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Message from An Cathaoirleach



Welcome to the Spring edition of the dlr Times!

This issue highlights the many projects happening across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

There's great news for families with the opening of the new library in Ballyogan, the completion of the Mounttown Boxing Club, and the inclusive play space at Fernhill Park and Gardens. Our parks are also seeing improvements, including a new playground in Finsbury Park and a new multi-sport facilities at St. Thomas' Fields.

Businesses can benefit from the Ratepayers Support Grant and the Shopfront Improvement Scheme, while householders are reminded of their responsibility to cut back overgrown hedges which are often an obstruction for pedestrians, parents with buggies and those in wheelchairs.

With Bike Week and Spring into Heritage events ahead, there's plenty to enjoy. We have also recently published our Age Friendly Magazine 2025, packed with useful information.

We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Marlay Park, in May and June, with lots of family friendly events including 1970's themed movies outdoors and a 70's disco!

Thank you for your continued support in making Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown a great place to live, work, and visit. You can keep up to date via our website and social channels!

CLLR. JIM O'LEARY

CoCo Markets

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

MARLAY PARK
Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

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



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[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, Glashule

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.

Your dlr libraries



BALLYOGAN

Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, Ballyogan Court, Dublin 18. D18 HT72. **TEL:** 01 204 7222
TIME: Mon – Fri 9.30am – 5pm
During initial opening phase

BLACKROCK

Main St., Blackrock, Co. Dublin. A94 YF76. **TEL:** 01 204 7215
TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

CABINTEELY*

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely, Dublin 18. D18 W773. **TEL:** 01 204 7216
TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* or Sat* 9.30am – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

DALKEY**

41 Castle Street Dalkey, Co. Dublin. A96 AK28. **TEL:** 01 204 7217
TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

DEANSGRANGE**

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange, Dublin 18. D18 NY58. **TEL:** 204 7218
TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm

dlr Lexlcon

Haigh Terrace, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. A96 H283. **TEL:** 01 204 7219
TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm
Fri & Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Sun 12pm – 4pm Self-service only

DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum, Dublin 14. D14 VP97. **TEL:** 01 204 7220
TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 9.30am-5pm

SHANKILL*

Library Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. D18 DX43. **TEL:** 01 204 7224
TIME: Fri* or Sat* 9.30am–5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

STILLORGAN

Unit J (First Floor), Stillorgan Shopping Centre. A94 PR90. **TEL:** 01 204 7225
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

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.



BALLYOGAN LIBRARY

UNVEILS SENSORY SPACE, TEENS AREA, AND MUSIC ROOM

This month, the new Ballyogan Library opened at the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus. The new library, spanning 1,300 square metres over two floors, is a welcoming space for all in the community to enjoy, study, read, relax and participate in events. The library features a dedicated teen area, cubbie sensory hub, events space, music studio, creative room, and accessible services. With a variety of study spaces, free internet and Wi-Fi, PCs, printing, copying, and scanning facilities, Ballyogan Library has something for everyone.

As part of the development of this new library, we engaged with the community to inform the design and layout of the library building. We have taken on board many of those suggestions. This is the first library in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown with a dedicated sensory space, dedicated teen area, music studio and creative room. Everything in the new library is brand new, so lots of lovely new books and other items to borrow.

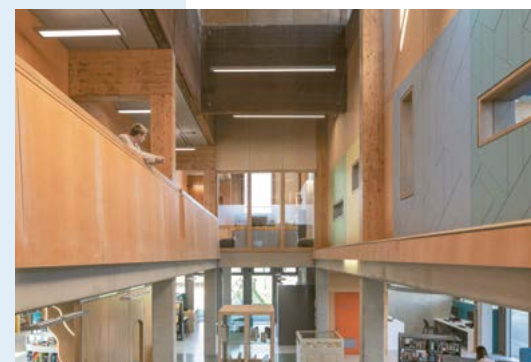
Initially, Ballyogan Library will be open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 5pm, with plans to expand to full library hours in the coming weeks. For the most up-to-date information, please visit libraries.dlrcoco.ie.

With dedicated collections of books and DVDs for adults, young adults, and children, online resources such as ebooks, online magazines and newspapers, language courses, and more, Ballyogan Library is a valuable resource for the community. We look forward to welcoming you to Ballyogan Library and invite you to explore all that it has to offer.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the Department of Rural and Community Development and Project Ireland 2040.

Funding for some of the fit-out of Ballyogan Library was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development, their support is gratefully acknowledged.

Scan the QR Code to find out more about our library services across the County!



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An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development



A message from An Cathaoirleach, Jim O'Leary

As we embrace the freshness of spring, I'm delighted to update you on the exciting progress in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

A key milestone this year is the adoption of our Corporate Plan 2025-2029, shaped by extensive consultation with residents, community groups, businesses, and stakeholders. This plan reflects your aspirations, setting a vision for a progressive, sustainable, and inclusive county. Built on five strategic pillars—Housing, Infrastructure & Planning; Connected Communities and Culture; Climate Action; Economic Development & Tourism; and Operational Excellence—it's your

“This plan reflects your aspirations, setting a vision for a progressive, sustainable, and inclusive county.”

roadmap for the next five years. Dive into the details at dlrcoco.ie or your local library.

We're also supporting our local economy with the 2025 Ratepayers Support Grant, offering 8% to 14% relief for eligible businesses with rates under €20,000—apply via direct debit

by May 1st for automatic benefits. Shopfront improvement grants of up to €5,000 are available too, so business owners, seize this chance to spruce up! Meanwhile, a gentle reminder to householders: please trim back overhanging hedges to keep our pathways safe and accessible for everyone.

Spring brings new community spaces, like the multi-sport buildings at St. Thomas Fields (Phase 2), featuring a gym, studio, and athletics facilities, fostering health and inclusion. Fernhill Park & Gardens will unveil a woodland adventure play space, co-designed with local schools, blending nature and fun. The historic kiosk at Blackrock Park is being lovingly restored as a tearoom, while Finsbury Park in Dundrum will soon open an inclusive playground with swings, a scooter track, and more.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 takes place in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown from 12-18 May, offering workshops, expert talks, energy saving advice and community showcases. This collaborative event, led by the four Dublin Local Authorities, highlights local climate initiatives and supports the Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.

These initiatives reflect our shared commitment to a thriving, connected county we can all be proud of.

CLLR. JIM O'LEARY



A message from Chief Executive, Frank Curran

It has been a busy start to the year with the opening of several new services, including the new Ballyogan Library, the Mounttown Boxing Club building, and the restored Blackrock Park Historic Kiosk. These new facilities will benefit the community for years to come. Looking ahead to 2025, we have several projects in the pipeline, including play space refurbishments at various parks, the development of a multi-sport campus at St. Thomas Fields, and the opening of a new pop-up shop in Dundrum Village to support local entrepreneurs.

The upcoming cruise season in Dún Laoghaire is set to bring a significant economic boost to the area, with over 80 cruise ships, with 128,000 passengers & 51,000 crew scheduled to call to the historic Harbour throughout the year.

“Over 80 cruise ships will visit Dún Laoghaire Harbour this year.”

Additionally, the new Corporate Plan was adopted by elected members and sets out our vision and goals for the next five years. In Planning, we have been working on the Draft Kiltiernan – Glenamuck Local Area Plan and the draft Old Connaght Local Area Plan, ensuring community engagement and input in the process.

We are also pleased to announce that we have been allocated €21.6 million from the NTA to support the rollout of cycling and walking infrastructure, and we have received recognition for our energy and placemaking initiatives at recent awards ceremonies for St Laurence's Stillorgan and Shanganagh Castle Estate.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, we have a variety of events planned, including Spring into Heritage, the Eggscapade at Blackrock Park, and the return of Coastival this Summer. This year also marks a special milestone for Marlay Park as we celebrate 50 years since its transformation into a beloved public park. We encourage you and your family to enjoy our parks and natural spaces this Spring and beyond.

On behalf of the Leadership Team, staff, and Elected Members, we look forward to continuing to serve our community and provide exceptional services and events for all to enjoy.

FRANK CURRAN

Adoption of Corporate Plan 2025-2029

The new Corporate Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council was developed following extensive consultation with the public, community groups, local citizen interest organisations, business groups, Council staff, Councillors and other stakeholders.

The aim was to gather as wide a view as possible on what aspirations and priorities people had for their County. Following this consultation period, the Corporate Plan was drafted and developed, taking on board existing council plans, public consultation views and relevant legislation.

The Plan is much more than just another Council document; it provides a strategic framework for the Council's vision for the County, it's goals for the next five years and the core values which will guide the Council's work over the lifetime of the Plan. It is available to read on dlrcoco.ie or at any of our local libraries.



The Vision for the County

A progressive, sustainable, inclusive and accessible county underpinned by a strong economy.

A number of themes emerged as priorities and these led to the formation of **5 strategic pillars** in the plan with a number of goals and objectives under each. The 5 strategic pillars are as follows;

1. **Housing, Infrastructure & Planning**
2. **Connected Communities and Culture**
3. **Climate Action**
4. **Economic Development & Tourism**
5. **Operational Excellence**

This Corporate Plan is your plan, informed by you and your aspirations for your county. Delivering on our corporate priorities will give everyone across our county, irrespective of age or ability, the opportunity to live life to the full in safe, connected and thriving communities.



Ratepayers Support Grant for 2025

The Council's Budget for 2025 retained numerous Grants and Supports for Businesses including the Ratepayers Support Grant for eligible ratepayers whose rates bill is less than €20,000. Grant payments are graduated depending on the level of rates payable and the grant varies from 8% to 14%.

To qualify for the Ratepayers Support Grant you must be currently paying by direct debit, pay in full by 1st May or sign up to pay your rates by Direct Debit prior to that date.

If you sign up to pay by direct debit and subject to meeting the other terms and conditions of the scheme, your grant will be applied automatically to your account this year by reducing your November and December direct debt payment. Please scan the QR code for full details.

Please contact us as soon as possible to put the necessary agreement in place to ensure you qualify. Tel: 01 205 4821 or 01 230 6621 Email: rates@dlrcoco.ie



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Householders are responsible for cutting back hedges outside their boundaries

Overgrown hedges and other vegetation that overhang a public footway can cause problems for visually impaired persons but also for walkers and runners. Large branches overhanging roads can cause a danger to motorists, especially to drivers of high-sided vehicles such as lorries or buses.

Section 70(2) (a) of the Roads Act 1993 provides that, "the owner or occupier of land shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road". Thus, there is legal duty on landowners or occupiers of land to ensure hedges and trees on their property are well maintained such that they are not encroaching beyond their boundary line.

Overgrown hedges and trees encroaching onto a public footway from private land can force people, particularly wheelchair users and parents with prams, into the road, putting their safety at risk. Landowners and occupiers are required to fell, cut, trim back, or remove such hedges and trees to prevent them from becoming a hazard to persons or property on the road. Adequate traffic management should be provided when cutting back such vegetation and Council should be notified before works commence.

Hedge cutting operations should only be undertaken outside the critical nesting period of 1st March to 31st August. The only exception is if there are road safety implications. The Roads Act states that liability for damage or injury resulting from such hazards will rest with the landowner/occupier, and Notices may be served on those who do not comply with their statutory obligations.

If made aware of any problems caused by overhanging vegetation, the Council will write to the landowner asking them to cut it back. Details of overhanging vegetation or hedges should be emailed to info@dlrcoco.ie

PROGRAMME FOR PARKS



Multi-Sport Buildings at St. Thomas Fields (Phase 2)

In partnership with Dundrum South Dublin Athletics, we are progressing with phase 2 of the multi-sport campus at St. Thomas Fields at Tibbradden Road, Co. Dublin as a satellite amenity to Marlay Park. The phase 2 development includes two new buildings comprising a multi-sport building and a track enclosure building. The multi-sport building will include a foyer, gym, flexible studio/hall space, a gathering area for the clubs, a café, changing rooms, office space and consultation rooms. The track enclosure will include a strength and conditioning room, a 60m sprint track with multiple other athletics facilities including long jump, triple jump and high jump. The buildings will be highly flexible in order to maximise occupancy and facilitate multiple use.

The project aims to support the clubs and local community to encourage an active lifestyle and to improve health and well-being. The facility will be highly inclusive while also supporting improved performance and development from its users. The project is supported by the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund through the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht and Media.

Fernhill Park and Gardens Play Space

A new woodland adventure play space is being developed in Fernhill Park & Gardens in line with the masterplan for the park. The concept was developed with local schools as part of Creative Ireland's Cruinniú na nÓg, which took place in Fernhill. At this event, designers, engaged with the local Primary Schools to develop the concept and design of a Woodland Adventure Play facility at Fernhill.

The design of the play space will encourage interaction with the surrounding natural environment, as the play items weave routes through the existing trees. It is intended that the design will draw heavily on the surrounding environment, and will provide an array of natural play items, including logs, trees, and boulders, to enhance the experience for children. A large tower to the rear of the play space will create a highly visible feature, with a high play offering. This will serve as a beacon, to attract children in the surrounding area, through the play space. An enclosed area, with age-appropriate play, will also be provided for younger children,

We intend to create destination play space, appropriate for a Regional Park, that offers an inclusive, child-centred, adventurous play space, where children and young people can play, explore, create, and socialise, in a woodland setting.

Through its phased and carefully planned development as a regional park, Fernhill Park & Gardens is now served by a 100-space carpark, toilet facilities, a multi-use sports grass playing pitch, calisthenics, and a 400m running path. The Park also includes bicycle parking, extensive seating, a dogs off leash area, a network of pedestrian paths, historic gardens, sustainably managed woodlands and pastures high in biodiversity.

Fernhill Park and Gardens Play Space



Blackrock Park Historic Kiosk Renovation



Blackrock Park Historic Kiosk Renovation

The ongoing renovation of Blackrock Park is guided by the vision set down in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Blackrock Park Masterplan 2020. The renovation of the historic kiosk is a key element of the fabric of the park and the restoration is a pivotal aspect of the overall masterplan.

The kiosk is part of the original layout of the park and, along with the bandstand in the lower space, forms an important set piece. The park was built on reclaimed land cut off from the sea by the construction of the train line in the 1830's. Work on the park began in the 1870's and was completed in the 1880's.

From its opening in the 1890's the kiosk originally functioned as a tearoom and then transitioned to residential use from the 1910's up until the 1970's. A park staff member and their family lived in the building. Since the 1970's the building has been vacant and without a use, it has suffered from steady decline.

We have procured a Conservation architecture led design team to oversee the renovation and conservation of the kiosk. The structure itself is a unique design with a distinctive roof profile and tudor revival aesthetic. It sits in a very prominent location, highly visible from passing traffic on the Rock Road and commanding the attention from Park users as well as Dart commuters.

The structure is a timber frame which was in an advanced state of decay and at risk of collapse. The conservation ethos is to retain as much of the historic timbers as possible, reinstating its character and bringing it back into use. The building will be restored and re-purposed as a park tearoom, featuring an open plan arrangement with integrated benches along the south and north perimeter, serving counter, a storage/ utility room and a staff toilet. An external verandah space includes a wraparound bench.

Works are part-funded by the Historic Structures Fund 2024-2025 (Dept. of Housing Local Government and Heritage.)

Public Information



Belarmine playground



Inclusive play space at Finsbury Park



Soldiers & Sailors playground

Boxing pavilion, Mounttown



Marlay Park



New and Refurbished Play Spaces

We are making significant strides in enhancing play opportunities across the county through our Play Policy (2023-2028). Seven playgrounds were selected for refurbishment in 2024 which included Belarmine, Marlay Park Woodland Playground, The Gallops, Soldiers & Sailors, Springhill, and Hyde Park. Additionally, Deerpark's existing play space has been upgraded to incorporate more inclusive and natural play elements.

Looking ahead to 2025, refurbishment projects are set to take place at Carysfort Park (Blackrock), Pearse Park (Sallynoggin), Clonmore Park (Stillorgan), and Patrick Doyle Park (Milltown). Public consultations for these projects will commence in the near future.

Exciting new projects at Clonkeen Play Space and Meadowbrook/Ludford Play Space recently completed public consultation in January 2025, with construction expected to begin in Q3 and finish by Q4 of 2025.

These projects highlight our continued commitment to creating safe, accessible, and engaging play spaces for children and families across the county, reinforcing the value of play in community well-being.

New Boxing Pavilion

A new boxing pavilion to the rear of the community facility at Mounttown has recently been completed and will support local clubs and other groups to achieve their goals, foster a community spirit and improve the health and wellbeing of the people who access them.

The design approach was to place the taller boxing training area running east west across the rear of the site and place the lower support facilities also running east west, across the front of the site. The pavilion includes a large flexible hall space at a height that allows the introduction of clear storey lighting and natural ventilation where it then joins with the smaller rooms consisting of the changing rooms, toilets, storage and kitchenette/medical room.

The facility was constructed in a previously used carpark and the removal of these carparking spaces aligns with the objectives of our Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 which seeks to review opportunities to reallocate public parking spaces to alternative public amenity uses.

Marlay Park Turns 50: Celebrating Half a Century of Community and Green Space

This year marks a special milestone for Marlay Park as we celebrate 50 years since its transformation from private Marlay Demesne into the beloved public park it is today. The park, previously home to the La Touche, Tedcastle and Love families, was officially opened by An Taoiseach, Liam Cosgrave, on June 27, 1975. To commemorate this historic occasion, we have planned a series of events in May/June for visitors to enjoy. From movies to outdoor activities and exhibitions, there is something for everyone to celebrate the legacy of Marlay Park.

Marlay Park has been a vital green space for the rapidly growing suburbs of Dublin since its acquisition in 1972. The park has undergone various developments over the years, including the restoration of Marlay House and the introduction of sports facilities and recreational areas. Marlay Park continues to adapt and respond to the needs of future generations, as outlined in the Marlay Park Masterplan. Join us in celebrating 50 years of Marlay Park and the memories made within its beautiful grounds. More information will be available on our website in April.

Hybrid Power Generator wins Best Energy Smart Initiative at All Ireland Awards



dlr Architects have been awarded the best Energy Smart Initiative at the All-Ireland Community and Council Awards for their successful implementation of a hybrid power system at the St. Laurence's Apartments and Library Construction site in Stillorgan. This groundbreaking project, in partnership with Clancy Construction and JTM Energy, is set to bring about a reduction of approximately 70% in carbon emissions over the lifespan of the construction project.

The initiative showcases the commitment of dlr Architects to sustainability goals in Ireland, so that the construction stage now joins with the project's design as a sustainability exemplar. By introducing a hybrid power system consisting of a single generator and a high-capacity storage battery, in lieu of three generators, the construction site is able to meet its electricity demands efficiently and responsibly. This innovative solution not only ensures a reliable power supply but also significantly decreases fossil fuel usage and environmental impact.

Irish Office updates

Following on from the busy time during Seachtain na Gaeilge the Irish Office are currently focused on the planning and organisation of a range of upcoming events, including language classes, and cultural celebrations. We're committed to ensuring that our initiatives are inclusive and accessible, providing opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to engage with the Irish language in meaningful ways.



Irish Office Event in Marlay Park

We are working in partnership with Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council on Gaeilge 365 which aims to create natural opportunities and ideas for people to bring Irish into their daily lives. According to Census 2022, of those aged 3 years and older, 162,400 people could speak Irish in Dublin City however opportunities to actively speak it are decreasing. Gaeilge 365 aims to make the Irish language more accessible and engaging by utilising the broad range of services the County Councils offer to the public, to create some of these opportunities.

Efforts are also ongoing to implement bilingual signage and public notices throughout the county. This not only enhances the visibility of the Irish language but also ensures that public services are accessible to Irish speakers. Part of this effort are the amendment of incorrect street names. If you see an incorrect street name or have a query on one, please let us know via scanning the below QR code.

As always, we're looking forward to sharing more updates in the coming months and we invite everyone to keep an eye on our social media and website for further details on upcoming events, opportunities to get involved, and ways to celebrate the richness of Irish culture.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our initiatives so far – we look forward to another busy and rewarding quarter ahead!



Tim Ryan

OPERATIONS MANAGER
DÚN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR

How do you start your day?

I have a 1-hour train commute from Rathdrum each morning. I read a lot, so I generally take that opportunity to dive into whatever book I'm into at the time. Once I land in Dún Laoghaire, it's coffee time!

What do you do?

I manage Dún Laoghaire Harbour (with a team of really excellent colleagues)! I've been in this role for the past 13 years now, initially with the former Harbour Company, and since 2018 with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. We look after everything from maintenance and cleansing, to shipping, property management, infrastructure repair, events, filming, port security and a whole raft of other areas within the Harbour.

What is your typical workday like?

One of the aspects of my role that I really like is that no two days are the same. I spend a lot of time in meetings, some of which can be really interesting, some less so! Aside from that, I could be looking at our daily operations or perhaps reviewing an ongoing project. There is always something going on around the Harbour, and I generally meet someone interesting as I am travelling around it.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

I think navigating the public service! Whether it's a procedural matter that we have to comply with, to perhaps a grant process which needs to be overseen, I sometimes find bureaucracy difficult. I have learnt however that compliance is the only approach to achieving anything significant, so we get on with it.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

I really enjoy collaborating on projects or initiatives. This can be with our own staff to solve a particular problem that were having, with other Council sections to bring about a project or improvement or with many other stakeholders on events, future plans, projects or sometimes just to form a joint understanding of where we all see a project going. There is a fantastic community within the Harbour who have the best interests of the harbour at heart. The National Watersports Campus project is a real collaboration, not just between the Council, Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland, but with all the Harbour users, and hopefully some new ones that we can attract through an improvement in facilities. I think that this project will be transformative in terms of access the water.

We are currently undertaking a Harbour Masterplan which will involve a lot of collaboration. I am excited to see what will evolve from this process, and how a future vision for this amazing place will look. I always say that we, both the Council and myself, are just the current custodians of this wonderful amenity. Our time will pass, but the Harbour will remain, and hopefully in a better condition that it was when we first arrived here.

Favourite place?

At home! I live up the hills in rural Co. Wicklow, and it feels a bit like a sanctuary (except during a storm!). My family is very important to me, so I endeavour to be available and spend as much time with them as I can. Hopefully it will pay off and my children will fork out for a nice nursing home when the time comes!

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025



Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 is taking place in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown from 12 –18 May 2025. There are many aspects to climate action and a broad and inclusive programme is being planned which will offer something for young and old, for the climate advocates and those that are simply curious. The variety of events on offer will include workshops, walks and talks with experts, stories from inspirational businesses, advice on achieving energy savings and swap shops.

The climate challenge requires collaboration across local authorities, businesses and communities and some of the groups who received funding last year under the Community Climate Action Programme will showcase the local level benefits of their coordinated and collaborative climate actions. Implementing the actions in the Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 continues our commitment to lead on climate action.

Dublin Climate Action Week is organised and delivered through a partnership of the four Dublin Local Authorities, the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency.

Full details of the Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 programme will be available on dlrcoco.ie and on our social channels.

Climate Action Course

Our Climate Action Team in collaboration with Foxrock Area Community & Enterprise CLG (FACE) have organised a six week, six step climate action course for the over 55's, beginning this month, March 2025.

The course supports our commitment in the dlr Climate Action Plan 2024 -2029 to work in partnership with local communities in climate related programmes.

The unique programme is provided by Jacinta Barrins. Jacinta is a retired United Nations Diplomat, where her work focused on the environment and climate.

Jacinta aims to have conversations about climate change in a friendly atmosphere, over a cup of tea as if visiting our neighbours! In fact, she often starts by showing in simple terms the connection between the cuppa and climate change.

The course, which is free, is open to all persons over fifty-five years of age, as well as individuals or groups who want to learn about climate change in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Places are limited and booking is essential.

For further information please email climate@dlrcoco.ie.

Spring into Heritage 2025 24 March – 4 May

Heritage Talks will take place on Wednesday 02, 16, 30 April at 7pm Marlay House



FREE GUIDED TOURS:

- **Cabinteely House,**
Tuesday and Saturday 11am – 3pm,
25 March – 3 May
- **Marlay House,**
Thursday and Sunday,
11am – 3pm, 27 March – 4 May
- **The Oratory,**
Wednesday and Sunday,
11am – 3pm 26 March – 4 May
- **Historic County Hall, Dún Laoghaire,**
Thursday 7pm 27 March – 01 May
- **Fernhill Park and Gardens,**
Sunday 11.30am, 30 March – 04 May

Further information available on dlrcoco.ie

dlr Age Friendly Magazine 2025 now available!



The Age-Friendly Programme of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (dlr) County Council and the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Age-Friendly Alliance have launched the 2025 edition of the dlr Age-Friendly Magazine which is aimed at our older community. The magazine is funded by Creative Ireland, Healthy Ireland and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the main theme of this year's magazine is promoting 'Staying Connected – Health and Wellbeing'.

The free full colour magazine is packed with information on services and programmes to encourage and support us to take part and enjoy the many age-friendly social, cultural, creative, educational, leisure and fitness activities and services that are available across the county; activities which are the foundations to positive ageing and Staying Connected.

You can pick up your free hard copy of the magazine from all nine Library branches, dlr County Council Offices, community centres, primary care centres, nursing homes, day care centres and shopping centres around the county. If you would like a copy to be sent to you in the post, contact our Community Section on (01) 205 4893 / email community@dlrcoco.ie.

Bike Week 10-18 May 2025



Bike Week is an annual event celebrating cycling and its benefits while promoting sustainable transportation. Whether you want to get back to cycling, use your bike more, or give cycling a go, Bike Week has something for everyone.

A key focus of Bike Week in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is to provide people of all ages and abilities with a variety of cycling events and to create awareness of cycling as an enjoyable form of transport and physical activity.

Last year's dlr Bike Week programme included a wide variety of events throughout the County, some of which are listed below:

- Inclusive Cycling Demonstration
- Bike Safety Checks & Bike Stencilling
- Bike Accessory Giveaways
- Sofa to Saddle Programme
- Inclusive Cycling Programme
- Cargo Bike Championships
- Bike Safety Information Stands
- Training workshops including Children's learn to cycle, Women only and Parent and Child Sessions

Full details of the dlr Bike Week 2025 programme will be available via our Website and Social Media channels soon.

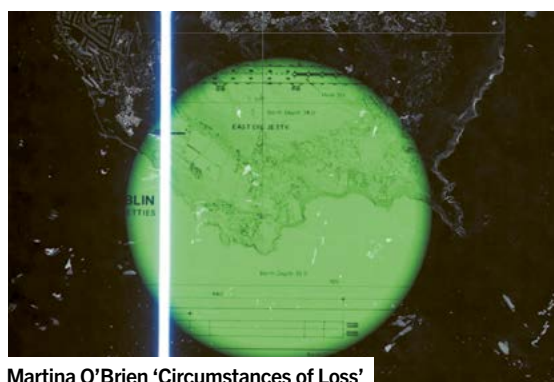
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Level 3, dlr Lexlcon, Haigh Terrace, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. Admission Free.

Martina O'Brien: Brittle Record

To 2 April

This exhibition draws on O'Brien's time spent on marine expedition residencies in Oslofjord, Norway and the Arctic Ocean and brings together new video installations, printmaking, animation and archival material. It was developed in part through engagement with marine geochemistry, marine biology and marine ecology experts. The work also pays close attention to coastal and underwater environments in Dún Laoghaire and the Irish Sea. O'Brien was awarded a dlr Visual Art Commission; this is funded by the Arts Council of Ireland and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.



Martina O'Brien 'Circumstances of Loss'



Vanessa Donoso López, archeological finds. 2022/2023

Vanessa Donoso López : A rock can hurt you, a rock can help you open a nut.

12 April - 22 June

Over recent years across Ireland and Spain, Vanessa Donoso López has shaped her latest installation - a gathering of works deeply rooted in the land, its people and their shared cultural heritage. This collection, comprising over 1,000 pieces includes archaeological artifacts and a series of marbled shapes that echo the intricate patterns found on petrified objects and rocks. Migrant journeys often

oscillate between physical dislocation and virtual

connection, the creation and experience of physical objects offers an anchor to the real world. The migrant's relationship with the land is one of duality - offering grounding and uncertainty, refuge and resistance.

dlr Lexlcon is turning 10!

Opened in 2015, dlr Lexlcon in Dún Laoghaire is the biggest and most visited public Library and Cultural Centre in Ireland with over 1,300 visitors every day.

We are marking the 10th anniversary with a series of initiatives to highlight the role dlr Lexlcon plays in the community.

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information [#dlrLexicon10](#).



Spring Into Storytime

Spring into Storytime with dlr Libraries during the month of April, where we will be hosting storytime and craft sessions, both in-person and online! Spring into Storytime is one of the 4 main strands of the national Right to Read programme, which aims to promote reading and literacy resources

for people of all ages with a special emphasis on reading development for children through Storytime sessions. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more details.

Age & Opportunity

Bealtaine Festival

Bealtaine Festival

2025 marks the 30th anniversary of the Bealtaine Festival, the annual national celebration of arts and creativity as we age. Continuing the Festival's three-year theme, 'Lust for Life', dlr Libraries will be programming a varied schedule of creative events during the month of May. Sign up to our fortnightly ebulletin to make sure you don't miss a thing:

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

Creative Ireland dlr | UPCOMING EVENTS

Let's Get Social

Let's Get Social is a countywide programme that aims to support people's wellbeing and social inclusion, this is done through events and projects that engage people creatively and also build capacity and awareness around the benefits of creativity for our health. It is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme under the Creative Health & Wellbeing in the Community Scheme. This spring why not take part in one of our projects, including:



Libraries & Community Creative Café Programme

Run by the dlr Social Prescribing Programme for Health and Wellbeing at Southside Partnership dlr in collaboration with dlr Libraries, participants are invited to try out creative activities followed by a friendly and relaxed social cuppa and information about upcoming events and activities in your local area. From March – May, this includes one-off alumni cafe workshops, a creative taster cafe programme and an 8-week Heritage course. For more information please contact Gillian at dlrsocialprescribing@sspship.ie

Creative Brainwaves talks and workshops

dlr Libraries, Arts and Community are delighted to partner once again with GBHI (Global Brain Health Initiative) for a series of engaging and uplifting talks and workshops that will examine and explore the very real connection between creative arts and brain health. Due to take place in May, the programme will include panel discussions, workshops and round table discussions to explore this relevant topic. To find out more, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie.



Save the Date – Cruinniú na nÒg, Saturday 7 June 2025

Cruinniú na nÒg is Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people aged 0 – 18! It is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland programme and Ireland is the first, and only, country in the world to have a national celebration like this. We are excited to present a large-scale Family Day that celebrates the opening of our new library in Ballyogan. Keep an eye out for more information on dlr's News and Events pages <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/dlr-events> and we hope you can join us on the day!

For more information on the Creative Ireland programme in dlr, please go to www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/dun-laoghaire-rathdown/.

dlr Libraries | EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

Guglielmo Marconi and the Waves of "Made in Italy":

A journey through the life and discoveries of the inventor of the wireless Telegraph and the Radio

14 April – 8 June 2025. dlr Lexlcon.

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the birth of the Italian-Irish scientist Guglielmo Marconi, we will celebrate the genius by recalling some of his extraordinary inventions.



This exhibition, organised by the Embassy of Italy in Ireland and the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Dublin with the support of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, is curated by the Ministry of Enterprise and Made in Italy of Rome and will display memorabilia objects that tell the story of Guglielmo Marconi's scientific experience, including showcasing transmitting and receiving devices, telegraphs and radios, historical photographs and videos.

Alongside the exhibition, there will be a series of free events. Check our website and social media channels for the programme.



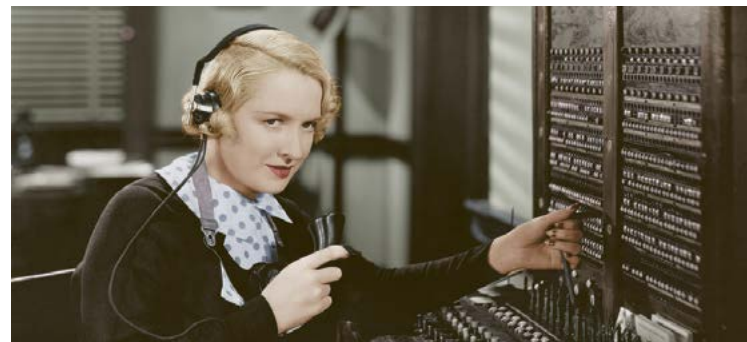
Flash Fiction Competition Exhibition

14 April – 2 May 2025. Deansgrange Library.

Be inspired by local authors who took part in Deansgrange Library's Flash Fiction competition. Following a competition hosted by the library, an exhibition of entries will be on display around the branch during April.

Do not disconnect!

Change to existing dlr Libraries telephone numbers



Over the next few months, we need to update our library phone numbers to streamline the current system. We hope to keep any inconvenience and disruption to our callers to a minimum. Here's a handy guide of the new numbers to dial:

Library	New Telephone Number
Ballyogan	01 204 7222
Blackrock	01 204 7215
Cabinteely	01 204 7216
Dalkey	01 204 7217
Deansgrange	01 204 7218
dlr Lexlcon	01 204 7219
Dundrum	01 204 7220
Shankill	01 204 7224
Stillorgan	01 204 7225

**8-10 Bealtaine/May 2025
Dún Laoghaire**

IMRAM

na nÒg

SEÓ: SEO Í RITAI!
le Máire Zepf & Mr. Ando
DEARDAIN 8 Bealtaine
THURSDAY 8 May
2:30 - 3:15pm
sa Stiúideo sa Lexicon
(Age 5-8)

EACHTRAÍ TEIDÍ!
le Sadbh Rosenstock
DÉ hAOINE 9 Bealtaine
FRIDAY 9 May
2:30 - 3:15pm
Leabharlann na hPáistí
Children's Library, Lexlcon
(Age 2-7)
TABHAIR LEAT TEIDÍ!
Bring long your teddy!

FIGHTING WORDS NA GAELGE!
le OLA MAJEKODUNMI
DÉ SATHAINN 10 Bealtaine
Saturday 10 May
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Leabharlann Ghráinseach na Déine
Deansgrange Library
GEARDLANN
SCRIBHNEOIREACHTA DO FHÁISTÍ (Aois 8-10)
Creative writing workshop for children (Age 8-10)

Caithear spásanna a chur in áirithe roimh ré, seol rphost chuig eolas@imram.ie le hainmneacha agus aois na bpáistí.
Places must be booked in advance, send an email to eolas@imram.ie with the names and ages of the children.







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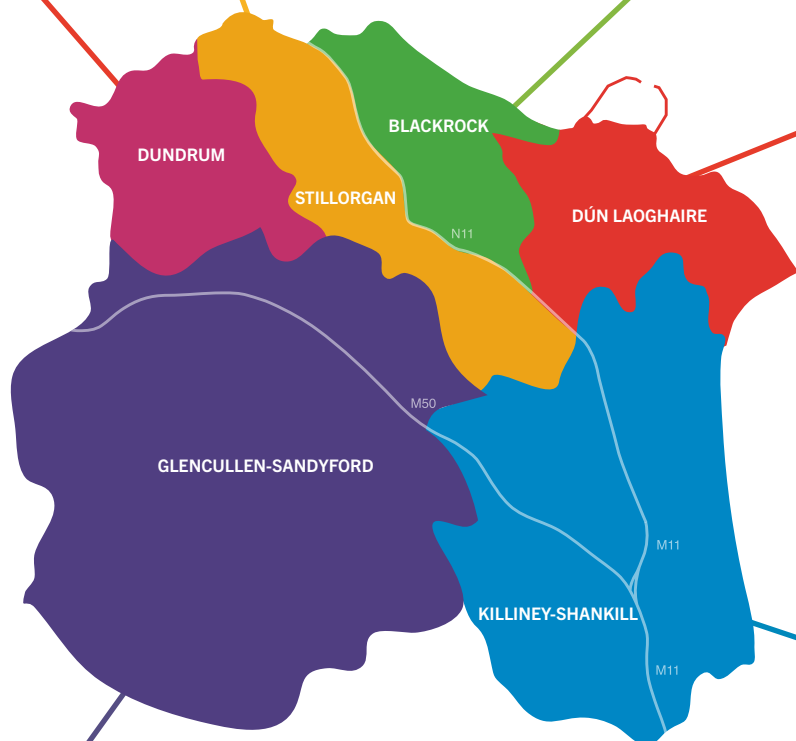
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