**DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

**SEPTEMBER MONTHLY**

**MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**29th August to 30th September 2024**

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**Corporate Affairs**

**CRM Statistics**

**Civic Hub Stats**

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| Open | 915 |
| Closed | 2453 |

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| **Section/Department** | **Active** | **Inactive** | **Total** |
| Architects | 6 | 9 | 15 |
| Ballyogan Depot | 1 |  | 1 |
| Arts | 1 |  | 1 |
| Comms & Civic Hub | 14 | 479 | 493 |
| Community | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Corporate Services | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| dlrcoco | 27 | 30 | 57 |
| Enterprise |  | 1 | 1 |
| Environment | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Finance | 24 | 209 | 233 |
| Forward Planning Infrastructure |  | 3 | 3 |
| Harbour | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Housing | 26 | 152 | 178 |
| ICC | 546 | 1251 | 1797 |
| IT | 1 |  | 1 |
| Libraries | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Parks | 241 | 286 | 527 |
| Planning | 5 | 9 | 14 |
| Property | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Transportation |  | 1 | 1 |
| Water Services | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| **Grand Total** | **915** | **2453** | **3368** |

**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from**

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| **Phone Statistics** | Answered Directly | Transferred to overflow | Total |
|  | 7981 | 1222 | 9203 |

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| **Emails received** | Info@ | Reps@ | Oireachtas@ | Total Emails |
|  | 2106 | 32 | 253 | 2391 |

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| **Counter Interactions** | Civic Hub | Appointments | Total |
|  | 304 | 61 | 365 |

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**Communications Office**

The Communications Office oversees communications for the organisation and is responsible for all internal and external communications, public relations, corporate branding, creative graphic design, crisis management, advertising, event promotion and marketing extending across all service departments.

We publish four editions of the dlr Times in Irish/English which is distributed to every household in the County (70k).

We also manage the Irish Office and the Office of An Cathaoirleach.

**August 29 – September 30, 2024: Monthly Report for dlrcoco.ie and dlrlibraries.ie**

Website Activity – Page views and number of users

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Website | Page Views | Users |
| dlrcoco.ie | 229,506 | 104,338 |
| dlrLibraries | 47,847 | 18,891 |

**Compared to August 1 – August 28, 2024**

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| **Website** | **Page Views** | **Users** |
| dlrcoco.ie | 195,946 | 91,011 |
| dlrLibraries | 37,685 | 14,099 |

In addition to that, there were 261 edits to published website pages on dlrcoco.ie during this period.

**Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie**

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**Press Releases**

We issued 8 Press Releases from August 29 – September 30

**Highest Performing News Stories**

[Click here to view the News Listings](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news-listing)

* [Dlr and LDA officially launch Shanganagh Castle](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news/general-news/dlr-and-lda-officially-launch-shanganagh-castle) – Views 11,675
* [Corporate Plan 2025-29](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news/general-news/corporate-plan-2025-2029) – Views 2,834
* [Mattress Amnesty Collection 21 September 2024](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news/general-news/mattress-amnesty-collection-21-september-2024) – Views 1,412

**Press Queries:**  17

**Freedom of Information Requests:** 11

**Public Consultations:** 13 consultations opened between 29 August and 30 September.

**Social Media Activity**

Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

* Regal Princess arriving in Dún Laoghaire.
* DLR Road Sweeping Schedules.
* Shanganagh Castle Launch.

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Highest performing social media posts on Instagram

* Bathing results 5th September.
* Free Harbour Boat Tour.
* Return of Samhain.

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 Highest performing social media posts on X

* Regal Princess arrives in Dún Laoghaire.
* Killiney Embankment Traffic Management.
* Moontour Wetsuit Exchange.

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Highest Performing Facebook Event Listings

* Recovery Festival.
* Moontour Wetsuit Exchange.
* Recovery Festival.

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**Social media statistics**

We have over 96k followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 782 posts from 29 August - 30 September 2024. Further breakdown below of the accounts and performance.

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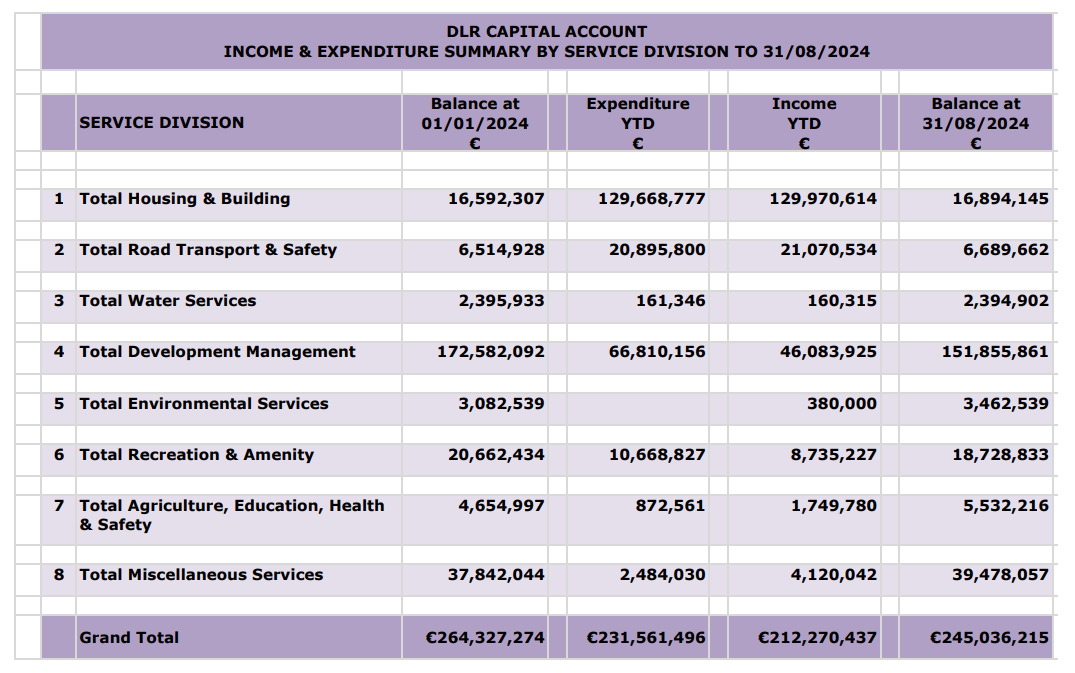
**Finance and Water Services**

**Drainage & Flood Alleviation**

Engineering and environmental consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Deansgrange Stream. Stages I and II of the project, namely Option Selection/Preliminary Design and Planning are now completed. Public consultation for the Part 8 Planning process on the proposed scheme ended in August 2023. The Chief Executive report for Part 8 was brought to, and approved at, the December 2023 Council Meeting, subject to approval from An Bord Pleanala (following an EIA determination direct request) and also a survey of SuDS opportunities being carried out in the wider catchment.An Bord Pleanala have recently determined that no EIAR is required.

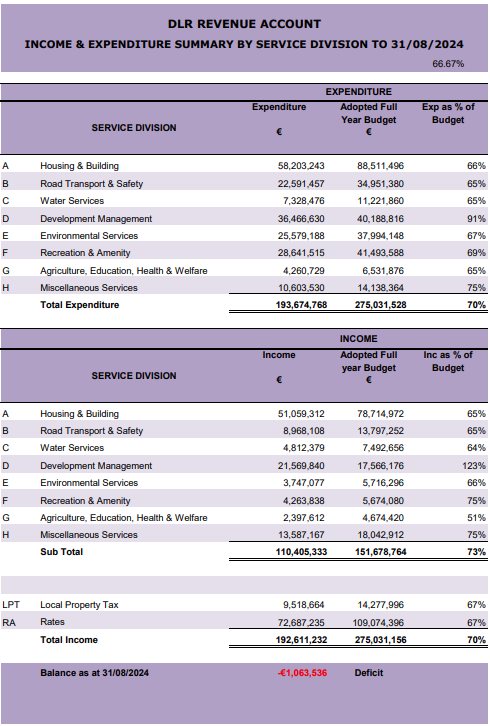
Water Services are now progressing with detailed design. It is planned to progress the overall scheme in smaller projects to reduce the risk of significant cost overruns and also delays due to environmental/ stakeholder issues. Glenavon Park Ponds/Wetlands project will progress initially and advance works are already underway - invasives burial, otter surveys, archaeological digging etc. The design work on the upgrade to the critical Seafield culvert screen will commence shortly.

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed in 2020 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. Preliminary design of a preferred option is completed. A Public Engagement Event took place on the 13th of December 2023. Comments have been incorporated into the final option, where appropriate, and the EIAR report is substantially completed and will include final details from the environmental/ecological surveys. It is planned to submit planning documentation to An Bord Pleanala in November 2024.



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**Planning and Economic Development**

**Planning Applications – monthly statistics** 29th August 2024 – 30th September 2024

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|  | **Outline Permission** | **Permission** | **Total** |
| New application Received\* | 3 | 149 | 152 |
| Decision Deferred |  | 16 | 16 |
| Decision to Grant\*\* |  | 111 | 111 |
| Decision to Refuse\*\* |  | 16 | 16 |
| Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks |  | 115 | 115 |
| Invalid Applications |  | 45 | 45 |

 \*Includes 21 Applications for Retention.  Includes 131 WEB Applications

\*\*Split decisions; are entered as follows

106 Grant Permission

2 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

2 Grant Permission for Retention

1 Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (Split Decision) these are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

**Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications**

Planning Applications received under Section 5 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large-scale Residential Development) Act 2021.

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| Case No | Applicant’s Name & Brief Description of Development | Date Application Received | Last Day for Submissions/ Observations | Application  Website | Decision due date by DLR |
| LRD24A/0718/WEB | P Lonergan and Sons Limited intends to apply for permission for a Large-Scale Residential Development comprising amendments to a previously permitted Strategic Housing Development (An Bord Pleanála Ref. 312214-21) with a total application site area of c.3.32Ha (with a substantive residential site development area of c. 2.96Ha), on lands located off Enniskerry Road (R117), Kilternan, Dublin 18, principally bounded by existing undeveloped land to the north and east; the adjoining Shaldon Grange residential property and associated lands (Protected Structure) to the south and Enniskerry Road to the west. The application site also includes limited frontage to Glenamuck Road to the south-east.  The proposed development consists of internal and external modifications to the 4 no. apartment blocks (Blocks A, B, C, and D), all located in the northern portion of the subject site, as granted under An Bord Pleanála Ref. 312214-21, comprising: Provision of additional storey at each block (resulting in a maximum height of 5 storeys at these 4 no. blocks) each containing 3 no. new units at new Fourth Floor Level; Amendments to permitted Third Floor layout at each block, to provide 1 no. additional unit at this floor in each block; Minor amendments to layout of Ground Floor to Third Floor Levels including alterations to main entrances, terraces/balconies, location of lift shaft, introduction of smoke shaft, and all associated rationalisation of internal arrangements; Changes to floor-to-ceiling height at each floor; Modifications to elevations (including amendments to opes, materials, and finishes); Revisions to roof arrangement to facilitate the provision of PV panels; Amendments to site layout plan including minor reorientation of blocks and revised cycle and car parking arrangements; and all associated ducting, cabling, site lighting, hard and soft landscaping, changes in levels, and site development works above and below ground.  The proposed 16 no. new apartment units (8 no. 1-bedroom and 8 no. 2-bedroom units) will be in addition to the 130 no. units previously permitted under An Bord Pleanála Ref. 312214-21, resulting in 146 no. residential units in total within the scheme (130 no. permitted units + 16 no. new proposed units).  The proposed amendments also result in an overall revised unit mix comprising 36 no. 1-bedroom, 60 no. 2-bedroom, 11 no. 3-bedroom units, 25 no. 4-bedroom units, and 14 no. 5-bedroom units.  The total gross floor area will increase from c. 16,394 sqm to c. 17,816 sqm as a result of the proposed amendments.  This planning application for the proposed amendments to the permitted Strategic Housing Development (An Bord Pleanála Ref. 312214-21) is a Large-scale Residential Development as defined under Section 2 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The planning application may also be inspected online at the following website: www.grangeoakslrd.com. | 11/09/2024 | 15/10/2024 | [www.grangeoakslrd.com.](http://www.grangeoakslrd.com) | 05/11/2024 |

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/100129>

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| Case No | Applicant’s Name & Brief Description of Development | Date Application Received | Last Day for Submissions/ Observations | Application  Website | Decision due date by DLR |
| LRD24A/0740 | Permission for the development at this site: On lands 1.19ha at Lisieux Hall, Murphystown Road, Dublin 18. The development will consist of modifications to the permitted Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Reg. Ref. ABP-307415-20 and is a Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD). The proposed modifications relate to revisions to the boundary wall details as follows: -  (1) Murphystown Road (east of entrance): The existing stone boundary wall will be kept (c.2.2m to 2.6m) in lieu of the previously permitted low stone wall with railing.  (2) Murphystown Road (west of entrance): The proposed boundary (setback as agreed under Condition 2b of Reg. Ref. ABP-307415-20) will comprise of stone wall (c. 1.8m to 2.3m) in lieu of previously permitted low stone wall with railing.  (3) Murphystown Way: The existing stone boundary wall will be kept (c.2.3m to 2.4m) and lowered at the 4no. pedestrian entrances (750-900mm) in lieu of the previously permitted low stone wall.  (4) Kilgobbin Road: The existing stone and concrete boundary wall will be kept (c.2.8m to 2.9m) and lowered at the 3no. pedestrian entrances (c 750mm) in lieu of the previously permitted low stone wall. There are no proposed modifications of the permitted Blocks 1 to 4 or the gross floor area of the development. 'Lisieux Hall' (not within the current application site) is included on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS No. 1662). No works are proposed to Lisieux Hall itself as part of the application. Th application is available at the following website www.lisieuxpark-lrd5.ie | 17/09/2024 | 21/10/2024 | [www.lisieuxpark-lrd5.ie](http://www.lisieuxpark-lrd5.ie) | 11/11/2024 |

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99380>

**Planning Counter Figures: 29th August – 30th September 2024**

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| Customers Served | 195 |

**Building Control: 29th August – 30th September 2024**

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| Fire Safety Certs applications received\* | 45 |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Granted \* | 22 |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid \* | 0/0/0 |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Received \*\* | 17 |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused\*\* | 18 |
| Commencement Notices Validated | 122 |
| 7 Day Notices received | 43 |
| Completion Certs Validated | 26 |

\*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs, 7 Day Notices & Rev Fire Certs

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

**Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

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| **Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date** | | |
|  | Total approved  to 30th September 2024 | Enterprise Ireland target to 30th September 2024 |
| Feasibility Study | 5 | 37 |
| Business Priming | 3 |
| Business Expansion | 5 |
| Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters | 12 |
| Trading Online Vouchers | 75 | 34 |
| Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP etc.) | 39 | 31 |
| Microfinance Ireland \* | 10 | 10 |
| **Total Approvals** | 149 |  |

\*Number of clients supported to submit MFI application for approval by MFI

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| --- | --- |
| **Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance** | |
|  | Jan – 30th September 2024 |
| No of jobs created | 14 |

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| **Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2024** | **Total to 30th September 2024** |
| Number of applications for Financial Assistance | 149 |
| Clients attending Networking Events | 471 |
| Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars | 1495 |
| Clients commencing mentoring assignments | 284 |
| Clients attending Business Advice clinics | 339 |
| **Total No of Clients Assisted** | 2738 |

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| --- | --- |
| **DLR Economic Development Supports** | **Total to 30th September 2024** |
| Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme | 4 |
| Shop Front Improvement Scheme | 6 |
| Business Promotion Grants | 10 |
| Street Furniture Grants | 1 |

**Enterprise Promotion activities in September 2024**

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| **DLR Enterprise News** | [**LEO DLR - Dublin Climate Action Week**](https://mailchi.mp/leo/dlr-enterprise-news-october-17280601?e=%5bUNIQID%5d)  (sent 27/08/24) Open rate 55%, 3361 recipients  [**LEO DLR - Training Opportunities**](https://mailchi.mp/leo/dlr-enterprise-news-october-17280602?e=%5bUNIQID%5d)  (sent 30/08/24) Open rate 55%, 3368 recipients  [**LEO DLR - Exciting Events Happening in DLR**](https://mailchi.mp/leo/dlr-enterprise-news-october-17281368?e=%5bUNIQID%5d)  (sent 11/09/24) Open rate 55%, 3357 recipients |
| **Business Advice Sessions** | Sessions throughout September |
| **8 Week Start Your Own Business Course** | 2nd September |
| **Food Starter Programme (1 full & 2 half days - 2nd, 16th & 19th Sept)** | 2nd September |
| **Trading Online Voucher Webinar** | 3rd September |
| **10 Week Digital Marketing & AI for Business Course** | 3rd September |
| **Empowering Businesses for Climate Action** | 10th September |
| **Enterprising Women Network Meeting** | 10th September |
| **AI-Driven Market Research Techniques** | 11th September |
| **How to Submit Income Tax Return Form 11 on ROS** | 13th September |
| **AI Tools for Business** | 19th September |
| **Achieving Excellence in Sales** | 25th September |
| **Dublin Food Chain Event – Lions Den** | 25th September |

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| **LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 26th August - 30th September 2024** | | | | |
|  | **No of followers** | **No of New followers** | **No of posts** | **Impressions** |
| Facebook | 2,235 | 1 | 85 | 3,090 |
| Twitter | 5,520 | -6 | 85 |  |
| Instagram | 1,946 | 30 | 85 | 11,881 |
| LinkedIn | 1,091 | 20 | 85 | 2,217 |

**Tourism Development**

7 Day a week tourist information service operating from Marine Road providing up to date tourist information to visitors and cruise guests.

* **Events and Festivals in the county supported by DLR**

* + Dublin Animation Film Festival - The Mill Theatre 7th Sept 2024
  + The Gap Downhill Miniseries – 28/29th September 2024
  + The IRC Keelboat European Championships – 10/15 Sept 2024
  + Rotary Club Annual Conference – Royal Marine Sept 2024

Killiney Water sports facility – Part 8 decision awaiting Council approval.

Joyce Tower Monthly meeting attendance.

Attendance at the Pre-Planning Dun Laoghaire Comedy Festival Meeting.

Attendance at the National ITIC Conference – 26th September

POST Project – Experts Group (Online) – Attendance & presentation of state of the art information to the expert group

Failte Ireland & MCD – NYE 2024

Operational Department meeting. Event to go public October 2024. Family friendly NYE event with fireworks at 8pm sharp from Dun Laoghaire Harbour with fireworks to be visible across the county.

**September saw the last Cruises for 2024.**

6 calls in Sept 10,500 guests and 4,500 crew.

23 Cruise calls for the month of Aug

6 tender calls

5 cancellations

**Enterprise Hub by Quarterdeck in the Ferry Terminal**

The members agreed to a S183 leasehold disposal of the terminal building to Quarterdeck at the Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 to operate an Enterprise Hub. Quarterdeck had indicated that they expected to incur expenditure of c€4m and began the process of seeking tenders for the necessary works after the lease became effective in July 2022. Widespread tender price inflation meant that the tenders obtained by Quarterdeck came in significantly higher than expected, resulting in a delay to the commencement of the works as Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the short-term lease.

In the interim the following conditions of the lease have been satisfied.

* Work was completed on fit out of Stena Line Offices in April/May 2023.
* Work commenced on the fit out of Ground Floor Offices in October 2023.
* Some furniture has been installed in both areas recently.
* A decision was made on the 30th April 2024 to grant the Fire Safety Certificate for the building.
* Works to the remainder of the building are yet to commence.
* The Food Hall and Ground floor co-working area remain under design.
* External signage and façade improvements are yet to commence.
* No date has been given as to when the building will be occupied.

The Economic Development Team will continue to engage with Quarterdeck on the plan to open and occupy the building. The Economic team will continue to engage with Quarterdeck to ensure the conditions of the lease are being adhered to, and to seek remedy to address any non-compliance. It is acknowledged that progress on the project has been significantly slower than anticipated since the lease became effective. The level of construction price inflation experienced during 2022 following the war in Ukraine was unprecedented and unforeseeable. It would have been unreasonable not to have afforded Quarterdeck sufficient time to explore options. Despite the extraordinary construction price inflation, Quarterdeck have again indicated they are committed to the project. The project requires a significantly larger budget which Quarterdeck have said they are willing to commit to. Quarterdeck have said that although they are committed to the project, the project timelines are still subject to change as they rely on external circumstances.

**Dún Laoghaire Harbour**

**Cruise Ship Business**

The 2024 Cruise season is underway with 85 vessels currently booked into Dún Laoghaire Harbour. We are working with the Tourism Section, the Dún Laoghaire Business Association and the Dún Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce to maximize the local benefits of the cruise visitors. The season is proceeding well so far.

**Projects:**

**Harbour Masterplan**

A project to create a Masterplan to guide the future development of the Harbour has been approved. Tenders for a design team were issued a consortium led by a Danish firm, Arrow Architects was the successful tenderer. The initial Pre-Draft Public and Stakeholder Consultation will commence early Sept 2024.

**National Watersports Campus**

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 Grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalizing the grant process and agreements with the project partners. An MOU has been signed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland in order to set out and agree the objectives of the project.

A scheme to apply for additional “top-up” funding was announced in July and DLRCC have been successful in securing an additional €410,952 for this important project. We are out to tender at present for a design team to commence design and permitting for this exciting project.

**Dublin Array Windfarm**

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm have approached the Harbour about the possibility of establishing an Operations and Maintenance Base for the windfarm. It is hoped that there might be synergies with the Ferry Terminal project. Early engagement is ongoing with the developer’s team to establish the exact requirements.

**Infrastructure and Climate Change**

1. **Road Maintenance**

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| **Ref.** | **Programme Type** | **STATUS** | | | | **Comments** |
|  |  | **Design Stage** | **Tendered** | **On site** | **Complete** |  |
| **RRP Major** | **Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Meadowmount (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed - Start imminent |
| 2 | Village Road, Aikens Village (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 3 | Brennanstown Road (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 4 | Enniskerry Road (R-117) |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed |
| 5 | Ballinteer Road, Dundrum (R-826) |  | ✓ |  |  | Works Tendered |
| 6 | Glenageary Road Upper |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works due to be substantially complete by Mid October |
| 7 | Ashlawn Estate | ✓ |  |  |  | Consultant to be appointed in October to prepare a scheme design |
| 8 | Dalkey Avenue (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Resurfacing works ongoing |
| 9 | Old Dublin Road (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Tender has been issued for resurfacing works |
| 10 | Dundela Estate (parts of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works ongoing |
| 11 | Greenville Road public realm | ✓ |  |  |  | Consultant to be appointed in September to prepare a scheme design |
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| **RRP Minor** | **Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Deerpark Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 2 | Woodpark |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 3 | Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 4 | Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 5 | Glenamuck Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 6 | The Gallops, Ballyogan |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 7 | Harbour Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works substantially complete |
| 8 | Breffni Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works substantially complete |
| 9 | Pucks Castle Lane |  |  |  | ✓ | Sustainable patching carried out along the route |
| 10 | Foxrock Court |  |  |  | ✓ | Completed |
| 11 | Grove Avenue (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Completed |
| 12 | Abbey View (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Tender has been issued for resurfacing and footway works |
| 13 | Hudson Road (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Surfacing work to commence in October |
| 12 | Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park) | ✓ |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
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| **FP** | **Footpath Upgrade Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Sandyford Business District (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 2 | Kerrymount Avenue (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 3 | The Park, Cabinteely (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed |
| 4 | Mount Anville Road (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 5 | Cornelscourt Village | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Balally Estate |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 7 | Northumberland Avenue |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works ongoing |
| 8 | Thornhill Road (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Footpath works complete. Resurfacingworks to take place duing October mid term break |
| 9 | Trafalgar Terrace | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Beechwood Park (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | Design has commenced |
| 11 | Granville Road |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works to start in October |
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| **BSP** | **Bridges & Structures Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dublin Road Shankill Bridge | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment | ✓ |  |  |  | survey ongoing |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **DGRP** | **Drainage / Gully Repair Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Landscape Park |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 2 | Old Kilgobbin Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works completed |
| 3 | Brennanstown-Brighton Roads Junction |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 4 | Blackthorn Road, Sandyford |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 5 | Castlebyrne Park | ✓ |  |  |  | Survey carried out and the design is underway |
| 6 | Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction |  |  |  | ✓ |  |
| 7 | Kill Lane |  |  |  | ✓ | Works have been undertaken at the location by Active Travel |
| 8 | Carrickbrennan Road | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Glenageary Dart Station at junction with Marlborough Road | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
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| **NRP** | **National Roads Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3 |  |  |  | ✓ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **AWP** | **Accessibility Works Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Hillview |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 2 | Laneway behind Rosehill (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | Initial survey undertaken. Drainage options are being examined as part of scheme design |
| 3 | Corbawn Lane Beach access | ✓ |  |  |  | Meeting to be held with nearby property owners |
| 4 | Sandycove Close |  | ✓ |  |  | Work due to commence in October |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CMP** | **Cycleway Maintenance Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | St. Olaf’s National School |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 2 | Village Road, Aiken’s Village | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Bellarmine Avenue | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Johnstown Road (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | deisg being prepared |
| 5 | N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3 |  |  |  | ✓ | Wokrs complete |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **EMP** | **Estate Management Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Moreen/Blackthorn |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 2 | Meadowlands Avenue | ✓ |  |  |  | Tender has been isused to repairs some defective cobbled areas |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TICP** | **Taking in Charge Programme\*** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Redesdale (Laneway at Back of Shops) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 2 | Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway | ✓ |  |  |  | Awaiting feedback from Property |
| 3 | Lane Station Road Killiney (near DART) to Marino Avenue West\* | ✓ |  |  |  | Part 8 process has commenced |
| \*Subject to investigation & clarification of ownership, assessment of works & costs | | | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **RCRP** | **Roads Control Reinstatement Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Cherrygarth |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 2 | Kilgobbin Road (at Sandyford Hall r-about) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Landscape Park, Churchtown |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed |
| 3 | Rock Road public lighting |  |  | ✓ | ✓ | Works are complete |
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| **Roads Admin Stats** | **Jan 24** | **Feb 24** | **Mar 24** | **Apr 24** | **May 24** | **Jun 24** | **Jul 24** | **Aug 24** | **Sep 24** |
| **Taking In Charge Certs** | 103 | 115 | 104 | 83 | 188 | 134 | 211 | 180 | 190 |
| **Footpath Dishings** | 10 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 7 | 5 |
| **Hoarding Licences** | 3 | 2 | 1 | n/a | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| **Surface Permits** | 12 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 7 |
| **Road Opening Licences** | 218 | 237 | 220 | 250 | 272 | 219 | 220 | 161 | 170 |
| **CRMs (Processed)** | 423 | 327 | 280 | 288 | 571 | 365 | 410 | 327 | 353 |

**2. Traffic and Road Safety**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Preliminary Design Stage** | **Public Consultation** | **Detailed Design Stage** | **Tendered** | **On site** | **Complete** | **Comment** |
| **CAPITAL Schemes 2024 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section** | | | | | | | |
| Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD) |  |  | ✓ |  |  |  | Progressing slowly due to lack of internal resources and is also subject to funding |
| Cycle Parking Development |  |  |  |  | ✓ |  | Cycle parking roll-out continuing Cycle parking roll-out continuing. New cycle stands are being fabricated and delivered to our stores. Various locations have been identified with the contractor for their installation. |
| Stepaside Village – Cycle Link to Cruagh Wood |  |  | ✓ |  |  |  | *Detailed Design on-going for Phase 1.* |
| Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  | Civil works for Traffic calming interventions at entry points to the village (Phase I) complete. Appointment of Engineering consultant to carry out design of Phase II ongoing |
| Frankfort Park, Dundrum, Signalised Junction |  |  |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction ongoing. |

**Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan**

Phase 3 & 4 – Preliminary redesign ongoing for Phase 4 on Old Dublin Road. Property title searches required to progress Phase 3 on Kilmacud Road Lower.

**Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)**

Area 1(Dún Laoghaire) had a TAG meeting on the 22nd of September at which 25 items were dealt with.

**Road Safety and Sustainable Travel**

* Shanganagh Road, Shankill: All works have now been completed. Awaiting connection for pedestrian lights from ESB.
* Pedestrians’ crossing at Old Bray Road, Cabinteely: Construction ongoing.
* Construction for the Traffic calming scheme at Rollins Villas commenced two weeks ago and is currently progressing as planned.

All partner Car Clubs (4 in total) have now signed new Agreements with the Council up to December 2024 with Licence and permits now renewable annually. 1 new partner has been added since last intake. (Driveyou signed up in August 2024)

2 bike share operators have signed new agreements with the Council up to 2025.

**Deputations**

There were 3 sets of deputations in September 2024. Ticknock Park residents, Simonsridge; Wedgewood residents, Balally and Leopardstown Heights residents, Leopardstown all met with Council Staff on the 12th of Sept 2024.

**BusConnects**

*Bus routes L26 from Kilternan to Blackrock and L27 from Dun Laoghaire to Leopardstown were recently approved by DLRCC.*

The Section 38 scheme for Harbour Road Bus Terminal at Dun Laoghaire train station is now at detailed design stage and Aecom are currently working on preparing a final set of drawings that will then be distributed to various internal departments within DLRCC (conservation, drainage, lighting etc.) for review and feedback.

A meeting was held this week with the NTA to discuss plans for Taney Cross. Capital Projects also attended this meeting. In brief, the NTAs rollout of services (phases 9 and 11) for this area will likely occur before the full upgrade of Taney Cross Junction will take place. The NTA agreed to assist the Capital Projects team with the tender brief. In the interim, the Transportation team will work with the NTA to facilitate the delivery of phases 9 and 11.

Further discussions/meetings were had with the NTA regarding the impact of the GDRS and Glenamuck Road on existing and future bus services in the area, as well as potential new stops and relocated stops (along Glenamuck Road).

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| **Sept 2024** | **Road Closures** | **Filming Locations** | **Event Signage** |
| Applications Received | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Applications-Awaiting Further information | 0 | 4 | 0 |

**3.** **Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Cleansing & Beaches Stats** | **Mar**  **2024** | **Apr**  **2024** | **May**  **2024** | **Jun**  **2024** | **Jul**  **2024** | **Aug**  **2024** |
| Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes) | 266 | 283 | 228 | 218 | 248 | 197 |
| Clean-Ups Assisted | 43 | 88 | 93 | 89 | 91 | 73 |
| Animal Removals from Public Spaces | 17 | 30 | 38 | 42 | 41 | 30 |
| Bathing Water Samples Taken | 18 | 18 | 18 | 36 | 49 | 38 |
| Gullies Cleaned | 521 | 635 | 1554 | 753 | 1958 | 1611 |
| Dumping Incidents Managed | 37 | 45 | 45 | 41 | 65 | 61 |
| Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water | No  report received | No  report received | No  report received | No report received | No report received | No report received |
| Street Bin Collections | 4743 | 4662 | 4990 | 5026 | 5089 | 5154 |
| Filming/Event Licenses | Filming-1  Events-2 | Filming – 1  Events - 0 | Filming- 2  Events -3 | Filming – 0  Events -5 | Filming – 0  Events - 8 | Filming – 0  Events –  4 |

\* Statistics available up to the end of August 2024.

**4. Relevant Statistics**

There were 2924 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 29th August and 30th September 2024 breakdown of which is as follows:

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| --- | --- |
| **Violation** | **no. of fixed charge notices issued** |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations | 1268 |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations | 523 |
| Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay | 355 |
| Parking a vehicle on a footway | 208 |
| Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line | 110 |
| Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line | 102 |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations | 59 |
| Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand | 52 |
| Overstaying 3-hour parking limit | 38 |
| Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay | 36 |
| Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place | 35 |
| Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay | 33 |
| Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time | 15 |
| Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins | 14 |
| Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop | 14 |
| Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay | 10 |
| Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited | 8 |
| Parking a vehicle on a grass margin | 7 |
| Parking a vehicle on a cycle track | 7 |
| Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging | 6 |
| OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT | 6 |
| OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT | 5 |
| Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction | 5 |
| Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic | 2 |
| Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights | 2 |
| Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles | 1 |
| Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic | 1 |
| Parking out of the limits of a bay | 1 |
| Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance | 1 |
| **Total no. of fixed charge notices issued between 29th August and 30th September 2024** | **2924** |

There were 47 convictions secured in the District Court in September 2024.

**5. Public Lighting**

**Public Lighting**

Work continues on the replacement of the old lights with LED lighting which is more energy efficient, gives less maintenance and improved service. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns and Networks is also on-going.

**Public Lighting Maintenance**

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| --- | --- |
| Number of repairs carried out in Sept 2024: | 156 |
| Percentage of lights out at the end of Sept 2024: | 0.55% |
| Pole replacement carried out in Sept 2024: | 1 |
| Bracket replacements: | 29 |
| Tree trimming: | 0 |
| ESBN Connections/ Requests: | 9 |
| LED Upgrades | 47 |
| Total lights upgraded to LED | 22,078 |
| Total percentage (%) of lights as LED | 90.3% |

(extra lines added)

**LED Upgrading Program**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ADELAIDE STREET | 1 |
| BELGRAVE ROAD | 1 |
| BROADFORD ROAD | 1 |
| CHARLEMONT AVENUE | 1 |
| CHURCHFIELDSDUNDRUM | 1 |
| CLONSKEAGH ROAD | 2 |
| CLONSKEAGH ROAD(CONTD. FROM DUB REGION) | 1 |
| COPPINGER ESTATE | 1 |
| DUNDELA PARK | 1 |
| DUNEDIN DRIVE | 1 |
| DUNEDIN TERRACE | 3 |
| EDEN PARK | 2 |
| Grange Hill | 1 |
| HOLLYPARK | 1 |
| IDRONE LANE | 1 |
| KERRYMOUNT ESTATE | 1 |
| KILCROSS ESTATE | 1 |
| MARETIMO GARDENS EAST | 6 |  |  |
| OLIVER PLUNKETT TERRACE | 1 |
| RATHSALLAGH PARK | 1 |
| ROSEHILL | 1 |
| SAND.I.E. CARMAN HALL ROAD | 1 |
| SHANDON PARK | 1 |
| St. Helens Wood | 5 |
| ST. KEVINS VILLAS | 1 |
| ST. PATRICKS CRESCENT Monkstown | 1 |
| ST. PATRICKS ROAD | 3 |
| THE PALMS | 1 |
| VICO ROAD | 3 |
| WOODBROOK DOWNS | 1 |

**Planning and Building Control**

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| --- | --- |
| Applications analysed | 15 |
| Inspections completed | 2 |

**Requests**

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

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| --- | --- |
| Additions: | 0 |
| Alterations: | 2 |
| Legal requests: | 1 |

**Environmental Enforcement**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **DATE** | **Number** | **Comment** |
| Enforcement Complaints – Opened | 55 | Air/Noise/Waste |
| Enforcement Complaints – Closed | 61 | Air/Noise/Waste |
| Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter) | 92 | Litter Section |
| Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter) | 101 | Litter Section |
| Abandoned car Cases - Opened | 49 | Waste Section |
| Graffiti Cases - Opened | 112 | Waste Section |
| Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened | 19 | Waste Section |
| Litter Fines issued | 9 | Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws |
| Waste Fines issued | 11 | Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act |
| Legal Proceedings initiated | 5 | Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act |

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| --- | --- |
| **Dog Statistics from 29th August 2024 – 30th September 2024** | |
| No. of dogs on hand on 29th August | 1 |
| No. of dogs entering the shelter | 8 |
| No. of dogs surrendered | 0 |
| No. of dogs rehomed | 1 |
| No. of dogs reclaimed | 3 |
| No. of dogs sent to rescue | 2 |
| No. of dogs put to sleep | 2 |
| No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 30th September | 1 |
| Dog attacks in this period | 7 – 4 on person |

**6. Roads Control**

**August** – 26th August to 30th September

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Ref. | Programme Type | STATUS |
| **RCRP** | **Roads Control Programme 2024** | |
| 1 | Landscape Road | Uisce Eireann (UE) have have agreed on the amount of funding towards the full rehabilitation of Landscape Road. The tender documents have been reviewed and the successful Tenderer has been notified, we are currently waiting a commencement date for the works. Footpath works added to the scheme and are being completed by the Contractor prior to the road surfacing works. |

**Road Opening Licences (26th August to 30th September)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System** | |
| Applications Received | 208 |
| Applications Not Processed Yet | 53 |
| Applications Refused/Withdrawn | 5 |
| Valid Licenses Issued | 131 |
| Licensed Works Completed | 13 |
| Applications Expired | 6 |

**Section 254’s**

Local Authorities, in their capacity as planning authorities, are tasked with the issuing of licenses for the placement of appliances, cables, signs, and/or other items on public roads under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The Road Maintenance Section is the area responsible for the issuing of such licenses for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

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| Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure | |
| 26th August to 30th September | |
| **Applications** |  |
| Received | 0 |
| Granted | 0 |
| Withdrawn | 0 |

**Architects**

**Open House Dublin – Architecture Festival**

Open House Dublin, architecture festival starts with a dedicated Junior Weekend for children and families from 12-13 October.  Events include an interactive, educational, augmented reality (AR) game at Marlay House, a family Architrek – guided walking tour and children’s creative workshops in the dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire on 12 October. Junior Weekend events will feature a drop-in workshop for children and teens, on 13 October, to discuss their ideas for their local outdoor play-meeting spaces and skate parks, with a particular focus on the outdoor spaces proposed for the Samuel Beckett Campus. <https://openhousedublin.com/junior/>

**Open House Dublin**

From the harbour to the home, from October 12–20, join in the tours, conversations, exhibitions, studio visits, workshops and more. The ‘Bringing Back Homes - Creative and Sustainable Ways to Revitalise Old Buildings into a Home’ event on 19 October in the Council Chamber will showcase four examples of vacant buildings that have been transformed into new homes. <https://openhousedublin.com/>

**'Reimagining George’s Place - Revitalising through Reuse’ - Public Consultation**  
'Reimagining George’s Place - Revitalising through Reuse’ will develop an Integrated Urban Study for a rapidly changing area of Dún Laoghaire, with a focus on a number of local authority owned buildings on the corner of George’s Lane and Kelly’s Avenue. Previously these properties have been occupied as a hotel, a wash house, council stores and offices. As part of this project dlr are inviting everyone to take part in a [public survey](https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/architects/integrated-urban-study-for-george-s-place-kelly-s/) where we are listening to and gathering information from a wide range of stakeholders and potential users to support the future development of new facilities at this location. We are looking for your opinions on the existing buildings and their potential future reuse. An [on-site workshop is being held during Open House Dublin](https://openhousedublin.com/locations/reimagining-georges-place-revitalising-through-reuse/) to help understand the potential of these remarkable buildings. Initiated by dlr Architects, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council received funding, under strand 1 of THRIVE  – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme, for an integrated urban study for George’s Place and Kelly’s Avenue, Dún Laoghaire.  Reimagining George’s Place is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027.

**Conservation**

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| --- | --- |
| Planning Applications   (inc.FI & comp reports) | 19 |
| Pre-planning | 6 |
| Section 5 Declarations | 5 |
| Section 57 Declarations | 2 |
| Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024 Grant Scheme &  Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024 Grant Scheme | Second Progress Report sent to DHLGH 13 September |
| Enforcement | Closing date for applications 27 September 2024 |

**Dangerous Buildings**

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| --- | --- |
| Dangerous | 0 |
| Potentially Dangerous | 3 |
| Not Dangerous | 0 |
| **Total** | 3 |

**Energy**  
The ‘dlr Energy Tune Up Clinic’ in the dlr LexIcon on 11 September, had over 60 attendees including community centre managers, a Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme (HAFH) representative and the general public who tried out some energy saving tools, asked questions and learned from the presentations.The Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) explained about how to better understand energy bills and encouraged attendees to shop around and switch energy suppliers through some of the CRU accredited price comparison websites. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland presenter outlined the top 5 energy uses in a home and about energy grants. CODEMA, Dublin's Energy Agency demonstrated the tools in the Home Energy Saving Kit, which is free to borrow from libraries, to measure how your home uses energy and where energy might be escaping.

**Community, Cultural Services & Parks**

**Community Integration Forum (formerly Community Response Forum)**

The Community Response Forum has been renamed the Community Integration Forum (CIF). It met every second Monday during September to discuss and coordinate support services to IPAs & Ukrainians. The focus of the Forum is on co-ordinating the response to the arrival of both International Protection Applicants and Ukrainian refugees in the County. The wide range of stakeholders in the Forum remains in place and the CIF is chaired by Chief Executive Frank Curran.

A wide range of supports and activities are in place which include HSE clinics and health services provision, English language, digital skills, employment and job seeking supports, support with school places, young people’s activities, volunteering opportunities, provision of sporting, health and wellbeing, social & cultural activities etc. from member organisations such as Southside Partnership dlr, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, D&DL Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteer Centre and a number of other community and voluntary groups.

**dlr Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):**

The dlr Local Authority Integration Team was established in the Community Section of dlr County Council at the end of July with an Integration Support Coordinator, two Integration Support Workers and an Assistant Staff Officer in place to support International Protection Applicants (IPAs) and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection located in the various centres across dlr, working in collaboration with many other organisations supporting new arrivals to dlr. All local authorities are currently recruiting or have recruited LAIT’s which are funded and supported by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Inclusion (DCEDIY) and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA). The LAIT’s report to their Local Authority Community Integration Fora and to the LGMA & DCEDIY on a regular basis.

During August & September, the dlr LAIT visited accommodation centres across dlr hosting clinics to meet residents and to assess their needs, assist with queries and to signpost and encourage engagement of new arrivals with local service providers appropriate to their needs - employment, developing English language proficiency, training, healthcare, social welfare, volunteering, childcare & education, sporting, community activities etc.

The dlr LAIT have also been meeting the various organisations that are providing support to IPA’s and BOTP in dlr to map service provision, identify any gaps in service provision avoiding duplication and to identify collaborative projects to support residents and assist with integration in the community.

New initiatives such as volunteering training with dlr Volunteering Centre; football, running and hiking activities with dlr Sports Partnership, Cuala GAA and Trail Criú; Creative Ireland funded Drumming & Dancing workshops etc. were recently initiated in collaboration with the dlr LAIT. The dlr LAIT also continue to signpost, support and encourage new arrivals to avail of the services and supports provided by DDLETB, Southside Partnership DLR, Crosscare, HSE, dlr Libraries etc. and will be providing integration training over the coming months.

**Community Recognition Fund**

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) introduced in 2023 by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) recognises the efforts made by communities in welcoming and supporting new arrivals coming to Ireland.

For 2024-25, DLRCC has been allocated €765,487 under the Community Recognition Fund 2024 and the dlr Local Authority Integration Team is administering the fund on behalf of the DRCD.

DLRCC accepted applications for the CRF 2024, Window 2 and the closing date was the 16th September 2024. All information on CRF 2024 is available to view on the dlrcc website at: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/community/community-funding-support/community-recognition-fund-2024> Recommended applications were sent to the DRCD by 30th September 2024 for assessment and successful applicants will be notified by DRCD in late 2024.

A further funding call will be made by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in November/December 2024, with a list of recommended applications to be sent to the DRCD no later than 31st January 2025. These applications will be assessed by the DRCD, with applicants notified in Spring 2025.

**Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) & Local Policing Fora (LPF)**

In accordance with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 the JPC has been replaced with the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP). The last meeting of the JPC was the Public Meeting held on 28th May 2024.

During July 2024 dlr invited expressions of interest for consideration to the appointment of Chairperson of the new Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) which will be established in dlr in line with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024. The closing date was on 2nd August and the submissions received are currently being assessed.

A meeting of the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF took place on 13th August 2024.

A meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF took place on 20th August 2024.

A meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF took place on 3rd September 2024.

A meeting of the Loughlinstown/Ballybrack/Shankill LPF took place on 17th September 2024.

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown** **Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-28**

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan for 2023-2028 has been developed to guide the sustainable economic and community development of the County over the next five years. The LECP 2023-28 was adopted at the County Council meeting held on 8th April 2024 and the plan was launched in County Hall on Wednesday 25th September 2024. A copy of the plan is available at [DLR LECP 2023-2028](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/dlrcoco/files/2024-09/DLR%20LECP%202023-2028_0.pdf)

**LCDC**

A meeting of the LCDC took place on the 25th September 2024.

**Comhairle na nÓg**

DLR Comhairle members continued to work on the topic of School Stress. A steering committee meeting took place. DLR Comhairle members made a presentation to DLR CYPSC Members**.**

**Estate Management**

Estate Managment Forum's continued to work through their annual action plans, supported by Community Team Staff. Final dates were agreed by Estate Management Forums to run their Community Recycling Skip Days.

**Community Grants 2025**

The dlr Universal Grant Scheme 2025 opened for applications in September and will remain open for applications until 25th October. In addition to online information sessions taking place, Community Section staff are holding in person grant information and application support sessions for community groups. These in person sessions will take place both in County Hall and in the Dundrum Offices.

**National Recovery Month September 2024**

Dlr Community Section staff, working in collaboration with the DLR Community Addiction Team, DROP and other local service providers, organised numerous community events throughout the month of September culminating in the Recovery Festival held on Saturday 28th September.  These events aim to promote, support and increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery.  There was great attendance at all events.  The Recovery Festival itself was held in The People’s Park, Dun Laoghaire and included a community walk, entertainment for all the family, singing, facepainting, and much more.

**Pride of Place 2024.**

### Judging of the 4 dlr entries for the 2024 Pride of Place Awards took place on the 19th and 20th August. This annual competition is an all-island competition that acknowledges and celebrates the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland. The four dlr entries for 2024 are as follows:

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| **Group** | **Category** |
| Shanganagh Community Gardens/Men's Shed | Climate Action and Biodiversity. |
| Dlr Men's Shed | Community Wellbeing Initiative. |
| Ballinteer Active Retirement Association | Age Friendly- Communities. |
| Shankill Village | Population over 5,000. |

**dlr Integration Forum**

The dlr Integration Forum is a voluntary committee from diverse backgrounds and the main objective of the Forum is to promote the participation and integration of immigrants in the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and membership is free.

The dlr Integration Forum held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm in the New Council Chamber, Dún Laoghaire to plan for 2024/25 activities. The dlr Integration Forum are always seeking new committee members and migrant community groups to join the forum that are passionate about integration of new communities in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.

**dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024**

The dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024was launched during March with closing date of the 31st May 2024. Applications were received from homeowners 65 years of age and over living in dlr to replace existing lock barrels or cylinders in external doors with high security anti-snap locks and covers the total cost for the replacement of lock barrels only, on up to maximum 2 locks per home – front door / back door / side door.

Over 200 applications were received online, over the phone and in the post with successful applicants notified during June and locks replacements took place during the months of July and August.

**dlr Older People’s Council**

The 2024 dlr OPC Transport Grants closing date was the 31st May and over 20 groups applied for Transport Grants worth €300 for day & evening trips taking place during 2024. To date payment of the Transport Grant has been made to 16 groups.

A meeting of the dlr Older People’s Council was held on 17th September in County Hall. The Older People’s Council Events Subcommittee will be holding an Older People’s Variety Show in the Royal Marine Hotel on 9th October.

**Dalkey Age-Friendly DART Station**

Iarnród Éireann have recently appointed a National Age-Friendly Manager and 10 train stations have been piloted nationally to become Age-Friendly train stations. A formal walkability audit will take place before the end of the year to assess accessibility and Age-Friendly services at Dalkey DART Station.

**dlr Age-Friendly Alliance Q3 meeting**

The dlr Age-Friendly Alliance held their Q3 meeting on Tuesday 10th September in the New Council Chamber and presentations were made by HSE and Equality Officer. Updates and opportunities for collaboration were discussed between the 20+ older person’s groups and organisations operating in dlr. Actions continue to be implemented.

**Domestic Violence Refuge**

The Council commissioned a Domestic Violence Refuge Needs Assessment to establish if there was a need to provide a Domestic Violence (DV) refuge within the County.  The report established an evidence-based approach that underpins the need for a refuge in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area.

The Council is progressing this project under the Planning and Development Acts and the regulations made thereunder and more specifically the Planning and Development (Section 179A) Regulations 2023.

This project will deliver 12 units of accommodation and associated facilities to accommodate those affected by domestic abuse and their families.

**Arts**

**Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme**

Crosscurrents: an exhibition of new multimedia art works by artists from ArtNetdlr opened in the Municipal Gallery in dlr LexIcon on Sept 6th to a huge crowd of artists, family friends and supporters.

Working collaboratively the exhibiting artists responded to the theme of Crosscurrents. Painting, print, sculpture, drawing, poetry, spoken word, video and multimedia are all included in the exhibition.

The Gallery Learning Programme had lots of workshops and events in September including the popular Open Art Studio, a walk-through of the current exhibition with the curator and exhibiting artists, demonstration of casting and a knot making workshop.

**Arts Grants 2025**

The annual scheme of arts grants opened for applications. Grants are available to provide financial assistance to individual artists, arts groups and arts organisations engaged in arts projects or events at local or county level and to support the professional development and arts practice of individual artists, arts groups and organisations. We fund Community Art Grants to support community arts activity in the County. Older Persons groups can apply for the Arts Access Older Persons Grants to support them to participate in arts activities. The closing date is the 25th of October at 1pm.

**Musician in Residence**

Musician in Residence violinist Jane Hackett started in the Studio in dlr LexIcon. She is collaborating with George Higgs and Lianne Quigley to create new work to be performed with Dublin Theatre for the Deaf in November. This performance will be for both hearing and deaf audiences.

**Youth Creative Engagement Programme**

September has been a very busy month for Youth Arts Activity in the County. With projects underway in several of Crosscare Youth Services in the County, the UBU funded programme also supported the Recovery Festival in Dún Laoghaire, Southside Travellers Action Group and young people in our local IPAS centres.

**Dún Laoghaire Baths Studios**

2 additional new artists, Kathy Tynan and Karen Browett, moved into the Baths Artist Studios in September following a competitive open call to select the next resident artists for 2024 – 25. To date the studios have supported nine artists to create new work and engage with the public.

**Libraries**

**Online Resources**

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here [https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library](https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library%E2%80%AF) All you need is your dlr Library card. Highlights include:

* **Kanopy:** film streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.
* **Moshi:** well-being app for kids, with hundreds of original and inspiring audio stories, music and mindful meditations to enrich the imagination, promote improved sleep, and unlock potential.
* **LOTE:** online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations.
* **Medici.tv:** video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballets and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

**Dlr Libraries now offers several resources for teaching typing and spelling skills.**

Touch-type Read and Spell (TTRS) is an online course that teaches typing, reading and spelling. It is designed to benefit students of all ages who experience spelling, reading or writing difficulties. dlr libraries have licenses that we give to teachers and parents with no charge prioritising places for students with conditions like dyslexia.

The student can login online (at home or in the library or at school, etc). The course itself is highly recommended, but younger students will generally benefit from plenty of encouragement and direction. This service has received funding under the Dormant Accounts Fund (Department of Rural and Community Development.

We have also now bought licenses for Searsol’s Typwiz software licensing. Typewiz, a specially crafted typing software for children, draws upon extensive academic research to offer a unique and motivating approach to touch typing. The program incentivizes learning through word-per-minute badges, earned avatars, and virtual coins redeemable in an exciting typing game arcade. Tailored touch typing games are designed to inspire and engage, with each game session contributing to a child's progress, tracked and showcased on an interactive leaderboard.

Either kind of typing license can be loaned to teachers or parents for helping children learn to type, and are free of charge and usable either in school settings, libraries or in the child’s own home.

**dlr Libraries’ resources for Ukrainians and other guests of the County**

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://shorturl.at/HMQX5> and at [https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0](https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0%E2%80%AF). As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: [LOTE Online](https://lote4kids.com/member-home/) and [Borrowbox](https://dunlaoghaire.borrowbox.com/search?languages=Russian&limit=60&q=Russian&sort=relevance).

Library staff in dlr LexIcon have engaged with the staff and service users of the International Protection Centre in the Eblana Centre (Dún Laoghaire) to let them know of the services and resources available to them in their local dlr Library. In the LexIcon, a meeting space with free wifi has been made available for those who need it, and tutors from the *English in the Library* group offer English conversational sessions for Eblana Centre users. Outreach visits from Blackrock Library staff to Blackrock Hall International Protection Centre have begun, to make service users there aware of the services and resources they can avail of through dlr Libraries. Excess book stock is being sent from Library HQ to the service users of the IPCs in Blackrock and Blackglen.

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**September Highlights**

**National Open Day @ dlr Libraries Events** (throughout dlr Libraries branches, 28 September)

National Public Libraries Open Day promotes the role of public libraries in Irish society and raises awareness of the broad range of services they provide. This took place Saturday, 28th September, with 300+ libraries across Ireland marking it through activities, events and celebrations. More than 2900 people visited a dlr Library branch. Events included:

* Get Lost in VR (dlr LexIcon)
* eServices for All (Deansgrange Library)
* Family storytimes (Dundrum Library, Cabinteely Library)
* Demonstration of Accessible Services Collection (dlr LexIcon)
* Pop-up Adult Education Stand (dlr LExIcon)

**Celebrating Eavan Boland** (21 & 28 September, Dundrum Library & dlr LexIcon)

This September, to mark what would have been the 80th Birthday of renowned Irish poet Eavan Boland, dlr Libraries hosted two events featuring her poetry, readings by her friends and family plus some music.

Readers included actress Geraldine Plunkett plus members of the WEB writing group, established following a series of workshops for women writers facilitated by Eavan for Arlen House in the 1980s. The group continues to meet monthly, and dlr Libraries are delighted to be able to support them through this event and other initiatives.

**Jacqueline Wilson in Conversation with Aoife Barry** (26 September, dlr LexIcon)

dlr LexIcon was delighted to host acclaimed author Jacqueline Wilson for a fully booked out event this month. 250 eager attendees filled the Childrens Library on Level 4 and were treated to an entertaining and illuminating conversation.

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**Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse**

**Studio Saturdays: dlr Libraries’ Monthly Workshops for Neurodiverse Children** (7 September, dlr LexIcon)

SENSEable Kids facilitated two workshops in this first Studio Saturday following a summer break, Sensory Play and Process Art. Children were invited to explore a multitude of sensory materials in the Sensory Play session designed to provide a fun, supportive environment where the parent could follow the child’s lead in activities. Process Art was aimed at older children, giving them the opportunity to be creative, with emphasis on enjoying the process rather than focusing on the end product. 20 families took part in the sessions, which ran from 11am – 4pm.

**Sensory resources from dlr Libraries**

* Our Tovertafels (Magic Tables) in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries are available to book by individuals and groups
* Sensory Room in Deansgrange Library is available to book
* Items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment can be borrowed
* We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in many library spaces where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse
* Each library has a sensory box with a selection of toys/equipment including ear defenders. These items can be used onsite by visitors to the library
* A dedicated set of items, including ear defenders and a dark den, are available for branches to borrow for events

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**Events for Adults**

**You Can Quit – Free Support for Smokers** (13 September, Dundrum Library)

HSE Health Promotion team provided information on the free supports available to those wishing to stop smoking.

**Energy Tune Up Clinic** (11 September, dlr LexIcon)

Dlr Climate Action Team and dlr Energy Team hosted this event during Dublin Climate Action Week. More than 50 participants found out about energy grants and smart metering, as well as practical advice on draughts, ventilation and mould.

**Libraries Online Resources Information Session** (24 September, Dalkey Library)

Library staff introduced participants to the wide range of online resources available to patrons of dlr Libraries. These included eBooks, eAudiobooks, music and film streaming and help with using both our website and app.

**Events for UN Sustainable Development Goals Week** (20 – 29 September, dlr LexIcon)

* Fussy Eating Talk with Fussy Food Plates
  + An engaging session delving into the psychology behind fussy eating in children, offering practical strategies for parents and caregivers to manage mealtime challenges effectively.
* Reset Your Home with Hazel Burton
  + Prectical tips on how to declutter and reset your home with manageable organisation systems
* Sustainable Sewing with Tamara Fiabane
  + An eco-upcycling working learning to repurpose different household items
* **Clothes Swap** with the **Sustainable Life School (Saturday 28 Sept, dlr Lexicon)**
* The event will take place Sat 28 September from 10.00am-1pm, with a talk on Sustainable Fashion from 10.00-10.30am and the clothes swap commencing at 10.30am.
* Participants are asked to donate **up to 3 items** of good quality adult clothing ahead of the swap day (please no underwear, sleepwear, sportswear or swimwear) in exchange for tokens which can be used at the event.

**Dublin Women in History, a series of local history talks by Brian White (26 Sept, dlr Lexicon)**

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**Creative Writing Groups**

Creative writing groups currently taking place in dlr Libraries:

Scriveners – Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Writeway - Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Monthly Writers’ Group, Deansgrange Library

Green Kites Poetry Group – Fortnightly writing group, Deansgrange Library

Dalkey Library Writers’ Group – Monthly writers group, Dalkey Library

dlr LexIcon Writers Group – Fortnightly writers’ group, dlr LexIcon

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**Language Exchange Groups** (Daily, Deansgrange Library)

Deansgrange Library offers daily conversation groups, from 10.00am-11.30am, in an informal self-led setting. All levels are welcomed, and no booking is required. The schedule is: Mondays – Italian, Tuesdays – Irish, Wednesdays – German, Fridays – French, Saturdays – Spanish.

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**Library Clubs & Groups for adults**

**dlr Yarnspinners: Storytelling Circle for Adults** (18 September, dlr LexIcon)

Our monthly storytelling circle returned with talented storyteller Sorcha Hegarty.

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to meet in our library spaces. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, Scrabble Club in Dundrum, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library and Craft and Chat in dlr LexIcon, the Knit Clubs in Cabinteely and Blackrock Libraries, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The English in the Library group meet weekly in dlr LexIcon and Blackrock Library hosts a Local History Group every month. Dalkey Library now hosts an Adult Board Game Club and has also started a self-led Sketch Club offering the opportunity to sketch in a warm, friendly environment.

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**Book Clubs**

Each of our 8 libraries has in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library, the Irish language Club Leabhair in Dalkey Library and the Thriller Tuesday Book Club in the LexIcon plus the Blackrock Library online book club takes places on the second Thursday of the month via Zoom. LexIcon also hosts a History Book Club and a new monthly Irish language Club Leabhar Filíochta. Our long-running, popular online Book Club with facilitator Mary Burnham returned in September, with a special meeting with Phil Harrison, the author of this month’s book choice *Silverback*.

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**Outreach**

dlr LexIcon welcomed 120 pupils and staff from St. Laurence College and four of its feeder schools to celebrate the work they did during their One Book One Community Project 2024. dlr Libraries hope to continue this collaboration based on the success of both the project and the event.

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**Exhibition Programme**

**Colours Chasing Me by Friday Friends** (1 – 30 September, Deansgrange Library)

Living Well with Dementia exhibited this art piece during September, in recognition of World Alzheimer’s Month. LWwD aimes to raise awareness about dementia, reduce stigma, promote early diagnosis, and support for people living with dementia. *Colours Chasing Me* is a collaborative artwork created by weekly art group *Friday Friends*. The creation of the art piece was facilitated by artist Caroline Schofield and funded by dlr Arts Office.

**George Fox (1624-1691) and the Irish Quaker Tradition** (2 September – 10 October, dlr LexIcon)

Quakerism, a sect inspired by the preaching of George Fox, arose during the religious upheavals of seventeenth century England. The first Irish Quakers came from England in the early 1650s, and the exhibition reflects their hisroyt and life since then, showing how this dissenting minority group came to play a significant role in the development of industry and society in Ireland.

Associated talks series:

* Towards Understanding George Fox, his formation and early message, 1624-1654 (Charles Lamb)
* Quakers and the Arts (Peter Lamb)
* The Quaker response to the “Troubles” in Northern Ireland (Felicity McCartney)
* Quakers in the Monkstown and Dún Laoghaire area (Rob Goodbody)
* The Quaker contribution to Irish education (Clodagh Grubb)

**Woodspace: Exhibition of Wood Designers of the Present and the Future** (25 September – 9 October, dlr LexIcon)

Rotary Ireland and dlr LexIcon present this exhibition that features posters, vidso, design models and information on sustainable use of wood from forest to end product. Collaboration is the theme of many of the projects featured in *Woodspace* including Venice Vessel and the Séamus Heaney Walk Seating Project. *Woodspace* is supported by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Rotary Ireland.

**Glass Reflections of 19th Century Dún Laoghaire** (27 September – 13 October, dlr LexIcon)

Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown Libraries present an exhibition of digitised glass plate slides from the dlr Local Studies’ Charles Hamilton Oswald Collection. Oswald, from Dún Laoghaire, had a special interest in yachting, and either acquired or inherited the collection which mainly depict life in and around Dún Laoghaire Harbour. A digitised version of this unique collection will be available to view for the first time, reflecting an important period in the town’s history. The Local Studies team will also present a talk on the history of glass plate photography, the importance of preservation and the digitisation process.

*For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit:*

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/news-events/dlr-exhibitions/dlr-exhibitions>

**Transformations,** (September 10 – end October) dlr LexIcon

The Irish Guild of Embroiderers presents its 2024 exhibition of members’ work on the theme of “TRANSFORMATIONS”

The Guild was founded in 2000 to bring together like-minded people with an interest in textiles, particularly embroidery, and to share inspirations, ideas and techniques.

Our membership encompasses a wide variety of textile skills, and levels of abilities from complete novices to more experienced embroiderers. Some teach and exhibit nationally and internationally; some sell their work or take commissions; others are total beginners or prefer to enjoy their art for themselves alone. It is this mix of abilities and unbounded enthusiasm that gives our group a great dynamic atmosphere.

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**Events for Children and Families**

**dlr LexIcon Coding Club with Coding Ireland** (Starting 1 September, Online)

A new coding club, in partnership with Coding Ireland, teaches young members to create games, animations, and more - all from home. This free programme develops problem-solving and creativity while introducing essential digital skills for children. No experience needed, just a computer or laptop.

**Puppet Show** (5 September, Dundrum Library)

End of Summer Stars celebration Puppet Show with library staff

**Butterfly Mask Making and Storytime** (11, 18 September, Shankill Library)

Library staff led this fun crafting session where children learned how to make butterfly masks and hear some butterfly-themed stories.

**PlanIt Play Family Workshops** (28 September, dlr LexIcon)

Make a superhero for climate action! PlanIt Play joined dlr LexIcon for these family workshops, where art meets science. Participants learned about the lifecycle of toys and the circular economy.

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**Library Clubs & Groups for children and families**

In dlr LexIcon, the monthly family film club takes place in the Studio Theatre on the last Thursday of the month at 3.30pm. The film choice for September was the Disney modern classic *Moana* (2014). Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely and Dalkey Libraries once a week. Shankill Library host a monthly Junior book club and Dalkey have a popular family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a baby/parent group that meets weekly.  Cabinteely Library organises a number of clubs which foster creativity and skills, including a Builders Club which uses Magformers and blocks, and a Board Game Club.

Dlr LexIcon has introduced a new Gaming Club, meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, suitable for 8-12 yr olds.

Lego clubs are held in Dalkey, dlr LexIcon and Blackrock libraries, with monthly events for families. Family Lego Time in Blackrock Library, children are asked to bring their most creative ideas and the library will provide the Lego. Dalkey Library Lego Challenge Club is a free play session on the first Saturday morning of the month.

For full details of storytime sessions visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/using-your-library/children-and-families/children-and-families>

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**Statistics**

**Social media (as of 25 September)**

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| Facebook | 8,527 followers |
| X (formerly Twitter) | 8,792 followers |
| Instagram | 4,932 followers |
| TikTok | 591 followers |
| dlr Libraries e-bulletin | 14,561 subscribers |

**Online resources (as of 27 September)**

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| **Resource** | **Description** | **Prelim stats Sept 2024** |
| Overdrive | eBooks | 1, 628 |
|  | eaudio | 1, 322 |
|  | Comics | 0 |
| Borrowbox | eaudio | 10, 410 |
|  | eBook | 5, 055 |
|  | ePress | 13, 294 |
| Find my Past | Views | - |
| Freegal | Streaming and downloads | 2,962 |
| Tumblebooks | Streaming e-books | 31 |
| Lote4Kids | logins | 10 |
| Who else writes | logins | 4 |
| Who next guide | logins | 10 |
| Medici | Videos Viewed | - |
| Moshi | Accounts | - |
| Kanopy | Visits | 6, 849 |

**dlr libraries were delighted to have been nominated for a Chambers Ireland award, for the Creative Brainwaves-Ageing well in dlr! Project, under Age Friendly Initiatives.**

The Excellence in Local Government Awards, sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland.

As per Census 2022, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown has one of the largest ageing populations in the country. Knowledge has the capacity to empower and inspire and in dlr we seek to inform, as well as engage with our aging population by providing information through the Creative Brainwaves programme as well as through other services and events. These initiatives seek not only to improve quality of life but to also to connect and enliven. They are part of a suite of supports to support the Age Friendly agenda and the implementation of our Age Friendly Strategy – 2022-2026. Building on previous work, we focussed on supporting brain health as part of supporting people dealing with brain health issues and their families and also the role of creativity. To progress this we provided a suite of programs that included talks, events and workshops around brain health and dementia, focussed our annual age friendly magazine on the theme of brain health, and purchased a virtual reality kit from a supplier specialising in older persons health and wellbeing, developing a series of one off events and workshops and also collaborating with Making Connections and other older person interest groups.

Our aim was to support a more informed population around brain health and dementia and to raise awareness about the supports that dlr Co Co offer to older people.

**Parks Planning**

**September 2024**

**Team:** Dara O’Daly, Deirdre O’Riordan, Neil Molloy, Norman Kelly

* **Reports:** 
  + Between 1st September and 30th September there has been 32 referrals received by the Parks Planning Team.
  + These referrals include pre-planning, planning and compliances. Reports for planning applications this month range from small scale residential infill projects up to large scale LRD applications including the Kiltiernan Village Development on the old Wayside Celtic land.
* **Tree Bonds:** The Parks Planning Team are waiting for feedback from the DLR Legal section to follow up on revised wording for standard tree bonds. A meeting with legal is to be held 1st October with legal to discuss.
* **Pre-planning** The Parks Planning team have provided preplanning input into the Kiltiernan Cemetery site and Blackrock Clinic long term Masterplan.
* **LAP:** The Parks team continue to have input into the Old Conna and Rathmichael LAP process. This month we provided input on standard rates to help put figures on the proposed infrastructure development across both LAP’s.
* **Meetings:**
  + There have been 2no. planning meetings with developers this month. One was a pre-application presentation for Kiltiernan Village and the other was a compliance meeting for an apartment development on the N11 in Foxrock.
  + There is also a fortnightly Planning files meeting which takes one hour. This meeting is run by the Planners and they go through applications which have been recently received. This is a productive meeting which gives all departments a heads up on impending applications and what the general attitude is around the proposal.
  + We hold our own 2 hour Parks Planning Team meeting every Tuesday morning to discuss and assign the applications to each of the four members of the Parks Planning Team.

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| **MARKET** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Source** | **Name** | **Date applied** | **Dún Laoghaire** | **Marlay Sat** | **Marlay Sun** | **Category** |
| CRM 335570 | El Fuego | 01-Sep | 1 | 1 | 1 | Hot Food |
| CRM 336161 | Glimora Jewlery | 03-Sep |  |  | 1 | Craft |
| Email | Chattime | 10-Sep | 1 | 1 | 1 | Other |
| CRM 337615 | Stained Glass | 16-Sep | 1 |  |  | Craft |
| CRM 337757 | Sweet Tasty | 18-Sep |  |  | 1 | Other Food |
| CRM 337740 | Grab & Grow | 18-Sep | 1 |  |  | Other Food |
| Email | Double 8 | 20-Sep | 1 |  |  | Hot Food |
| Email | Hungarian lángos | 22-Sep | 1 |  |  | Hot Food |

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| **Benches/Tree** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Source** | **Name** | **Date Applied** | **Tree** | **Bench** | **Location** | **Accepted** |
| DLR-CRM 337590 | O Donnell | 16-Sep | 1 |  | Killiney |  |
| Email | Keating | 23-Sep |  | 1 | Shanganagh |  |
| Email | O' Daly | 24-Sep |  | 1 | Cluny Park |  |

**Allotments**

Castle:

* The raised beds are ready to be allocated. Current plot holders will be contacted to see if they are interested in downsizing.
* One plot holder has returned their plot. This will be reallocated.

Mount Anville:

* The lock has been changed on the gate at Mount Anville allotments, and plot holders have been given new keys.
* People on waiting list are being contacted to see if they are interested in plot.

**Filming in the Park**

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| CRM Source or Email | Location | Date Request Received | Date of Filming | Permit Granted (Y/N) | Reason (if refused) |
| Email | People’s Park | 15/08/2024 | 20/09/2024 | Y |  |
| Email | Shanganagh Park | 16/09/2024 | 26/09/2024 – 27/09/2024 | Y |  |
| Email | Deansgrange and Killabbey Cemeteries | 24/09/2024 | 08/10/2024 – 09/10/2024 | Y |  |

**DLR Sports Partnership**

* **Be Active Night** - all-inclusive family taster event with a variety of activities to engage all members of the community in The Gap (Glencullen) on 21st September (200 participants).
* **ICoachKids Conference** – hosted a seminar in The Radisson Hotel on the 23rd September for sports coaches on best practice when coaching children (100 attendees).
* **European Week of Sport** – organised a range of inclusive activities from 23rd to 29th September inclusing hiking, dance, workshops, yoga and softball (628 across 18 events).
* **Secondary Schools** – delivering a range of participation programmes in partnership with NGBs for new school year, including Youth Leadership, table tennis and rowing.
* **Try Track & Field** – physical literacy programme with Athletics Ireland started again with final event on the 23rd October in Kilbogget Park (510 participants).
* **The Daily Mile** – working with local primary schools to roll out this programme that involves active sessions each day (3,500 pupils across 22 schools).
* **Her Moves** – intro Table Tennis programme for teen girls with TY students from St. Raphaels and St. Tiernans taking part (60 participants).
* **Beginners Padel Tennis** – completed 2 x 4-week coaching programmes in Meadowbrook for women looking to learn the basics of playing Padel tennis (24 participants).
* **Social running group for IPAs** – set up a weekly informal running group for men staying in the Ballyogan centre.
* **An Cathaoirleach Trail Walk** – took place on the 24th September in Carrickgollogan Wood for Councillors, Coillte, DMP and Sports Partnership staff (22 participants).
* **Paddleboarding and Rafting** – collaboration with Active South Dublin to give students from a school on each side to (30 participants)
* **Woodlands For Health** – delivering another weekly walking programme for adults experiencing mental ill-health with Cluain Mhuire (20 participants).
* **Inclusive Cycling Programmes** – delivering two more of these learn to cycle programmes for children with a disability (34 participants).
* **Inclusive Teen Gym** – weekly programme with Enable Ireland taking place in in dlr Leisure Loughlinstown to introduce to use of the gym equipment (13 participants).
* **Boules** – working with local clubs to set up a DLR Cup and league in the county.
* **Intermediate Fitness Walking** - September walking programme in Fernhill for those looking to progress from a casual stroll to a faster pace (15 participants).
* **National Walking Day** – event held in Barnaslingan on 29th September (16 participants)
* **Balance Bikes** – loaning out our fleet of 30 balance bikes to local schools to assist in junior and senior infant cycle skills (booked up for the full school year).
* **Child Safeguarding** – high demand for workshops. 16 delivered in 2024 (220 attendees).
* **Lámh in Sport** – an online 2.5 hour workshop on the 23rd September to help support Lámh (hand signs) users, of all ages, taking part in sports activities (6 participants).
* **Vision Sports Awareness Training** - designed to educate coaches and volunteers on vision impairment and how small adaptations can be made to sport and physical activity sessions
* **Disability Inclusion Training** - online workshop to provide participants with knowledge on how to adapt and modify sport and physical activity sessions (25 participants).
* **Active Cities** - Steering Group meeting held on the 16th September that focused on continuing progress and identifying opportunities for collaboration in 2024.
* **Capital Equipment** – installing a new wheelchair roundabout in Kilbogget Park. Also purchasing an adult trike and a tandem for the inclusive bike fleet.
* **Local Sports & Physical Activity Plan** – draft plan brough to DLRCC Management with presentations to both Area Committees in October.
* **Awards Nomination** – shortlisted in the Excellence in Local Government Awards for our Water Sports Inclusion Camps. Awards ceremony in November.
* **Dormant Accounts Fund 2024** – Sport Ireland have confirmed funding of €166,000 across 5 participation projects to be delivered over the next 122 months.
* **Club Participation Grants Scheme 2025** – online portal has been opened for local club applications across Women In Sport, Disability and Volunteering.

**Sports Development**

DLR Leisure set up the following activities in September 2024

**DEIS After School Sports Programme**

* Good Shepherd Nutgrove, mixed group (10-12 age).
* Gael Scoil Phadraig Ballybrack, mixed group (10-12 age).
* Queen of Angels Balally, mixed group (10-12 age).
* Scoil Colmcille Ballybrack, mixed group (10-12 age).
* Holy Family Monkstown, mixed group (10-12 age).
* Dominican Dún Laoghaire, mixed group (10-12 age).
* St Joseph’s Dún Laoghaire, mixed group (10-12 age).

**Youth Groups**

* Shankill Crosscare mixed group (10-14 age).
* Dún Laoghaire Crosscare gym session mixed group (15-17 age).
* Ballybrack Crosscare boys only group (14-16 age).
* Dún Laoghaire Crosscare girls only group (12 -14 age).
* Dún Laoghaire Crosscare mixed group (16-17 age).
* Whitehouse Crosscare group 1 boys only group (12-15 age).
* Whitehouse Crosscare group 2 mixed group (15-17 age).
* Cois Cairn boys only group (14-16 age).
* Ballybrack Crosscare girls only group (13-15 age).

**Special Needs Groups**

* Carmona Services mixed group (24 age).
* Festina Lente mixed group (24 age).
* St. Micheal’s House Goatstown mixed group (24 age).

**Sallynoggin Youth Reach**

* Started our block of gym programmes for the academic year with the above group.

Mixed group (16-18 age)

**Other Activities**

* Met with Graham Fleming, Principal of Cabinteely Secondary School, in relation to setting up after school sports sessions. (Update to follow in later reports).
* Assisted Sports partnership with Stronger By The Sea programme.
* Assisted Sports Partnership with their European Sport Week launch in the GAP Adventure Centre on Saturday 21st September.
* Assisted Bernardo’s Ballyogan with their Family Open Day on Saturday 28th September.
* Met with Colin Barry, School Completion Officer for the Loughlinstown and Ballybrack area and have booked in our after-school programmes starting 20th September.
* Met with Toyin, an integration worker with Crosscare, in relation to setting up programmes for Blackrock IPA’s.
* Met with Helena O’Brien, children and young people services co-ordinator, in relation to setting up programmes for Sophia House.
* Attended the launch of the opening of Balally Family Resource Centre new facility.

**Leinster Rugby – September Report**

**DLR Rugby Clubs Sessions, Workshops or AOB**

IRFU children’s coaching award hosted by Blackrock College RFC, 32 coaches attended from DLR clubs only.

**DLR Female Club Rugby**

A workshop was held for U14 & 16’s female players on the 11th of September 2024; it was attended by 2 DLR clubs = 28 players.

Hosted a session with De La Mary’s U14’s team (De La Salle Palmerston FC and St. Mary’s College RFC combined) on the 18th September 2024 = 15 players.

Hosted a session with Blackrock College RFC U14 & 16’s team on the 29th of September 2024.

**DLR Rugby Development Schools**

De La Salle College – juniors = 20 female players.

St Raphaela’s College – juniors = 13 female players.

Oatlands College attend the first division 3A qualifier in Donnybrook for junior teams.

**South Dublin 7’s or Female Tournaments 1st Year Touch or X7’s (DLR Only)**

First year touch rugby event hosted in De La Salle Palmerston FC; 4 DLR schools attended.

**Leinster Cricket – September Report**

Sessions have commenced in Ballinteer GNS, Glenageary and Killiney NS, Johnstown GNS and Kill of the Grange NS. A block of 4 weeks has been dedicated to cricket development in these schools, with roughly 450 pupils receiving training. Planning is ongoing to have a match between Johnstown and Glenageary towards the middle of October.

Meetings have been arranged between Cricket Leinster D/O and both DLR and Sandyford cricket clubs, with a view to having youth programs up and running for the incoming season.

Teacher development training is being planned and will take place at individual schools when agreed.

Two other groups are interested in starting programs for children and Cricket Leinster D/O has had several meetings with the groups involved.

**FAI – September Report**

* **Administration** - Planning work for all programmes in 2024 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going. on a weekly and monthly basis.
* **FFA** – Walking Football in St Joseph’s AFC, Sallynoggin. Between 15-20 participants. Friendly games with Walking Football groups in Bray, Kilcoole and Wicklow. St Joseph’s AFC close to registering as a FFA club.
* **Club Mark -** New online application process being rolled out at present. On-going contact meetings with registered clubs to complete applications in order to achieve the award.
* **Coach Ed Week –** A new Coach Ed Programme currently being developed.
* **Child Welfare –** One Safeguarding 1 Course delivered at Wayside Celtic.
* **Girls’ ETP Weekly Sessions –** Talent ID ongoing in DLR & Region 2 – 25 Girls attending weekly sessions.
* **Social Inclusion –** 20 IPA adults playing football one day a week.
* **Futsal In the Yard –** Contacting schools for September to December.
* **Primary School DLR League –** in conjunction with UCD AFC Community Officer.
* **Disney Playmakers –** Clubs taking part Rosemount/Mulvey, Lakelands FC.
* **Personal Development –** Both Development Officers began new Sport Ireland Coaching Development Level 7 award. The course continues until February 2025.
* **Summer Soccer Schools –** Planning for next year.
* **Football Pathways Consultation –** Meetings on-going in Region 2.

**Kick Fit Women’s Programme -**

Shankill FC - now a registered team in the EWFL.

Rosemount/Mulvey

**Parks Capital Projects – Sep 2024 Progress**

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|  | **On Hold** | **(i) Preliminary** | **(ii) Design** | **(iii) Tender** | **(iv) Construction** | **(v) Complete** | **Comment** |
| Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening |  |  |  |  |  |  | Complete in Oct 2023. |
| Meadowbrook Pitches, Padel Courts & Teenage Play |  |  |  |  |  |  | Complete in Oct 2023. |
| Grass Pitch Refurbishments |  |  |  |  |  |  | All complete except Rosemount |
| Oatlands All Weather Pitch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Complete in June 2024 |
| Mounttown Boxing Facility |  |  |  |  |  |  | Works commenced in Jan 2024 for completion in Jan 2025. |
| Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion) |  |  |  |  |  |  | Modular building being constructed on site – for completion in Q4 2024 |
| Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-leash area, sports pavilion complete. Adventure Play Space tenders have been invited. |
| Blackrock Park - Phase 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Teenage zone, boules court, seating, Phoenix Terrace planting and play space complete, renovation of steps all complete. Historic Kiosk conservation works are on-going – for completion in Q1 2025. |
| New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross |  |  |  |  |  |  | For completion in Q4 2024 |
| Pavement Improvement Programme |  |  |  |  |  |  | Works and procurements on-going. |
| Play Space Development 2024 Projects (East & West) |  |  |  |  |  |  | Priority projects for completion in Q4 2024. |
| Marlay Golf Redevelopment |  |  |  |  |  |  | On-going. |
| Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tenders have been received and reduced scope has been agreed. Contracts being concluded. |
| Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | New Part 8 advertised in July 2024 - to be brought back to the Oct Council meeting. Tender documents being finalised. |
| Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | Part 8 approved at the Feb 2024 Council Meeting. Judicial Review is delaying the works |
| Cabinteely Park Projects |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sports pavilion and other elements are out to Part 8 and is due back to the Nov Council meeting. |
| Sandyford Urban Open Space |  |  |  |  |  |  | Acquisition is being progressed. Design to progress when consultant team are appointed. |
| Jamestown Park Masterplan |  |  |  |  |  |  | Masterplan considerations on-going. |
| Parks Depots |  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial stakeholder engagement is taking place. |
| Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities |  |  |  |  |  |  | No progress. To progress when resources permit. |
| Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch |  |  |  |  |  |  | Delay due to Dept. of Education review but now starting to progress. |
| Dalkey Island (Upgrade Tower & Gun Battery) |  |  |  |  |  |  | No progress. To progress when resources permit. |
| Marlay Park Masterplan |  |  |  |  |  |  | Progress on the ha-ha restoration only. Application issued for the LSSIF in 2024. |
| Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West) |  |  |  |  |  |  | Recent work on Cabinteely pond and Corke Abbey Valley Park. Other projects being identified. |
| Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre |  |  |  |  |  |  | Application issued for the LSSIF in 2024. On hold. |
| Shanganagh Crematorium |  |  |  |  |  |  | No funding available. On hold. |
| Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms |  |  |  |  |  |  | No funding available. On hold. Skills wall is progressing. |

**Heritage**

* Slang Greenway Heritage cycle for Dublin Climate Action Week (Sept 13th)
* Opening of dlr Heritage Community Grant scheme – deadline Oct 25th
* Heritage Council funded projects underway
  + Gathering the archive of 40 years of the Southside Travellers Action Group (in collaboration with dlr Community/Creative Ireland/Heritage Council)
  + Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology programme Year 4 in collaboration with Dublin Mountains Partnership and SDCC
* Creative Ireland funded projects underway
  + Update/reprint of Martello Towers of Dublin book
  + Planning for Creative Café social prescribing heritage sessions
* Community Monument Fund projects underway
  + Re-opening of Cill Iníon Leinín graveyard following wall repair
  + Shankill Castle Conservation Plan
  + Puck’s Castle restoration works
* Carrickbrennan cemetery wall repair underway
* Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre Strategy development
* Tender documents preparation - restoration of haha at Marlay Park
* Input to THRIVE project in collaboration with dlr Architects
* Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
* Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups
* Ongoing maintenance of dlr heritage properties
* Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere meeting
* Creative Ireland team meetings
* James Joyce Tower and Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre board meetings