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Message from An Cathaoirleach



Welcome to the Election Special of the dlr Times. This latest issue covers all you need to know about the upcoming local elections.

I have been an elected public servant for 33 years and recognise the role Councillors have in local communities. Our impact is thanks to the public engaging and taking part in local elections.

At the start of my term, I highlighted Housing and Climate Action as two of my priorities and I'm happy to see great progress on both over the course of the last year.

Cherrywood has seen great progress in residential properties and Shanganagh Castle is due to have its first homes available by the end of 2024. I have attended several housing openings including 67 new homes built by the Council at Ballyogan Square, as well as homes in partnership with Affordable Housing Bodies at Clay Farm and Kiltiernan Wood.

As we look to the future Climate Action continues to be a focus. The Climate Action Plan was adopted, the Community Climate Action Programme began and significant progress was made on active travel routes around the County including the passing of the Living Streets Scheme in Dún Laoghaire.

I wish to thank all involved for a successful and enjoyable term as Cathaoirleach.

CLLR. DENIS O'CALLAGHAN

CoCo Markets

PEOPLE'S PARK & DLR LEXICON, Dún Laoghaire
Sunday 11am-4pm

MARLAY PARK
Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

Saturday 10am-4pm & Sunday 11am-4pm



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Out of Hours: 01 677 8844
[after 5pm + weekends]
Homeless Persons: 1800 724 724
[after hours services]
Irish Water: 1850 278 278
[24 hours]

Your dlr parks



BLACKROCK PARK

TIME: Open Access

CABINTEELY PARK

TIMES: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov – Jan 8am to 5pm | Feb 8am to 6pm | Mar 8am to 7pm | Apr 8am to 8pm | May – Aug 8am to 10.30pm

DEER PARK

TIME: Open Access

FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS

TIME: 9am - 6pm

KILBOGGET PARK

TIME: Open Access

KILLINEY HILL PARK

TIME: Open Access

MARLAY PARK

TIME: Sep 9am to 8pm | Oct 9am to 6pm | Nov – Jan 9am to 5pm | Feb – Mar 9am to 6pm | Apr 9am to 9pm | May – Aug 9am to 10pm

PEOPLE'S PARK

TIME: Dec – Mar 8am to 4.30pm | Apr – May 8am to 7.30pm | Jun – Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct – Nov 8am to 7.30pm

SHANGANAGH PARK

TIME: Open Access

Recycling information



BALLYOGAN RECYCLING

Ballyogan Road

TELEPHONE: 01 291 3600

TIME: Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm
Sat 9.30am to 5.30pm | Sun/Bank Hols 10.30am to 5.30pm.

CLOSED: Christmas Eve – St. Stephen's Day, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday.

EDEN PARK RECYCLING

Summerhill Road, Glasthule

TIME: Mon – Thur 8.30am to 4pm
Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm.

CLOSED: Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.

SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE

Cemetery Car Park, Shankill

TIME: Mon – Thur 8.30am to 4pm
Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm.

CLOSED: Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

We are committed to ensuring your voice is heard when it comes to the decisions that affect you & your neighbourhood in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Our consultation and engagement platform dlrcoco.ie/haveyoursay allows you to have your say and tell us what your priorities and concerns are for the County.



Your dlr libraries



dlr Lexicon

Haigh Terrace, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. A96 H283
TEL: 01 280 1147

TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm
Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Sun 12pm – 4pm Self-service only

BLACKROCK

Main St., Blackrock, Co. Dublin. A94 YF76
TEL: 01 288 8117

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

CABINTEELY*

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely, Dublin 18. D18 W773

TEL: 01 285 5363

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* or Sat* 9.30am – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

DALKEY**

41 Castle Street Dalkey, Co. Dublin. A96 AK28

TEL: 01 285 5317

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

DEANSGRANGE**

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange, Dublin 18. D18 NY58

TEL: 01 285 0860

TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm

DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum, Dublin 14. D14 VP97

TEL: 01 298 5000

TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 9.30am-5pm

SHANKILL*

Library Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. D18 DX43

TEL: 01 282 3081

TIME: Fri* or Sat* 9.30am-5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

STILLORGAN

Unit J (First Floor), Stillorgan Shopping Centre. A94 PR90

TEL: 01 288 9655

TIME: Mon – Wed 9.30am – 5pm | Thurs 9.30am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 9.30am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm

* Open either Friday or Saturday – please contact relevant branch/see website for further details.

** My Open Library service: extended staffless opening hours, starting at 8am and finishing at 10pm, 7 days a week – you need to sign up in the branch during staffed hours.

- On Bank Holiday weekends, all libraries are closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday, except for My Open Library service

Let your voice be heard on 7 June

On Friday 7 June, you will be able to exercise your right to vote in the Local and European Elections.



Local Elections

Local Elections are held every five years and give you the chance to vote for the candidates you want to represent you and your community at local government level.

Every person aged 18 years or over, regardless of their citizenship, and who is a resident of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is entitled to vote in the local elections for the electoral area in which they live. There are six local electoral areas in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown administrative area, with each area electing a number of Councillors based on the size of its population. The Blackrock and Stillorgan areas will elect six Councillors each, and the Dundrum, Dún Laoghaire, Glencullen/Sandyford and Killiney-Shankill areas will elect seven Councillors each. A list of all nominated candidates can be found at www.dlrcoco.ie and will be published during the nomination period between Saturday 11 May and Saturday 18 May.

European Elections

All EU citizens living in Ireland, and aged 18 years or over, are entitled to vote in the European Parliament Elections. A list of the Dublin candidates can be found at www.dublincountyreturningofficer.com

How to Vote

To vote in any of these elections you must be on our register of electors. To check if you are on the register you can visit voter.ie. Alternatively, details can be checked at our offices in Dún Laoghaire or Dundrum Area office

Applications to register or change details to be eligible to vote at the European and Local elections on the 7 June 2024 close on the 20 May 2024. Applications received after this time will be considered after polling day.

Applications to register or change details to be eligible for a postal vote at the European and Local elections on the 7 June 2024 close on the 11 May 2024. Applications received after this time will be considered after polling day.

Please contact us at registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie or by telephone (01) 205 4880. For further information on Electoral Services please visit www.dlrcoco.ie/register or scan the QR code below.



A message from An Cathaoirleach, Denis O'Callaghan and Chief Executive, Frank Curran

This edition of the dlr Times has a special focus on a pivotal aspect of local governance that only comes around once every five years – the Local Elections. Falling on 7 June, this is your chance to shape the incoming Council and to decide who you want to represent you for the next five years and we would encourage all of you to engage with the issues in our local communities and cast your informed vote on the day.



The Councillors you elect work with our Management Team to decide on policy, procedure, and projects, and play a vital role in shaping and improving your local communities and the County as a whole. The outgoing Council, which was elected back in May 2019, have overseen some significant developments in our county in the intervening five years. The adoption of the County Development Plan and the increase in our annual budget, from €184million in 2019 to €275million in 2024, has seen major projects completed, including the reopening of the Dún Laoghaire Baths, three new

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parks at Cherrywood, public realm improvements across our towns and villages, energy-efficiency in streetlighting and housing, community & business supports and continued maintenance of housing, corporate buildings, parks and playgrounds and Dún Laoghaire Harbour. In addition, work has commenced on new libraries in Ballyogan and Stillorgan and the Glenamuck distributor road scheme will start this year.

Climate Action has been a driving focus of the outgoing Council with the adoption of the Climate Action Plan central to the Council's future which will help us achieve the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral County by 2050. We delivered the Coastal Mobility Route which is recognised as one of the best performing routes in the Dublin region and progress has been significant in relation to active travel and living street schemes across the County. Housing delivery remains a primary focus and while there was some disruption due to the complexities of Covid, steady progress has been made with over 3,300 homes delivered over the five years of this Council. There has been great momentum to date at Cherrywood, in terms of residential delivery, with 1,416 completed, 616 under construction & 4,867 permitted and first homes are due to delivered by the end of this year at Shanganagh Castle.

We would like to commend the outgoing Council for all their work and commitment to deliver a vibrant, accessible, and inclusive county over the past five years, and would like to wish all candidates who run for election, be they party or non-party, the very best of luck.

CLLR. DENIS O'CALLAGHAN

FRANK CURRAN



Stephen Brady

RETURNING OFFICER FOR
LOCAL ELECTIONS / DIRECTOR OF
CORPORATE AFFAIRS

What is the role of the Local Authority Returning Officer?

The Returning Office for local elections is responsible for all matters in relation to the forthcoming local elections including the Nomination of Candidate process, issuing of the Polling Information Cards, preparation of Ballot Papers, Postal Voting and the conducting of the Count for the local election.

Who is eligible and what is the procedure for Nomination of Candidates?

A person who reached 18 years of age on or before polling day is eligible to stand for election and may nominate himself or herself as a candidate for local election or with his or her consent may be nominated by a person who is registered as a local government elector in the local electoral area where the candidate proposes to stand for election. The Returning Officer is responsible for the receipt of nominations which starts at 10am on Saturday 11 May and ends at 12noon on Saturday 18 May. A candidate may withdraw his or her candidature at any time up to 12 noon on Monday 20 May 2024.

Please contact us at returningofficer@dlrcoco.ie to make an appointment and hand in your nomination form.

When is Polling Day?

Polling day is Friday 7 June between the hours of 7am and 10pm. The Electorate needs to check polling cards and information on polling stations on www.dlrcoco.ie.

Where will the local election count take place?

The Returning Officer is responsible for conducting the Local Election count. Following the closing of the poll the count will commence at Building 1, Cherrywood Business Park, Cherrywood, Co Dublin on the afternoon of Saturday 8 June. Once the final count is complete the 40 candidates with the most votes will be declared elected to represent the citizens and the communities of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for the next five years.

What happens after the Local Election Count?

Following the conclusion of the count the Annual Meeting of the Council is held on the 14th day after Polling day, 7 June 2024. At the meeting the names of those candidates who have been elected as members of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is read out and the Council will then proceed to elect a Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach for 2024/2025.

Who is responsible for the European Election to the European Parliament?

The 10th Election to the European Parliament is also on the 7 June and the County Sheriff is the County Returning Officer for the European Election. All candidates for Dublin can be found at dublincountyreturningofficer.com.

Why Vote in the Local Elections?

The Council is made up of 40 locally elected representatives and represents you in the Council. These 40 Councillors play a very significant role in local government, representing the views of their communities, highlighting local issues and bringing proposals to officials.

Your Councillors develop the overall policy framework, debating and adopting a wide range of items before them including multimillion euro annual budgets, County Development Plans, major infrastructure and housing schemes, public realm projects, grants schemes, bye laws, as well as policy and procedure proposals to name just a few.

They represent you as the voter and their actions and decisions will undoubtedly have an impact on you and your local community, which is why it's important to exercise your right to vote.

Each candidate in the election will have their main priorities and if elected, they will influence Council decisions. Take a look at the candidates in your local electoral area. Which of the prospective candidates from your electoral area share your views? They may become your representative in the Council Chamber for the next 5 years.

During every local election seats are won and lost on a handful of votes which is why your vote counts. For more information on Councillors and their role, who is a candidate in your area and the local election voting process please go to <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/electoral-services> or scan the QR code.



What's important to you and what do you believe are the priorities for your community?

HOUSING



CLIMATE ACTION

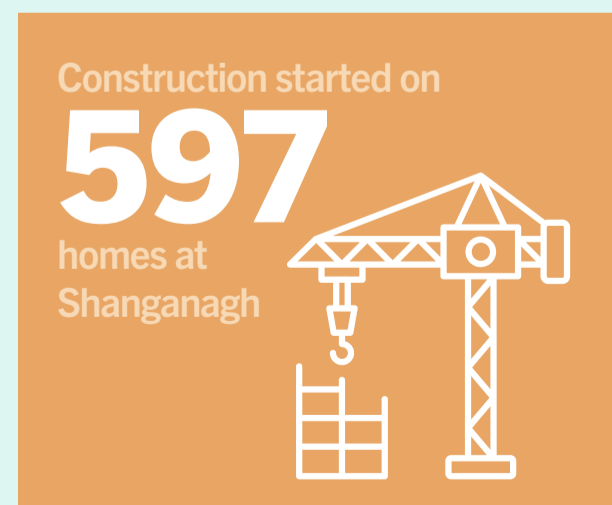
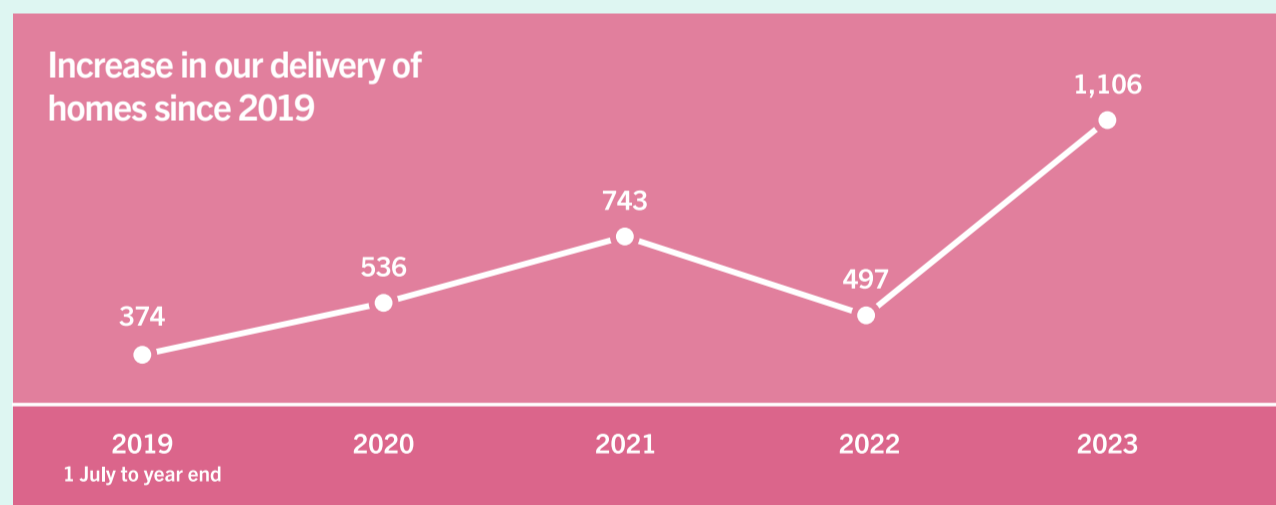
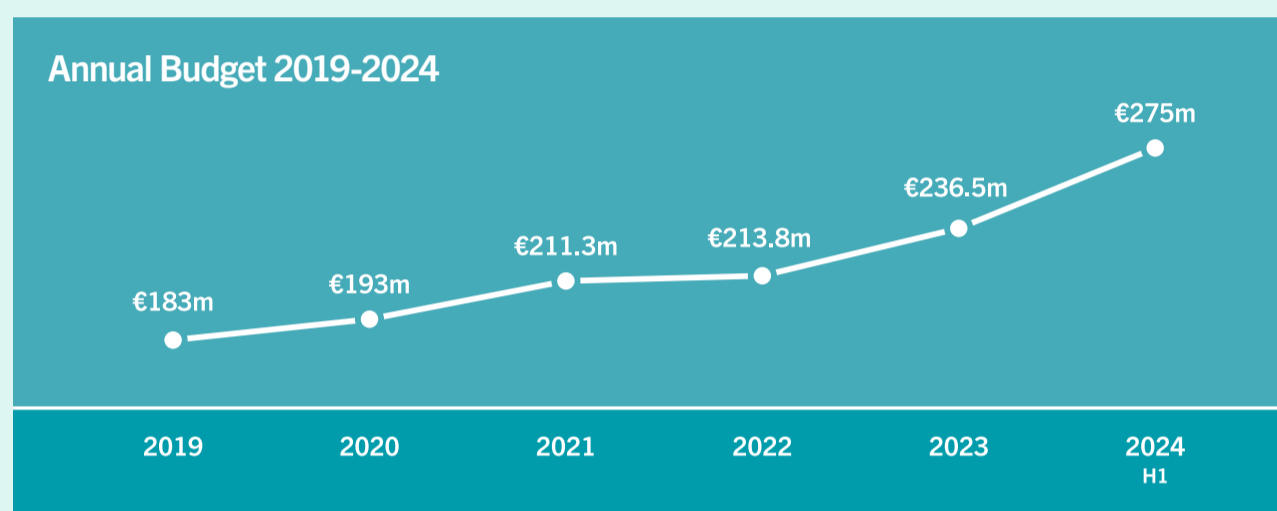


LOCAL PARKS, LIBRARIES AND LOCAL FACILITIES



PUBLIC REALM & INFRASTRUCTURE

During the life of this Council 2019-2024





Over
820k
visitors to the dlr Lexicon



30k
people attended
heritage events



Over
€9m
in business grants invested by LEO
(Local Enterprise Office) office

Over
280k
Big Belly collections




Over
167
public consultations



Over
36k
trees planted


**Coastal
Mobility Route**
and Active Travel
routes completed



Re-opening of the
**Dún Laoghaire
Baths**



84
Shopfront
Improvement
Grants paid
totalling



€225k



130
local events organised and
supported by dlr Events

3 new parks open at
Cherrywood



Adoption of County
Development Plan
2022 to 2028

New voters



Is this the first time that you are voting in a local election? Everyone eligible to vote and registered should receive a polling card in the post before the local elections on Friday 7 June.

Your polling card will tell you where and when to cast your vote. You are not required to bring the polling card to the polling station but doing so will assist staff working at the station to find and issue you with your ballot paper.

You are required to bring some form of ID, such as a passport or driving licence. Once your identification has been verified by the staff in the polling centre you will be issued a ballot paper and you can vote.

Under our system of proportional representation, you mark the ballot paper by putting the number 1 opposite the candidate you like most, followed by a number 2 opposite the candidate you like second best and so on down. You can stop at any point or fill up the entire ballot paper. See the example mock polling card opposite. Once you're finished, fold your ballot paper and put it in the box provided. Remember the point of democracy is that every individual has an equal say and every single vote counts. Under our system of proportional representation, Councillors can be elected by just a handful of votes, so your vote could be the one to decide the outcome in your local area!

For more on proportional representation voting go to www.dlrco.ie

Mock polling card

Candidate	Affiliation	Preference
Aoife Allen	Party A	1
Brian Brady	Party B	
Conor Carey	Independent	2
Dearbhla Dowd	Party C	5
Edmond Ellis	Independent	3
Fergal Finn	Party D	6
Grainne Gunn	Independent	4
Harriet Herne	Party E	

Fascinating Insights from 2019's Local Elections



- The 2019 Local Elections saw a large turnover in Councillors elected with the Green Party making significant strides in terms of seats. In total, six of their candidates were elected from their previous position of two councillors, with all of them being elected after the first count and four of whom topped the poll in their relevant electoral area.
- Fine Gael won the largest representation of seats, securing 13 seats in total, with Fianna Fáil second on the list with 7 seats.
- Both the Green Party and Labour picked up six seats with the remaining eight seats distributed among Non-Party (5), Solidarity People Before Profit (2) and Social Democrats (1).
- 19 of the 40 councillors elected were women, giving Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown the highest percentage (47.5%) in the country. The national average was almost half of that figure (23.81%).
- The Total Electorate back in 2019 was 166,369 with the total valid poll of 77,505, making an overall turnout of 46.5%.
- The highest turnout was 49% in the Dundrum LEA with Stillorgan LEA at 48% while in comparison, the national turnout figure was 50.12%.
- There were 1,898 invalid votes cast with almost three-quarters of those as a result of the first preference not being clearly indicated.
- In total, there were 73 candidates across the six local electoral areas of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- Across the country, the local elections, held on 24 May 2019, resulted in 949 councillors elected to represent 166 local electoral areas with 1,977 candidates standing for election.
- The total number of persons entitled to vote at the 2019 local elections was 3,535,450.

Public Information



Coastival 2024

The hugely successful Coastival returns between 29 June - July 7 for its second year to celebrate everything we love about Dún Laoghaire. Hosting a variety of events along the coast, Coastival will encourage visitors and locals to get involved with water activities, sailing and family fun. Find out more at www.dlrcoco.ie



dlr Festival of Inclusion | Féile le Chéile 2024

Building Friendships in the Community | Ag Cothú Cairdis sa Phobal

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (dlr) County Council is delighted to host the annual dlr Festival of Inclusion to highlight and celebrate social inclusion initiatives and to support and encourage all to actively participate and engage in the community.

This year's festival will run from Wednesday 15 - Sunday 26 May 2024 and the theme of this year's festival is "Building Friendships in the Community | Ag Cothú Cairdis sa Phobal".

Each year dozens of community groups and organisations host activities, exhibitions, performances, talks, coffee mornings, training events, seminars and workshops.

Further information available from: Community Section, dlr County Council, 01 205 4893 / community@dlrcoco.ie / www.events.dlrcoco.ie

Bloomsday

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown celebrates Bloomsday (June 16th) with food, spoken word and the unique dress sense for which the day is well known. Join the events in Sandycove, Glathule and Dalkey to celebrate the day dedicated to James Joyce and his world-famous novel, Ulysses. www.bloomsdayfestival.ie. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council supports this festival.



Dalkey Book Festival

The Dalkey Book Festival 2024 (13-16 June), the latest instalment of an annual event that has been running since 2010, plans to welcome a host of notable writers and personalities from stage, TV and film. The unique heritage town will no doubt be buzzing with excitement over the four days of the festival. Learn more at www.dalkeybookfestival.org. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council supports this event.



Bathing Season 2024

Bathing season starts on the 1 June and ends on the 15 September. During this time Seapoint, Sandycove and Killiney are attended by lifeguards. Throughout the year nine locations are regularly sampled to monitor the water quality. These are Blackrock Baths Shore, Seapoint Beach, Dún Laoghaire Baths, Sandycove Beach, The Forty Foot Bathing Area, Coliemore Harbour, Killiney Beach, White Rock Beach, and Corbawn Strand.

Results are available for viewing, and are posted on beach notice boards where available, on our beach digital screens, on our website dlrcoco.ie and on Beaches.ie through the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).

Have your say on the Cabinteely Greenway!



Join us at St Brigid's Girls' School Hall, The Park, Cabinteely on Tuesday 11 June from 7-9pm to find out more.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/CabinteelyGreenwayRegistration>

Competition



WIN A PAIR OF SINGLE DAY PASSES TO LONGITUDE 2024

Longitude will return to Dublin's Marlay Park from 29-30 June with headliners **Doja Cat**, **Central Cee**, **Becky Hill** and **21 Savage**. Here's an opportunity to get your hands on a pair of free tickets for either Saturday or Sunday at Longitude.

All you have to do is subscribe to the dlr Times. The competition will close on 13 June, and the winner will be contacted the following day. Please scan the QR Code to enter.



Cruinniú na nÓg 2024

Saturday 15 June

Calling all children and young people in the County!

We are thrilled to announce Cruinniú na nÓg across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown on Saturday 15 June. Cruinniú na nÓg is Creative Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people from 0-18 years of age. It aims to celebrate and encourage children and young people's participation in culture and creativity by doing, making, and creating. This year we will be celebrating our Heritage and Place, with a family day in Blackrock Park, nature-based workshops at Fernhill Park and Gardens, and a silent disco in Myrtle Square. Keep an eye on the main dlrcoco.ie website and our social media channels for further information and we hope you can join us on the day.



dlr Libraries | EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

The Infinite and the Infinitesimal

Throughout May. Lexlcon Garden, Moran Park.



Visit this photo exhibition during May as part of the month-long Dublin Mountains Festival, Féile na Sléibhe. The ancient tombs on the Dublin Mountain peaks hold clues to our ancestors' understanding of time, landscape and their place in nature. At another scale entirely - the tiny wonders known as bryophytes can be found all over the mountains. These were the first land plants, here on earth long before the first humans.



My Open Library

The My Open Library (MOL) service is currently in operation at Dalkey and Deansgrange Libraries and offers extended opening hours to library members on a self-service basis outside regular staffed opening hours, from 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week. During these extended hours, and especially during the summer months, we encourage families to visit the library to browse the collections, borrow and return items, print/scan/copy, use the library Wifi/PCs and enjoy the library space together.

To visit during MOL hours, you must have a specially activated MOL library card. You can register for this with staff in the designated MOL branches. To use both Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries outside of staffed hours, you'd need to register separately for both. You must be 16 years or over to avail of a MOL library card. Parents/guardians can then use their MOL card to enter the library with their children. Anyone over 16 should have their own MOL card to enter the library, and under 16s should always be accompanied by a parent/guardian during MOL times.

dlr Libraries Update!

In recent months, we've been working on enhancing and expanding our services, for existing as well as potential new users.

Increased Opening Hours

From March 2024, our library spaces are open an additional 42 staffed hours on a weekly basis, making a total of 475.5 hours open to the public per week – 376 staffed hours and 99.5 self-service hours. These revised opening hours include 9.30am opening and lunchtime opening across most of the week, plus the introduction of Monday night opening until 8pm in 2 additional branches – Deansgrange and Dundrum Libraries.

New Library Website

In April 2024, we launched a new dlr Libraries website which will allow us to quickly update information on our services and resources; from our book collections to our sensory toys and equipment, from the latest branch news to details of our events programme, not forgetting our expanding collection of online material.

We also include designated pages for information on local and national initiatives that library staff are involved in such as the Right to Read Literacy Campaign, Healthy Ireland at your Library and Age-Friendly Libraries. Please bear with us as we add/move content on the site to improve and refine the user experience. <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie>



Offshoot Photography Society Annual Exhibition

1 - 31 May. Deansgrange Library.

Offshoot Photography Society is delighted to announce its Annual Exhibition will be on display again in Deansgrange Library for the month of May. The exhibition highlights the work of local amateur photographers. Local and visitors to the Library are invited to enjoy this stunning exhibition as they wander around the area.

Chronic Illness: A creative exploration

16 – 30 May. Level 4, dlr Lexlcon.

This exhibition is the outcome of a research project that asked people suffering from myalgic encephalomyelitis or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS), long Covid, and other chronic conditions to use arts to convey what it is like to live with chronic illness. Responses ranged from photographs to drawings, embroideries, knitting, collages, and poetry. This exhibition gathers all those to share the often invisible experiences of chronically ill people and bring to light the resilience and creativity of this community.



Humans of Dublin and Dún Laoghaire

5 June- 25 July. Level 3, dlr Lexlcon. Launch: Thurs 6 June 6.00pm, all welcome

Peter Varga is an author, photographer, and creator of the social media phenomenon Humans of Dublin. Over the past decade, he has approached thousands of people on the streets of Dublin and posted over 2,500 portraits and stories to his page. His work functions as a living archive of Dublin at this point in time, capturing the city's evolving identity and preserving the voices of its people for future generations. This 60 portrait exhibition will feature 10 unique stories created specifically for this exhibition, featuring people from Dún Laoghaire.



Debora Adachi

Room to Explore, Art Exhibition for 0–5 year olds

Helen Barry, Anne Bradley, Jane Hayes, and Órla Kelly. Curated by Anne Cradden

Gallery, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire
18 May – 11 August 2024

We are excited to present 'Room to Explore, an Art Exhibition for 0-5 year olds', including artworks by artists Helen Barry, Anne Bradley, Jane Hayes and Órla Kelly. The artists have carefully considered the materials, colours, textures and have worked with early years children to help them create these interactive artworks. Understanding the importance of discovery and

familiarity for young children, the exhibition is designed to be visited and revisited by young children and their caregivers, allowing 'room to explore'.

As part of the exhibition programme, we have lots of creative dates for your diaries! Kicking off with the opening day on May 18, come and meet the artists and join one of the free drop-in workshops for young children.

Gallery Learning Programme

Gallery & Project Room, dlr Lexlcon.

This Summer make sure and book one of our many workshops, talks, tours or join in the Open Art Studios. With lots to discover from colour theory to eco printing there's something for everyone. Our popular Open Art Studios continue for the Summer with Kim Jenkinson or join the walk and talk with Curator of 'Room to Explore' Anne Cradden.

Workshops are bookable on www.eventbrite.ie, search for dlr Lexlcon Gallery.

For full details on the exhibition programme go to www.dlrcoco.ie/arts or phone us on (01) 236 2759.



Luke Dunford

Luke Dunford in Concert

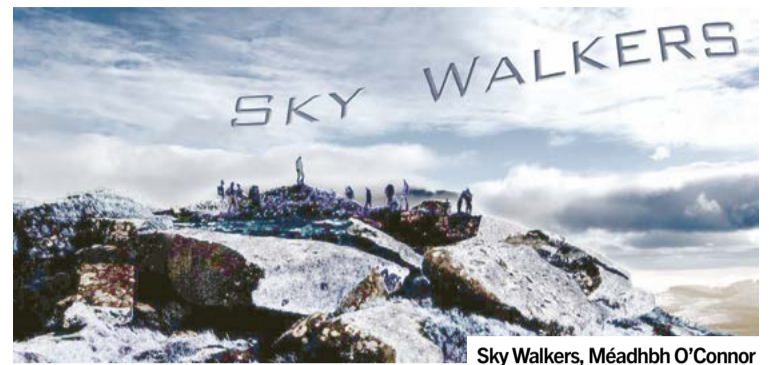
Wednesday 10 July, 7pm, Studio,
level 1, dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire.

Join dlr Emerging Musician 2024, Luke Dunford, for a performance of new Funk/Soul songs with Ciaran O'Malley created for an album with his band Chief Keegan. Luke studied Jazz Performance at the Newpark Music Centre in Dublin, graduating in 2013. He has fast become one of the most in-demand piano players in Dublin and beyond, with

live performances to date including Dublin's 3 Arena, Vicar Street, Bord Gáis, Electric Picnic, and Cork Jazz Festival; as well as international tours of the USA, Europe and the British Isles. Luke has performed and recorded with artists such as the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Sharon Shannon, Lisa Hannigan, Susan O'Neill, and Finbar Furey to name a few.

More details and ticket information will be available from www.dlrcoco.ie/arts or email arts@dlrcoco.ie

In addition on 18 June at 1pm Luke and Ciaran will perform an informal lunchtime concert on the dlr Lexlcon green. This will be a "work in progress" concert and will be used to test the new pieces they have been working on during the 1st half of the residency. It will be relaxed, fun and funky and suitable for all ages to enjoy.



Sky Walkers, Méadhbh O'Connor

Nature and Place

Nature and Place is a series of temporary artworks, taking inspiration from the forests of Ticknock, Tibbradden, Barnaslingan, Carrickgollogan, Kilmashogue and Ballyedmonduff. It includes ReRoot, which was a soundwalk by artist and composer Robert Coleman and dancer and choreographer Laura Sarah Dowdall; Sky Walkers, a series of six sonic poems by Méadhbh O'Connor; and Silva by photographer Martin Healy. The Sky Walkers sound files and map for self-guided walks, and a PDF of Silva, are available to download from the dlr Arts Office website.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/arts/visual-arts-and-film/nature-and-place-commissions>

Great Big Giant Short Story Experiment



22 June, Studio, dlr Lexlcon (beside Ink Cafe).

Devised by dlr County Council Emerging Writer-in-Residence Sonya Gildea and The Stinging Fly, the Great Big Giant Short-Story Experiment is a daylong, in-depth and interactive exploration of the short story form with writers Wendy Erskine, Sheila Armstrong, Stephen Sexton & Danielle McLaughlin.

In advance of gathering on June 22nd at The Lexlcon Theatre, our four writers and all our audience participants will be invited to write a short story to a set of writing prompts and submit to the GBGSSE within 48 hours.

Booking: www.dlrcoco.ie/arts.



Trí Mhionlíne

18 May at 2pm, Lexlcon Green

Presented by Festival in a Van and IMRAM Trí Mhionlíne (Three Little Lines) invites audiences of all ages to embark on an artist-led springtime ginkgo

walk in beautiful Dun Laoghaire. Inspired by their surroundings, participants will be guided in composing their own haiku in Irish and English, and will have the opportunity to read their three little lines on the Festival in a Van stage. This bilingual event is beginner-friendly and suitable for all ages; we encourage you to come along if you've never dipped a toe into poetry before, and to bring your nieces and nephews, your neighbours, and your granny too! To get creative juices flowing, the afternoon will kick off with performances by two haiku poets Liam Carson and Maeve O'Sullivan and accompanied by music by acclaimed composer Seán MacErlaine. Funded by Foras na Gaeilge and dlr Arts Office. No Booking Required.

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