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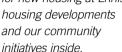


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Message from An Cathaoirleach

Autumn is a wonderful time of year in our county, both in terms of the natural beauty of our local area, with the turning of the leaves in our parks, and also in terms of the events and initiatives that take place. For instance, this September we launched the annual dlr Grants Scheme, which provides scope for funding for local groups who run initiatives that promote growth in our communities. We are also continuing with our delivery of social housing with units finishing construction in Rosemount and Fitzgerald Park as well as agreements being signed for new housing at Enniskerry Road. More on these



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Message from the dlr Chief Executive

We have a very busy autumn coming up in the county with plenty of events for all. We will be commemorating the Centenary of the sinking of the RMS Leinster in October, with a huge number of free events to mark this very significant time in our local history. We will also be celebrating the diversity of our communities in the annual dlr Festival of Inclusion in October and acknowledging the work done by the many volunteer and professional groups who work tirelessly to enhance the lives of those in our community. The annual Open House weekend, in association with the RIAI, will provide an opportunity to experience outstanding architecture and tour some buildings not usually accessible to the public. I am also delighted that the Council has had 5 projects shortlisted in the Excellence in Local Government Awards, which recognise innovation in local government. Read more about autumn in dlr in this issue and I hope you enjoy all we have to offer

in the coming months. PHILOMENA POOLE

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PEOPLE'S PARK

MARLAY PARK WHEN: Every Weekend TIME: Saturday 10am – 4pm I Sunday 11am – 4pm

EMERGENCY **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Water and Drainage: [24 hours]	1850 278 278
Dangerous Structures & Places [after 5pm + weekends]	: 01 677 8844
Transportation: [after 5pm + weekends]	01 677 8844
Homeless Persons: [after hours services]	1800 724 724

Your dlr parks

MARLAY PARK

Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 TIME: Sep 9am to 8pm I Oct 9am to 6pm I Nov – Jan 9am to 5pm Feb – Mar 9am to 6pm I Apr 9am to 9pm I May – Aug 9am to 10pm

SHANGANAGH PARK Shankill

TIME: Open Access.

PEOPLE'S PARK

Park Road, Dún Laoghaire TIME: Dec – Mar 8am to 4.30pm Apr – May 8am to 7.30pm I Jun – Sep 8am to 8pm I Oct – Nov 8am to 7.30pm

KILLINEY HILL PARK Killiney Hill Road TIME: Open Access.

CABINTEELY PARK

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely TIMES: Sep 8am to 8pm I Oct 8am to 7pm I Nov – Jan 8am to 5pm | Feb 8am to 6pm | Mar 8am to 7pm I Apr 8am to 8pm I May – Aug 8am to 10.30pm

BLACKROCK PARK

Rock Road, Blackrock TIME: Sep 8am to 8pm I Oct 8am to 7pm I Nov – Jan 8am to 4.30pm Feb – Mar 8am to 6pm I Apr 8am to 8pm I May – Aug 8am to 9pm

KILBOGGET PARK

Churchview Road, Cabinteely 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 I 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**

Shanganagh 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

dir LEXICON

Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire TEL: 01 280 1147 TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm Fri to Sat 9.30am – 5pm I Sun

BLACKROCK

Blackrock Town Hall, Main Street **TEL:** 01 288 8117 TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am -1pm, 2pm – 5pm I Tue & Thur

CABINTEELY*

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely TEL: 01 285 5363 TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat* Thur 2pm – 8pm

DALKEY

Castle Street, Dalkey TEL: 01 285 5317 TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am -1pm, 2pm – 5pm I Tu<u>e & Thur</u>

DEANSGRANGE

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange **TEL:** 01 285 0860 TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm I Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm I Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm

DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum **TEL:** 01 298 5000 TIMES: Mon, Fri & Sat 10am -

SHANKILL*

Library Road, Shankill TEL: 01 282 3081 TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat* 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm I Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm

STILLORGAN

St. Laurence's Park, Stillorgan TEL: 01 288 9655 TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm I Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat

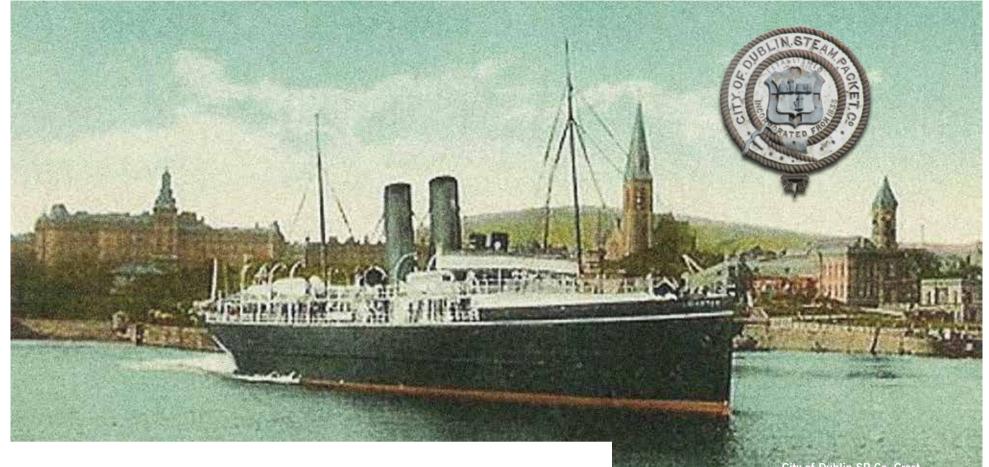
- open either Friday or Saturday please contact for further details.
- The **dlr** LexIcon is open on
- Sunday & Monday.





WHEN: Every Sunday TIME: 11am – 4pm

Feature



R.M.S. Leinster Centenary Commemorations

This October marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Royal Mail ship RMS Leinster by German submarine UB-123 near the Kish Bank just outside Dublin Bay, while en route from Dún Laoghaire Harbour to Holyhead.



A pre-war photo of Leinster's crew.

It stands as the largest loss of life in the Irish Sea. As fate would have it, all 36 crewmen on board UB-123 were subsequently lost when they hit a mine off the Scottish coast, on their return journey to Germany.

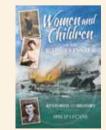
To remember the centenary of this tragic historical event, commemorations will take place this October, culminating in the official state event on Wednesday 10 October in Dún Laoghaire – 100 years to the day since this devastating disaster.

Surrounding this important event on 10 October, various exhibitions, seminars, talks, theatre and performances will be held across a number of different locations including the National Maritime Museum, dlr LexIcon, St Michael's Church, Christ Church and Mariners Church, Deansgrange Cemetery, Pavilion Theatre and other venues in the Dún Laoghaire area. There will be something to suit everyone, as these events commemorate the RMS Leinster in a variety of informative and interactive ways. The events brochure brings each of these events together, to offer a complete overview to those travelling to the events from near and abroad.

The planning for the commemorative event has been very much a community effort with many different groups involved in marking this highly significant date in such a respectful and fitting manner. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has worked closely with the National Maritime Museum, the Mail Boat 'Leinster' Centenary Committee and Families and Friends of the 'Leinster', all with the significant support of the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht.

Alongside these events the National Maritime Museum in Dún Laoghaire will be open free of charge during the commemorative week 6-14 October to encourage members of the public to visit and learn about the story of the RMS Leinster with a special Information Desk providing details on the more than 800 people on board.

If you want to learn more about the RMS Leinster disaster, look out for the recently published *Women and Children of the RMS*



Leinster: Restored to History by **Philip Lecane.** This book gives information on all the women and children who were aboard the ship. In appendices, the author identifies the lifeboats in which particular passengers survived and tells the story of a young American sailor who lost his life in the sinking.

Philip is also the author of *Torpedoed! The RMS Leinster Disaster*.

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dlr celebrates its Inclusion diversity and heritage

To celebrate the ever growing diversity within our communities, this October will see the kick off of **The 2018 dlr Festival of Inclusion.** Running from 5-13 October, the festival will provide an opportunity to highlight the excellent work undertaken county-wide this year to create a more fair and inclusive society.

Each year we recognise, celebrate and enjoy the outstanding work done by the many volunteer and professional groups who every day create positive outcomes, all the while enhancing the lives of families, friends and neighbours.

The theme of this year's Festival is linked with the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage, *"Our Heritage: Where the Past meets the Future"* with the aim of increasing awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Festival also encourages engagement and participation to support communities experiencing exclusion or marginalisation.

Along with old favourites, such as the Diversity Fashion Show, the Core Credit Union dlr Community 5k (now in its 10th year), the International Women's Breakfast and the



Ambrose and Nuala Cassells walking in the Diversity Fashion Show 2017

dlr BIG SING, we will have some new events this year. One such event is the **Autism Awareness event** on Wednesday, 10 October with keynote speaker **Adam Harris,** founder and CEO of *AsIAm,* the online hub for the Autism community which aims to inform and empower those affected by the condition and their families.

We will also be providing demonstrations of the *Tovertafel,* or Magic Table, an award-winning innovation from the Netherlands renowned for its cutting edge approach to dementia care. dlr is providing two Tovertafel table, one in dlr Lexlcon and the other in Deansgrange Library. The technology used in the tables has been designed to help those at a later stage of their dementia journey to be more active and to create moments of happiness.

It consists of a series of interactive games projected onto a table. The games are formulated with the intention to trigger a sense of reminiscence among players in order to encourage stimulation socially, cognitively and physically. The light games encourage players to reach out towards them and the lights subsequently respond to their hand and arm movements, allowing the users to play with the light.

Individuals or organisations wishing to book the LexIcon table are invited to contact the library at dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or 01 280 1147. Deansgrange users should email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or 01 285 0860.

In addition to the numerous events taking place county-wide throughout the week, there will be the chance to visit the annual **Primary Schools Drawing Competition & information exhibition** at County Hall, which will display the tremendous work by dlr's network of volunteers and community organisations throughout the year within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The full dlr Festival of Inclusion Programme of Events is now available via www.dlrcoco.ie with hard copies also available via branch libraries.

For further information about the Festival of Inclusion please call 01 205 4893 or alternatively e mail: community@dlrcoco.ie.





Open House Dublin 2018

2018 marks the 13th OPEN HOUSE DUBLIN, presented annually by the Irish Architecture Foundation (IAF), which takes place from Friday 12 to Sunday 14 October 2018.

The theme for Open House Dublin 2018 is Tomorrow's Past: Discover our future heritage. Heritage is our traditions, preoccupations and values made real. Just as the buildings, streets, squares and parks of our city tell us about the people who came before us, what will the buildings of today tell future citizens about life in 21st century Dublin?

dlr Architects' Department is delighted to be again involved with the Open House Festival this year, opening to the public some of our extensive catalogue of work. Tours of George's Place in Dún Laoghaire town, a new rapid delivery highly energy efficient social housing scheme, will inform you of the creation of a new city street and the potential to deliver high quality design under rapid build conditions. Come in and see the new Civic Hub and our new Council Chambers or take a walking tour of Fernhill Park and Gardens. All tours are free and more information on each can be found out through openhousedublin.com or architecturefoundation.ie. Be sure to mark the dates down in your diaries.

5 dlr projects shortlisted for awards

dlr has been shortlisted in five categories for the Excellence in Local Government Awards. These Awards, which are presented by Chambers Ireland and held in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, showcase best practice in local government and recognise the skills, innovation and enthusiasm within local government.

The shortlisted projects are as follows:



1. Supporting Tourism: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown – A Tourism Destination for All. dlr is one of the first Local Authorities in Ireland to lead on the creation of an Accessible Tourism Destination.

2. Best Library Service: Prince – The Tail of Prince Charming

Prince: The Tail of Prince Charming, produced by dlr Libraries, is the culmination of a three month project where Traveller children attended dlr LexIcon weekly to work on both the artwork and the story to create this book about a dog named Prince.

3. Sustaining the Arts: Exit 15

Exit 15 is a collaborative participatory arts project between dlr and Voluntary Arts Ireland engaging with harder to reach people and organisations living, working and based in the Ballyogan area.

4. Heritage and Built Environment: Spring into Heritage – A Heritage Trilogy

The Spring into Heritage free guided tours programme is run by the Heritage Office of dlr to promote the unique heritage of our county and maximise the level of community involvement in all aspects of local heritage.

5. Enhancing the Urban Environment: Monkstown Village Public Realm Project The project proposed to enhance Monkstown village, an architectural conservation area, maintaining its special identity and strengthening its economic performance by creating a better public realm for all users.

Enjoy the Creative Fun at **Dalkey Creates Writing Festival**

For both aspiring and established writers alike, the Dalkey Creates Writing Festival is set to be an interesting and informative event, taking place from 11-13 October. The festival offers a series of workshops and sessions to give writers the opportunity to improve their craft, increase their confidence, learn about publishing and meet fellow writers. It also provides writers with a much-needed platform to share their work and learn from some of the world's best writers. In other parts of the festival, the Dalkey Creates Jr programme is run in up to 7 local schools, with creative projects spanning the first half of term. The projects are showcased on Family Day, (Saturday 13 October) alongside creative activities to do and make. Family Day is FREE for all to come and enjoy. For more details please see: www.dalkeycreates.com



Make Way Day

dlr is one of 15 local authorities and four leading disability organisations who supported this year's Make Way Day on 26 September. Make Way Day is a collaboration to call for greater public awareness of the needs of people with disabilities in the public spaces we all share.

Make Way Day gives everyone an opportunity to be more mindful of the 13% of the Irish population who have a disability. The day highlights how things like bins or sandwich boards on the footpath can impede access for people with a disability. Small things like bringing your bin in early on bin collection day, or clipping your hedge, can have a big impact for someone with a disability who may otherwise not be able to get down the street. The day reminds us to be thoughtful and aware of how we can do a little to help.

Beware of leaving:

- Cars or vans parked on a footpath blocking the way.
- Bicycle/motorbikes chained to lampposts creating a trip hazard for a visually impaired person.
- Illegally placed sandwich boards, forgotten bins, barrels and other obstructions.

As one wheelchair user said, "There have been days when I just had to turn around and go home because my mechanized wheelchair could not go around a parked car on the footpath. If you come across enough obstacles like these you eventually don't want to go out at all, and that leads to social isolation", she explained.

Everyday should be Make Way Day, so make sure you leave our footpaths obstacle free!



An Cathaoirleach, ClIr Ossian Smyth, with the Chair of the dlr Disability & Consultation Group John Nolan (right), and John Murphy, dlr Make Way Day Coordinator, with members of Enable Ireland at the launch of Make Way Day.

Dún Laoghaire Baths development update

Work continues apace at the Dún Laoghaire Baths. The past number of weeks has seen the installation of the concrete foundation 'mats' that serve to flatten the area and provide a level surface on which to construct the pier.

Over the next couple of months, the final elements of the pier construction (green arrow) will be installed, including caisson units (which look like large hollow bricks) along each side of the pier foundation. The area between these will be filled before installation of the final surface finish to the pier.

A number of retaining walls (yellow circle) will also be installed to retain the ground and allow for the various ramps/walkways and stairs to be constructed. The excavation for these is quite deep and they must be constructed on rock surfaces. Given that the site is particularly narrow in this location, it has made construction trickier and slower, but exceptional progress has been made.

Finally the new sea wall (blue circle) will be constructed, which will form the border of the site and should provide some protection over the winter months. The Pavilion building (pink circle) has been cleared and underpinning of the existing foundation will be carried out in preparation to commence reconstruction and improvement works.

The dlr Grants Scheme is now OPEN!

The dir Grants Scheme has been running very successfully for a number of years. Every year it provides funding to individuals, groups and organisations engaged in projects, events or initiatives at local neighbourhood or county level within the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council area. It has particular emphasis on supporting local initiatives that promote growth in sports, arts, heritage, environment, festivals, events and community.

Every year the dlr Grants Scheme funds a wide range of initiatives in this diverse range of areas. In order to ensure good governance and transparency there are of course a number of general guidelines that refer to applying for the grants and some additional guidelines around specific grant categories. This helps ensure that the Council is supporting the very best in our communities development

The Scheme opened on 14 September and if you think you or your organisation has an initiative that could promote growth in our county and its communities please have a think about applying. This year the system has gone online in order to aid ease of use and make applying for a grant more efficient. You make an application online through our website at dlrcoco.ie/grants.

The latest date for receipt of applications is Friday 19 October 2018.

Scéim Deontas dlr OSCAILTE anois!

Tá ag éirí go maith le Scéim Deontas dlr le roinnt blianta anuas agus gach bliain tugtar cúnamh airgeadais do dhaoine aonair, grúpaí agus eagraíochtaí atá i mbun tionscadal, imeachtaí nó tionscnamh ar an leibhéal áitiúil nó contae laistigh de limistéar Chomhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin. Leis an scéim seo cuirtear béim ar leith ar thacaíocht a thabhairt do thionscnaimh áitiúla a chuireann spóirt, ealaíona, oidhreacht, comhshaol, féilte, imeachtaí agus pobal chun cinn.

Gach bliain maoiníonn Scéim Deontas dlr raon leathan de thionscnaimh sna réimsí éagsúla seo. Chun dea-rialú agus trédhearcacht a chinntiú tá gan amhras roinnt treoirlínte ginearálta maidir le hiarratas a dhéanamh ar na deontais agus roinnt treoirlínte breise maidir le catagóirí deontais ar leith. Cabhraíonn sé seo lena chinntiú go mbíonn an Chomhairle ag tacú leis an gcuid is fearr den fhorbairt inár bpobail.

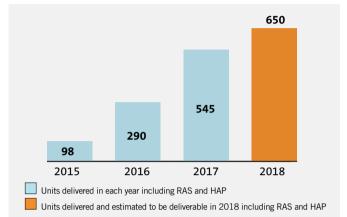
D'oscail an Scéim ar an 14 Meán Fómhair agus má cheapann tú go bhfuil tionscnamh agat nó ag d'eagraíocht a d'fhéadfadh fás inár gcontae agus sna pobail ann déan machnamh ar iarratas a chur isteach. I mbliana tá an córas ar líne chun go mbeidh sé níos fusa a úsáid agus chun go mbeidh sé níos éifeachtúla nuair a chuirtear isteach ar dheontas. Cuireann tú iarratas isteach ar líne ag dlrcoco.ie/grants.

Ní ghlacfar le hiarratais i ndiaidh Dé hAoine an 19 Deireadh Fómhair 2018.

dlr continues with housing delivery

With demands for housing continuing to rise, dlr aims to deliver 650 homes in 2018, with 151 of these being new builds. As always, the provision of suitable, cost effective, quality accommodation and housing support for people in need of housing continues to be dlr's main priority.

The year on year increase in housing delivery between 2015 and 2017 can be seen from the graph, which has been achieved by focusing on a suite of delivery options under Rebuilding Ireland, including construction, acquisition, Part V, leasing, Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), Buy to Renew, and Repair and Lease, with the support of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.



All of our housing units are finished to a high standard and are designed to be comfortable, energy efficient homes, in established residential areas with access to amenities and services. The delivery of 12 Rapid Build homes at the former Council depot at George's Place achieved a Silver Certificate from the Irish Green Building Council registering the highest score so far for multi-unit housing. Rochestown House Phase 2, which provided 34 homes, won an award for Best Sustainable Project at the RIAI awards in 2017, while the Mews in Sallynoggin was recognised as Best Sustainable Project in 2018.

In the last 18 months, 334 tenancies have been created for housing applicants through the private rental market, while a further 97 were allocated to households registered as homeless and 201 securing Homeless HAP tenancies.



The Brambles, Glenageary.



Temple Road, Blackrock.



Homes nearing completion at Rosemount.

Aside from direct builds and delivering homes via HAP, the Council also runs a number of other initiatives to meet our targets. Downsizing is an initiative to make best use of our housing stock, as larger properties returned by tenants are allocated to families on the Housing List. In return, downsizing tenants are provided with a newly upgraded or built smaller property in an existing community. Under the Repair and Lease Scheme, funding to bring vacant properties up to the required standards for letting to social housing applicants is available. In addition, dlr has approved loans in principle for 15 first-time buyers, (value €3,496,867) helping them to purchase a home of their choice.

Preparation of a new five year Traveller Accommodation Programme has begun, including assessment of existing and projected accommodation needs for members of the Traveller Community in the county.

We are also examining a number of Council-owned sites that can provide housing, once infrastructural deficits are overcome. We have submitted an application under the Serviced Sites Fund, in respect of enabling infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of 155 social and affordable homes at Enniskerry Road, Stepaside, in partnership with the Housing Agency and Respond and Túath Approved Housing Bodies. Lands at Shanganagh Castle have also been earmarked to deliver approximately 550 homes when infrastructure is in place.

We are committed to meeting our target of 1,563 social housing units by 2021 and will continue to work in partnership with all relevant bodies to deliver much needed homes for those in need of housing in our county.

If you have a vacant property, in good condition or in need of repair, please contact us on 01 205 4765 or email secretariat@dlrcoco.ie to discuss options for letting this property.

New homes being constructed at Fitzgerald Park.





TEDx comes to **Dún Laoghaire!**

There's nothing like TED or more precisely a TEDx event to get people talking. But what exactly is TED and when's the big day for this first ever TEDx Dún Laoghaire event?

TED is a global platform, altruistic in nature and first started over 20 years ago. People from all around the world are invited to speak at an annual conference in Vancouver and the talks initially focused on Technology, Entertainment and Design. Now there is a TED/TEDx talk on just about everything and www.ted.com is one of the most popular free learning resources available. TEDx involves applying for a licence to run an independent, not for profit event and is organised by volunteers operating strictly within the TED guidelines. Each TEDx event has its own theme and for TEDx Dún Laoghaire, this is "PERCEPTIONS: PERSPECTIVES - the underlying question being 'Is Perception Everything?' The vision is to encourage a more open mind-set as speakers offer their unique perspective in their area of expertise.

TEDx Dún Laoghaire will be held at the dlr LexIcon Studio on 26 October. Tickets will be on sale online, see tedxdunlaoghaire.ie.



Competition

Samhain Haunted Forest Walk

Would you like to be the lucky winner of one of five family passes to our annual Samhain Halloween event in Marlay Park? Not for the faint hearted, this will be a free fright fest of spooky thrills and chills in our Haunted Forest Walk on Sunday, 28

I October. Each pass will comprise of 4 complimentary wristbands, which will allow a family of four to enter the Haunted Forest at any of the separate attendance sessions. To enter, all you have to do is sign up to receive the dlr times by email. Log on to www.dlrcoco.ie/samhaincompetition and enter your details by Monday 22 October 2018. The winners will be notified on Tuesday, 23 October 2018.

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dlr staff profile



Marian Thérèse Keyes

SENIOR EXECUTIVE LIBRARIAN AT dlr LEXICON

Marian Thérèse Keyes (not the famous writer!) has been the Senior Executive Librarian at

dlr LexIcon since it first opened its doors to the public in December 2014. She's had a varied career – 10 years as a nurse, a stint as a lecturer at Limerick School of Art and Design and 8 years as a Curator at the National Art Library at the V&A Museum in London before joining dlr Libraries where she has worked for over 17 years.

What do you do?

I work with a large enthusiastic team at dlr LexIcon – library, HQ and Arts Office staff and facilities' management. It is Ireland's largest public library with a footfall up to 2,000 people per day and we programme a diverse array of events and exhibitions yearround. Students of all ages study here, adults enjoy our events, and young families flock to our children's library. With the lead-in to the centenary of the sinking of the RMS Leinster on 10 October, we have been transforming the library spaces to bring relevant exhibitions to every floor of the building. Every day brings new and interesting artefacts, from our recently acquired model of the RMS Leinster to a porthole from another boat torpedoed in 1917 and a restored seat from the Carlisle Pier where the RMS Leinster used to berth. We also have plans to host an 8 foot LEGO model of the RMS Leinster in the coming weeks so keep an eye out for that.

What is your typical work day like?

I like an early start in the morning when the sun streams through the east side of the building lighting up the spectacular spaces inside. I do my 'rounds' of the building from Level 5 where our Local Studies Librarian, Curator Archivist and Writer in Residence are based down to Level 1 where we have our fabulous Studio theatre, next to the friendly onsite café. Most of my day consists of meetings, phone calls and the race to keep on top of emails. I do lots of preparation and proofing of brochures such as the new RMS Leinster Calendar of Events, the quarterly What's On, and the just launched People on the Pier, marking the bicentenary of the pier.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

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Figuring out how to get a Model T Ford 1915 St John Ambulance into the Library for an exhibition! And, saying 'No' to exhibitions and events when we're already fully programmed.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Working with the brilliant, creative team here at the LexIcon; knowing that the LexIcon is the 5th highest free visitor attraction in Ireland on this year's Fáilte Ireland list; seeing people queueing to get into the library in the morning – they really WANT to be here; liaising with the many passionate researchers and enthusiasts from far and wide to make great things happen.

Music Generation dlr gets into the rhythm



With months of careful planning and preparation behind it, the Music Generation dlr kicked off their programmes this Summer with a range of workshops designed to increase access to new musical experiences for children and young people ages 0-18. Between July and August, some 240 young musicians got the chance to try their hand at using unfamiliar instruments, write and record their own songs and hone their skills in musical theatre, along with many other engaging activities.

Music Generation dlr is part of Music Generation, Ireland's national music education programme initiated by Music Network and co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds and the Department of Education and Skills. Locally, Music Generation dlr is managed by dlr Music Education Partnership, led by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in partnership with Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Southside Partnership dlr, Blackrock Education Centre, IADT, UCD and Crosscare.

Music Generation has continued to transform the lives of children and young people through music, by creating an avenue into inspiring musical encounters with skilled professional musicians, that they may not have been otherwise available to them. As part of the programme, Music Generation dlr will work in partnership with schools, community music groups and centres to develop affordable, accessible opportunities for young musicians to engage in a wide a range of musical genres and styles within their local communities.

Already, Music Generation dlr is working closely in partnership with music schools in the area to develop

a team of musician educators to deliver programmes in its pilot phase, including Churchtown School of Music, Downtown Music School, Kilternan School of Music, the Cassidy Academy of Music and Newpark Music Centre.

From the autumn Music Generation dlr will commence group music tuition in primary schools and early years settings. The pilot programmes will include group tuition in violin, ukuele, guitar and class singing, along with the early years music programme which will incorporate singing, rhythm and movement. There will also be a number of 'music hubs' for 13-18 year olds in several locations around the county, beginning with the Grainstore dlr's Youth Art Facility in Cabinteely Park.

This autumn, Music Generation dlr is delighted to also collaborate with dlr libraries on events throughout the county which include composing with a smartphone, group guitar classes, musical storytime and a vocal workshop. For more details check our social media or your local library.

To join the Music Generation dlr mailing list contact Music Generation dlr Development Officer, Dr Jennifer O'Connor-Madsen at: jenniferoconnor@dlrcoco.ie or phone 087 245 2344.

Student Enterprise in dlr

Every year the Local Enterprise Office, Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown engages with over 1,400 second level students across the county through their Student Enterprise programme. Students are supported in setting up their own businesses from idea generation, writing up their business plans, managing business finances, product production, sales and perfecting their pitch. A large number of students proceed to the Student Enterprise Awards, County Final held in March, with a Student Enterprise County Showcase event held in April each year. Winners of the County Final go on to represent Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown at the Student Enterprise National Finals in Croke Park.

Last year, Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown was ably represented in the National Finals by students from St Joseph's of Cluny Secondary School, Wesley College, and Loreto Abbey, Dalkey, who impressed with diverse and innovative ideas, such as phone charger repair kits, sea-shore inspired artwork and personalised aprons.

In 2016 the Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown County Finalist winners in the Senior category, ROC Protection went on to win the National title. From Clonkeen College, **Carl Cullen, Cormac Spain,** and **Ross Byrne** produced a protective base layer product for use in Hurling. Cormac said *"The Student Enterprise Programme really helped us to develop our business idea and bring it to the next level. We recommend the student enterprise programme, there is so much to gain in confidence, learning and social skills."* Equal success for Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown is anticipated in this year's competition.

Are you considering taking part in the 2018/2019 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Student Enterprise Programme? For further details on the competition and how to enter contact the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Enterprise Office. email: contact@leo.dlrcoco.ie or phone: (01) 2047083



Gordon Snell husband of the late Maeve Binchy and Grace Carney aged 7 at the launch of ECHOES in the Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden at Dalkey Library.

ECHOES Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers

Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre Friday 5 – Sunday 7 October 2018

Following the success of last year, **ECHOES Festival 2018**, sponsored by dlr, will take place for the second year running. The festival will be officially opened by Minister for Culture, **Josepha Madigan TD** and will kick off with the staging of Aches and Pains by **Maeve Binchy**, adapted by **Shay Linehan**, on Friday, 5 October at 7.30pm in Dalkey Castle.

ECHOES full day (10.00am-5.00pm) of talks, discussions, readings and dramatisations will take place on Saturday, 6 October. The morning session will look at the evolution of contemporary Irish women writers and the part that Maeve

Binchy's international success played in this. **Dr Melissa Sihra** will provide the keynote address on *'Intuitive Feminism...'* and writers **Henrietta McKervey, Declan Hughes, Sinéád Crowley, Patricia Scanlan, Sheila O'Flanagan** and **Claudia Carrol**I will all discuss various aspects of the theme.

In the afternoon session, **Frank McGuinness** and **Catherine Dunne**, in separate interviews with **Seán Rocks**, will deal with Ireland's new-found freedom and how it contrasts with the dark days of past emigration. Actors **Claudia Carroll**, **Clelia Murphy** and **Margaret Toomey** (Fair City) and **Lorcan Cranitch** will lead the actors in a rehearsed reading of Maeve Binchy's play *'Deeply Regretted By...'* **Professor Diarmaid Ferriter** will draw proceedings to a close with *Maeve Binchy – The Historian of Modern Ireland*.

The Maeve Binchy and Irish Writers Guided Walk on Sunday, 7 October will begin in the Writers' Gallery at Dalkey Castle at 11.00am and finishes in the Maeve Binchy Memorial Garden at Dalkey Library.

Booking at www.echoes.ie/booktickets Booking Fees apply. Early Bird Full Day Tickets €45 Limited availability. Full day tickets thereafter €55. Half day tickets (morning or afternoon) at €30 each. Contact: info@echoes.ie

dlr Library Voices

We are delighted to announce that the 2018 series of dlr Library Voices marks a decade of this wonderful series, originally conceived and curated since 2008 by the inimitable Bert Wright. To highlight the astonishing range of remarkable authors and moderators who have entertained and stimulated us over the last ten years, we have produced a souvenir brochure, which will be available in all dlr Libraries from September. We invite all to join us for this year's brilliant lineup of dlr Library Voices.



Nuala O'Connor in conversation with dlr Writer in Residence Sarah Maria Griffin

Studio Theatre, dlr Lexicon, Tuesday 23 October, 7.30pm Tickets $\in 10 \& \in 8$ from eventbrite.ie

Becoming Belle is a witty, feminist novel set in Victorian London, based on the true story of a woman ahead of her time. In 1887, Isabel Bilton is the eldest of three daughters of a middle-class military family, growing up in a small garrison town. By 1891 she is the Countess of Clancarty, dubbed "the peasant countess" by the press, and a member of the Irish aristocracy. Nuala O'Connor's brilliant new novel is the story of the four years in between, of Belle's rapid ascent and the people that tried to tear her down. The novel serves as a reminder of the author's uncanny knack for transmuting the lives of historical characters into urgently compelling fiction.



Eoin McNamee in conversation with **Paula Shields**

Studio Theatre, dIr Lexicon, Tuesday 6 November, 7.30pm Tickets €10 & €8 from eventbrite.ie

The Vogue is an unforgettable novel of ghosts, lies and the ways in which the past can return with a vengeance. Late 1944, and two teenagers dance the Vogue in silence on the projectionist's floor of the Cranfield Aerodrome. Decades later, a ghost returns to the shifting sands. The Vogue is a grimly poetic dance through the intertwined stories of a deeply religious community, an abandoned military base, and a long-shuttered children's Care Home.

'There is no one to match Eoin McNamee for the clean, clear, resonant sentence structure he has perfected. He is a unique writer'. – Sebastian Barry



Sarah Perry in conversation with Sinéad Gleeson

dlr Lexicon, Wednesday 21 November, 8.00pm Tickets €10 & €8 from eventbrite.ie

Melmoth, Sarah Perry's follow-up to her wildly-successful historical novel, The Essex Serpent, promises to be one of the most talked-about books of 2018. Helen

Franklin is assailed with guilt for past misdeeds but her sheltered life is upended when a strange manuscript comes into her possession. Filled with testimonies from the darkest chapters of human history, it records sightings of a tall, silent woman in black – Melmoth, the loneliest being in the world. Everyone that Melmoth seeks out must make a choice: to live with what they've done, or be led into the darkness. Helen too must choose which path to take.

Summer Stars prizes

As part of the dlr LexIcon Family Day on Saturday, 6 October, we'll be holding our Summer Stars Prizegiving Ceremony, to celebrate the winners of the reading challenge in each dlr Library to come along and celebrate their achievements with their family and friends. We'll also be launching Children's Book Festival 2018 on this date.



What's On



What's On Guide Oct – Dec 2018

Keep an eye out for our next What's On Event Guide, which is now available in each dlr Library and many other locations around the county. Highlights include RMS Leinster

Centenary commemorations, Children's Book Festival, Science Week events as well as many more local events, including a new audio book club and teen book clubs starting in Stillorgan and Blackrock libraries, Halloween craft events, spooky storytelling sessions and more.

Children's Book Festival 2018

Please see our What's On Guide Oct-Dec for full listings for Children's Book Festival.

As part of the Bold Girls project, showing strong, intelligent and confident female characters in children's books, we're delighted to announce the following events for schools during CBF:

Blazing a Trail: Irish Women Who Changed the World

With award-winning author **Sarah Webb.** Suitable for 4th – 6th class.

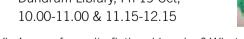
- Cabinteely Library, Mon 15 Oct, 10.00-11.00 & 11.30-12.30
- Deansgrange Library, Tues 16 Oct, 10.00-11.00 & 11.30-12.30
- Dalkey Library, Wed 17 Oct, 10.00-11.00

Find out about some of Ireland's most remarkable women in this interactive event, which includes dressing up and acting, plus writing your own manifesto for the future. How will YOU change the world?

Sarah Webb's new book which features many Irish women from history, *Blazing a Trail: Irish Women Who Changed the World* will be published in October. A companion exhibition featuring artwork and information from the book will be on display in dlr LexIcon from October.

Hear it for the heroines! With author **Debbie Thomas.** Suitable for 3rd-5th class

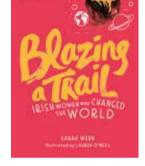
- Shankill Library, Wed 17 Oct, 10.00-11.00 & 11.15-12.15
- dlr LexIcon, Thurs 18 Oct, 10.00-11.00 & 11.15-12.15
- Dundrum Library, Fri 19 Oct,



Who's your favourite fictional heroine? What do you admire in her – courage, kindness, smarts, or strength?

To mark the centenary of voting rights for women, come and invent your own super-girl with children's author Debbie Thomas, who'll also introduce you to the mega-smart, mega-brave, mega-stubborn heroine of her new book My Secret Dragon.

For more inspiration from strong female characters, you can also pick up a copy of the Bold Girls recommended reading guide in each dlr Library. Bold girls rule!





Science Week 2018

Science week takes place from 11-18 November 2018.

dlr Libraries have a range of events happening across our libraries for

both class visits from local schools and open sessions including paper circuits, kite making, wearable tech, making your own spaceships, lava lamps and magnet workshops to name just a few that will open your mind to science and creativity!

Candelit Tales

Join us on Tuesday 30 October at 7.00pm in dlr LexIcon Studio for a special Samhain storytelling event!

Queen Medhb of Connaught wants something: a prized

bull of Ulster. And Queen Medhb is the sort of person who gets what she wants. On Samhain, when the veil between this world and the next is at its thinnest, she will march on Ulster with the armies of Ireland. But as the days grow darker, danger lurking in the shadows grows too.

Candlelit Tales presents The Táin. A unique and exciting modern retelling of the greatest tale of Irish mythology set to a pulsating live musical score. All welcome, no booking required.

(Please note: Parental guidance for under 10s advised due to violent descriptive imagery.)



Autumn at the grainstore, dlr's youth arts facility

Get creative and get involved at the Grainstore this Autumn! A number of new opportunities for young people aged 13-25 years including songwriting, music tuition, film-making, creating and publishing comics and graphic art and design will be launched. CANVAS youth arts committee will be looking for new members to help create and organise exciting new projects and theatre director Ciarán Taylor will unveil an immersive new show, created with young people specially for the Grainstore.

What's on in dlr Lexicon



Lorcán Mac Mathúna & Eamonn Galldubh

Dinnseanchas,

a free performance by Lorcán Mac Mathúna The Studio, dlr LexIcon; Saturday 20 October at 7.00pm

Dinnseanchas is the stories and music, of place-names, and long held traditions. This special performance of traditional music and

storytelling investigates the landscape of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown; from the mountains to the sea, from the present and the past. This is part of the dlr Public Art Programme. More details & booking information: www.dlrcoco.ie/en/dlr-arts. Email arts@dlrcoco.ie or phone 01 236 2759

World Premiere – 78 Revolution by Niall Vallely

The Studio, dlr LexIcon; Friday 9 November at 7.00pm

78 Revolution is a multimedia piece of music which explores the role of technology in Irish traditional music – the influence of technology on the music as well as the technology and media itself. Composer **Niall Vallely** will be joined by a stellar cast of musicians including **Zoe Conway** (fiddle), **Mick O'Brien** (pipes), **Mick McAuley** (accordion), **Kate Ellis** (cello) and **Caoimhín Vallely** (piano) along with a soundscape that celebrates more than a century of traditional music.

Part of the dlr Public Art Programme, 78 Revolution is an hour-long piece that will explore the interaction between live musicians and pre-recorded material; contemporary music and traditional music; modern technology and century-old technology.

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Craftmakers Project for Men's Sheds Members

Basketmaker Joe Hogan

We are looking for Men's Sheds members from the County to get involved in a Fine Craft Project, starting late September and ending in an exhibition in the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon in April 2019.

The group will select their favourite fine craft pieces and these will be exhibited in the Municipal Gallery for the County in dlr LexIcon from April—June 2019. A Fine Craft exhibition selected by local Men's Sheds members.

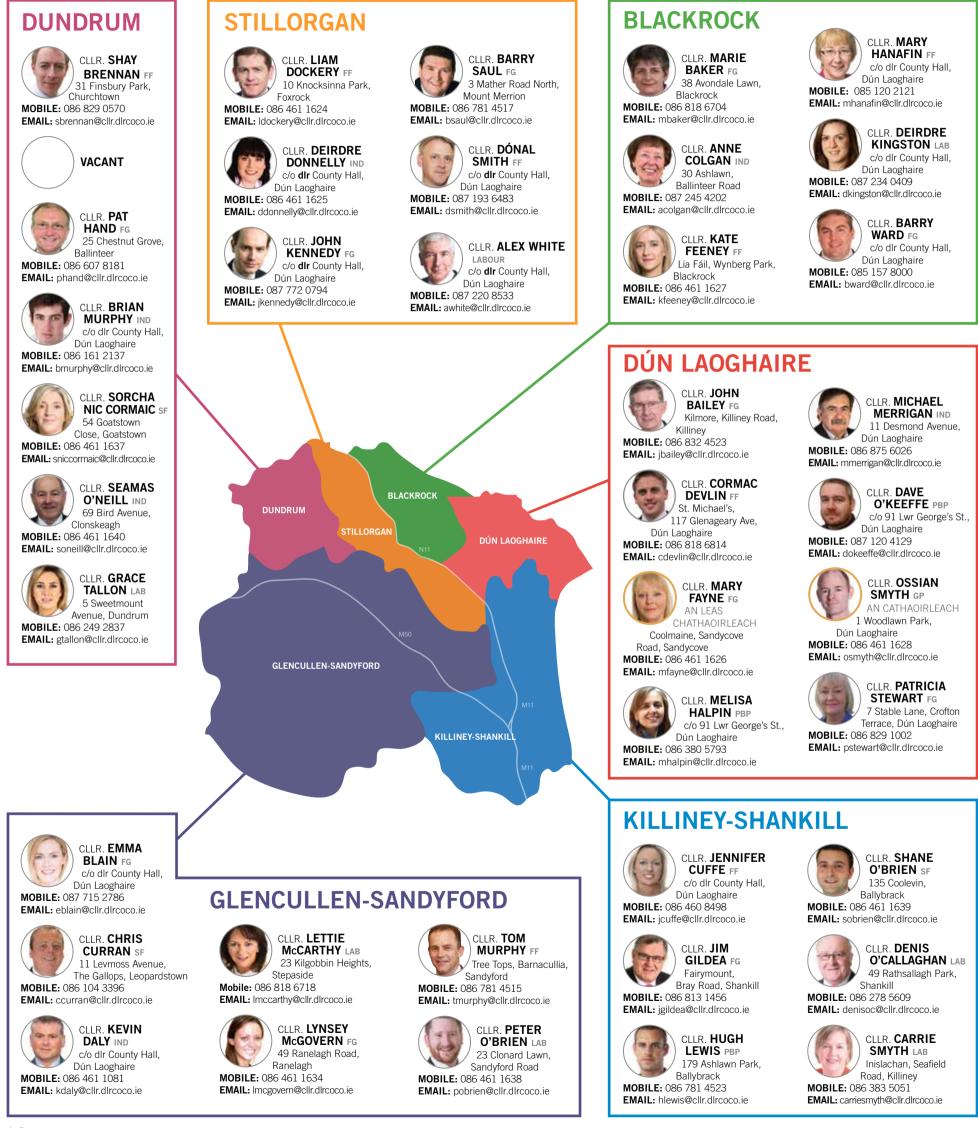
The group will meet every week for 1-2 hours for 12 weeks with **Orlaith Ross** in dlr Lexlcon, to research and find out more about craftmakers and their work in Ireland today. As part of the project the group will go to visit craftmakers studios that they are interested in and learn more about their work, this may include for example basket making, woodworking, leather work, blacksmithing. For more information about the project and to book a place: Email: Máire Davey in dlr Arts Office mdavey@dlrcoco.ie or phone 01 236 2756

Exhibition – SEA CHANGE: IADT 21 Years of art, film and animation

14 September - 21 October, Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire

This anniversary exhibition includes contributions from alumni in the specialist fields of art, film and animation. The exhibition is curated by **Oonagh Young** and highlights the diversity of artistic practices that have been developed over twenty one years by graduates. The Sea Change Learning Programme Includes programmed talks, practical workshops and projects, offering opportunities for everyone, from children to adults or beginners to those with a more in-depth knowledge of the arts to investigate themes within the artworks selected.

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