

The Folding LP & CD are available now from the Dún Laoghaire based record label www.farpointrecordings.com



Follow dlr libraries on TikTok!

dlr Libraries are already very active on social media and we have now added a new platform for library users and potential users to engage with. For the young and young at heart follow dlr Libraries on TikTok: [@dlrlibraries](https://www.tiktok.com/@dlrlibraries). You might even get to see some library staff busting some TikTok dance moves at a library near you!

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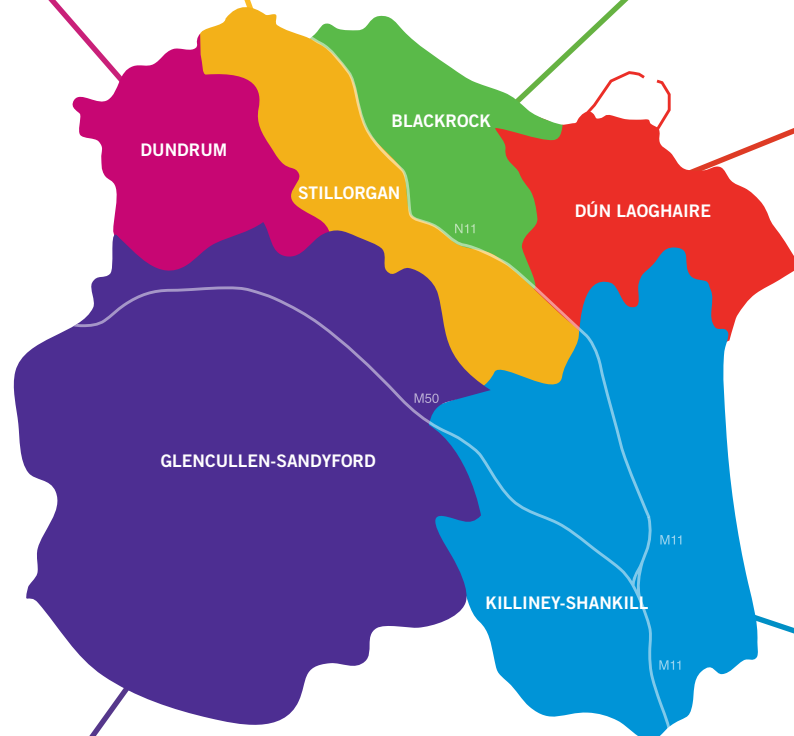
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