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Message from 🛿 An Cathaoirleach

Welcome to our winter edition of the dlr times, which will give you some insight into how the Council will be allocating the revenue budget for 2019. The adoption of the budget reflects dlr's commitment to shaping and promoting a smart, vibrant county which is attractive, inclusive and accessible to all. I particularly welcome the funding for climate change initiatives as the promotion of environmental measures is critical to our future generations. I am pleased also that this budget is pro-business – a number of initiatives offered to local businesses will provide opportunities to prosper and improve quality of life generally. Please support our local traders this Christmas season. A very happy Christmas to you all!

CLLR. OSSIAN SMYTH



Message from the dlr Chief Executive

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2018 was a significant year for dlr. With the Elected Members we agreed the largest revenue budget in over a decade, totalling over €183 million. We saw the dissolution of the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company and the transfer of the Harbour to the Council, which presents us with an exciting opportunity for the future development of the harbour. We were also allocated over €2.2m under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund. which is part of Project 2040, with approval in principle received for a number of other projects.

We opened the new Civic Hub, providing for improvement in our service delivery and emphasising our focus on people. We also opened the new Council Chamber, an accessible space dedicated to the enhancement of local democracy.

2019 will be a busy year, with local government elections in May, many sports events, a series of tourism initiatives, development of plans for the Harbour, and the continuing development of Cherrywood and Shanganagh. In the meantime, I wish you

all a very Happy Christmas. PHILOMENA POOLE

CoCo Markets

PEOPLE'S PARK WHEN: Every Sunday TIME: 11am – 4pm

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.







Feature



The dlr Annual Budget 2019 commits to a spend of €183.8 million on services in the county for the coming year, a substantial increase of €7 million on Budget 2018. In preparing the dlr Annual Budget, we must consider, hand in hand with our statutory obligations, our delivery of the Council's corporate objectives and balancing the many and varied needs of residents, businesses and visitors to our county. The extent to which the Council can meet these needs is partly determined by the general economic conditions. The recovery of our economy has, for the first time in many years, allowed us to deliver an expansion of services across all areas. This Budget reflects the increased buoyancy and upturn in the economy.

There will be no increase in commercial rates, no increase in housing rents and environmental and parking charges will remain stable for the first time in a decade. An additional €830,000 has been made available for the provision of homeless services and the number of inspections carried out in the private rental sector will increase by 150%, due to an increase in Budget provision.

The uplift in construction development activity across the county has impacted positively on the 2019 Budget. An increase in income of €2.4 million from commercial rates will allow for more effective service delivery and a number of new initiatives; including the roll-out of electric car charging points, village clean-ups across the county and an expansion of our age-friendly initiatives. The additional expenditure allows for enhanced service levels across a range of departments and services, focusing strongly on increasing supports for people living and working in our county, and for those visiting our many beautiful places and attractions.

The Budget further allows for increased spend on Climate Change initiatives and funding towards the upkeep of our high-quality public realm. We will also continue with improvements to our beaches and bathing areas and will provide disability access to an additional two bathing areas in the county next year.

The Budget increase will also enable us to continue to be at the forefront of local government's transformation agenda, continuing our work on Smart Dublin and building on the digitisation of our dlr Grants Scheme. The year 2019 will see the development of a new Tenant Portal which will assist housing clients from the moment they make their application.

You can see more highlights of the dlr Budget on pages 5-8 of this issue.

Public Information



A new addition to the Dún Laoghaire skyline this Christmas

We hope you are all very much enjoying the Christmas festival in Dún Laoghaire this year. If you haven't yet visited, there's lots to entertain you. We have an iconic Ferris wheel at Moran Park, beside dlr LexIcon, until 2 January. A wonder of modern engineering when it was built in 1955 and still a sight to behold, the 55ft wheel reportedly featured in the original Grease movie and provides spectacular views over the harbour. It is surrounded by a vintage carnival, North Pole Post Box and a charming Christmas market adding to the winter wonderland feel.

The Dún Laoghaire Christmas Market is a feast for the seasonal senses with carefully selected vendors selling authentic hand-made gifts and delicious treats every weekend until 23 December on the Metals and opposite dlr LexIcon from 11am to 7pm. Aromas of gourmet sausages, Hungarian beef goulash soup and lángos, German gluhwein, crepes and steaming hot chocolate fill the air as you wander through the Christmas Market, surrounded by hand-crafted gifts and decorations, jewellery, metal art, sculpture and a whole host of quality artisan gifts and treats that are made by hand with love.

Dún Laoghaire Town Centre has over 280 retail outlets and businesses so why not avoid city-centre crowds and stuffed out-of-town shopping centres and instead browse, shop, relax and soak up the festive spirit of our beautiful seaside town? Extra trading hours and exclusive in-store promotions all add to the festive cheer.

And don't forget our dlr Christmas parking promotion – another very good reason to shop local this Christmas. For every hour of on-street parking purchased across the county, get one hour free! This promotion runs until 5 January 2019.



End of year, end of car?

Is your car or van past its "sell by" date? Are you looking to dispose of it? dlr can remove and dispose of "end of life" vehicles, free of charge. If you want to arrange to get one removed, or to report an abandoned car in your area, get in touch with us at 01-205 4817 or email **environ@dlrcoco.ie**

dlr Climate Change Action Plan



In the New Year, the Council will publish its draft Climate Change Action Plan for public consultation. It will set out how the Council will improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in its own buildings and operations, whilst making Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown a more climate-resilient location, with engaged and informed citizens.

The Plan will demonstrate our desire to exceed local government targets through on-going and planned actions in five key areas: Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-based solutions and Resource Management.

Once adopted, the Plan will have a five year life, during which its actions will be continuously monitored and evaluated and will be used to inform future initiatives as we work towards becoming a low-carbon society.

Competition



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New Year New You!

Let dlr Leisure Services help you get into shape for the New Year. Enter our fantastic competition to win one of two annual passes to any of their centres! Located across the county at Ballyogan, Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook and Monkstown, these great facilities have fully equipped gyms, excellent pools, fitness studios and all-weather pitches.

dlr Leisure Centres have an extremely positive impact on the local communities they serve. Any profits they make go directly back into helping the local community, through job creation, facility improvements, or the provision of new programmes and services.

To enter, all you have to do is sign up to receive the dlr times
by email. Log on to dlrcoco.ie/dlrleisurecompetition and
register your details by 24 January 2019. The lucky winners
will be notified the following day.

Budget 2019 Special

Budget 2019 highlights

In the following pages we briefly explain where the €183.8 million allocated to services in dlr Annual Budget 2019 will be spent.

increase in private rental inspections. Corresponding uplift in budget of €245,000. **ETBBR** E awarded in Universal Grants to aid

communities. This represents an increase of €50,000 on 2018.

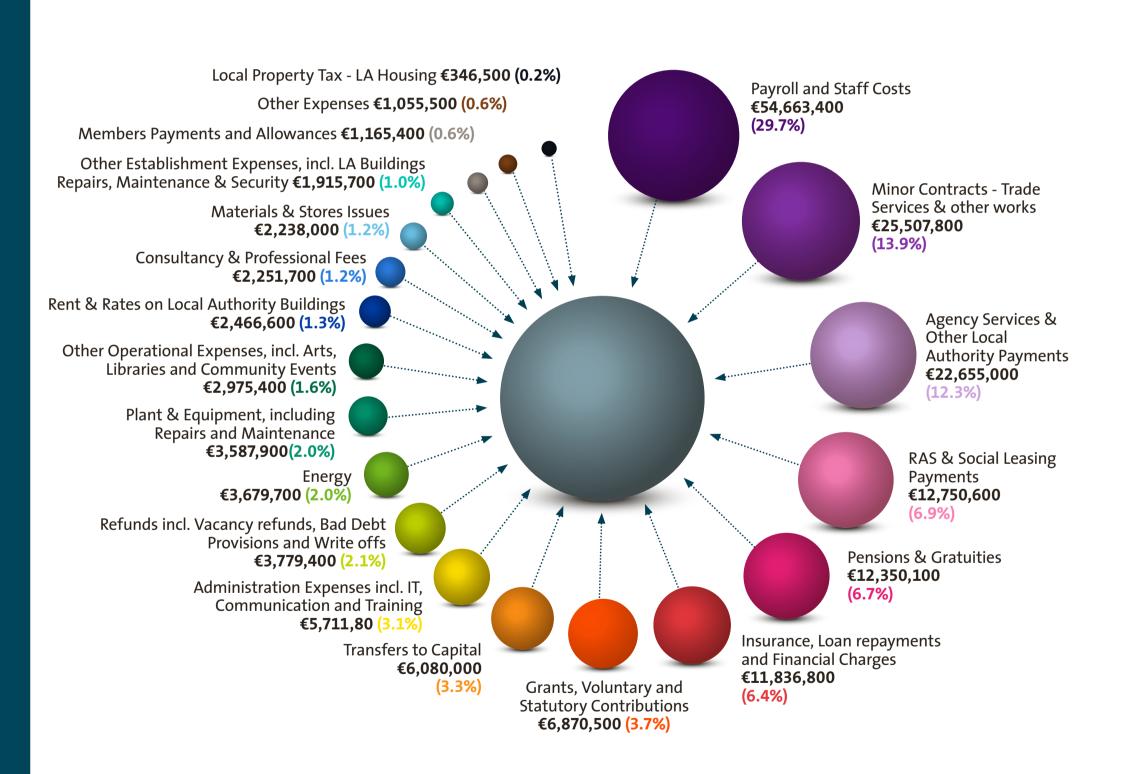


allocated to Climate Change Initiatives.

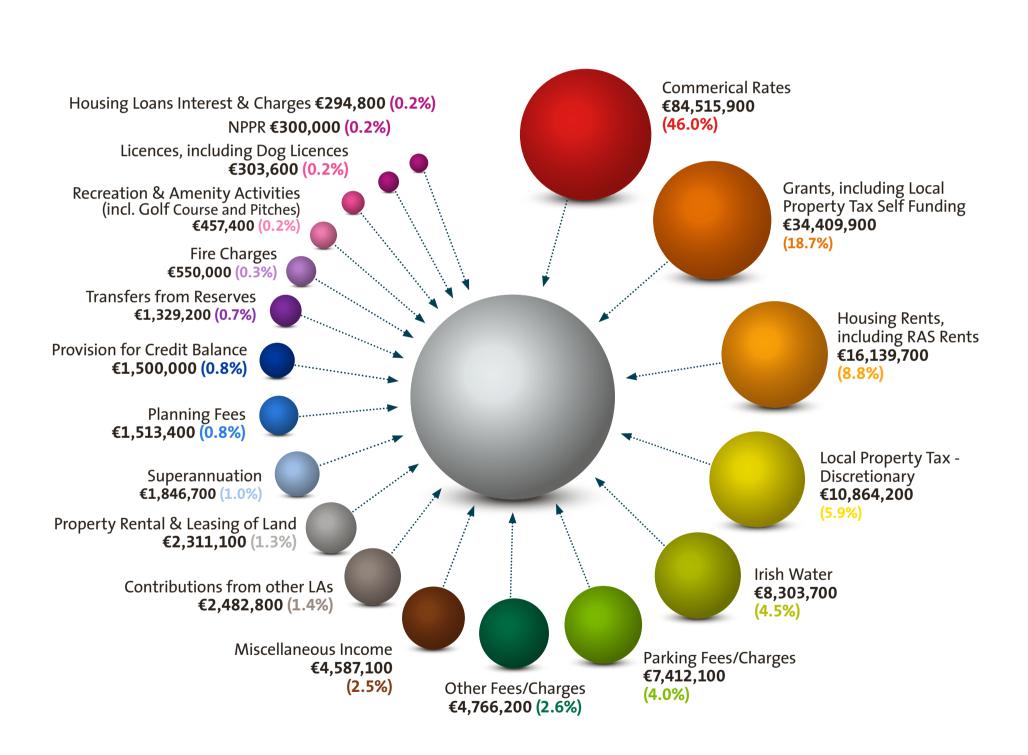


€200k allocated to Tree Planting and Pruning.

Main categories of Expenditure 2019



Main categories of Income 2019



Budget 2019 Special



Budget 2019 highlights

€110k allocated to Columbarium Wall in Deansgrange Cemetery for the

interment of ashes.

E allocated to village









Housing Delivery Programme

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council continues to focus on the provision of suitable, cost-effective, good-quality accommodation and housing support for people in need of homes.



This December we completed construction on 44 new homes at Rosemount Court, which are comprised of 12 x 1-bed apartments, 4 x 2-bed, 27 x 3-bed and 1 x 5-bed houses, which will be home to 12 individuals and 32 families.

This scheme was built in close proximity to existing services on a brownfield site previously occupied by a small, multi-storey flat complex. The building of new homes remains a major pillar of our housing delivery programme, with 101 new homes completed by early December and a further 50 to be completed and allocated to families and individuals in need of housing in the coming weeks.

However, we employ all delivery options provided for under Rebuilding Ireland, such as the Buy and Renew Scheme, which focuses on older housing in need of upgrading works that will reduce dereliction and improve streetscapes. Major refurbishment works will shortly be completed on 12 homes in Moyola which we acquired last year through this Scheme.

While dlr has a low number of vacant properties, the Council recognises that there are some empty residential properties which would make lovely homes with some upgrading works. The Housing Department can help owners turn these properties into comfortable dwellings, by providing financial assistance through the Government-funded Repair and Leasing Initiative.

While the Council makes full use of Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to acquire housing units in private developments, we are also interested in buying partially completed or turn-key developments in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, such as the development of 6 apartments and 8 houses at Dunedin which we have acquired and will allocate before the end of 2018.

The Council will also consider the purchase of serviced land, sites with planning permission and land zoned for residential development.

Are you the owner of a vacant residential property in need of improvement works?

Are you the developer of a completed, or partially completed, residential scheme?

Are you the owner of a serviced site or land zoned for residential development?

We are interested in buying:

- Vacant residential properties;
- Serviced land, sites with planning permission, partially completed developments, or turn-key developments;
- Land zoned and suitable for residential development;
- Residential schemes completed or partially completed.

Why not talk to us so that we can advise you of your options. Contact **secretariat@dlrcoco.ie** or phone 01 205 4765.

dlr staff profile



Ian **Smalley** dir PARKS AND LANDSCAPE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Ian is the Administrative Officer in the Parks and Landscape Section of the Municipal Services

Department. After graduating from university in 1988, Ian worked in the UK for a number of years before upping sticks and heading off around the world in the mid-1990s. He moved to Ireland in 1997 and has worked for dIr ever since.

What do you do?

My main areas of responsibility are Parks and Cemeteries administration, overseeing the dlr Events programme, which is a series of at least 8 free family-orientated events held annually in the County's Parks and Open Spaces, supervising the organisation and running of the Marlay Park concerts and administering the dlr Events grant application scheme, which provides about €160k per annum in funding.

What is your typical work day like?

With the range of responsibilities in the job, I can never be sure what issues are going to arise each day. With the best will in the world, and despite efforts to keep to a structure, there are always issues arising which take me from my planned routine. This might range from assessing applications from community groups for a cultural event grant, discussing revisions to the design of the Columbarium walls in Deansgrange Cemetery, or a site visit to assess the requirements of the Dún Laoghaire Christmas Market. All the while dealing with whatever correspondence may arrive during the day.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

That's easy to answer! Deciding how to get all those Samhain wristbands to the public in the most effective and fairest way possible!

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

It's always nice to see positive comments on social media in relation to the events we run or the work we do. This is all due in large part to the tireless and enthusiastic work of the teams in Parks administration, Parks operations and the Cemeteries, much of which takes place behind the scenes.

My Open Library in Deansgrange

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is the first local authority in Dublin to introduce My Open Library, a new service facilitating additional opening hours at Deansgrange Library. My Open Library offers extended opening hours to library members on a self-service basis outside normal opening hours, from 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Opening hours with library staff present are as normal, and staffing levels at all libraries are not affected by the service. With the support of government funding, My Open Library is already operational in Banagher and Tullamore Libraries in Offaly, and Tubercurry Library in Sligo.

My Open Library facilitates access to Deansgrange Library for the wider community. Users can access the library at times that suit them best, especially for those who cannot get to the library during normal opening times. Further information on how to register for the My Open Library service can be obtained from the staff in Deangrange Library on 01 285 0860 or **deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie**



Oonagh Brennan Senior Librarian, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Ossian Smyth and Mairéad Owens, County Librarian.

Mo Leabharlann Oscailte

Is é Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin an chéad údarás áitiúil i mBaile Átha Cliath a chuir Mo Leabharlann Oscailte i bhfeidhm. Is seirbhís nua í lena n-éascaítear uaireanta oscailte breise ag Leabharlann Ghráinseach an Déin. Le Mo Leabharlann Oscailte cuirtear uaireanta oscailte breise ar fáil do bhaill leabharlainne, ar bhonn féinseirbhíse, lasmuigh de na gnáthuaireanta oscailte, ó 8am go dtí 10pm, 7 lá sa tseachtain, 365 lá sa bhliain. Beidh na huaireanta oscailte a mbeidh foireann leabharlainne i láthair lena linn fós mar an gcéanna, agus ní bheidh aon tionchar ag an tseirbhís nua ar líon na mball foirne sna leabharlanna uile. Le tacaíocht ó mhaoiniú an Rialtais, tá Mo Leabharlann Oscailte curtha i bhfeidhm cheana féin i Leabharlann Bheannchair agus i Leabharlann Thulach Mhór i gContae Uíbh Fháilí agus i Leabharlann Thobar an Choire i gContae Shligigh.

Éascaítear rochtain ar Leabharlann Ghráinseach an Déin don phobal i gcoitinne le Mo Leabharlann Oscailte. Is féidir le húsáideoirí rochtain a fháil ar an leabharlann ag na hamanna a oireann is fearr dóibh, go háirithe dóibh siúd nach féidir leo teacht chuig an leabharlann le linn gnáthuaireanta oscailte. Is féidir tuilleadh eolais faoi chlárú le Mo Leabharlann Oscailte a fháil ón bhfoireann i Leabharlann Ghráinseach an Déin ar 01 285 0860 nó ag **deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie**



What's On Event Guide

Keep an eye out for our next What's On Event Guide which will be available in early January in each dlr library and many other locations around the county! Highlights include Healthy Ireland events, February's dlr Lexicon Family Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge which returns from 1-17 March, and much, much more!



The second phase of the Healthy Ireland programme *"Eat, think and be Well"* was launched in November, and once again, dlr Libraries will be programming health and well-being events and talks for early 2019 and beyond. Further details in our next What's On Event Guide available in January.

Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival 2019

Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival We are delighted to announce that the 2019 Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival will take place between 28-31 March.

The theme of this latest gathering of the literary clans is '*Speaking with Strangers*'. Amongst the many wonderful storytellers visiting us will be **Margaret Drabble, Emilie Pine, Sally Rooney, Stephen Rea, Kate Mosse, Tracey Thorn, John Kelly** and **John Boyne.**

This year's Children's Programme sees **Sara Keating**, who has been working with schools on *Adopt An Author*, as guest Associate Writer. We've also lined up a very special performance of **Roald Dahl's** wonderful *Little Red Riding Hood* starring **Conor Linehan** and **Kathy Rose O'Brien**. Programme details and ticket information on **mountainstosea.ie** by the end of December.



Get more bag for your book with our new book set bags!

Our stylish library bags will be available free to book club members and schools when they borrow one of our book sets from January onwards! For further information see **libraries.dlrcoco.ie/find-and-renew/book-choices/book-sets**

And don't miss our two new bookclubs - LGBTQ+ and Cinema - starting in January - Email **dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie** for more information.

Autism-friendly libraries

In 2019 we want to make dlr Libraries even friendlier, more accessible and inclusive spaces for those with Autism with a whole range of initiatives ranging from Quiet Tuesdays to Autism-friendly film screenings. We will also have an Art and Learning course for Adults with Autism starting at the end of January. See our What's On Guide in January



for more information. And if you have any ideas around Autism and public libraries please tell us at **libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie**.



Dunleary Lifeboat Project

Level 3, dlr LexIcon; 21 January-4 February, 2019. Launching 21 January, 7pm-8pm. All welcome!

The Dunleary Lifeboat Project aims to restore Dunleary Lifeboat No 698 to full sea-going condition to be used as a heritage asset. The exhibition will trace the story of the Dunleary Lifeboat and her future as part of Dún Laoghaire's rich maritime culture.



My Expressive Journey:

Level 3, dlr LexIcon; 5 February-17 March, 2019

My Expressive Journey is a collection of works produced by Purple House support group members who explore various media in a therapeutic environment. Purple House also offers health awareness campaigns aimed at 18-30 year olds. Full details of all services at **purplehouse.ie**



F.M. O'Flanagan: Recorder of Dalkey

Level 5, dlr Lexicon; 5 February-31 March, 2019

Frank Milo O'Flanagan was a Dalkey resident and founding member of many local clubs and associations. Curated byDavid Gunning, Archivist in Residence at dlr Lexlcon, it features a treasure trove of historical material.

Iceland Expedition

Studio Theatre, dlr Lexicon:

Monday 14 January, 2019 at 7pm

- Irish Whale and Dolphin Group

Join IWDG as they share stories, images and videos from their recent exciting expedition

to Iceland on board the Celtic Mist. Learn

also about the humpback whale population,

some of whom can be found in Irish waters.



Celtic Mist off Ólfasvik in Snæsfellness in the Western Fjords, Iceland

First Dáil Centenary Talk

with Michael Doran

Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon; Tuesday 22 January, 2019 at 12.45

We are delighted to welcome **Michael Doran** to dlr Lexlcon to give a talk on the centenary of the First Dáil. Convened on 21 January, 1919 in the Mansion House, it was presided over by the first President of Dáil Éireann, Cathal Brugha. Tickets are free but must be pre-booked at **eventbrite.ie** using *'Michael Doran First Dáil'* as the search term.

Healthy Ireland:

Rangan Chatterjee and Stephen & David Flynn, AKA The Happy Pear, in conversation with Sue Leonard.



dlr LexIcon; Thursday 24 January, 2019 at 8pm Tickets €12 & €15 from eventbrite.ie

Join us for an evening with bestselling authors **Dr Rangan Chatterjee** and **The Happy Pear twins** where they will demonstrate how you can live a healthier, calmer and less stressed existence.

Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexicon

Peripheries:

Patrick Graham, Eddie Kennedy, Sinéad Ní Mhaonaigh

24 November– 20 January, 2019



As I Roved Out, 2018, Patrick Graham; courtesy Hillsboro Fine Art

Curated by Hillsboro Fine Art's **John Daly**, this exhibition brings together, from different generations, three of Ireland's finest contemporary painters – **Sinéad Ní Mhaonaigh** (b. 1977), **Eddie Kennedy** (b. 1960) and **Patrick Graham** (b. 1943). There are many links that make them complementary neighbours in this gallery, not least their love of the sea and connection to Dún Laoghaire and its environs.

and the tide was way out:

Paul Hallahan & Lee Welch

2 February–31 March, 2019

This exhibition of painted works finds its creators looking to Utopia and the end of perceived history. And the tide was way out will encompass the gallery space, working with the architecture of the building to pose questions of how we, as artists, see the world with a combination of fable-based and abstracted landscape paintings.

Young Filmmakers **Win Award**



Huge congratulations to the young movie-makers from the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts facility, who won the NOISE Flicks Concept Award 2018 at October's youth film festival. Their film, *Strings Attached*, was created and made over an intensive period in June. It is an impressive achievement, particularly from young people who have only been working together for a short time.

Make sure and keep an eye on the What's On section of **dlrcoco.ie/arts** for details of the Gallery Learning Programme. Lots of workshops, talks, tours and special events for all ages, as well as our dementia-friendly gallery tours and the ever-popular Open Studio every Friday morning.

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