

# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

# NOVEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

# 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER to 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024



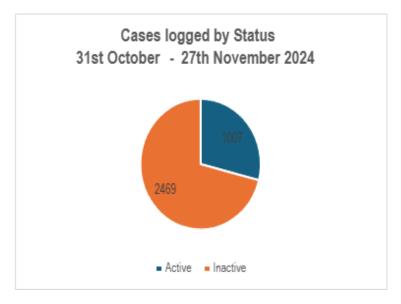
#### CONTENT DIRECTORATES

Corporate Affairs	3
Director: Stephen Brady	
Finance and Water Services	10
Director: Helena Cunningham	
Housing *	
Director: Catherine Keenan	
Planning and Economic Development	14
Director: Aidan Blighe	
Forward Planning Infrastructure *	
Director: Anne Devine	
Infrastructure and Climate Change	24
Director: Paul Kennedy	
Architects	35
County Architect: Andrée Dargan	
Community, Cultural Service and Parks	36
Director: Therese Langan	

\*Included in Quarterly Management Report



#### **CRM Statistics**



Open	1007
Closed	2469

Section/Department	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	7	2	9
Ballyogan Depot	3		3
Comms & Civic Hub	19	346	365
Community	3	1	4
Corporate Services	3	5	8
dlrcoco	50	22	72
Enterprise		1	1
Finance	27	279	306
Forward Planning Infrastructure	3		3
Harbour	2	1	3
Housing	40	99	139
ICC	661	1409	2070
IT	1	1	2
Libraries	1		1
Parks	174	289	463
Planning	2	7	9
Property	3	1	4
Water Services	8	6	14
Grand Total	1007	2469	3476



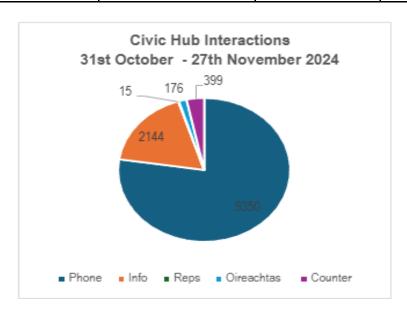
#### **Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from** 

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow	Total
	2429	6921	9350

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Oireachtas@	Total Emails
	2144	15	176	2335

<b>Counter Interactions</b>	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	358	41	399



#### **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.

#### Oct 31 - Nov 27 2024 - Monthly Report for dircoco.ie and dirlibraries.ie

Website Activity - Page views and number of users

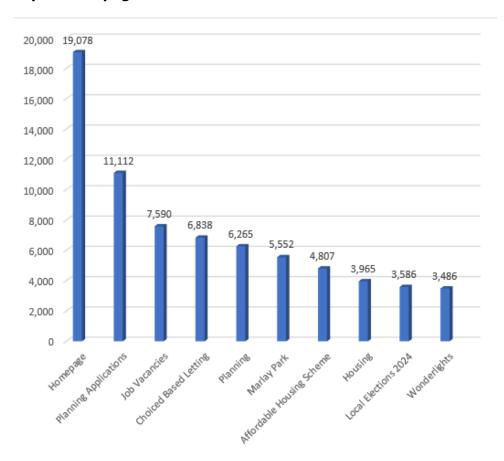
Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	196,968	89,524
dlrLibraries	43,554	16,169



#### Compared to Oct 1 - Oct 30 2024

Website	Page Views	Users
dlrcoco.ie	229,040	98,171
dlrLibraries	44,922	17,833

#### Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie



Press Releases: We issued 8 Press Releases from 31 Oct - 27 Nov

#### **Highest Performing News Stories from 31 Oct - 27 Nov**

- 1. Win tickets to Wonderlights Marlay Park Views 3,4447
- 2. Magical Elves and Festive Fun at Santa Parade Views 2,295
- 3. dlr and LDA Launch Shanganagh Castle Views 1,682

Click here to view all News Listings

**Press Queries:** 12

**Public Consultations:** 3

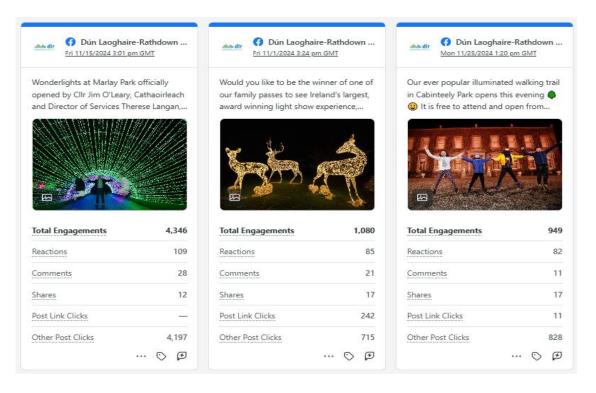
**Social Media Activity** 

Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

1. Wonderlights at Marlay Park

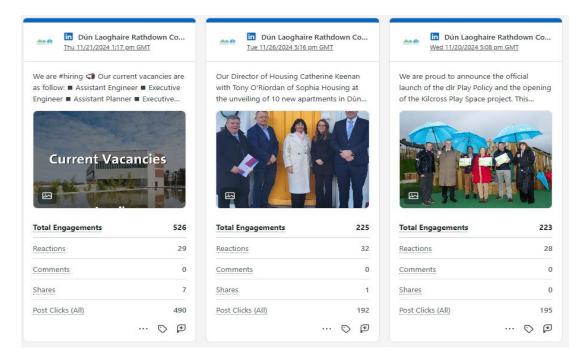


- 2. Wonderlights competition
- 3. Christmas Walking Trail Cabinteely



#### Highest performing social media posts on LinkedIn

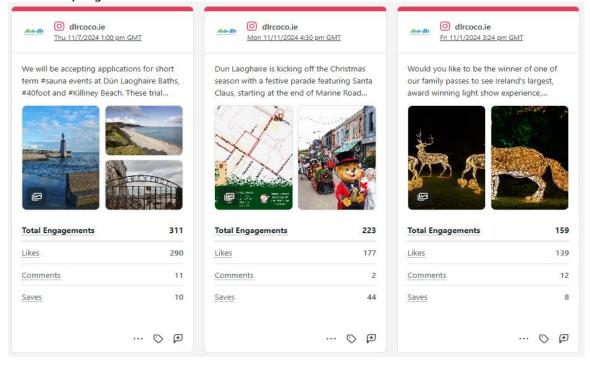
- 1. Current Vacancies
- 2. Housing
- 3. dlr Play Policy





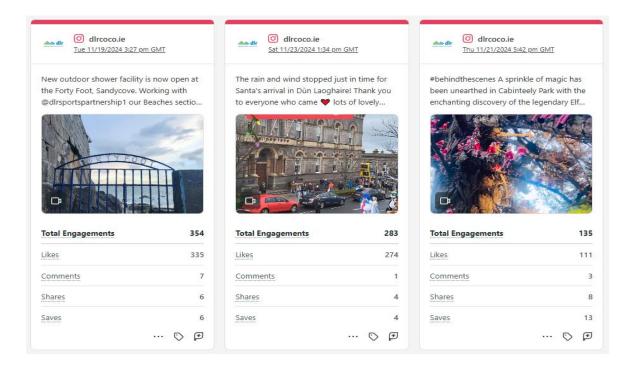
#### Highest performing social media posts on Instagram

- 1. Sauna applications
- 2. Christmas Parade
- 3. Marlay Lights



#### **Highest performing Reels on Instagram**

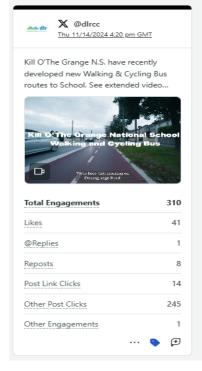
- 1. 40 Foot Shower Facility
- 2. Santa Parade
- 3. Elf Trail Cabinteely





## Highest performing social media posts on X

- 1. Kill O'The Grange NS
- 2. New Speed limit byelaws
- 3. Green Flags for parks







#### **Highest Performing Facebook Event Listings**

- 1. Wonderlights Competition
- 2. Santa Dash
- 3. Wonderlights Competition









#### **Social media statistics**

We have 98k followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 820 posts from 31 October - 27 October 2024.

Further breakdown below of the accounts and performance.

#### **Audience growth**

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Facebook** increased by 114 followers.
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **Instagram** increased by 362 followers.
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council **LinkedIn** increased by 94 followers.

#### **Profiles**

Review your aggregate profile and page metrics from the reporting period.

↓ Descending by Engagements

Profile	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period	97,949	116	820	970,899	36,901	3.8%	111,648
Oct 31, 2024 - Nov 27, 2024	⊅ 0.1%	≥ 87.7%	≽ 5.3%	≥ 16.2%	≥ 17.4%	≥ 1.4%	<b>⊅</b> 54%
Compare to Oct 1, 2024 - Oct 30, 2024	97,850	943	866	1,158,441	44,672	3.9%	72,487



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Profile	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council	23,131	114	187	372,605	21,030	5.6%	10,974
●	10,838	362	286	324,691	4,821	1.5%	89,608
Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,871	21	32	91,799	3,515	3.8%	553
(a) direvents	14,415	24	47	59,052	3,026	5.1%	3,259
™ X @dlrcc	20,664	-230	161	98,280	2,456	2.5%	7,144
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	3,245	94	15	14,151	1,823	12.9%	0
	8,617	-150	11	2,943	92	3.1%	16
DLR Arts Office	2,783	2	18	5,126	67	1.3%	16
★ ② @dlrheritevents	3,922	-76	5	457	37	8.1%	4
🖹 🗶 @leo_dlr	5,463	-45	58	1,795	34	1.9%	74
≝ X @dlrArts	_	_	0	_	_	_	_



	DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2024								
	SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2024 €				
1	Total Housing & Building	16,592,307	172,012,374	169,993,627	14,573,560				
2	Total Road Transport & Safety	6,514,928	37,411,060	37,127,953	6,231,821				
3	Total Water Services	2,395,933	195,922	185,315	2,385,326				
4	Total Development Management	172,582,092	81,095,460	64,410,040	155,896,672				
5	Total Environmental Services	3,082,539		455,000	3,537,539				
6	Total Recreation & Amenity	20,662,434	16,548,766	11,211,843	15,325,511				
7	Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,654,997	918,959	1,447,853	5,183,892				
8	Total Miscellaneous Services	37,842,044	2,227,883	5,214,810	40,828,971				
	Grand Total	€264,327,274	€310,410,424	€290,046,441	€243,963,291				

#### SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/10/2024

	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Balance at 31/10/2024 €	Current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	26,336,862	37,408,214	21,151,045	16,257,169



# DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2024

83.33%

		EXPENDITURE				
	SERVICE DIVISION	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget		
A	Housing & Building	73,496,568	88,511,496	83%		
В	Road Transport & Safety	27,864,138	34,951,380	80%		
С	Water Services	9,293,183	11,221,860	83%		
D	Development Management	43,304,157	40,188,816	108%		
E	Environmental Services	33,619,477	37,994,148	88%		
F	Recreation & Amenity	35,651,869	41,493,588	86%		
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	5,823,270	6,531,876	89%		
н	Miscellaneous Services	13,073,543	14,138,364	92%		
	Total Expenditure	242,126,205	275,031,528	88%		

			INCOME	
	SERVICE DIVISION	Income	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
		•		
A	Housing & Building	64,695,345	78,714,972	82%
В	Road Transport & Safety	11,153,051	13,797,252	81%
С	Water Services	6,146,366	7,492,656	82%
D	Development Management	25,756,138	17,566,176	147%
E	Environmental Services	5,805,636	5,716,296	102%
F	Recreation & Amenity	5,581,967	5,674,080	98%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,506,614	4,674,420	75%
н	Miscellaneous Services	17,012,845	18,042,912	94%
	Sub Total	139,657,962	151,678,764	92%
LPT	Local Property Tax	11,898,330	14,277,996	83%
RA	Rates	90,537,312	109,074,396	83%
	Total Income	242,093,604	275,031,156	88%
	Balance as at 31/10/2024	-€32,601	Deficit	



#### **Water Services**

#### Flood Alleviation

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. In accordance with the governance requirements of flood relief schemes funded by the Office of Public Works (OPW), Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is awaiting the approval of the Board of the OPW to go to the formal planning process. Once the approval is granted, DLR will arrange for the submission of the Carrickmines Shanganagh Flood Relief Scheme to an Bord Pleanala.

#### **Pollution Control**

The Water Action Plan for Ireland for the third phase of the Water Framework Directive was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. The is a detailed plan to bring the water bodies in Ireland to good ecological status by 2027.

DLR has been given 6 rivers to focus on, namely the Brewery Stream, The Elm Park Stream, the Trimleston Stream, The Deansgrange Stream, the Carrickmines Stream and the Glencullen Stream. The Glencullen Stream is at High Ecological Status and so the action is for DLR to protect this status. The remaining streams are to be restored to good status. DLR Water Pollution Section will be in discussion with the Local Authority Water Programme (LAWPRO) to develop Catchment Plans containing measures to be carried out to improve water quality. This work will form the bulk of work carried out by the Section in the next three years.

In November:

9 properties were surveyed for misconnections in the Carrickmines Catchment.

24 properties were surveyed the Deansgrange Catchment.

15 routine river water samples were taken.

1 application for a Section 4 Licence under the Water Pollution Act was processed.



# **Planning and Economic Development**

#### Planning Applications - monthly statistics 31st October 2024 - 27th November 2024

	<b>Outline Permission</b>	Permission	Total
New application Received*		123	123
Decision Deferred		19	19
Decision to Grant**		71	71
Decision to Refuse**		4	4
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks		64	64
Invalid Applications		26	26

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 14 Applications for Retention. (12 Retention WEB Applications)

65 Grant Permission

0 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

6 Grant Permission for Retention

0 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.

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief	Date	Last Day for	Application	Decision
Case NO	Description of development		Submissions /	Website	due date by
	Description of development	Received	Observations	Website	DLR
LDD244/0002	Managementa DAC				
LRD24A/0882	Knockrabo Investments DAC	04/11/2024	09/12/2024	www.knockrabolrd.com	07/01/2025
/WEB	intend to apply for permission for				
	a Large-scale Residential Development (for a period of 7				
	years) with a total application				
	site area of c. 2.54 hectares, at				
	Knockrabo, Mount Anville Road,				
	Goatstown, Dublin 14. The				
	proposed development relates to				
	Phase 2 of the development on				
	the 'Knockrabo' lands. Phase 1 of				
	'Knockrabo' was granted under				
	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County				
	Council (DLRCC) Reg. Ref.				
	D13A/0689/An Bord Pleanála				
	(ABP) Ref. PL06D.243799 and				
	DLRCC Reg. Ref. D16A/0821				
	(Phase 1) and DLRCC Reg. Ref.				
	D16A/0960 (Phase 1A) and				
	comprises a total of 119 No.				
	units. The site is bounded to the				
	south-east by Mount Anville				
	Road; to the south by 'Mount				
	Anville Lodge' and by the rear				
	boundaries of 'Thendara' (a				
	Protected Structure – RPS Ref.				
	812), 'The Garth' (a Protected				
	Structure – RPS Ref. 819),				
	'Chimes', 'Hollywood House' (a				
	Protected Structure – RPS Ref.				
	829); to the south-west by				
	existing allotments; to the north	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		

<sup>\*</sup>Includes 110 WEB Applications

<sup>\*\*</sup>Split decisions; are entered as follows



Comhairle	e Contae C	ounty Coun	Cil	
by the reservation corridor for				
the Dublin Eastern By-Pass				
(DEBP); and to the east by the				
site of residential development				
'Knockrabo' (Phase 1, permitted				
under DLRCC Reg. Ref.				
D13A/0689 / An Bord Pleanála				
(ABP) Ref. PL.06D.243799 and				
DLRCC Reg. Ref. D16A/0821				
(Phase 1); and DLRCC Reg. Ref.				
D16A/0960 (Phase 1A)). The site				
includes 'Cedar Mount' (a				
Protected Structure- RPS Ref.				
783), 'Knockrabo Gate Lodge				
(West)' (a Protected Structure				
RPS Ref. 796), including				
Entrance Gates and Piers. The				
development with total of				
c.17,312.2 sq.m. gross internal				
area (GIA) will consist of the				
construction of 158 No.				
residential units (12 No. houses				
and 146 No. apartments (35 No.				
1 beds, 81 No. 2 beds, 3 No. 3				
beds and 27 No. 3 bed duplex				
units), a childcare facility (c.400				
sq.m. GIA) and Community /				
Leisure Uses (c. 223 sq.m. GIA),				
as follows: Block E (c.1,077				
sq.m. GIA): a 5-storey including				
semi-basement podium level				
apartment block, comprising 8				
No. apartments (1 No. 1 bed and				
7 No. 2 beds); Block F:				
(c.8,390.8 sq.m. GIA): a part 2				
to part 8 storeys including semi				
basement podium apartment				
block, comprising 84 No. units				
(31 No. 1 beds, 50 No. 2 beds				
and 3 No. 3 bed duplex units);				
Block G: (c.2,022.1 sqm GIA): a				
part 4 to part 5-storey				
apartment block, comprising 20				
No. units (3 No. 1 bed units, 14				
No. 2 bed units and 3 No. 3 bed				
units); (with sedum roof/PV				
panels at roof level of Blocks E, F				
and G; a communal Roof Terrace				
of c. 198 sqm on Block F; and				
balconies/wintergardens on all				
elevations of Blocks E, F and G);				
Duplex Blocks: (c. 3,292.6 sqm				
GIA): 1 No. 3 storey and 1 No. 4				
storey block, comprising a total				
of 32 No. units (8 No. 2 bed				
units and 24 No. 3 bed duplex				
units); 10 No. (new build)				
houses: 6 No. 4 bed 2.5-3 storey				
terraced/semi-detached units				
(ranging in size from c.162.1				
sqm GIA to c.174.2 sq.m. GIA);				
1 No. 3 bed 2 storey detached				
unit (126.2 sq.m. GIA); 1 No. 3				
bed 2 storey mid terrace unit				
(c.127.4 sq.m. GIA); 1 No. 3 bed				
2 storey end of terrace unit				
(c.127.9 sq.m. GIA); and 1 No. 1				
- 2 storey 'Gate House' (c. 122.6				
sq.m. GIA) to the west of				
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proposed repositioned entrance to Cedar Mount from Mount		-				
Anville Road;						

# https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/100684

Case No  Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development  Date Application Received  Development  Date Application Submissions / Observations  Decision Mebsite  Decision Mebsite  Decision Mebsite  Decision Submissions / Observations  Decision Mebsite  Decision Mebsite  Decision Submissions / Observations  Decision Submissions / Observations  Decision Mebsite  Decison Mebsite  Decision Mebsite  Decisio	DLR ed d
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concierge/reception entrance and	
resident's amenity space emergency exit	
to southeast elevation (Internal Access	
Road) and at emergency exit and meter	
room entrance to northeast elevation	
(Sandyford Road) with all associated	
revisions to footpath levels and details	
ocally and addition of louvre grilles for	
building ventilation on northeast	
(Sandyford Road) and northwest (Slang	
Stream) elevations. 3. Window/ Glazing	
Design and Balconies - Adjustment of	
balcony positions and miscellaneous	
revisions to sizes and positions of windows and curtain walling and external vertical	
timber louvers on all elevations to	
rationalise openings and reduce solar gain,	
to provide louvres for air intake /	
extraction, to introduce window openings	
for natural ventilation and to facilitate	
apartment layout changes and fire escape	
changes internally. 4. ESB substation -	
Sub station moved between 800mm and	
1100mm further away from the northern	
poundary with Sandyford Road and	
substation door cladding changed from	
timber louvers to fibre cement board with	
ventilation slots to match the substation	
cladding. 5. Miscellaneous Revisions -	
Consequential revisions to the floor plan	
ayouts and internal apartment areas	
arising from the above. No change is	
proposed to the number of apartments	
(107no. units), unit mix and car parking	
spaces. The application is available to view	



at the following website: www.ironworks-		
<u>rd2.ie</u>		

## https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/100735

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief	Date	Last Day for	Application	Decision due
Case No	Description of Development	Application	Submissions /	Website	date by DLR
	Description of Development	Received	Observations	Website.	date by BER
LRD24A/	The proposed development relates	19/11/2024	23/12/2024	www.ironworks-	22/01/2025
0919/WEB	to modifications to a permitted			<u>Ird2.ie</u>	
	Strategic Housing Development				
	(ABP-305261-19) and is a Large-				
	scale Residential Development (LRD). The development will				
	consist of: 1. Roofs and Terraces -				
	Minor increases to parapets levels				
	(raised by 0.47m at level 7, 0.77m				
	at level 8 and 0.52m at the roof				
	evel), increase in height of lift				
	over run, addition of smoke				
	extract enclosures above roof				
	parapet level and addition of roof				
	access maintenance ladders. 2.				
	Ground Floor Building Entrances and Louvres - Minor revisions to				
	ground floor concierge/reception				
	entrance and resident's amenity				
	space emergency exit to southeast				
	elevation (Internal Access Road)				
	and at emergency exit and meter				
	room entrance to northeast				
	elevation (Sandyford Road) with				
	all associated revisions to footpath				
	evels and details locally and				
	addition of louvre grilles for puilding ventilation on northeast				
	(Sandyford Road) and northwest				
	(Slang Stream) elevations. 3.				
	Window/ Glazing Design and				
	Balconies - Adjustment of balcony				
	positions and miscellaneous				
	revisions to sizes and positions of				
	windows and curtain walling and				
	external vertical timber louvers on				
	all elevations to rationalise				
	ppenings and reduce solar gain, to provide louvres for air intake /				
	extraction, to introduce window				
	ppenings for natural ventilation				
	and to facilitate apartment layout				
	changes and fire escape changes				
	nternally. 4. ESB substation - Sub				
	station moved between 800mm				
	and 1100mm further away from				
	the northern boundary with				
	Sandyford Road and substation				
	door cladding changed from timber louvers to fibre cement				
	board with ventilation slots to				
	match the substation cladding. 5.				
	Miscellaneous Revisions -				
	Consequential revisions to the				
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floor plan layouts and internal		
apartment areas arising from the		
above. No change is proposed to		
the number of apartments (107no.		
units), unit mix and car parking		
spaces. The application is available		
to view at the following website:		
www.ironworks-lrd2.ie		

https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/100834

Planning Counter Figures: 31st October – 27th November 2024

Customers Served	189
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**Building Control: 31st October – 27th November 2024** 

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	14
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	16
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/2
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	11
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	20/0
Commencement Notices Validated	51
7 Day Notices received	4
Completion Certs Validated	19

<sup>\*</sup>Includes FSCs, Reg Certs, 7 Day Notices & Rev Fire Certs

# **Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date								
	Total approved to 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Enterprise Ireland target to 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024						
Feasibility Study	6							
Business Priming	3							
Business Expansion	5							
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	19	45						
Other Financial Support Packages (IP Start & RD&I)	7							
Trading Online Vouchers	128	41						
Other Grant Applications (Green, Energy Efficiency, Digital, Grow Digital)	47	37						
Microfinance Ireland *	14	12						
Total Approvals	229							

<sup>\*</sup>Number of clients supported to submit MFI application for approval by MFI

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance					
		Jan – 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024			

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation



No of jobs created	14
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Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2024	Total to 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	229
Clients attending Networking Events	520
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1658
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	373
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	390
Total No of Clients Assisted	3170

	Total to 28 <sup>th</sup>
DLR Economic Development Supports	November 2024
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	4
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	7
Business Promotion Grants	12
Street Furniture Grants	1

# **Enterprise Promotion activities in November 2024**

DLR Enterprise News	LEO DLR - New Updates for November Events (sent 14/11/2024) Open rate 56%, 3,331 recipients
	December Events & Training with LEO DLR (sent on 26/11/2024) Open rate 50%, 3,324 recipients
Business Advice Sessions	Sessions throughout November
Trading Online Voucher Webinar	5 <sup>th</sup> November
Boosting Your Brand: ChatGPT for Social Media	12 <sup>th</sup> November
Online Advertising Campaigns	14 <sup>th</sup> November

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 26th October – 27th November 2024								
	No of followers	No of posts	Impressions					
Facebook	2,233	-6	64	1,943				
Twitter	5,462	-47	64					
Instagram	2,012	31	64	3,879				
LinkedIn	1,112	14	64	975				



#### **Cruise Ship Business**

The 2024 Cruise season is now complete with 71 ship visits and excellent engagement with the Dun Laoghaire Business Association and the DLR chamber throughout. Planning for the 2025 season will commence in the New Year.

#### **Naval Service**

We have been advised that the Department of Defence have been instructed to commence discussions with DLRCC with a view to securing berthage for the two new inshore patrol vessels procured by the Naval Service in 2022. We look forward to this engagement.

#### **Events:**

#### **Ice Rink**

An Alpine Trail Ice Rink has launched in the Harbour since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 and will run through to late January. This is a new experience in terms of ice skating for Dublin and is sure to attract a good audience.

#### **NYE Fireworks**

Failte Ireland in conjunction with DLRCC are hosting a New Years Eve fireworks display from the East Pier at 8am on 31<sup>st</sup> December. The primary viewing area for this spectacular will be Newtownsmith. Due to the safety legislation around explosives, the East Pier will be closed for the day on 31<sup>st</sup> December only.

#### **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 to a consortium led by a Danish firm, Arrow Architects was the successful tenderer. The initial Pre-Draft Public and Stakeholder Consultation was held between 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 with approximately 1050 submissions received form key Harbour stakeholders and the general public. The Consultation team will now refine these submissions into a report to present to the Design Team to enable them to commence works.

#### **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 (RWE) 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.

RWE are working towards lodging a planning application for the windfarm, to include the cable route, substation and Operations and Maintenance base in O4 2024.

#### **Tourism**

#### **Innovation Hub in the Ferry Terminal**

It was agreed at the Special Council meeting held in January 2024 to bring an update on the Ferry Terminal to the March Council meeting.

#### Background:

The Ferry Terminal building has been vacant since 2016 generating no income for the former Harbour Company or the Council. An Estate agent was appointed in 2016 to act on behalf of both Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to seek a suitable tenant for the ferry terminal. The Estate agent ran several promotional and letting campaigns. Despite this, they were unable to find a party prepared to take on the investment risk.

Expressions of interest were sought in 2019 for the operation of the ferry terminal as a co working space in accordance with the existing planning permission to achieve the following objectives;

- > Deliver a return for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
- Deliver services to the business sector and
- > Provide a positive economic impact for Dún Laoghaire town

In addition to detailed business plans, applicants were required to submit additional information, including bank references and proof of funding for the first three years of the project. Amongst the required details to be included in the business plans were details in respect of the proposed rent and the level of capital investment to be made in the building.

As the harbour transferred to the Council without any funding the Council did not have any independent funds to make the required investment in the building. It was therefore essential that the successful tenderer had the financial capacity to make the required capital investment in the building. Quarterdeck was the only applicant that had the financial capacity to make any capital investment in the building.

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 Innovation 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 relatively short-term lease.

In accordance with the terms of the lease Quarterdeck were required to commence the works within 3 months, but due to the inflated tender prices and unforeseen technical challenges



this has not happened. Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the relatively short-term lease. We agreed to work with Quarterdeck Innovation Ltd and give them the time to manage these increased costs in a way that would make the project viable.

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.
- On the 30th April 2024 the Fire Safety Certificate was granted for the building.
- > Some office furniture has been installed in Stena offices and first floor.
- ➤ Leaseholder has committed to accelerate fit out in November 2024.
- > Leaseholder has advised initial tenants will be in situ by end of 2024
- > Car parking access and improvements to progress in line with fit out and occupancy
- ➤ The Food Hall and Ground floor co-working area remain under design and will fit out will commence post Stena offices and first floor completion
- > External signage and façade improvements remain in design phase

The Economic Development Team continue to engage with Quarterdeck Innovation on their plan to complete fit out on a phased basis and occupy the building. The Economic team will continue to engage with Quarterdeck Innovation 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 Innovation sufficient time to explore options for the longer-term viability of the project. Despite the extraordinary construction price inflation and project delays Quarterdeck Innovation have again reiterated their commitment to the project. The Innovation Hub requires a significantly larger budget which Quarterdeck Innovation have said they are willing to commit to. Quarterdeck Innovation have said that although they are committed to the project, the project timelines are still subject to change as they rely on external circumstances.

#### **DLR Tourism Development. Nov 2024.**

- 7 Day a week tourist information service operating from Marine Road providing up to date tourist information to visitors.
- Ice rink operating as part of Christmas Experience in DL
- The tourism team had their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Tourism Network Providers Networking event in the Talbot Hotel this month with over 60 guests. DLR Tourism, LEO and Failte Ireland spoke about upcoming plans and events.
- The 2nd<sup>t</sup> meeting for communications of the Dun Laoghaire Christmas Festival 2024 was held in November. Planning of parade route, music and operations for 2024 Santa arrival along with agreement on communications.
- The Santa Arrival to Dun Laoghaire was a success and took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. 2FM broadcast from Myrtle Square with prizes from local businesses and tourism providers. The parade ended at the National Maritime Museum with music and staff/volunteers encouraging visitors to meet Santa in the museum.
- The Tourism unit attended the POST Interreg Atlantic (Polycentric Tourism) partners meeting in Braga, Portugal. The team presented best practice of the Dublin Coastal Trail.
- Preparation for the St Patricks Parade Day 2024 is under way. We are engaging with participants to choreograph the parade route and its promotion after Christmas.
- The Tourism unit met with Sallynoggin College of Education (Tourism Students) to show 1<sup>st</sup> year students the wealth of activities and points of interest in the county for visitors.
- Tourism Steering group established and met in November with industry experts to support the delivery of the DLR Tourism Strategy
- Planning for New Years Eve fireworks and activities ongoing



- **Events and Festivals in the county supported by DLR**1. The Santa Experience opened at the end of November at the Maritime Museum.
- The Dun Laoghaire Comedy Festival took place over 4 nights in Dun Laoghaire town with all tickets almost sold out.



# 1. Road Maintenance:

		STATUS				
Ref.	Programme Type	Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Completed	Comments
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Meadowmount (part of)				<b>√</b>	Works Completed
2	Village Road, Aikens Village (part of)				>	Works Completed
3	Brennanstown Road (part of)				<b>✓</b>	Works Completed
4	Enniskerry Road (R-117)				<b>✓</b>	Works Completed
5	Ballinteer Road, Dundrum (R-826)				<b>√</b>	Works Completed
6	Glenageary Road Upper			<b>✓</b>		Construction works due to be substantially complete
7	Ashlawn Estate	✓				Consultant appointed
8	Dalkey Avenue (part of)				>	Resurfacing works ongoing
9	Old Dublin Road (part of)		<b>√</b>	✓		Works on Site
10	Dundela Estate (parts of)				<b>&gt;</b>	Completed
11	Greenville Road public realm	✓				Consultant appointed
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Deerpark Road				<b>✓</b>	Works complete
2	Woodpark				>	Works complete
3	Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt				✓	Works complete
4	Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac				<b>✓</b>	Works complete
5	Glenamuck Road				<b>✓</b>	Works complete
	The Gallops, Ballyogan				<b>✓</b>	Works complete
7	Harbour Road				<b>&gt;</b>	Works Complete
8	Breffni Road				<b>&gt;</b>	Works Complete
9	Pucks Castle Lane				<b>&gt;</b>	On hold - 2025
10	Foxrock Court				<b>√</b>	Completed



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11	Grove Avenue (part of)				✓	Completed
12	Abbey View (part of)		<b>√</b>			On hold - 2025
13	Hudson Road (part of)			<b>✓</b>		On hold - 2025
12	Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park)				✓	Works Completed
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)				✓	Works Complete
4	Mount Anville Road (part of)				✓	Works Complete
5	Cornelscourt Village	✓				On hold - 2025
6	Balally Estate				✓	Works Complete
7	Northumberland Avenue				<b>✓</b>	Works Complete
8	Thornhill Road (part of)				✓	Works Complete
9	Trafalgar Terrace	<b>√</b>				Contractor Appointed to do Surveys
10	Beechwood Park (part of)	<b>√</b>				Design has commenced
11	Granville Road			<b>✓</b>		Consultant appointed
BSP	<b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>					
1	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	<b>✓</b>				Consultant appointed
2	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment	✓				survey ongoing
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Landscape Park				✓	Works Complete
2	Old Kilgobbin Road				✓	Works complete
3	Brennanstown-Brighton Roads Junction				<b>√</b>	Works Complete
4	Blackthorn Road, Sandyford				<b>√</b>	Works Complete
5	Castlebyrne Park	<b>√</b>				Site Investigation Works Required
6	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction				<b>√</b>	Works Complete
7	Kill Lane				<b>√</b>	Works have been undertaken at the location by Active Travel



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8	Carrickbrennan Road	✓				Works to be included on Gully Programme Contract
9	Glenageary Dart Station at junction with Marlborough Road	<b>√</b>				On hold - 2025
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing - Phase 3				<b>√</b>	
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Hillview				✓	Works Complete
2	Laneway behind Rosehill (part of)				✓	Works Complete
3	Corbawn Lane Beach access	<b>√</b>				Meeting to be held with nearby property owners
4	Sandycove Close				✓	Works Complete
СМР	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	St. Olaf's National School				<b>√</b>	Works Completed
2	Village Road, Aiken's Village	<b>√</b>				design being prepared - 2025
3	Bellarmine Avenue	<b>√</b>				design being prepared - 2025
4	Johnstown Road (part of)	✓				design being prepared - 2025
5	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3				✓	Works complete
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn				<b>√</b>	Works complete
2	Meadowlands Avenue		<b>~</b>			Tender has been issued to repairs some defective cobbled areas
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	Redesdale (Laneway at Back of Shops)				<b>√</b>	Works Complete
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				Awaiting feedback from Property
3	Lane Station Road Killiney (near DART) to Marino Avenue West*	<b>√</b>				TIC process has commenced
*Subje	ect to investigation & clarification of	fowne	rship,	asses	sment	of works & costs



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RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Cherrygarth				<b>&gt;</b>	Works Complete
2	Kilgobbin Road (at Sandyford Hall rabout)				>	Works Complete
3	Landscape Park, Churchtown			<b>√</b>		Works on Site
3	Rock Road public lighting				<b>&gt;</b>	Works are complete

# **Roads Administration:**

Roads Admin Stats	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24
Taking In Charge Certs	103	115	104	83	188	134	211	180	190	166	126
Footpath Dishings	10	3	1	4	2	7	11	7	5	5	10
Hoarding Licences	3	2	1	n/a	2	4	6	3	3	6	3
Surface Permits	12	9	6	7	5	3	5	12	7	12	28
Road Opening Licences	218	237	220	250	272	219	220	161	170	245	168
CRMs (Processed)	423	327	280	288	571	365	410	327	353	370	524

# 2. Traffic and Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
Schem	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



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Cycle Parking Development			✓	Identification of further locations ongoing
Stepaside Village – Cycle Link to Cruagh Wood		<b>✓</b>		Detailed Design on-going for Phase 1.
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme	<b>✓</b>			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			✓	All works completed. Traffic signals now operating.

#### 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 12th of November 2024 at which 32 items were dealt with.

#### **Road Safety and Sustainable Travel**

- Special Speed limit by-laws for 30kph countywide came into force on the 11/11/24. County wide signage is due to be erected at relevant locations before the end of January 2025.
- Shanganagh Road, Shankill: All works have now been completed. Awaiting connection for pedestrian lights from ESB.
- Pedestrians' crossing at Old Bray Road, Cabinteely: All works completed. Awaiting connection for pedestrian lights from ESB.
- Rollins Villas/Sallynoggin park Traffic Calming scheme; Upgrade of footpath for new pedestrian crossings is currently ongoing.
   To be completed by December 2024

#### **Deputations**

There was only one set of deputations in November 2024 in Area 2(Dundrum) at which Roebuck residents met with Council Staff.

There was also a deputation meeting in Area 1(Dún Laoghaire) with Traffic staff.

#### **Bus Connects**

Following previous feedback from DLRCC Aecom prepared a 'revised set of final drawings' for the Section 38 scheme for the Harbour Road Bus Terminal at Dún Laoghaire train station, which were distributed again to various internal departments within DLRCC (conservation, drainage, lighting etc.) for review and feedback.

The NTA sent DLRCC a Temporary Traffic Management plan for the Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor. Feedback was given on this by DLRCC to the NTA mid November.

#### **Racecourse South land ABTA**

A draft LTP for the Racecourse has been prepared and this is with various stakeholders for review (internal and external). Modelling results for the ABTA (in conjunction with the Kilternan ABTA) are also with various stakeholders (TII/NTA) for review.



#### Kilternan and Glenamuck ABTA

A draft LTP for Kilternan has also been prepared and this is with various stakeholders for review (internal and external). As above modelling results for the ABTA are with various stakeholders (TII/NTA) for review.

#### **ICAS** for Old Connaught

Feedback has been given (and meetings are ongoing) on the draft 'part 4' ABTA report for the ICAS/Old Connaught. In particular on Active Travel routes, permeability and road infrastructure among other things.

#### Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study

Ongoing engagement with the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan Area and Dublin Eastern Bypass Corridor, including various stakeholder meetings, and progress meeting/s with consultant.

November 2024	Road Closures	Filming Locations	Event Signage
Applications Received	4	2	2
Applications-Awaiting Further information	0	0	0

#### 3. Roads Control:

1st November to 26th November 2024

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS			
RCRP	Roads Control Programme 2024				
1	Landscape Road	The Contractor for the road surfacing works is on site from 25/11/2024. The road markings shall be completed following the works.			

#### Road Opening Licences (1st November to 27th November 2024)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System				
Applications Received	168			
Applications Not Processed Yet	41			
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	2			
Valid Licenses Issued	110			
Applications Expired	9			

#### 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.

Applications
1st November to 27th November 2024
Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure



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Received	0
Granted	0
Withdrawn	0

#### 4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	228	218	248	197	247	249
Clean-Ups Assisted	93	89	91	73	70	79
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	38	42	41	30	33	36
Bathing Water Samples Taken	18	36	49	38	32	18
Gullies Cleaned	1554	753	1958	1198	1611	1410
Dumping Incidents Managed	45	41	65	61	59	49
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	1	3	7	7	0
Reported Overflows	No	No	No	No	No	No
from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	report received	report received	report received	report received	report received	Report received
Street Bin Collections	4990	5026	5089	5154	5054	6184
Filming/Event Licenses	Filming- 2 Events -3	Filming – 0 Events - 5	Filming – 0 Events - 8	Filming - 0 Events - 4	Filming - 0 Events - 3	Filming - 0 Events - 1

<sup>\*</sup> Statistics available up to the end of October 2024.

#### **Updates - November 2024**

- Bathing water sampling is on-going at 9 locations, with bi-weekly sampling
- Bathing area maintenance, ringbuoy inspections and maintenance are on-going.
- The DLR Road Sweeping schedules are temporarily suspended from the start of October 2024 to enable the Sweeping Crews to concentrate on heavy leaf fall areas within the County.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going. Gully Cleaning works that require Traffic Management are also on-going
- Weeding is ongoing with DLR and Contractor crews
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going
- The fleet of Smart Bins are being maintained and emptied on a daily basis throughout the county
- Litter Picks and Blue Bag collections are on-going.
- DLR Baths Dlr Cleansing crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc.
- 40 Foot Bathing Place A Contractor has completed installation of outdoor shower. The official opening is on 19<sup>th</sup> of November
- Seapoint Beach Access repairs project A Contractor has commenced the onsite repairs. The works will be completed late December, subject to weather conditions.



#### 5. Relevant Statistics

There were 2355 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 31st October and 27th November 2024 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	no. of fixed charge notices issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	951
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	520
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	317
Parking a vehicle on a footway	148
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	82
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	64
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	54
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	38
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	30
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person's parking bay	27
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	21
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	15
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	12
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	11
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	10
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	10
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	9
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	8
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	7
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	5
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	4
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	2
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	2
Parking out of the limits of a bay	2
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	1
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	1
Total no. of fixed charge notices issued	2355

There were 53 convictions secured in the District Court in November 2024.



# 6. 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** 

Number of repairs carried out in Nov 2024:	483
Percentage of lights out at the end of Nov 2024:	0.6%
Pole replacement carried out in Nov 2024:	0
Bracket replacements:	13
Tree trimming:	210
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	14
LED Upgrades	56
Total lights upgraded to LED	22,180
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	90.3%

(extra lines added)

**LED Upgrading Program** 

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ARDBRUGH ROAD EXCLUDE 15	1
BOOTERSTOWN AVENUE	1
CARYSFORT AVENUE	1
CHURCHTOWN ROAD LOWER	1
CLONKEEN RD	1
DUN EMER PARK	1
ENNISKERRY ROAD (Columns 42-133)	2
FRASCATI ROAD 1 TO 54	1
GEORGES STREET	1
HARBOUR CRESCENT	1
HILLVIEW DRIVE	5
KILL AVENUE	2
KILMACUD ROAD UPPER	1
LANEWAY BALLYBRIDE LANE TO ASSUMPTA PK.	4
LANEWAY WHITEBARN RD TO OAKDOWN RD	2
LOUGHLINSTOWN WOOD	1
MAIN STREET DUNDRUM	7
MEADOW VALE	3
MONKSTOWN AVENUE	1
MONKSTOWN CRESCENT	1
MONTROSE HOTEL SLIP ROAD	1
MULVEY PARK	1
N11 North Bound	1
N11 South Bound	1
NORTH AVENUE	3
NORTH AVENUE	3



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ROUNDABOUT CHURCH ROAD & R/TOWN A P2X3	1
SALLYNOGGIN ROAD(PARTIAL) POLES 1-8	1
SHREWSBURY WOOD CABINTEELY	1
SOMERTON	1
STEPASIDE PARK	1
STRADBROOK RD (BOLEY RD+3WAY ON R/ABOUT	1
The Starlings	1
TRIMLESTON PARK	1
WALKWAY B/T COOLNEVAUN & ALLEN PK ROAD	1
WALKWAY B/T Granville Rd and Shrewsbury Lawn	1
WYATTVILLE ROAD	1

## **Planning and Building Control**

Applications analysed	36
Inspections completed	6

#### Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	5
Legal requests:	1

# **Environmental Enforcement** 31st October to 27th November 2024

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	74	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	118	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	101	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	96	Litter Section
Abandoned car Cases - Opened	35	Waste Section
Graffiti Cases - Opened	63	Waste Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened	5	Waste Section
Litter Fines issued	24	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	0	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
Legal Proceedings initiated	1	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye- laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act



Dog Statistics from 31 <sup>st</sup> October to 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024		
No. of dogs on hand on 31st October	7	
No. of dogs entering the shelter stray/seized	4	
No. of dogs surrendered	1	
No. of dogs rehomed	1	
No. of dogs reclaimed	2	
No. of dogs sent to rescue	2	
No. of dogs put to sleep	1	
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 27 <sup>th</sup> November	6	
Certificate of Exemption issued for XL Bully	3	
Dog attacks in this period	16 - 12 on people	

 The owner of the dog that was put to sleep surrendered the dog as it had bitten someone, the breed was a Rottweiler



#### Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	18
Section 5 Declarations	3
Pre-planning	2 LRD sites
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024 Grant Scheme & Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024 Grant Scheme	Returns Claim including reports and photographic record of all projects (20no. BHIS and 4no. HSF projects) submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for both grant schemes Friday 8 November.
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2025 Grant Scheme	25no. applications received. Assessment of each application, site visits, provisional allocation of funding in preparation for submission of list of projects for approval to DHLGH by 6 December deadline.

**Dangerous Buildings** 

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Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	3
Not Dangerous	0
Total	4

#### **Energy**

The **SEAI Energy Awards 2024** ceremony took place on 15 November 2024 with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council winning the **Energy in Buildings** category for the **Ballyogan Housing** scheme. Built on residual lands from the M50 motorway construction, the development comprises 67 two and three-bedroom terrace houses designed to the Passive House standard and achieving A1 BERs. The project integrates with the existing community and promotes pedestrian and cycle connectivity to amenities and public transport.

The ISO 50001 Energy Management System annual audit by the National Standards Authority of Ireland is taking place 27-28 November. The rigours of the international standard (ISO) Energy Management System help the dlr process reach the public sector target, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 51% and achieve 50% improvement in energy efficiency by 2030. Progress towards the public sector targets is measured annually by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) through their Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) System across buildings, public lighting and fleet. Additional reporting requirements including a building register, fleet, staff travel, and energy projects were reported this month for 2023.

dlr are taking part in the *Reduce Your Use* energy efficiency campaign. The Public Sector has been challenged to take a leading role in reducing our nation's energy demand, and it is expected that this campaign can deliver 5-10% energy savings overall across the sector. The *Reduce Your Use* energy efficiency campaign is an effective way to assist with increasing our energy security, lowering energy bills and meeting our targets relating to climate change. A cross-department team is being formed and regular staff and community engagement planned throughout the October 2024 – March 2025 as part of the campaign. Further information on the *Reduce Your Use* energy efficiency campaign: Reduce Your Use - Public Bodies



#### **Community Integration Forum:**

The dlr Community Integration Forum (CIF) meets every second Monday and during November discussed and coordinated support services to International Protection Applicants (IPA's) and Ukrainians living in State supported accommodation in dlr.

Stakeholder representation on the Forum has increased and the CIF is chaired by Chief Executive Frank Curran.

A wide range of supports and activities are in place and available to IPA's 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, family counselling and supports, volunteering opportunities as well as the provision of sporting, health and wellbeing, social & cultural activities by many organisations and groups. Member organisations of dlr CIF include 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, dlr CYPSC, dlr PPN, ETB REALT, Crosscare, Barnardos and a number of dlr County Council departments including Community, Housing & Cultural Services.

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

The dlr LAIT continue to visit 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 service providers appropriate to their needs – employment, developing English language proficiency, training, healthcare, social welfare, volunteering, childcare & education, sporting, community & cultural activities etc.

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

Initiatives such as volunteering training with dlr Volunteering Centre; football, running and hiking and arts activities with dlr Sports Partnership, Cuala GAA, Crosscare and Trail Criú; Creative Ireland funded Drumming & Dancing as well as Circus Skills workshops etc. are taking place in family centres with the dlr LAIT & Creative Communities Engagement Officer. The dlr LAIT also continue to signpost, support and encourage new arrivals to avail of the services, training and supports provided by DDLETB, Southside Partnership DLR, Crosscare, HSE, JRS, Irish Refugee Council, dlr Libraries etc. and training continues to take place as part of the 'dlr together – dlr Le Chéile' Anti-Racism campaign that was launched during October in conjunction with the dlr Equality Office.

#### **Community Recognition Fund 2024 (CRF)**

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 Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD).

DLRCC opened Window 3, the final round of CRF 2024 funding on the 25<sup>th</sup> November and is accepting applications until the closing date of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 1pm with recommended applications to be sent to the DRCD no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. These applications will be assessed by the DRCD, with applicants notified in Spring 2025.



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All information and the application form for Window 3 CRF 2024 is available to view on the dlrcc website at: <a href="https://www.dlrcoco.ie/community/community-funding-support/community-recognition-fund-2024">https://www.dlrcoco.ie/community/community-funding-support/community-recognition-fund-2024</a>

Recommended applications under Window 2 were sent to the DRCD by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for assessment and successful applicants will be notified by DRCD in late 2024.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> August, a number of submissions were received and have been assessed.

The Public Meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF took place on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The Public Meeting of the Ballybrack/Loughlinstown/Shankill LPF will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> November 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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and the plan was launched in County Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024. A copy of the plan is available at <u>DLR LECP 2023-2028</u>

### LCDC

A meeting of the LCDC took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

## Comhairle na nÓg

DLR Comhairle na nÓg's Annual Youth Conference 2024 took place on November 6th. This year's Annual Youth Conference was opened by Therese Langan, Director of Community and Cultural Development. 100 enthusiastic young people from 27 schools across Dún Laoghaire Rathdown gathered together to have their voices heard through consultations on the issues affecting youth. This included primary schools as well as secondary schools in dlr. Youth Spaces/ Facilities was the predominant topic, which was democratically chosen as the topic for 2025.

#### **Estate Management**

All Estate Management Forums were supported by Litter Wardens in reporting and removing of bonfire stockpiling. Estate Management Forum's were supported by the Community Team Staff in submitting their Action Plan 1 funding requests for 2025.

### **Community Grants 2025**

The dlr Universal Grant Scheme 2025 opened for applications in September and closed on  $25^{th}$  October. In addition to online information sessions held on  $2^{nd}$  and  $16^{th}$  October, Community Section staff held in person grant information and application support sessions for community groups on  $9^{th}$  October in County Hall and  $17^{th}$  October in Dundrum. These in



person sessions were well attended and Community Section staff supported many community groups with their grant applications. More than 250 Community Grant applications have been received for assessment.

## dlr Integration Forum

The dlr Integration Forum is a voluntary committee and the main objective of the Forum is to promote the participation and integration of migrant communities in the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and membership is free. The dlr Integration Forum held their meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Mounttown Community Facility and the next meeting of the Forum will take place in December.

## dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024

The dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024 was launched during March with closing date of the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 antisnap 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.

## dir Older People's Council

The dlr Older People's Council Events Subcommittee held the Older People's Variety Show in the Royal Marine Hotel on 9<sup>th</sup> October which was opened by Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Kazi Ahmed and over 120 people attended the event.

# **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 dr Age-Friendly Alliance held their Q3 meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 dr. 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 Office**

### dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme

A Cast and Crew screening of the three short films created under the 2023.24 dlr First Frames Scheme took place in the Studio, dlr LexIcon on 14 November. Departure Time, The Invitation and Ar Snámh, a film in the Irish language, were screened. The shorts will now be entered for festivals in Ireland and aboard. The Scheme supports emerging filmmakers looking to develop ambitious and creative short films based in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. It is fully funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office and Economic Development Unit and managed by IADT.

## Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme

Two exhibitions in the Gallery were officially opened by An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jim O'Leary on 7 November. Moments of Domesticity by Mary Burke is a series of paintings of homes in the County. Mary embarked on a series of house visits that took her to Dundrum, Leopardstown, Dún Laoghaire, Dalkey, Ballybrack, Monkstown, Deansgrange, and Ballycorus. She spent the following year painting these homes in her studio at the dlr Baths Artist Studios. Safe Harbour by Róisín White explores our relationship with the sea as a place of leisure and play and the sea's power, strength and unpredictable nature. It includes sculptural forms and images that engage with our experiences and memories of Dún Laoghaire Bay.

Both of exhibitions showcase work developed as part of public art commissions funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Public Art Programme. The work was created over the last year in the Dún Laoghaire Baths Artist Studios.

## **Musician in Residence Programme**

After a three-month residency at dlr Lexlcon, violinist Jane Hackett performed a work in progress on 8 November. This was in collaboration with composer George Higgs and performance artists Lianne Quigley, and Elzbieta Cichocka from Dublin Theatre of the Deaf (Elzbieta also acted as the ISL interpreter for the event). This portrayal of Dún Laoghaire's soundscape was created to engage Deaf and hearing audiences with music through physicality and sensory connection. The audience was guided in this sound experience around the Lexlcon building at night. The dlr Musician in Residence Programme is funded by The Arts Council and managed by Music Network.

#### **Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards**

Nature and Place was shortlisted in the Sustaining the Arts category for the 2024 Awards. The project invited artists to create work inspired by the forests of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and provided unique experiences for visitors to experience this contemporary work in a natural setting. Managed by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office, it was supported by Coillte and the Dublin Mountains Partnership. Méadhbh O'Connor, Martin Healy, and Robert Coleman with Laura Sarah Dowdall, were awarded funding by dlr Arts Office to develop their projects between December 2023 and March 2024. Public events took place in Barnaslingan and Carrickgollogan over a weekend in March.



## dlr Primary Arts Programme 2024-25

We are delighted to be celebrating 30 years of the Primary Arts Programme this academic year. It is one of the longest running arts in primary schools' programmes in the country and one that the Council is enormously proud of. We have partnered with Blackrock Education Centre since 2008. It offers children of primary school age access to the artsij school hours; in addition, we support teachers' professional development. We have just kicked off this year's programme in six local schools; Dún Laoghaire Educate Together NS, Mount Anville NS, Rathfarnham Educate Together NS, Holy Trinity NS, St. Patricks Girls NS and Guardian Angels NS.

## **Cuairt agus Cultúr Programme 2024-25**

Cuairt agus Cultúr is a collaboration between dlr Age Friendly Programme, dlr Arts Office and dlr Library Service. The programme supports creative and wellbeing activities in residential and day service centres in the County. The main purpose of the programme is to explore creativity and/or wellbeing with older people in either a residential or day service in the County. The programme has just begun for the Winter, and we are supporting nine local services this year.

## Féile na Púca, Ballyogan, 2 November

A community celebration of Samhain took place on Ballyogan Green on Saturday 2 November. Over 250 local people attended the event that included young people from Crosscare Youth Services, including the youth group from IPAS Centres. The UBU funded Sports team supported the community arts event, with local performers, circus performers, arts activities and dance workshops. The event was peaceful, safe and welcoming with a positive atmosphere and local residents would welcome similar events in the future. It was co-funded by dlr Arts Office and Creative Ireland.

**Writer in Residence Reading with Sonya Gildea and Joanne Hayden 12th November** Olivia Fitzsimons interviewed emerging writers in residence Joanne Hayden and Sonya Gildea to celebrate the culmination of their residencies and the work they created during that time. They both read from their work to an audience of over 50 people.

# **Libraries Online Resources**

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here: <a href="https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/using-your-library/digital-services-z">https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/using-your-library/digital-services-z</a> All you need is your dlr Library card.

Highlights include:

**Borrowbox:** Mediahuis titles, including the Irish Independent, Sunday Independent, Herald, Sunday World, Ireland's Own, and various regional and local publications, are now available remotely on BorrowBox. While current loans may still require access from a library location, all new and future loans can be accessed from home or elsewhere. Users can borrow up to 50 newspapers or magazines at a time through the ePress section of the app, which now features a wide range of titles. This update enhances accessibility and offers greater flexibility for users of BorrowBox.

**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.



**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' resources for Ukrainians and other guests of the County

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <a href="https://shorturl.at/HMQX5">https://shorturl.at/HMQX5</a> and at <a href="https://shorturl.at/H

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. Also in the LexIcon, tutors from the English in the Library group offer English conversational sessions for Eblana Centre users. Library staff in Blackrock Library are in contact with the staff and service users of Blackrock Hall raising awareness of the services and resources they can avail of through dlr Libraries, especially free internet use, printing and copying service and the ScanEZ scanning/translation resource. Library staff in Dundrum Library are liaising with International Protection Centre staff in the surrounding area and have already helped to facilitate English lessons for service users. Excess book stock is being sent from Library HQ to these centres.

## **Refurbishment & Conservation Programme for Library Buildings**

Cabinteely Library windows is a project that has been selected for an energy upgrade under the dlr Climate Action Plan 2024 – 29. Essential conservation work has begun in November on the library windows, which is the first step in improving energy efficiency of the building and protecting our built heritage – did you know the building is over 100 years old? The original single pane leaded windows are a large contributor to building heat-loss. The windows are firstly being repaired and the next exciting stage is the installation of internal glazing sympathetic to the building and designed by Conservation architects, to protect heat loss from the building and make it more comfortable for all. The project is funded under the dlr Energy retrofit programme and part-funded by Pathfinder funding through SEAI and the Government of Ireland. It was part of larger Energy Action Plans for Cabinteely and Shankill Libraries in 2024/2025 – watch this space for further exciting news of works in the pipeline for those libraries!





Dundrum Library has had the first stage of refurbishment works completed – including new shelving downstairs – see before and after pics below. The installation of a new mains filtered water fountain for public use has already saved 579 bottles, and a new welcome desk in the Children's Library has also been installed, allowing more space for books and events. Further refurbishment works are planned for early January including an accessible space for groups to meet downstairs, and other exciting developments.

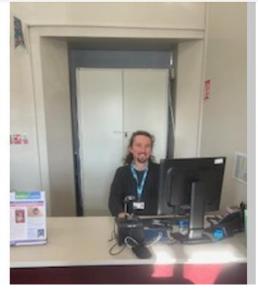




Adult Library shelves - Before...

and After







**Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards** (Thurs 21 November) dlr libraries were delighted to have been shortlisted for a Chambers Ireland 2024 award, for the *Creative Brainwaves: Ageing well in dlr!* project, part of the Age-Friendly Initiatives Category.

The Excellence in Local Government Awards, sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are held annually to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown has one of the largest ageing populations in the country. The *Creative Brainwaves: Ageing well in dlr!* Project consisted of a suite of programmes that included talks, events and workshops around brain health and dementia, we focused 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 well-being. The aim of the project is to support a more informed population around brain health and dementia and to raise awareness about the supports that DLRCC offers to older people.

### **Creative Ireland Programme**

The Creative Ireland programme continues to be delivered across the county, with our two-year funded Let's Get Social Health and Wellbeing programme in full swing. In November we have delivered a number of Social Prescribing Creative Café programmes in the LexIcon, Blackrock and Deansgrange libraries in collaboration with Southside Partnership. Also, part of the programme are our dance and drumming workshops, which are taking place in Taney Parish Hall for older people in the Dundrum area and with parents and children in Mount St Mary's IPA setting, facilitated by dancer Philippa Donnellan and percussionist Brian Fleming. As part of our core Creative Ireland programme Doulab for Circus and Dance is currently delivering a 6-week circus project for children in Blackrock Hall IPA accommodation.

# Adult Literacy Group Visit (Wed 13 November, dlr LexIcon)

We welcomed 14 adult learners and their tutors from the Adult Education Centre in Dún Laoghaire for a tour of dlr LexIcon. This visit is part of the national Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) Strategy. The learners discovered a wide array of resources available to library members, including a dedicated Literacy area, the self-service facility to borrow and return books, access to computers, laptops, hublet tablet, printing services, a 3D printing facility, free phone charging stations and a variety of exhibitions. A highlight of the visit was the



chance to explore innovative assistive technology tools like the Reader Pens and Acorn tablets, which can be borrowed on a regular library card.

We look forward to having more visits from similar groups of adult learners, to let them know about the services that are available to them for free and to also get feedback on our spaces and resources, so we can learn how to improve them for visitors who have difficulties with reading and writing.

## Resources to enhance and improve 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 licences that are available free to teachers and parents, prioritising students with dyslexia. We also have licences for Searsol's Typewiz, a specially crafted typing software for children, that draws upon extensive academic research to offer a unique and motivating approach to touch typing. The programme incentivises learning through word-per-minute badges, earned avatars, and virtual coins. 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.

Both these typing licences are available for teachers or parents to borrow, to help children learn to type, in a school, library or home setting. Contact <a href="mailto:libraryit@dlrcoco.ie">libraryit@dlrcoco.ie</a> for more information on these resources

## **Ballyogan Library**

We continue to liaise with stakeholders in the Samuel Beckett Community Centre and local community, ahead of the opening of Ballyogan Library. While we await handover from the building contractors, we continue to order books, including multiple copies of popular titles as part of our short loan collections, in addition to purchasing sensory toys and equipment.

Image: some of the many boxes of books ready to be sent to their new home in Ballyogan





# **November Event Highlights**

## **Dublin Book Festival** (Sat 9 November, dlr LexIcon)

dlr Libraries have proudly partnered with Dublin Book Festival (DBF) for the past 10 years. On Saturday 9 November, we were delighted to host three events in a packed Studio Theatre as part of DBF 2024. We welcomed Sinéad Gleeson in conversation with Paula Shields, Máiría Cahill with Olivia O'Leary and Michael Longley discussing his poetry in the company of Olivia O'Leary. You can listen back now to those events and many more on our Podcasts page on our website.

# Active Movement Classes (dlr LexIcon, 11, 18 & 25 November)

The ever-popular Active Academy returned this Autumn with more exercise classes to get adults moving, with two levels. Beginner sessions specifically designed for those who are new to movement or interested in getting back into a regular exercise routine, and more advanced sessions aimed at adults of all levels. All sessions were fully booked throughout.

## **Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse**

**Studio Saturday: Active Lego with Active Kids Academy** (2 November, dlr LexIcon) dlr Libraries' monthly Studio Saturdays are tailored for neurodiverse children and their families.

Active Kids Lego Sessions are designed to be inclusive and are open to all neurodiverse children and their families. Every child was able to work at their own pace and ability. There were 5 sessions over the day, with 68 children participating in the FREE BUILDING, GUIDED BUILDING and STRUCTURED BUILDING sections. Children could also avail of the obstacle course, fine motor skill activities or sensory zone. Younger children had the use of a smaller area with Duplo and a train set for them to explore, while children aged 11 yrs+ had their own separate space to work.

## **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 library staff to borrow from Library HQ for events in their own library.

### **Events for Adults**

**Craft Workshops** (dlr Library branches throughout November)

dlr LexIcon - Winter Crafts

- Christmas Card Making with Nicola Faull (14 November)
- Christmas Wreath Making with Sharon Wells (21 November)
- Candle Making with Susie Kenny (28 November)

**Dundrum Library** 



- Learn to Sew with Green Thread (4 November)
- Eco Christmas Crafts with Aoife Munn (28 November)

### Shankill Library

- Christmas Card Making with Kim Jenkinson (29 November)
- Making Clay Christmas Angels with Aoife Munn (15 November)

## Blackrock Library

• Christmas Wreath Making with Wicklow Willow (23 November)

## **Book Launches**

## *Times & Tides – an anthology (*The Lab, dlr LexIcon, 26 November)

In March 2023, a series of writing workshops commenced in dlr LexIcon, facilitated by Leo Cullen. From these beginnings, emerged dlr LexIcon's first writers' group who style themselves as the Scribes of March. *Times & Tides* is a collection of poetry, prose and short stories from the fifteen local writers who are members of this group.

**Digging up the Raj in the Attic by Shabnam Vasisht** (The Lab, dlr LexIcon, 14 November) Shabnam Vasisht is a visual artist and author and having inherited a keen interest in the past from her historian mother, her most recent books are on local history. After four years of deep and extensive research, Shabnam has produced *Digging up the Raj in the Attic* – the second in the series, after *Digging up the Raj in Deansgrange Cemetery*. The publication is supported with a grant from dlr Heritage Office.

## **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

### 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.

## **Library Clubs & Groups for adults**

## Irish Language Classes (6, 13, 20 & 27 November, dlr LexIcon)

dlr LexIcon host free Irish language classes for adults with Conradh na Gaeilge. The classes cater for beginner and intermediate levels and run for 6 weeks.

### dlr Yarnspinners: Storytelling Circle for Adults (20 November, dlr LexIcon)

Our monthly Storytelling Circle is aimed at gathering people together who are interested in listening to and sharing stories. The November meeting welcomed guest performer Eimear Burke, a Druid and storyteller.

# Film Clubs in dlr Libraries Irish Cinema Season – LexIcon Studio Screenings

 A monthly film event which allows for a provoking and inclusive "frame by frame" discussion of Irish Cinema with a panel of experts followed by a Q&A. Attendees are



asked to vote for their favourite Irish film on the night and they will be screened monthly until May. The film choice for November was *An Cailín Ciúin* (2022) directed by Colm Bairéad.

## **Blackrock Library Film Club**

• Blackrock Film Club holds a monthly film club every third Thursday of the month. November's selection was *Hiroshima, Mon Amour* (1959), directed by Alain Resnais.

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.

#### **Book Clubs**

Across our 8 libraries, book clubs continue to thrive, offering a mix of in-person and online options to suit diverse interests, including:

Dundrum Library: Audio Book Club.

Dalkey Library: Irish-language Club Leabhair.

dir Lexicon: Thriller Tuesday Book Club, History Book Club, and the Irish-language Club

Leabhar Filíochta. Also, the new Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club.

Blackrock Library: Online Book Club, meeting monthly via Zoom on the second Thursday. Our long-running Online Book Club, facilitated by Mary Burnham, meets on the last Wednesday of each month. October's featured book was *The Caretaker* by Ron Rash.

These clubs provide valuable community engagement opportunities and foster a love of reading across a range of genres and formats.

### **Exhibition Programme**

# Ahoy, Young Explorers! Welcome to the Ouzel Galley Adventure! (1 October – 29 November, dlr LexIcon)

Discover the Legend: Step back in time to 1695 and set sail on an incredible journey with the legendary ship, the Ouzel Galley. This magical exhibition brings to life the exciting story of a ship that left Dublin Bay over 300 years ago. Discover what happened to the ship and its brave crew through the illustrations of artist Bex Shelford. Explore the exhibition with a special activity booklet, full of drawings, fun things to spot, and creative ideas for your own artwork. The story of the Ouzel Galley is waiting for you.

Associated Workshops:

- Mythical Sea Creatures from the Past!
- Make Your Own Sea Bird!
- Create Your Own Treasure Chest
- Create Your Own Maps!

# **Migrants: An exhibition of work by artist Issa Watanabe** (8 November - 13 December, dlr LexIcon)

Presented by the Peruvian Embassy in Ireland, this exhibition highlights the work of Issa Watanabe, one of the most recognised Latin American illustrators in recent years. Her book Migrants, published in Spain and in 18 countries, has received important distinctions, such as the Libreter Award (Barcelona, 2020) and the Gran Premio BIBF Ananas (Beijing, 2021). The artist's journey has a strong self-taught element: she began studying Literature at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, later resided in Mallorca, where she took some art



courses, and then returned to the Peruvian capital to fully dedicate herself to her creative work.

The Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (November & December, Deansgrange Library)

The Big House formed the private domain for generations of the political, military and financial elites of Ireland and while it was largely removed from the everyday experience of Irish men and women, it often stood at the centre of the local economy, providing employment for those living in the area. The world of the Big House became increasingly unsteady as Ireland tilted towards independence and the grand houses that survived the fires of the 1920s faced further change during the twentieth century. Many of them were adapted and changed for use as convents, hospitals and schools. This exhibition was originally curated by David Gunning, former dlr Historian in Residence.

For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit: <a href="https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/news-events/dlr-exhibitions/dlr-exhibitions">https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/news-events/dlr-exhibitions/dlr-exhibitions</a>

### **Events for Children & Families**

Nature Heroes Workshop with Averil Rafferty (2 November, Dalkey Library)

This workshop offered children an engaging opportunity to discover the wonders of the natural world and learn how to protect it by becoming everyday heroes for nature.

Children's Christmas Crafts with Kim Jenkinson (21 November, Shankill Library)

This session provided children with a festive and creative experience. Participants made holiday-themed decorations, cards, and crafts to take home and enjoy. The session offered a fun, hands-on opportunity to inspire creativity while celebrating the season.

### What to do on a Rainy Day (21 November, dlr LexIcon)

A storytelling and playtime session with puppets. Families were invited to create together a magical, multilingual world where language and culture are celebrated and embraced.

### Design Your Own Superhero with Alan Nolan (29 November, dlr LexIcon)

Author, illustrator and comic creator Alan Nolan told participants about his favourite comics and superheroes from his childhood and showed them how to draw one of his own creations. They tested their superhero knowledge with a quiz and then designed their very own Superhero using Alan's Superhero Design Template!

### **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 November was *Chicken Run* (2000). 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 has 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.

Dabbleboo Music Monthly Workshops in Dundrum Library are designed to be accessible, engaging and fun, and focuses on playing together as a group.

Dalkey Library holds a Gaming Club, meeting on the first Thursday of the month, suitable for 9-12 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: <a href="https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/using-your-library/children-and-families/children-and-families/children-and-families/">https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/using-your-library/children-and-families/</a>

### **Events for Schools**

## **Philosophy Workshops with Curo** (18 November, dlr LexIcon)

Little people thinking big! Curo P4C (philosophy for children) bring their fun, interactive workshop to dlr LexIcon. The children develop their own questions in response to a given stimulus, enquiring thoughtfully, and collaboratively, as a group guided by the facilitator.

## **Exploring Insects through the Senses with Nessa** (8 November, dlr LexIcon)

Creative Entomologist Nessa brought her fun, interactive, brilliantly bug-filled workshop to dlr LexIcon. Incorporating music and art, the children will come out of this colourful workshop with a new sense of wonder for the many legged creatures all around them.

### **Statistics**

Social media (as of 28 November)

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Facebook	8,574 followers
X (formerly Twitter)	8,616 followers
Instagram	5,084 followers
TikTok	645 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	15,013 subscribers

Online resources (as of 22 November)

Resource	Description	stats Prelim Nov 2024		
Overdrive	eBooks	1,080		
	eaudio	996		
	Comics	0		
Borrowbox	eaudio	8, 262		
	eBook	3, 811		
	ePress	14, 579		
Find my Past	Views	Stats at end of full month		
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	1, 840		
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	3		
Lote4Kids	logins	7		
Who else writes	logins	0		
Who next guide	logins	0		
Medici	Videos Viewed	Stats at end of full month		
Kanopy	Visits	5, 918		
Totals		36, 496		



## **DLR Sports Partnership Update - November 2024**

- **The Daily Mile** primary schools event in Kilbogget Park to mark the end of challenge with Athletics Ireland (16 schools, 1350 participants).
- Local Sports & Physical Activity Plan presentations to both Area Committees and online workshop for Councillors in November. Bringing to full Council for approval in December.
- **Staffing** Awaiting date to start recruitment for the Programmes Manager (Grade 6) and Sport 4 Empowerment Officer (Grade 5) positions.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme 2025** fund of €35,000 through Sport Ireland. 33 applications received from clubs across Women In Sport, Disability and Volunteer Training.
- **Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Grant** linked in with the Beaches section to deliver a project to upgrade the Forty Foot Hut to outdoor showers (€20,000 Sport Ireland grant).
- **Participation Nation Grant Scheme** notification of €60,000 allocation under this new fund for outdoor activity equipment with a biodiversity component in Kilbogget Park.
- **Santa Dash** third year of this family fun 2km around Cabinteely Park on the 8th December for all ages & abilities (fully booked at 600 participants).
- **Her Moves** water sports programme for teenage girls with Cross Care in the INSS. Also 6-week table tennis and art programme in St Raphaela's and St Tiernan's (52 participants).
- **Balance Bikes** loaning out our fleet of 30 balance bikes to local schools to assist in junior and senior infant cycle skills (5 schools since September).
- **Introduction to Tennis** started a new 6-week beginners tennis programme in Marlay Park for over 55's with a focus on females (24 participants).
- Boules established a new inter-club competition for DLR clubs Marlay, Dun Laoghaire, Blackrock and Cabinteely. Come & try session included a cup presentation (50 Participants).
- **Social running group for IPAs** weekly running group for men staying in the Ballyogan centre. Bringing group to the DLR Parkruns (16 participants).
- **International Men's Day** organised an introductory hike and Zipit activity in Tibradden for adult men seeking asylum on the 19th November.
- **Inclusive Bike Hire** secured two new inclusive bikes to add to fleet (adult trike, tandem).
- **Disability Cycling Training** completed delivery of two more of these learn to cycle programmes for children with a disability (35 participants).
- **Inclusive Teen Gym** weekly programme with Enable Ireland taking place in in dlr Leisure Loughlinstown to introduce to use of equipment (13 participants).
- **Woodlands For Health** completed delivery of this weekly walking programme for adults experiencing mental ill-health issues (20 participants).
- Playground Equipment installing a new wheelchair roundabout in Kilbogget Park.
- **My Moving Brain Project** supported an open event on the 16th November in Blackrock College with activities and presentation.
- **Active Cities Steering Group** meeting on the 25th November that will look at continuing progress and identifying opportunities for collaboration in 2025.
- **BoxUp** awaiting delivery of a third 6-locker unit to be located in Ballyogan through Active Cities Dublin and the Dormant Accounts Fund.
- **Play Innovation** working with Sports Development in DLRCC to purchase number of Play Innovation Boards for selected parks to enhance informal play.
- **Research** DLRCOCO, Active Cities Dublin, DLRSP and UCD to work together on a project to measure/track participation levels in disadvantaged areas across DLR.
- **Communications For Sports Clubs** new training programme delivered to support club volunteers to maximise their work around Comms (18 participants).
- **Epilepsy Awareness in Sport** online workshop for adults working with individuals with epilepsy in sport (83 attendees).



- **Disability Inclusion Training** online workshop to provide participants with knowledge on how to adapt sport and activity sessions (25 participants).
- **DLRSP Website** over previous 12 months new users 17K (up 151%), returning users up 138%, page views 42,570 (up 103%), event count 126,640 (up 110%).
- **Club Directory** completed the upgrading of our Sports Club Directory and that is now one of the busiest areas on our website.
- **DLRSP Newsletter** 5th edition of the quarterly newsletter being circulated. Averaging 2000 digital downloads per edition. Increasing our physical copies from 750 to 1000.

## **Sports Development - November Report**

DLR Leisure set up the following activities in November 2024.

## **DEIS After School Sports Programme**

- St. Joseph's, Dun Laoghaire mixed group (10-12 age).
- St. Kevin's, Sallynoggin mixed group (10-12 age).
- Scoil Mhuire, Shankill mixed group (10-12 age).
- Holy Family, Monkstown mixed group (10-12 age).
- St. Lawrence's College, Ballybrack mixed group (13-16 age).
- St. John's Ballybrack mixed group (10-12 age).

### **Youth Groups**

- Sallynoggin Crosscare group 1 mixed group (10-12 age).
- Sallynoggin Crosscare group 2 mixed group (13-15 age).
- Shankill Crosscare mixed group (10-14 age).
- Ballybrack boys only mixed group (12-14 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare gym session boys only group (15-17 age).
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare girls only group (12 -14 age).
- Dun Laoghaire Crosscare mixed group (16-17 age).
- Mounttown Crosscare mixed group (10-16 age).
- Balally Family Resource Centre mixed group (12-14 age)
- Whitehouse Crosscare, Ballyogan group 1 boys only group (12-15 age).
- Whitehouse Crosscare, Ballyogan group 2 mixed group (15-17 age).

### **Special Needs Groups**

- Strive, Dún Laoghaire mixed group (20-24 age).
- Carmona services mixed group (24 age).
- Fostina Leinte mixed group (24 age).

## Sallynoggin Youth Reach

Continued our gym sessions and brought the group bowling - mixed group (16-18 age).

### **Other Activities**

- Have contacted the local Dheis schools with regards setting up our after-school sports programme in the new year.
- Helped Tara from the arts department with their family fun day in Ballyogan on the
- 2nd of November.
- Attended physical literacy tutor course in Sports campus Blanchardstown.
- Met with several Crosscare groups with regards setting up programmes in the new year.



- Met with Clive Ivory from youth Diversion Ballybrack with regards setting up programmes in the new year.
- Have booked in sports sessions for St Michaels Goatstown starting in January.

## **Leinster Rugby - Report**

# Leinster Rugby Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools = 6 Males = 303 Females = 277

Secondary Schools = Males = Females =

## **Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO)**

Primary Schools = 4 Males = 178 Females = 284

Secondary Schools = 3 Males = 0 Females = 98

# Ryan Hayes (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC)

Primary Schools = 7 Males = 165 Females = 173

Secondary Schools = 2 Males = 59 Females = 31

# **Eleanor Furlong (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Blackrock College RFC)**

Primary Schools = 3 Males = 249 Females = 193

Secondary Schools = 1 Males = 2 Females = 28

## Karl McDonald (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC)

Primary Schools = 6 Males = 331 Females = 233 Secondary Schools = Males =

Females =

# dlr rugby clubs sessions, workshops or AOB (please include numbers and breakdown male/female)

DLSP FC U12s contact session - 26 players - JS



Old Wesley RFC U11s general session - 12 players - JS

RCSI and dlr sports partnership - My Moving Brain Event in Blackrock College - JS Leinster Rugby hosted a mid-season review with all dlr clubs during November. The clubs are St Brigid's RFC, Seapoint RC, Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC, Old Wesley RFC (Ballycorus Rd.), Blackrock College RFC and DLSP FC - JS and EMcK plus relevant Leinster Rugby CCRO Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC U7s and U8s female players training - 5 female players - KMcD Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC U12's Thursday and Sunday - 21 male players - KMcD

# dir female club rugby

Blackrock College RFC hosted a mini rugby event on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 and four of the six dlr rugby clubs attended – EMcK

Seapoint RC U12s training session – 16 female players – EMcK DLSP FC U12s training session – 12 female players – EMcK

DLSP FC 012S training session – 12 female players – EMCK

# dlr rugby development schools (please include numbers and breakdown male/female)

St. Colmcille's Community School – first year – 16 male players (Monday and Wednesday) – KMcD

St. Colmcille's Community School – third year – 21 male players (Mondays and Wednesdays) – KMcD

St Raphaela's school junior rugby training – 12 female players – EMcK De La Salle College junior rugby training – 14 female players – EMcK

## South Dublin 7s or female tournaments 1st year touch or X7s (dlr only)

Leinster Rugby SD7s round 2 - 120 male players and 35 female players - JS

School numbers 2023/24	Male	Female	Totals
U7	94	84	178
U8	212	225	437
U9	316	352	668
U10	310	236	546
U11	349	394	743
U12	362	271	633
U13	213	164	377
U14	51	209	260
U15	39	27	66
U16	20	19	39
U17	2	26	28
U18	0	0	0
U19	0	0	0
Grand totals	1968	2007	3975

### **Leinster Cricket**

 We started the month with a Table Cricket teacher training session in Enable Ireland, Sandymount. Six teachers and the principal received training in how to set up the game, player involvement and how to score the sessions. A follow up session is organised for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of November. Two sessions will be led by the teachers with Jim Stewart there to supervise the session and give advice.



- Sessions are either ongoing or have been completed in Holypark BNS, Holypark GNS and St. Laurence's BNS, Stillorgan. Approximately 1450 pupils are receiving cricket coaching.
- A first aid course was run by Cricket Leinster for local clubs with 17 attendees.
- Sandyford Cricket Club were delighted to hear that the money to facilitate the move to a new ground within Marlay Park has been designated. It is essential that this move happens as quickly as possible to enable the development of a junior section within the club.
- Recently 4 coaches from the club received their first coaching certification with a further 3 coaches upgrading to level 2 qualifications

### FAI

- **Administration** Planning work for all programs in 2025 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going on a weekly and monthly basis.
- **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.
- **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** Four schools participating; 300 4<sup>th</sup>,5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils taking part.
- Primary School DLR League in conjunction with UCD AFC Community Officer.
- **Disney Playmakers** Clubs taking part Rosemount/Mulvey, Lakelands FC.
- **Personal Development** New Sport Ireland Coaching Development Level 7 award ongoing. The course continues until February 2025.
- Summer Soccer Schools Planning for next year.
- Football Pathways Consultation Meetings on-going in Region 2.
- **In Her Boots** New workshop developed to promote education around young females in football. Mt. Merrion Youths FC activity took place on Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.

# Filming in the Park

We received the below request for filming in DLR Parks in October 2024:

CRM Source or Email	Location	Date Request Received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
342283	Kilbogget Running Track	01/11/24	30/11/24	N	Applicant decided not to use track for filming. Withdrew application
Email	Deansgrange Cemetery	12/11/24	13/11/24	Y	

# **Allotments**

#### Castle:

- Installation of 9 raised beds completed (in space formerly marked as Plot 80 and 81).
- 6 raised beds have been allocated to former plot holders who wished to downsize.
- The resulting 6 vacant plots were allocated to people on the waiting list.
- 3 raised beds left to be allocated.



### Mount Anville:

- 19 vacant plots prepared to be given out to new people from the waiting list.
- 2 people from waiting list have chosen their new plots.
- Waiting list will decrease.

# Heritage

- dlr Heritage Community Grant scheme assessment of submissions
- Local heritage presentation to Regional Tour Guiding students at Stillorgan College of Further Education (4<sup>th</sup>)
- Heritage Council funded projects underway
  - o Gathering the archive of 40 years of the Southside Travellers Action Group (in collaboration with dlr Community/Creative Ireland/Heritage Council)
  - o Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology programme Year 4 in collaboration with Dublin Mountains Partnership and SDCC;
    - Guided archaeology walk for residents of Direct Provision
    - Archaeology training for DMP volunteers
    - \* Archaeology training for Hillwalkers and Mountaineering Ireland
    - Launch of new Dublin Mountains archaeology storymap <a href="https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/541b560e0c4747cc87ec7bae85d69480">https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/541b560e0c4747cc87ec7bae85d69480</a>
- Creative Ireland funded projects underway
  - o Update/reprint of Martello Towers of Dublin book
  - Creative Café social prescribing heritage session in Deansgrange Library on oral history (Oct 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Grant recoupment for Community Monument Fund, Decade of Centenaries and Heritage Council funded projects
- Onboarding of new Heritage and Biodiversity Communications graduate
- Awards for Dún Laoghaire Harbour Trail signage
  - Selected for Ireland's 100 Archive (100 notable communication design projects selected annually), https://www.100archive.com/projects/dun-laoghaire-harbour-trail
  - o Commended in the Institute of Designers in Ireland awards 2024 (structures and spaces) <a href="https://www.idiawards.ie/projects/dun-laoghaire-harbour-trail/">https://www.idiawards.ie/projects/dun-laoghaire-harbour-trail/</a>
- Selection of A True Record, a creative response to Marlay House for Dublin Art Book Fair
- Carrickbrennan cemetery wall repair underway
- James Joyce Tower board strategy workshop
- On site meeting with NMS re. Carrickbrennan graveyard wall repair
- Restoration of Victorian Stillorgan Wood railings
- Tourism advisory committee meeting
- 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

## Market

Source	Date applied	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun
CRM	04-Nov	1	1	
CRM	06-Nov		1	



## Comhairle Contae County Council

Email	07-Nov	1		
Email	11-Nov			1
CRM	17-Nov		1	
CRM	20-Nov			1
CRM	21-Nov		1	

Benches/Tree

Source	Date Applied	Tree	Bench	Location
CRM	01-Nov		1	Blackrock
Post	18-Nov	1		Cabinteely
CRM	22-Nov	1		Marlay

## **Parks Planning**

### **November 2024**

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

## Reports:

- o Between 6th November and 27<sup>th</sup> November there has been 27 planning reports completed by the Parks Planning Team.
- These reports include pre-planning, planning and compliances. Reports for planning applications this month range from small scale residential infill projects up to large scale ABP compliances including Carricáil on Glenamuck Road and amendments to Liseux Hall on Murphystown Road.
- Tree Bonds: Nothing this month
- **Pre-planning** The Parks Planning team have provided preplanning input over two meetings for a residential development on Glenamuck Manor on Glenamuck Road, Kilternan Village and a very productive meeting for the Lepardstown Hospital extension. The Leopardstown Hospital site is in need of expansion but the site is confined by a band of important woodland, the historic walled garden and the need to retain operation in the existing hospital with any potential development. This was a great example of the need for a face to face meeting to directly present the facts and constraints of an applicant.
- **LAP:** The Parks team continue to have input into the Old Conna and Rathmichael LAP process as well as the Glenamuck/ Kilternan LAP.
- **Section 38:** The Parks Planning Team have provided comments for the Bus Connects project on Harbour Road, the housing project at Mount Saint Mary's as well as the Wildrock housing proposal in Sandyford.

### Meetings:

- 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.



Parks Capital Projects - Nov 2024 Progress								
	DIOH HOIG	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment	
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening							Complete in Nov 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 received – evaluation to be concluded.	
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 ongoing – for completion in Q1 2025.	
New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross							Kilcross complete, Finsbury for completion in Dec 2024	
Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works							Works commenced early Nov 2024 – for completion in April 2025.	
Pavement Improvement Programme							Works and procurements ongoing.	
Play Space Development 2024 Projects (Refurbishments)							Some projects complete, other projects for completion in Q4 2024/Q1 2025.	
Marlay Golf Redevelopment							On-going. To be progressed through section 183.	
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2							Part 8 approved in Oct 2024 and tender docs have been invited.	
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1							Part 8 approved at the Feb 2024 Council Meeting. Judicial Review is delaying the works	
Cabinteely Park Projects							Part 8 approved in Nov 2024.	
Sandyford Urban Open Space							Acquisition is being progressed. Tenders for a consultant team have been invited	



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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. Surveys on-going.
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 & successful.
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 but unsuccessful. On hold.
Shanganagh Crematorium				No funding available. On hold.
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms				No funding available. On hold. Skills wall is complete.