

Communities shine at Council's 18th annual awards ceremony



From left to right Elaine Forsyth, Patrick Fitzpatrick, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Carrie Smyth and Sandra Kelly

On 21 November, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project (DROP) were declared overall winners at the 2013 annual Community Awards, having been selected from 77 entrants working around the County in 7 categories.

DROP is a community based organisation providing a range of specific drug related services to individuals affected by their own substance misuse or the substance misuse of a family member or loved one.

Now in it's 18th year, the awards continue to support community groups and highlight the excellent work of the community by providing a display of their activities and projects held throughout the year.

Speaking at the Council's annual Community Awards on 21 November, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Carrie Smyth, remarked "It is so uplifting to see so many groups representing their communities and contributing to them in such

a positive manner. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has worked in conjunction with many of these groups and I'm delighted to formally recognise the work you do and its value to your community."

"Connecting with other people through activities, programmes and shared interests is the heart of what community involvement is all about, and without that sense of connection people can often feel isolated and excluded. Good communities and good community people break down barriers to include all comers, giving a sense that there is a welcome and a place for everyone.

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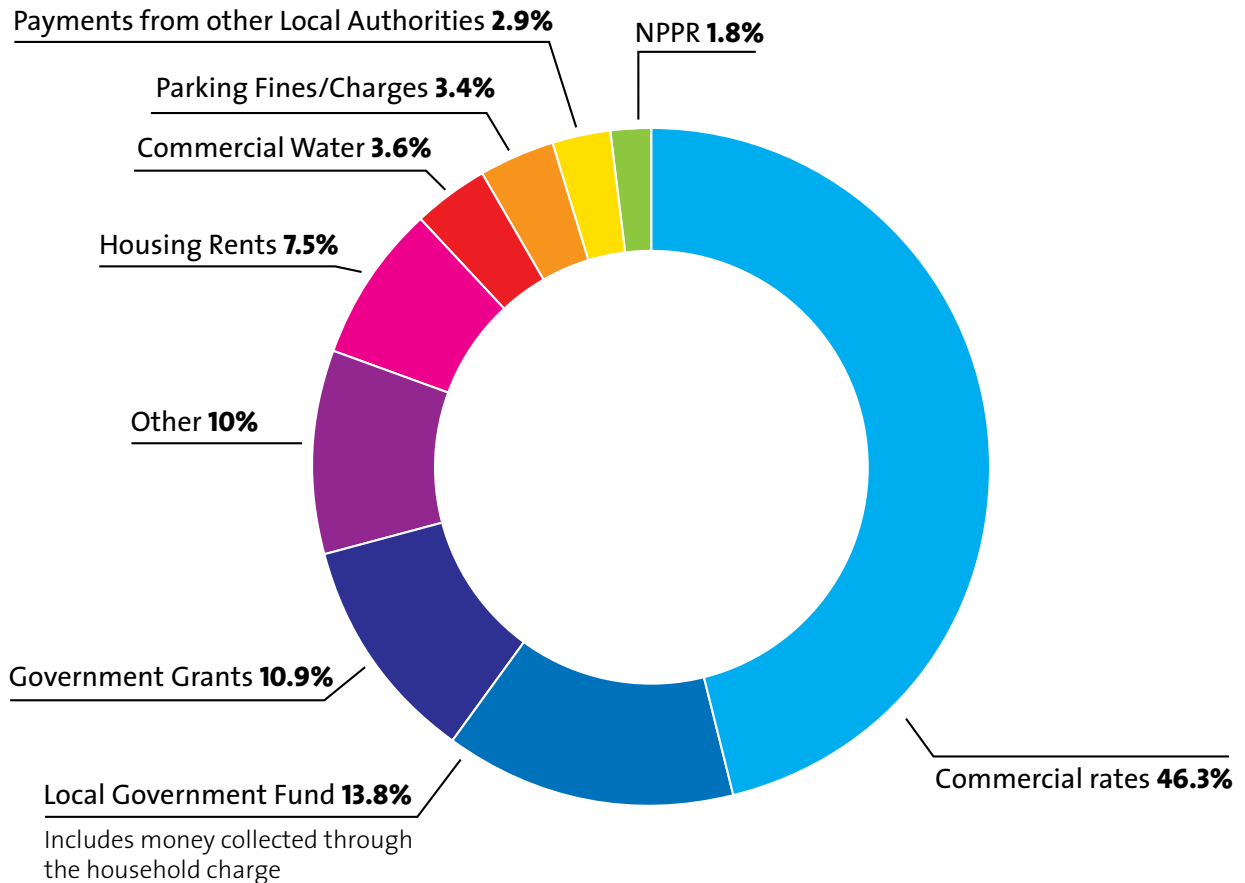
2013 Expenditure Review

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council would like to acknowledge the high compliance rates of the residents of the County in paying both the Household Charge and the Local Property Tax.

The introduction of these new charges has resulted in an increasing interest in how Local Authorities around the Country are funded and also how they spend their money. While our Annual Budget report and Annual Financial Statement provide all

of this information we have decided to take this opportunity to show you exactly how we spent this money in 2013.

The diagram below provides a breakdown of the various revenue sources that make up Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's €179m budget for 2013.



The Council uses this money to provide a wide range of services that everyone who lives in the County has access to. Below we give you some information on the services provided and tell you exactly how much of every €100 in income is spent on them.



Environmental Services – €10.20

The Environmental Services provided by the Council include street cleaning, the operation of recycling centres, maintenance of a landfill site, maintenance of burial grounds and the provision of Litter Warden and Environmental Awareness services. Did you know that the Council removes approximately 2,700 tonnes of rubbish from our streets every year? Budget for 2013 - €18.3m.



Fire Service – €7.60

Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB), which is part of Dublin City Council, provides fire and rescue services throughout the four Dublin local authority areas. There are two full time DFB fire stations in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown – one in Dún Laoghaire (Kill Avenue) and one in Rathfarnham (Nutgrove). The cost to this Council for the provision of Fire Services for 2013 is €13.7m.



Parks & Recreation – €8.30

We are very lucky in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown to have some of the finest parks in the Country within our County. Home to historical houses, playgrounds, off leash areas for dogs, walking paths, playing pitches, family events and markets our parks offer something for everyone. Did you know that the Council provides 65 Soccer, 23 GAA and 2 Rugby pitches for use by local sports clubs. Budget for 2013 - €14.9m



Water & Waste Services - €19.20

The provision, maintenance and management of the public water supply and drainage system is the most significant element of Council expenditure. The total cost of providing the service in 2013 is €34.4m with the operation of the newly completed Shanganagh Waste Water Treatment Plant alone costing approximately €4m per year.



Library & Arts Service – €5.20

The demand on the services provided by our Library and Arts Offices continues to grow year on year. Almost one in every three of you is now a member of our libraries and together you have borrowed over 1.3 million items in the last twelve months. Through the sharing of resources, the Arts & Library Team continue to work in partnership on a number of initiatives, including the Writer in Residence scheme and the Mountains to Sea Festival. Budget for 2013 - €9.3m



Transportation – €15.23

In addition to the necessary road construction and maintenance programme that the Council implements we are also responsible for a range of Transportation related services that you might not associate with us. These include the provision of public lighting, the operation of a school warden service and the provision of improved cycle facilities. Budget for 2013 - €27.2m



Housing – €17.09

One of the largest elements of our Housing service is our Planned Preventative Maintenance Programme for the 4,480 houses we are responsible for. The type of work included in the programme is exterior painting and repairs, roof and chimney repairs and front & back door replacements. This year 680 houses have received an energy upgrade, which can include, a new boiler and cavity wall and attic insulation. Other Housing Services provided include emergency accommodation for homeless people, the Rental Accommodation Scheme and housing Adaptation Grants. Budget for 2013 - €30.6m



Planning Department – €6.57

The planning services provided by the Council are laid down in the various Planning & Development Acts and Building Control legislation. The most obvious element of this is the processing of planning applications but it also includes reviewing and making Development and Local Area Plans and providing advice on planning related matters. Budget for 2013 - €11.7m

The above services account for €89.39 of every €100 of income. The remaining money is spent across a range of services such as the provision of a Coroner service and the maintenance of the Register of Electors.

Driving home the road safety message

Everyone - drivers, bikers, walkers, cyclists - should exercise care, caution and courtesy on the roads at all times. Remain focussed on your safety and that of all other road users throughout your entire journey, and actively observe the Rules of the Road.



Children taking part in the Streetsmart Programme

These are some of the key road safety messages from events organised by the Council's Transportation Department as part of our recent Road Casualty Reduction Programme.

With support from An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Brigade, HSE National Ambulance Service, the Road Safety Authority, Civil Defence and Kelly Vehicle Recovery, the Road Casualty Reduction Programme sought to bring home the message that each of the 162 people killed on Irish roads in 2012 were people just like you. Each of them was a real person whose death affected parents, brothers, sisters, friends and neighbours in the community.

According to Council's Road Safety Engineer, Seamus Storan, the events organised "...are innovative ways of bringing home the very real impact of road accidents, which members of the emergency services must attend on a daily basis nationwide. The fact is, that while we are constantly improving our roads infrastructure, it is the actual behaviour of road users which can prevent collisions, injuries and deaths.

"While collisions have many causes, the one thing that all serious collisions have in common is that they destroy lives forever and place an immense burden on families and communities. Sadly it is

the 18 - 24 age groups where accident statistics show the highest fatality rates.

"We are highlighting the need to drive safely, to slow down and observe speed limits. Never use your phone while driving; always wear seatbelts and never ever drink and drive."

Some of the events that took place over the 8 week period were:

Road Collision Simulation - A Road Collision Simulation was held in UCD with full emergency service attendance. This was a graphic depiction of the serious road injuries that emergency services must deal with every day. A young driver was also breathalysed and 'arrested' at the scene - getting across the message that An Garda Síochána will breathalyse all drivers where there has been a collision. Emergency services discussed the unfolding scene with students and an announcer provided live updates and interviews throughout the incident.

Homework for Drivers - A Garda Checkpoint with a difference was mounted near The Park in Cabinteely where pupils of St. Brigid's Girls National School provided some road safety 'Homework for Drivers' reminding them to be careful outside their school. At schools everywhere, some parents on the daily school run will



Children taking part in the Homework For Drivers Exercise.

sometimes park illegally or unsafely in the rush to drop off or collect their child. However, they may be placing other road users and even children in danger. Illegal parking can block the safe view between cars and pedestrians – especially children. It can also sometimes prevent emergency services accessing calls in the area around a school.

AXA Roadsafe Roadshow - Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, AXA and the emergency services also brought the AXA Roadsafe Roadshow to Dún Laoghaire. It was attended by hundreds of young future drivers from transition year in local schools. Gardaí, Firefighters, Paramedics and an A & E Consultant

provided thought provoking insights for the students into the human impact and horrific consequences of road accidents.

Streetsmart - Targeting the safety message towards young school children, the 'Streetsmart' programme aims to bring road safety to life in a fun way and is available to local schools throughout the County area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Designed for 4-12 year-olds, teachers and staff from the Road Safety Authority provide the programme to the children. A 'Streetscape' mat with a typical street scene is set up in the school hall and children are taught how to use the road safely. They can also participate in a range of activities such as storytelling, road safety games and an interactive road safety question and answer session.

Other initiatives throughout Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown included an N11 and Rock Road safety campaign for vulnerable road users consisting of high-viz vest and other safety equipment giveaways. Gardaí have also been providing advice to road users in addition to their regular road safety enforcement activities throughout the County.

For further information on 'Streetsmart' or to request a booking form, e-mail streetsmart@rsa.ie or refer to www.rsa.ie/roadsafety/roadsafetyforkids

Please visit www.rsa.ie and www.garda.ie for road safety tips and advice



Road Collision Simulation at UCD

Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival

Following on from the success of last year, the Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival returns from 30 November 2013 – 1 January 2014. In addition to the existing 280 retail outlets and businesses that offer a spectacular array of goods there is a long list of events lined up that offer something for all the family.

The festival kicks off on 30 November with a performance by the Dublin Gospel Choir which will be followed by the arrival of Santa Claus, the switching-on of the Christmas lights and a breathtaking fireworks display over Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

New to the Festival this year is the SuperValu Santa Dash competition which takes place on Saturday 7 December. Here, some lucky winners will get 2 full minutes to race around the store and fill their trolleys with some of their favourite goodies... and keep it all.

Also lined up for the festival are open-air market chalets, old-world children's amusements, free treasure hunts, a Christmas lantern procession, Santa's Grotto, a traditional crib, carol singing and even a world record attempt.

The festival will draw to a close with a spectacular fireworks display at midnight on New Year's Eve. This year's display is unique in that it is the first time fireworks will be fired from both the East and West Piers simultaneously. The show will be visible from Newtownsmith in Dún Laoghaire and all around Dublin Bay. There will also be a special smaller fireworks display for young families at 6pm on the day fired from the Carlisle Pier.

For Further info see: www.dunlaoghaire.ie

Dún Laoghaire Business Improvement District

The Dún Laoghaire Business Association recently submitted a proposal to establish a Business Improvement District (B.I.D.) for the town centre of Dún Laoghaire. The aims of the B. I. D. are:

- to enable ratepayers within the boundaries of the proposed B. I. D. to implement a scheme of projects, services and works designed to increase footfall for the area
- to support existing businesses in the B.I.D. area to improve their retail offer
- to attract new businesses to the B.I.D. area
- to manage the image/brand of the town with a view to increasing it's reputation as the premier marine leisure and retail destination in the Dublin area

The Council's role in the process is set out in the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006 and has so far involved the advertisement of the scheme and the collection of submissions made during a public consultation process. A report on these submissions was presented to the Council at the November meeting where it was agreed that a plebiscite to determine the level of support for the proposal among the ratepayers should take place. This is likely to happen early in 2014.

DLR Library Service

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is very proud of the library service it provides throughout the County. We have invested heavily in the service in recent years, recognising the key role it now plays in modern life.

Dalkey, Stillorgan, Shankill and more recently Deansgrange and Blackrock libraries have all been improved to help accommodate the dramatic increase in use we have witnessed during the recent economic downturn. Now more than ever, our libraries are being viewed as an essential public facility. They act as information centres, communication hubs and meeting places and are no longer just repositories of books.

In 2008 the decision was taken to invest in a new Central Library and Cultural Centre which is now under construction in Dún Laoghaire. The investment in this iconic public building is very significant and demonstrates the Council's commitment to providing key services and facilities for the communities in our County.

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions about our library projects and the answers:

Why do we need such a big new library in Dún Laoghaire?

The building currently under construction in Dún Laoghaire will be more than just a library; it will be the Central Library for the County of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and will also be home to a new Cultural Centre. More specifically, the development includes: a multi purpose performance space with seating for 100 people, the municipal gallery, a Café, meeting rooms & reading rooms, office space for the County's Library & Arts Services and 100 car parking spaces.

What will the library part of the development include?

The library will include a public "living room" overlooking Moran Park, with space for internet use, newspapers and magazines as well as community information and a dedicated suite of rooms for young people. The building will accommodate general reading rooms, a children's library and a local history department with views out to sea.

What exactly will the Cultural Centre provide?

The Cultural Centre will provide a new space for the expansion of existing festivals such as *Mountains to Sea* and for new cultural events and programmes to be initiated. The Cultural Centre will also provide opportunities for local arts organisations including amateur groups to showcase their work to a broader audience.

How will it benefit the town of Dún Laoghaire?

The Central Library and Cultural Centre at Moran Park will be a key component in the regeneration of Dún Laoghaire town and will consolidate the Metals redevelopment. The project represents a significant opportunity to knit back the structure of the town with the seafront, and invigorate the heart of Dún Laoghaire.

How much will the new Central Library cost?

The construction costs of the project are estimated to be €37m. To date the project is both within budget and on time.

How is the project being paid for?

Development levies collected in the County, the Council's own capital funds and a grant from Central Government.

Why not build more libraries rather than one "central" library?

The Council is investing in other libraries with significant refurbishment works taking place at Deansgrange and Blackrock as part of an overall plan to upgrade and develop facilities throughout the County.

What will happen to Moran Park?

The project includes a welcome makeover for Moran Park, to include outdoor space for events, a new shallow pond and improved landscaping around Moran Park House.



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's fifth annual Social Inclusion Week

Between the 12 – 18 October 2013, over 80 organisations and local groups organised events highlighting the importance of inclusion, equality and integration. The events were very well subscribed, often overflowing, and guests had an opportunity to reflect on the great work taking place within our County to promote inclusion, active citizenship and participation.



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carrie Smyth welcome our newest Citizens. Inset: An Cathaoirleach with students from St. Augustine's School, Blackrock

Launched by An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carrie Smyth and John Lonergan, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, the week kicked off with the dlr Community 5K and a range of events took place including performances and talks by RehabCare Dún Laoghaire, Autism Initiatives Group, Comhairle Na nÓg, dlr Volunteer Centre, County Childcare Committee, dlr Leisure Services, Carmona Services 'Explorers', Education and Training Board and Enable Ireland.

Some highlights of the week include:

The Citizenship Celebration - An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carrie Smyth invited our newest citizens to meet local Councillors, network with each other and be encouraged to become active citizens;

The Primary School Drawing Competition - local primary school children were asked to draw a picture of 'what I like most about

where I live', to capture the European Year of the Citizens. Over 850 entries were received and the pictures were displayed during Social Inclusion Week in County Hall;

The SWAN Community Education Awards - An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carrie Smyth invited graduates of the Southside Women's Action Network/DDETB to receive their awards at a ceremony in County Hall;

The Garda Older Persons Seminar on Safety and Security of Older Persons - older people were invited to meet the local community garda, discuss issues of safety in their local area and network with each other.

For further info contact: Rebekah Fozzard, dlr Social Inclusion Officer, email: rfozzard@dlrcoco.ie / tel: 2047924.

Fáilte Isteach

Fáilte Isteach is a national project that provides free English language classes to ethnic minorities. It was established in 2006 in response to a local need identified by older people living in Summerhill, Co Meath who found that local ethnic minorities were being excluded from full participation because of their lack of English language skills.

Fáilte Isteach promotes the concepts of social inclusion, active citizenship, equality and recognition of the value of older volunteers living in our community.

A number of volunteers are hoping to open a branch in Dún Laoghaire in 2014 and hope you will participate, either as a volunteer or attend the classes. This initiative is being supported by dlr Social Inclusion Unit.

For further info: web: www.thirdageireland.ie or email failteisteach@thirdageireland.ie or contact Rebekah Fozzard, dlr Social Inclusion Officer at: rfozzard@dlrcoco.ie / 2047924.

Proposed Works at Dún Laoghaire Baths

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council recently published plans for the redevelopment of the Dún Laoghaire Baths site that would provide for the continuing public use of the area. The proposed works include:

- the retention and securing of the existing Baths Pavilion for use as artist workspaces
- a gallery café
- the provision of public toilet facilities
- the removal of dilapidated structures to the rear of the Pavilion to permit the creation of a new route and landscaping that will connect the walkway at Newtownsmith to both the East Pier and the Peoples Park
- the infilling of the existing saltwater pools and creation of new enhanced facilities for swimming and greater access to the waters edge by means of a short jetty

The plans were released as part of the application process for consent under the Foreshore Act 1933 and were available for inspection for 21 days. All submissions and representations in respect of the works were collected by the Foreshore Unit of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and will be forwarded to the Council for comment in advance of any decision being made.

If consent is given, then a Part 8 application for the proposed works at the Baths, will be made by the Local Authority, in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), and the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 - 2012.

Full details of the proposed works are still available on our website www.dlrcoco.ie



White Flag awards for dlr Leisure Services

At an awards ceremony held in Cork City Hall on 3 October 2013, dlr Leisure Services achieved it's best results ever in the annual ILAM White Flag Awards.

The awards collected on the night were:

- 4 Gold standard awards of excellence for the centres in Monkstown, Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook and Glenalbyn
- 3 Gold Standard awards for Disability Provision in the Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook and Monkstown centres
- 3 Gold awards & one silver in training category awards

The white flag is the only quality standard for Gyms, Leisure Centres & Swimming Pools in Ireland and these awards demonstrate to customers, staff and the general public that dlr Leisure Services is committed to achieving the highest standards of quality in the Leisure Industry.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, CEO of dlr Leisure Services, Tom Mowlds said: "This fantastic achievement for dlr Leisure Services is recognition of the hard work, commitment and dedication of our staff to the provision of Quality Leisure and Recreation within the County and to offering healthy living to all our customers who use our centres."



From left to right: CEO of dlr Leisure Services Tom Mowlds and Niall Cull Centre Manager, Meadowbrook

Caisleán Sheangánaí

Tá Caisleán Sheangánaí ar cheann de na tithe is mó agus is suimiúla i Seanchill. Is teach é a tógadh go déanach san ochtú haois déag agus ba é Sir George Cockburn a rinne é a athmhúnlú go dtí an fhoirm chaisealach atá aige anois sa bhliain 1818. Bhain an Roinn Dlí agus Cirt úsáid as an gcaisleán ar feadh tamaill mar phríosún oscailte. Tá an caisleán anois i seilbh na comhairle agus é i gceist é a chaomhnú agus a athchóiriú agus é bheith ina chonláiste cathartha amach anseo.



Cúram Madraí i bPáirceanna agus Spásanna Poiblí

Coinnigh madraí ar iall. Ná lig do mhadraí bearrán ná imní a chur ar dhaoine ná ar ainmhithe ná aon díobháil a dhéanamh dóibh.

Ní mór don duine, a bhfuil madra faoina smacht, salachar an mhadra a ghlanadh suas agus a thabhairt leis/léi agus fáil réidh leis ar bhealach oiriúnach.

Fíneáil ar an láthair €150 nó €3000 sa chúirt muna nglanann tú salachar do mhadra.

Ní mór féasrach a bheith ar mhadraí contúirteacha (mar a shainítear iad sna Rialacháin um Rialú Madraí, 1991)

Fíneáil ar an láthair
On the spot fine €150



Cosc ar shalachar madraí - No Dog Fouling

Margaí CoCo

Tá Margaí CoCo á reáchtáil ag Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin (CCDLRD) le 10 mbliana anuas. Tugann na margaí spreagadh do ghnólachtaí nua-thionscanta; cuireann said deiseanna ar fáil dóibh siúd atá ag táirgeadh nua gach bia go háitiúil agus tá siad freisin mar phointe comhtheagmhála beo fuinniúil do dhreamanna atá gníomhach in imeachtaí pobail.

Is díol suntais ó thaobh áilleachta iad na láithreacha ina bhfuil na margaí suite i bpáirceanna scéimhe an chontae. Níl na margaí seo taobh le bheith ina margaí feirmeoirí, áfach, mar go gcuireann siad freisin sárthaispeántas i láthair de tháirgí agus de shaothar ealaíontóirí agus cheardaithe áitiúla.

Margaí nua seolta i bPáirc Chábán tSíle

Os rud é nach raibh na margaí atá cheana féin i bPáirc Mharlaí agus i bPáirc an Phobail i nDún Laoghaire in ann freastal ar an éileamh as cuimse ar spásanna ó sholáthraithe, cinneadh an tríú margadh a chur ar bun i bPáirc Chábán tSíle.

Is fiú go mór cuairt a thabhairt ar cheann ar bith de na margaí – Dé Domhnaigh:

Páirc an phobail, Dún Laoghaire idir 11am-4pm, Páirc Chábán tSíle idir 10am – 4pm agus Páirc Mharlaí idir 11am – 4pm agus Dé Sathairn i bPáirc Mharlaí idir 10am agus 4p.m.

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Tionscnamh Gnó de chuid CCDLRD iad Margaí CoCo



Dalkey Tidy Towns declared overall winner in Tidy Districts Competition 2013

At a Tidy Districts Awards ceremony held on 12 September, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carrie Smyth announced Dalkey Tidy Towns as the overall winner of the Tidy Districts Competition 2013.

Dalkey Tidy Towns are no strangers to the competition having previously been crowned overall winners in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Commenting on the award, the judging panel said that the group had shown great teamwork for the upkeep and maintenance of the town and surrounding area by working closely with the County Council, local schools, businesses and fellow residents associations.

This is the 21st Tidy Districts Awards with over 100 people from 44 different groups represented. Eighteen residential category prizes

were awarded to groups throughout the County with additional awards for community groups working to support local wildlife and community initiatives.

Speaking on the night An Cathaoirleach said: "I am delighted to be associated with the hard work undertaken by all communities who participated in this year's Tidy District Awards. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge, celebrate and reward the communities and schools for their ongoing efforts and the work they do to improve their local environment."



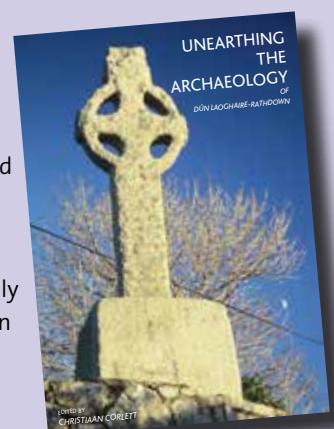
Winners of the Tidy Districts Competition with An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Carrie Smith (centre) and Artist Heather McKay (front row, far right).

Unearthing the Archaeology of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

The Council's Heritage Office recently published 'Unearthing the Archaeology of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown'. Edited by Christiaan Corlett, it features articles from the archaeologists who carried out many of the excavations that took place in the County in recent decades. Driven by development these excavations have unearthed a host of stories and broadened our knowledge of the history and development of this part of County Dublin.

Some of the many highlights of the book include the finding of a rare Bronze Age cremation burial at Laughanstown, an Irish Iron Age dwelling - a circular wigwam type house - that housed one family who made their living through metalworking & charcoal-production and the story of the excavation of the Carrickmines Castle Site

It is available from local book shops for €10.



Pottery Road Improvement Scheme

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is delighted to confirm that work has begun on the Pottery Road Improvement Scheme.

The scheme, which will ensure safer conditions for all road users, provides for the construction of 1.62 km of new single carriageway; underground services with 1.8m wide footpaths and 2.0m wide cycle lanes; a new 4 way signalised junction at the access roads to Amgen and Mackintosh Park and four pedestrian crossing points including the crossing points at the terminal junctions on the road.

Additional works include the construction of new boundary walls and alterations to existing boundary walls, the provision of a surface water drainage network along the entire route, two attenuation ponds, the provision of public lighting, a new watermain along the entire route and alterations and diversions to existing services and utilities.

The improved access resulting from the scheme will facilitate the expansion of the pharmaceutical company Amgen and the National Rehabilitation Hospital's future 120 bed facility.

Every effort will be made to minimise traffic disruption during the 12 – 14 month construction period. Full details of the traffic management plan that has been put in place for the two main phases of the project is available on the Council's website www.dlrcoco.ie/potteryroad

Updates on the project will also be posted on our website including any changes to the traffic management plan.



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carrie Smyth on site at Pottery Road

Operation Transformation Walk – 18 January, Marlay Park

If you are looking for something to get you on the road to a healthy and active 2014, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership has the perfect event for you. As part of our aim to encourage residents of the County to get active, a free 4km public walk will be held on the morning of the 18 January in Marlay Park.

This event is part of a national initiative being held in conjunction with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, the Irish Sports Council and RTE's Operation Transformation

programme. On this day every County in Ireland will have a similar walking event to cater for all levels of fitness, but in particular those looking to start exercising again.

Providing the perfect chance to put those New Year's resolutions into action, all are very welcome and encouraged to attend. Trained walking leaders will be present on the day for a helping hand and there will be a hot cuppa at the finish line for all.

For more info: www.dlrsportspartnership.ie / tel: 2719502.



The Gathering in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Throughout the year, Ireland opened its arms to hundreds and thousands of friends and family members from all over the world, welcoming them home to gatherings in villages, towns and cities.

A total of 31 Gathering events took place in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown with almost 3,100 visitors in attendance. Some of the events that took place were:

Bratacha 2013 was a Festival of Flags & Emblems that contained a number of elements exploring aspects of history, heritage, culture and identities associated with the use of flags and emblems down through the ages. It culminated with a 'Parade of Flags' in Dún Laoghaire on 11 May.

The *Dundrum Arts & Cultural Festival* was a community festival which allowed local groups to showcase their talents alongside visiting groups like the Spanish Folk Dancers pictured below.



Bratacha Parade



An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Carrie Smyth meets the Spanish Folk Dancers



International Police Association Gathering



Visit of Chinese Art Students

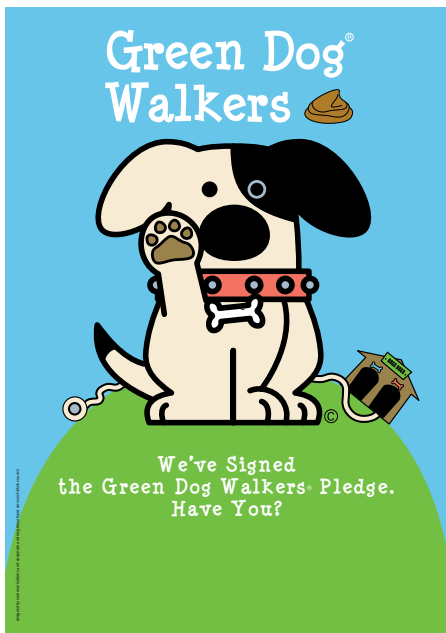


The Forgotten Irish



The Ukulele Hooley

The Gathering in dlr concludes with *The Gathering at Leopardstown* 26 - 29 December



Recycling arrangements for Christmas 2013 and New Year 2014

Ballyogan Recycling Park opening times will be as follows:

24 – 26 December 2013	Closed
27 December 2013	Open 8.30am - 5.30pm
28 December 2013	Open 9.30am - 5.30pm
29 December 2013	Open 10.30am - 5.30pm
30 December 2013	Open 8.30am - 5.30pm
31 December 2013	Open 8.30am - 5.30pm
New Year's Day	Closed

Normal opening hours apply from Thursday 2 January 2014 onwards.

Eden Park and Shanganagh Recycling Centres opening times will be as follows:

24 - 26 December 2013	Closed
27 December 2013	Open 8.30am – 3.30pm
28 December 2013	Open 8.30am - 3.30pm
29 December 2013	Closed
30 December 2013	Open 8.30am - 4pm
31 December 2013	Open 8.30am - 4pm
New Year's Day	Closed

Normal opening hours apply from Thursday 2 January 2014 onwards.

Paula Lambert Puppet Theatre presents Hansel, Gretel & Bosco's Magical Christmas

Hansel and Gretel is a beautifully-produced Christmas spectacular which tells the age-old fairy story with many a sparkling new twist and is brought to Dún Laoghaire all the way from the world-famous Lambert Theatre in Monkstown. Are we forgetting somebody? Oh yes, Bosco, we'd never forget Bosco – Get ready Boys and Girls.

Saturday 21 December, 3pm - Tickets €8, Family ticket €30 Age suitability 3+



Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas Tree Recycling will take place from **Thursday 2 – Sunday 12 January 2014** inclusive between **9.30am and 3.30pm** at the following locations:

- Blackrock Park Main Entrance
- Cabinteely Park Car Park
- Killiney Hill Car Park
- Marlay Park, Grange Road Car Park
- Mount Anville Parks Depot, Goatstown

- Shanganagh Recycling Centre Car Park
- West Pier Car Park, Dún Laoghaire

Please do not leave trees before or after these dates or outside the designated areas. The provisions of the Litter Pollutions Acts, 1997-2003 will apply.

Ballyogan Recycling Park will accept **one Christmas tree per vehicle** free of charge during January 2014.



The dlr Ethnic Minority Integration Forum

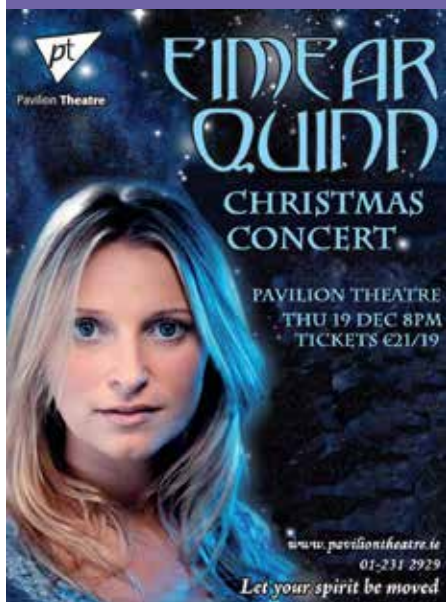
The dlr Ethnic Minority Integration Forum is a local initiative aimed to bring together members of immigrant communities living in the County. The Forum is planning to run some Voter Education Workshops in 2014 in the run up to the Local Elections. Would you be interested in attending these workshops or finding out more information about the Forum?

For further info contact: Eva Walsh, Project Co-ordinator / email: info@dlrintegration.ie or Rebekah Fozzard, dlr Social Inclusion Officer / email: rfozzard@dlrcoco.ie / tel: 01 204 7924.

Eimear Quinn, Christmas Concert

A spiritual Christmas with a wonderful sense of joy. In this intimate and spiritual evening, Eimear Quinn will bring her own special rendition of Christmas songs and carols that make for a memorable musical evening. Eimear's ethereal voice will blend beautifully with the Mamisa String Quartet which features Maria and Michelle Mason. Experience Christmas as it should be with the uniquely talented Eimear Quinn.

Thursday 19 Dec, 8pm - Tickets €21/19



dlr Leisure Services after school activities

Little Athletics: Every Friday at dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown

Ages: 4-6 years for boys and girls

Time: 3-3:45pm

Cost: €4 per class

Contact: Keith O'Halloran Mob 0867853144 or Email kohalloran@dlrls.ie

Basketball: Every Friday at dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown

Ages: 6-9 years and 10+ years for boys and girls

Times: 4-5pm (6-9 yrs) 5-6pm (10+yrs)

Cost: €3.50 per class

Contact: Gary Bridges Mob 0867814438 or Email gbridges@dlrls.ie

Badminton: Every Thursday at dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown

Ages: 6-9 years and 10+ years for boys and girls

Times: 4-5pm (6-9 yrs) 5-6pm (10+yrs)

Cost: €3.50 per class

Contact: Gary Bridges Mob 0867814438 or Email gbridges@dlrls.ie

dlr Little Waves: Football for boys and girls aged 3-5 years old (€4 per class)

Days, Venues and Times:

Every Tuesday at dlr Leisure Services

Loughlinstown from 3:15-4pm

Every Wednesday at dlr Leisure Services

Meadowbrook from 3:15-4pm

Every Thursday at dlr Leisure Services

Monkstown from 3:30-4:15pm

dlr Mini Waves: Football for boys and girls aged 6-9 years old (€3.50 per class)

Every Monday at dlr Leisure Services

Meadowbrook from 3:30-4:30pm

Every Tuesday at dlr Leisure Services

Meadowbrook from 3:15-4:15pm

Contacts: Rory O'Hare Mob 0863807793 or Thomas Morgan 0831751940

Arrangements for Christmas 2013 and New Year 2014

County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire; Harbour Square, Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum Sub Office

- Closed from 12.30 pm on Tuesday 24 December 2013 to 29 December, 2013 inclusive.
- *Public Counters will Re-Open on Monday, 30 of December at 10.00 a.m.*
- *Public Counter, Dundrum, will Re-Open at 9.30am*

- Closed on 1 January, 2014.

The after hours Emergency number (including Water & Drainage) **01 6778844** will be in operation for the duration of the holiday period.

New Allotments at Shanganagh Castle

The Parks and Landscape Services section of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are developing new allotments at Shanganagh Castle.

There will be a mix of community/school allotments of 100-200m² and individual allotments of 50m². We would like to especially encourage local people from Shankill to get involved in the project. If you would like to register your interest in these allotments please email mcummins@dlrcoco.ie. For further info contact: Marita Cummins @ 01-2054341.

New County Sports Participation Strategy 2013 - 2017

Promoting & increasing physical activity through collaboration in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

This interagency strategy will set out to maximise the opportunity for all to participate in physical activity and sport in the County. While being inclusive of all ages, abilities and backgrounds particular attention will be focused on target groups that are recognised as having lower levels of participation. To download a copy of this document or the Action Plan please see www.dlrsportspartnership.ie

Calendar of Events

Date	Event Name	Venue	Telephone	E-Mail	Website
Throughout the year Saturdays and Sundays	CoCo Markets	Marlay Park	087 9573647	market@dlrcoco.ie	www.dlrcoco.ie
Throughout the year Sundays	CoCo Markets	Peoples Park	087 2837633	market@dlrcoco.ie	www.dlrcoco.ie
Throughout the year Sundays	CoCo Markets	Cabinteely Park	01 2047024	market@dlrcoco.ie	www.dlrcoco.ie
Throughout the year Saturdays	Marlay parkrun	Marlay Park		marlayoffice@parkrun.com	www.dlrcoco.ie
Ongoing	The Shackleton Endurance Exhibition	Ferry Terminal Building, Dún Laoghaire	01 2360544	info@shackletonexhibition.com	www.shackletonexhibition.com
Ongoing	Actovation - Family Fitness Pilot Project	Monkstown, Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook	M'town 01 2301458 L'town 01 2823344 M'brook 01 2995610	bquinn@dlreasureservices.ie eoconnor@dlreasureservices.ie gmoran@dlreasureservices.ie	www.dlreasureservices.ie

November

30-Nov	Santa's Arrival, Christmas Lights Switch On & Fireworks Display	Dún Laoghaire Town Centre			www.dlrevents.ie
30-Nov	Christmas Craft and Food Market	The Pavilion Quarter and Marine Road			www.dlrevents.ie
30-Nov	Blessing of the Crib	St. Michaels Church			www.dlrevents.ie
Enchanting Treasure Hunts: 30/11/2013 (every Saturday & Sunday 11am to 4pm)		From the Pavilion Quarter			www.dlrevents.ie
Santa's Magical Grotto: 30/11/2013 (every Saturday & Sunday, Thurs 12 & Fri 13 Dec, Thur 19 & Fri 20 Dec, Monday 23 Dec)		Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre			www.dlrevents.ie

December

1-Dec	Make Christmas Decorations	Marlay Park	087 3299936	info@owls.ie	
7-Dec	Supervalu Santa Dash	Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre			www.dunlaoghaire.ie
07-08 Dec	Christmas Cookery & Craft School	Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire			www.dlrevents.ie
12 - 15 Dec	Nightmare before Christmas & A Christmas Tale	Pavilion Theatre			www.paviliontheatre.ie
14-Dec	Make a Christmas Wreath	Killiney Hill	087 3299936	info@owls.ie	
14-Dec	Magical Christmas Lantern Procession	From the People's Park			www.dlrevents.ie
16-Dec	Twas the Night Before Christmas - Oíche Roimh an Nollag	Pavilion Theatre			www.paviliontheatre.ie
19-Dec	Eimear Quinn, O Holy Night - Christmas Concert	Pavilion Theatre			www.paviliontheatre.ie
20-Dec	Sing and Be Merry - Sparkling Seasonal Songs	Pavilion Theatre			www.paviliontheatre.ie
21-Dec	Santa Hat World Record Attempt	Harbour Plaza			www.dlrevents.ie
21-Dec	Hansel, Gretel & Bosco's Magical Christmas	Pavilion Theatre			www.paviliontheatre.ie
22-Dec	It's a Wonderful Life - Classic Film	Pavilion Theatre			www.paviliontheatre.ie
31-Dec	New Year's Eve Fireworks Display	East & West Pier, Dún Laoghaire			www.dlrevents.ie

January

18-Jan	Operation Transformation - Public Walk	Marlay Park			www.dlrsportpartnership.ie
28-29 Jan	Autism Initiative Group - Exhibition	Concourse			

February

5-Feb	Reeling in the Showband Years	Pavilion Theatre			www.paviliontheatre.ie
Keep clicking on www.dlrevents.ie for future updates					

When he and five of his men sailed from Elephant Island on 24th April 1916 in the James Caird lifeboat, Sir Ernest Shackleton left the crewmen who remained behind one essential survival tool: FAITH in their leader. But would his rescue mission succeed? To find out, drop in to Shackleton Endurance exhibition in Dún Laoghaire.

The Ferry Terminal Building, Dún Laoghaire

NEW EXHIBITION

www.shackletonexhibition.com

ENDURANCE
THE MAN WHO SAVED THE WORLD

Dún Laoghaire CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
30th November - 1st January

Sat Dec 21st Santa Hat World Record

Sat Dec 14th Lantern Procession & Carols

Sat Dec 7th SugarFalls Funnel Dash

Sat Nov 30th Santa's Arrival Christmas Lights Switch On & Fireworks Display

Free Wi-Fi in Town Centre. For more information go to www.dunlaoghaire.ie

CO CO Markets

Marlay Park, Rathfarnham
Every Saturday and Sunday

People's Park, Dún Laoghaire
Every Sunday

Cabinteely Park
Every Sunday

www.dlrcoco.ie/markets