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Message from An Cathaoirleach



Welcome to the latest edition of the dlr Times!
In this issue, we spotlight the launch of our
new Local Sports & Physical Activity Plan
2025–2029, designed to get more people
active across the county. Public consultation is
now open on the Draft Dún Laoghaire Harbour
Masterplan—have your say on the future of this
iconic space. As summer arrives, our beaches are
ready to enjoy with lifeguards on duty at four key
locations and water quality testing in full swing.

Don't miss our two-page special on Dublin
Climate Action Week, packed with inspiring
stories from local events and green initiatives—
from toy swaps to solar energy success.
Cruise season is in full flow, and the county
comes alive with summer festivals, including
the much-loved Ukulele Hooley and the
return of Coastival to Dún Laoghaire.

As always, stay connected via our website
and social media for the latest updates and
ways to get involved in your community.

CLLR. JIM GILDEA

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:
[after 5pm + weekends]

Homeless Persons:
[after hours services]

Irish Water:
[24 hours]

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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.

Your dlr libraries



BALLYOGAN

Samuel Beckett Civic Campus,
Ballyogan Court, Dublin 18.
D18 HT72. **TEL:** 01 204 7222

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

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 –
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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,
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TEL: 01 204 7224

TIME: Fri* or Sat* 9.30am–5pm | Tue
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Unit J (First Floor), Stillorgan
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TEL: 01 204 7225

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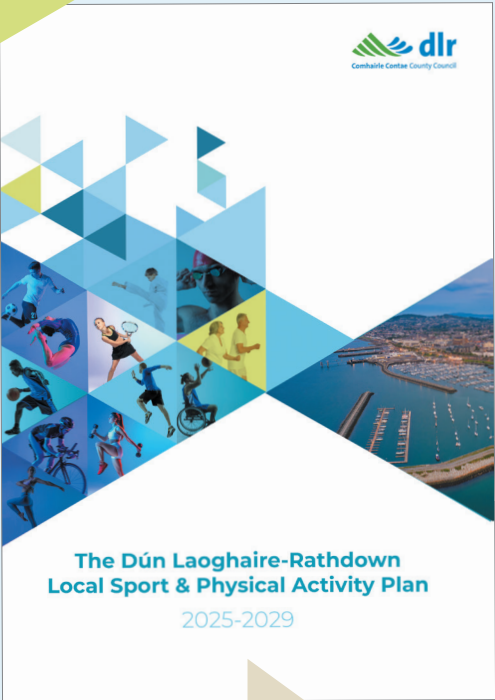
** My Open Library service: extended staffless
opening hours, starting at 8am and finishing
at 10pm, 7 days a week – you need to sign
up in the branch during staffed hours.

- 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 <https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com>
allows you to have your say and tell us what your priorities
and concerns are for the County.





Witness the fitness

NEW SPORTS PLAN AIMS TO GET MORE PEOPLE ACTIVE IN DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN

Earlier this Summer, we officially launched our Sports & Physical Activity Plan 2025–2029 which marks a major step forward in our commitment to promote sport and physical activity across the county and builds on our strong history of supporting sport at every level with the core objective to get more people, more active more often.

With approximately 300 sports clubs covering 48 different types of sport, and over 120 sports facilities, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown remains a hub for active living. The launch of this important strategic document is the culmination of months of research, consultation, and planning for future provision. This plan has been developed following significant engagement with many stakeholders and representatives of different and diverse groups.

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown is home to some of the most successful sporting clubs in Ireland and is recognised in national monitoring by Sport Ireland as having the most active population in the country. This new strategy aims to ensure that every person in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown has the opportunity to get involved in sport, regardless of age, ability, or background.

This plan also recognises the role of local clubs and their volunteers, statutory and community organisations, schools, national governing bodies, and the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership, all working together to support physical activity and wellbeing.





A message from An Cathaoirleach, Jim Gildea

I am honoured to have been elected as Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. I am committed to working tirelessly for the residents of the County and addressing key issues such as accessibility, economic development, and sustainability.

As I begin my term, I want to recognise the many exciting initiatives and milestones that the Council has recently achieved, which demonstrate our ongoing dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

“ I look forward to working with my fellow Councillors and the community to build a more inclusive, sustainable, and vibrant Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.”

We recently marked 30 years of the Primary School Arts Programme, a wonderful initiative inspiring creativity in our young people. The launch of the Scéal Trail has brought a new interactive experience to families, encouraging outdoor exploration and literacy.

In support of our commitment to sustainability, we hosted a number of events during Dublin Climate Action Week – a collaboration with the three other Dublin local authorities showcasing important environmental projects across the region.

Significant progress is also underway with the signing of the contract for the design team on the National Watersports Campus project in Dún Laoghaire Harbour which is a major investment in sport and community infrastructure.

In addition, we launched the new Sports and Physical Activity Plan aiming to promote greater participation and access to sport for all ages. Environmental stewardship continues with the recent raising of the Blue Flag at Seapoint and Killiney Beaches, recognising the excellent water quality and facilities.

Community spirit was also celebrated through popular events such as the Dalkey Vintage Car Festival and the Marlay 50 Celebrations, marking 50 years of Marlay Park in public ownership.

As Cathaoirleach, I am focused on ensuring that the needs of all residents—especially persons with disabilities and older people—are met. I will also champion local businesses and promote energy conservation across council buildings.

I look forward to working with my fellow Councillors and the community to build a more inclusive, sustainable, and vibrant Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

CLLR. JIM GILDEA



A message from Chief Executive, Frank Curran

The past few months have seen significant progress across several key areas, with developments in sustainability, infrastructure, community engagement, and recreation, all aimed at enhancing life in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

I would like to extend my best wishes to Cllr Jim Gildea, our newly elected Cathaoirleach, as he takes on this important role for the year ahead. Another proud milestone for us was becoming the first Local Authority in Ireland to win the Business All-Star Renewable Project of the Year for the Ballyogan Operations Centre Solar PV project.

“ Consultation is open for the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Masterplan, and we welcome public input as we plan for the future of the Harbour.”

The Draft Kiltiernan – Glenamuck Local Area Plan has now been formally adopted by elected members, paving the way for positive changes in the area. Consultation is open for the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Masterplan, and we welcome public input as we plan for the future of the Harbour. We’re

also consulting on the Active Travel DLR Connector route, an ambitious plan that will bridge the gap between current and planned active travel routes, creating 8.5km of continuous cycling and walking facilities from Dún Laoghaire to Dundrum.

Detailed design work has begun on the proposed National Watersports Campus, which is aimed at increasing participation in watersports through high-quality infrastructure. Marlay Park is set for a major upgrade with the redevelopment of the Par 3 Golf Course, Pádraig Harrington Putting Green, and Golf Pavilion, which will feature the Wicklow Way Café and will be run by Peter Lawrie. The space will open next summer and provide accessible and high-quality recreational facilities to the public.

Progress continues on the Glenamuck Distributor Road Scheme, Active Travel dlr Central Scheme, and Dún Laoghaire Living Streets Phase 1, with all projects onsite and moving forward. Contracts have now been awarded for new play spaces in Fernhill, Clonkeen, and Ludford/Meadowbrook, helping to expand recreational opportunities across the community. Elected members have approved Part 8 planning for new housing schemes, with 129 units planned at both Blackglen Road and Mount St. Mary’s, incorporating a mix of social, affordable, and cost-rental housing options.

As we move into the summer months, I encourage you and your family to take the time to explore our parks, beaches, and natural spaces. Here’s to sunny days ahead.

FRANK CURRAN



Have your say on the Draft Dún Laoghaire Harbour Masterplan

Public consultation open until 28 July 2025

We are now inviting members of the public to share their views on the Draft Masterplan for Dún Laoghaire Harbour. This follows the successful completion of the ‘Pre-Draft Public Consultation’ in late 2024 and marks a significant step in the ongoing process to shape the future of Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

Over 1,000 formal submissions, as well as hundreds of creative and informal contributions from local communities, informed the vision and proposals outlined in the draft Masterplan. These contributions highlighted priorities such as enhanced public spaces, greater access to the waterfront, environmental sustainability, and celebration of the area’s maritime heritage.

The Draft Masterplan sets out a comprehensive and long-term vision for a ‘Living Harbour’, focusing on improving recreation, tourism, and economic vitality while also building climate resilience and increasing biodiversity. It includes proposed actions over short, medium, and long-term timeframes and addresses key themes that emerged from the Pre-Draft phase, such as improved connectivity, waterfront access, and spaces for community and recreation.

We invite residents, stakeholders, and visitors to provide further input to ensure the final Masterplan reflects the shared aspirations for Dún Laoghaire Harbour as a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive space for future generations. Find out more on dlrcoco.citizenspace.com

Enjoy beaches this Summer!

Bathing season runs between June to September each year and during this time lifeguards safeguard the specific bathing areas on Seapoint, Sandycove, Killiney Bay beach and, new to DLR Lifeguarding in 2025, is the Dún Laoghaire Baths. Locations are lifeguarded 12pm to 6pm weekdays and 11am to 6pm on weekends and bank holidays. Signage can be found in all four locations designating the bathing area boundaries. Look out for the lifeguards this summer.



Throughout the year, nine locations are regularly sampled to monitor the water quality. These include 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. Samples are tested for E Coli and Intestinal Enterococci levels twice a month outside of the bathing season, and weekly during the bathing season. This is more than regulations require. Results are available for viewing on beach notice boards where available, on our beach digital screens, via the dlrcoco.ie website and on Beaches.ie

PLEASE REMEMBER Always tidy up after yourself when enjoying public spaces / Avail of litter facilities where provided / If a bin is full, bring your rubbish home / Plan your outing to avoid crowds / Respect and follow the advice of our Beach Lifeguards, wardens and wider council staff.



Free Beach Wheelchair Hire Service

We offer a Beach Wheelchair hire service at Killiney Beach and this enables wheelchair visitors with disabilities or mobility restrictions to have easier access to, and enjoyment of Killiney beach. The service is free of charge but must be booked in advance. You must first register for the service. Please download a copy of the registration form on the dlrcoco.ie website or call into the Civic Hub to pick up a printed copy.



Dive into Summer Fun at Coastival

Sync your summer to the rhythm of the sea at Coastival bringing art, history, games, culture, sailing, family fun, music and more to Dún Laoghaire from 5-13 July. Soak up Atmosphere with balloons, kites and flight; marvel at the skill of the sailors in the Volvo Dún Laoghaire Regatta Ireland’s largest sailing event or meet the heroes and explore their fleets up close at the family favourite Emergency Services Open Day event.

Highlights include:

- Family Fun Day at dlr LexIcon,
- Atmosphere; our seaside event themed around Balloons, Kites and Flight on Newtownsmith, Dún Laoghaire,
- The Grand Classic Parade of Sail,
- Emergency Services Open Day,
- Explore local history with a series of walks and tours including Dún Laoghaire’s Street Art and the hidden gem of celtic revival art at the Oratory.

Scan the QR code to see a list of all events



A minute to check, a vote that counts



Reflecting on Dublin Climate Action Week 2025

A Week of Learning and Collaboration for a Sustainable Future!

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 (DCAW25), held last month, was a resounding success, bringing together residents and businesses to focus on climate action and linking in with Bike Week. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the events.

In this edition of the dlr Times, we bring you some snippets of those events during which aims to get residents and businesses involved in a climate conservation and acting on themes of travel, reuse, energy saving and renewable energy, community engagement, community gardens, flood resilience, built and natural heritage.

Remember, climate action is not just one week a year, it's every week.

Fashion Swap and Learn Brings Sustainable Style to UCD



The UCD Village Hub became a vibrant showcase of sustainable fashion and clothing exchange as students and staff participated in the Circular Fashion Swap and Learn event. Organised by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in collaboration with UCD and facilitated by Change Clothes, the event invited participants to refresh their wardrobes and rethink their relationship with clothing.

At the heart of the day was the bustling clothes swap, where people brought pre-loved garments and left with new-to-them pieces. Additional to the Swap, two hands-on workshops shared sustainable skills with the participants. “DIY Patching” taught simple techniques to repair and personalise clothes, while “Scraps to Hats” guided participants through transforming textile offcuts into colourful bucket hats.

The day struck a balance between fun and education, offering practical skills while highlighting the environmental impact of fast fashion and a renewed appreciation for reuse and repair.

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland advised on how to be more energy efficient.

One of the highlights of the morning was the presentation given by Stephen Taylor, the Minister at the church, about the many benefits that his community is enjoying after receiving funding from the Community Climate Action Programme last year.

Some attendees took note of the data shared by Stephen, including that 4,184 kWh of electricity has been generated from Dec. 2024 – Apr. 2025 with a value of €1,276 as well as the substantial savings which will be made in heating and lighting costs for years to come. Some attendees were so inspired by what they had heard and seen that they went away to start planning community projects they could submit for future funding from the Community Climate Action Programme.

Greener Future: Transforming Business for Climate



This event brought together businesses, state agencies and various stakeholders within the county to discuss some of the collaborations being undertaken to reduce climate impact. Presentations centred around four themes of biodiversity, climate emissions reductions, circular economy, and staff training and awareness.

Speakers on the day included Dr. Emer Ní Dúill (Business for Biodiversity) and David Lawlor (Green Ocean Foundation/ Watermark Coffee) who shared their work on the Dublin Bay Oyster Reseeding Project taking place in Dun Laoghaire Marina and how the project aims to bring back the native Irish oyster to Dublin Bay.



Energy and energised

The Energy Tune Up Clinic held in Dundrum comprised a mix of presentations from practitioners, exhibitions, a guided site tour and refreshments with an opportunity for participants to network.

Home Energy Saving Kits were demonstrated – these are available to borrow for free from all our libraries. The Commission for Regulation of Utilities provided information on smart meters, customer bills, the types of tariffs available and how to switch suppliers all of which can help manage the annual spend on energy and the

Public Information

Dr. Joanne Rourke (MODOS/mywaste.ie) discussed the importance and benefits of circular economy in business and the collaboration between MODOS and VivaGreen and the business benefits working together has brought about.

Bobby Lambert (Ecomerit) shared what the benefits are of working with Ecomerit and Mary Pat McAlarey (Tico Mail Works) presented results of their collaboration, and the climate emission reductions they have made to their business. The use of external monitoring and reporting provides Tico Mail Works the information they need to quantify their environmental successes in a verified way.

Ana Apostol (Royal Marine Hotel) presented on their new collaboration with Fáilte Ireland under their climate action programme and sustainability in tourism and staff training and education.



Heritage and exercise on the Slang Greenway Heritage Cycle

As part of Dublin Climate Action Week and Bike Week 2025, participants enjoyed a guided heritage cycle from Dundrum to Marlay Park. On the way they discovered the hidden heritage and natural beauty of the Slang Greenway, from riverside paths to ancient mountain views, uncovering stories of the Dun Emer Guild, local cycling legends, and Marlay House.

Sunny Open Day Celebrates Growth and Green Initiatives at Shanganagh Community Gardens

Shanganagh Community Gardens buzzed with life as it welcomed the local community for its Open Day and was a celebration of gardening and community connections. The event proudly showcased several recent additions, made possible with support from dlr and the Community Climate Action Programme: a new polytunnel with rainwater harvesting system that extends the growing season and reduces water usage, a well-stocked tool library that promotes resource sharing, and a new bike rack that encourages sustainable transport to the garden.



Beyond showcasing the garden, the Open Day highlighted Shanganagh Community Garden’s commitment to sustainable gardening practices and potential for reducing food miles.



Toy Swap and Play Event Brings Joy and Sustainability to Ballyogan Library

Ballyogan Library was transformed into a lively hub of activity for families who gathered for the Toy Swap and Play event. Hosted by DLR and facilitated by The Toy Library, children and parents were offered a fun-filled afternoon of swapping pre-loved toys and taking part in various activities within beautiful Ballyogan Library.

Upon arrival, families were greeted by the vibrant Swap and Play zone, where children eagerly dropped off their toys so they could explore what other toys were on offer. Among the event’s other attractions were the Teddy Bear Wellness Centre, handing out “cuddle prescriptions” and self-care tips, and the eco-friendly temporary tattoo stand which had children lining up for.

The 73 attendees left the event not only with new toys but also with an appreciation of sustainability and the benefits of reuse in communities that swapping 135 toys on the day brought.

If you are a community group and wish to organise your own toy swap and need advice or help, please email climate@dlrcoco.ie

Let’s talk birds and ruffle some feathers



Avid birdwatchers, nature enthusiasts and those who are simply curious about the natural world met in the dlr Lexicon Studio for the Let’s talk birds and ruffle some feathers event hosted by our Climate Action, Biodiversity and Libraries Teams. The event began with an insightful talk from Anne Murray, dlr Biodiversity Officer, about the interesting birds to be found in the county, including our migrating winter and summer visitors, their amazing journeys and how we can protect them.

Following the talk, attendees enjoyed a screening of Birdsong, a poignant documentary that captures the journey of Ornithologist Seán Ronayne who is on a mission to record the sound of every bird species in Ireland! The film took viewers on an immersive journey to some of the country’s most beautiful and remote locations to capture their most elusive species and soundscapes. Speaking after the event one couple said, ‘We are so delighted that the Council gave us this opportunity to see the film based on Seán Ronayne’s book ‘Nature Boy: A journey of birdsong and belonging’ which we have recently read.’

Community Climate Action Programme: Preparing for Round Two Funding



Did you know that a wide variety of community groups across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown are taking powerful local action against climate change with support from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (dlr) and the Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP).

The Community Climate Action Programme supports community-led projects within five key areas:

- Community Energy
- Travel
- Shopping and Recycling
- Food and Waste
- Local Climate and Environmental Action

If you are a community group that is passionate about making a positive environmental impact, the second round of CCAP could be a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference in your local community.

Get in touch with the Climate Action Team

To make sure the Climate Action Plan is implemented we employ a Climate Action Coordinator, a Climate Action Officer, and a Community Climate Action Officer. If you have a climate query the best way to contact them is to email climate@dlrcoco.ie or phone us at 01 2054700.

Housing Energy Retrofit, Glasthule



Work is progressing on the final phase of our energy retrofit project in Glasthule Buildings. Built in 1909, the development consists of 75 one-bedroom apartments in three separate blocks that are designated as older person’s accommodation.

In partnership with SSE Airtricity, we have completed retrofit work on 53 of the properties and are on track to complete the remaining properties over the summer months.

Due to the historic nature of the building, external wall insulation has not been used on the front façade. Instead, internal wall insulation, new double glazed timber sash windows and hardwood doors are being installed to maintain the historic look and feel of the buildings.

Other works in the estate include external insulation on the rear and side walls, insulation on the flat roof, blocking of fireplaces, the removal of gas boilers and installation of 5Kw heat pumps.

Before the upgrade works, the properties had E and D BER ratings. When the works are complete, all properties will have a minimum of a B2 rating with some reaching A3.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the co-operation and patience of the tenants over the past months as we complete the work.



Ballyogan Operations Centre Solar PV wins Business All-Star Renewable Project

We are thrilled to announce that the Ballyogan Operations Centre Solar PV project has been awarded the Business All-Star Renewable Project of the Year 2025 by the All-Ireland Business Foundation. Our work on the Ballyogan Operations Centre has been recognised for its innovation, sustainability, and leadership in public sector infrastructure, making us the first Local Authority to receive this prestigious award.

The Ballyogan Operations Centre Solar PV project is part of the DLR Retrofitting Programme under the Climate Action Plan, and received 50% funding through the SEAI Pathfinder Programme. The system has already made a significant impact by providing 10,000 kWh of renewable electricity to the grid in just one month. Additionally, the heating system at the Ballyogan Operations Centre has been replaced with a cascade of four air-to-water and one water-to-water heat pump system, which was commissioned in September 2024. This decarbonised the plantroom and resulted in a 98% reduction in natural gas usage.



Richard Fitzpatrick
CLIMATE ACTION CO-ORDINATOR

How do you start your day?
I start my day with breakfast – I never miss breakfast. If the world was ending at 4pm I’d probably still have breakfast. I also check newspapers to see the headlines and keep up with what’s happening in the world.

What do you do?
I’m the Climate Action Coordinator for dlr. This work covers climate, environmental awareness and green business. With regards to climate, it means I am responsible for monitoring the implementation of actions contained within the Climate Action Plan 2024-2025, developing the Decarbonising Zone Action and Implementation Plan, implementation of the Community Climate Action Programme, and reporting and promoting things climate. On top of that, since climate work is carried out by all departments in the organisation and by external agencies and community groups, I spend a reasonable amount of time working and interacting with a large number of people on climate issues.

What is your typical workday like?
Before I get to the desk, I usually have a mental plan for the day. An ideal day for me would be one where I get work done on immediate tasks, medium term task which are about a month away, and a small amount of time on longer term tasks over a year or longer into the future. The day itself is usually a mix of meetings, responding to queries, progressing work agreed for the year and keeping abreast of climate issues at local, regional and national levels.

What is the most difficult part of your job?
Since climate is such a broad subject and the ‘climate clock’ is ticking, i.e. global temperatures are rising, the difficulty is where to prioritise my time to get maximum climate results while still doing the routine work. I’m not sure if I have perfected that but I keep trying.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?
Completing projects or bodies of work that have a demonstrative positive environmental outcome is the most satisfying and rewarding aspect of the job. In achieving those results, I always get to work with lots of people with unique experiences and skills. It never ceases to amaze me the serious amount of quality work you can get done if you get the right people working together on a task. Sure, there will be hiccups, barriers and frustrations along the way but once you acknowledge and expect them from the start you will nearly always get the outcome you want.

Favourite place?
Sitting outside in the evening at the rear of the house, eating with my wife and three children and whoever else might drop by. And if there is a lull in the conversation we can always listen to the birds.

Summer Festivals in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Our Tourism Development section is always keen to support and promote the big events that bring pleasure and excitement to so many in our county. Every year we fund and support wonderful festivals devoted to music, performing arts, culture, heritage and all kinds of entertainment.



23–24 August: Dalkey Lobster Festival

The Dalkey community takes to the streets to showcase the high-quality food and hospitality that are available to visitors to the town. All of the town’s restaurants will come out on the streets to offer lobster-based menus. The festival also features cookery demos, free music on the streets and storytelling and other events for kids.

23–24 August: Ukelele Hooley

Now well established as a highlight of the summer in dlr, this festival features jam sessions, workshops, busking, a musical bus tour and all kinds of fun for music-lovers of all ages. Events take place in many locations around Dún Laoghaire, including the Eblana Club, the People’s Park and the Lexlcon Studio. Further details of the festival are available at www.ukulelehooley.com



Cruise Ships Season

Over 80 cruise ships will call to Dún Laoghaire this year bringing a total of 128,000 passengers and 51,000 crew to the area and providing a significant boost to the local economy.

Dún Laoghaire Harbour was the second busiest Harbour in Ireland for cruise visits in the last year, only behind Cork/Cobh. The aim is to continue building on this success for the years ahead.

With 43% of passengers who tender ashore visiting Dún Laoghaire Town and the surrounding area, the cruise industry is continuing to generate significant income and create a range of job opportunities. The benefits of these cruise visits extend beyond the immediate tourism sector, contributing to the restoration of the historic Harbour.



Cruise Statistics for 2025



- The 2025 cruise season surpasses last year when 71 cruise ships arrived with 107,113 passengers and 46,975 crew.
- The ‘Regal Princess’ is the longest vessel to call, at 330m long. With a capacity of 3,592 passengers and 1,205 crew. This ship is operated by Princess Cruises. Regal Princess will call 10 times this year.
- Viking Cruises are once again top of the schedule with 18 visits this year, sending ships from their ocean going fleet. In second place are Norwegian Cruise Lines, visiting Dún Laoghaire 9 times this year. Twelve ships will make their inaugural call to Dún Laoghaire.



Step Into Summer with the Parks & Trails Challenge!

Active Cities Dublin is back with the Parks & Trails Challenge 2025, and we’re inviting everyone in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown to get moving, explore nature and win great prizes along the way!

It’s easy to take part: visit dublindiscoverytrails.ie and download the app, pick from 24 scenic walks, and track your progress throughout July and August. The more trails you complete, the more chances you’ll have to win exciting prize draws!

In Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, explore routes in Loreto Park, Kilbogget Park, Shanganagh Park, Deerpark and the Dublin Mountains trails at Ticknock (Fairy Castle) and Tibradden Wood. Plus, we’ll be hosting organised walks in each of these locations, so keep an eye out for dates and details.

Follow us on social media for updates, walk schedules and prize announcements—and don’t forget to share your own challenge photos!

Download the Dublin Discovery Trails app now and step into summer!

George’s Place Centre for Creative Lifelong Learning



We have received funding under Strand 1 of THRIVE – the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme – to undertake an integrated urban study titled ‘Reimagining George’s Place – Revitalising through Reuse’ and to develop proposals for the reuse of No. 9 George’s Place and the former Wash House on Kelly’s Avenue, Dún Laoghaire.

Following two successful public consultation drop-in workshops held in the former Wash House and an online survey that gathered suggestions and ideas for the adaptive reuse of these important protected structures, a design for a Centre for Creative Lifelong Learning was developed. The proposed plans integrate key themes and feedback from the public consultation into the final design of these significant heritage buildings.

The Part 8 planning for the reuse and extension of No. 9 George’s Place and the former Wash House as a Centre for Creative Lifelong Learning was agreed at the Council meeting on 14 April. Subsequently, an application for capital works funding under THRIVE Strand 2 has been submitted.

This THRIVE – Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027.

dlr Lexlcon | MUNICIPAL GALLERY

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



At The Forum, 2025, Maeve McCarthy

Maeve McCarthy: Returning / Heritage

6 July – 3 September

This exhibition by Maeve McCarthy features new paintings, charcoal drawings, objects, and a film. She reflects on her family's journey and her maternal lineage, stretching back to County Down and Sandycove in the 1930s. She revisits gardens, houses, and familiar paths from the past. The exhibition invites visitors to think about what is passed down through generations and how memories continue to live on even after physical places change.

Maeve McCarthy is a Dún Laoghaire-born, Dublin-based artist. She mainly works in painting and drawing. McCarthy graduated from the National College of Art and Design in 1987, and her work is held in public and private collections, including the National Gallery of Ireland. She is a member of the RHA (Royal Hibernian Academy) and is represented by the Molesworth Gallery, Dublin.

Brain Health Gallery Tours

Tuesday 15 July, 11am – 12.30pm / Saturday 26 July, 11am – 12.30pm

Enjoy a free seated, informal tour of Maeve McCarthy's exhibition. With a cup of tea and a chance to chat and meet new people as part of the tour. They are designed for anyone who is interested in promoting their brain health, anyone who notices changes in their memory and anyone living with dementia. Our facilitators are trained to support people living with dementia to ensure an inclusive experience.

To book email arts@dlrcoco.ie or phone (01) 236 2756.

Crazy Colourful Kingdom: An Immersive Play Environment

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July, free, drop in sessions. Project Room, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon.

As part of Coastival 2025 artists Joanna and Bethan Parkes invite all 2-4 year olds to enter a world of colour and fun. See what you can discover in the bright and cheerful kingdom with multi-coloured animals, a yellow castle, pink mountains and a rainbow volcano. Colourful sand, rice and coconut to touch and feel, jelly lit up inside to squish and squeeze.



JOANINA PARKES



STEVE O'CONNOR

Musician in Residence: Aoife McAtamney

The dlr Emerging Musician in Residence, Aoife McAtamney, continues her Residency over the summer. She is working on developing Authors, a cross-artform music project inspired by libraries and celebrating the connection between songwriting and literature. Her residency will include workshops and open rehearsals for the public, along with a concert performance of the newly composed songs with cellist Caitríona Finnegan at dlr Lexlcon in early August.

Aoife McAtamney specialises in music and contemporary dance. In 2024, she independently released her debut album Pink Breath to critical acclaim, praised by The Irish Times as a 'complex, nuanced, and personal debut'. She holds a Masters in Songwriting from the University of Limerick.



PETER CAVANAGH

Coastival Family Fun Day

Saturday 5 July, 11.00 am – 4.00pm

As part of Coastival Maritime Festival 2025, join us at dlr Lexlcon on Saturday 5 July for a Family Fun Day. There will be free events all day including puppet shows, music, art, crafts and more.

No booking required so just come along and have fun!

For the full programme of events, check dlr Libraries website.

libraries.dlrcoco.ie

Summer Stars 2025



Our annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children returns to all our library branches this summer. Summer Stars is an exciting reading-based programme, available free of charge to all children, to encourage them to continue reading throughout the summer months. Each child is invited to sign up at their local library and enjoy reading lots of books as part of this adventure during the summer holidays. Participants are encouraged to continue reading throughout the programme with rewards and incentives along the way.

Keep an eye on our website to find out more about our Summer Stars events happening and sign up for your Reading Booklet to track all your summer reading!



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Libby e Magazines & e Comics

Did you know that in addition to e books and e audiobooks, our online resource Libby also has a selection of Comics and Magazines? The range of e comics available to borrow and read includes Minecraft, Disney, Super Mario, Image

Comics, Marvel and Star Wars plus much, much more. There is a huge selection of magazines to choose from; from celebrity titles like Hello! to Cookery, Crafts, Health and Fitness, Home and Garden, Lifestyle and Sports to name but a few.

You can subscribe to a particular title and have the new issue delivered directly to your "shelf" on the app, so you never miss an issue. You just need your library card to join up, then download the app to your device and start reading!



My Little Library Book Bags

My Little Library Book Bags are back for all children starting primary school in September 2025!

To help children navigate starting school, libraries nationally have put together a bag with books and resources just for them that can be collected free of charge at any public library. Bags are available in both Irish and English and will be available throughout

the summer. We can't wait to welcome children and their families in to collect their very own Little Library Book Bag. We hope that once they visit the library to pick up their book bag, our new library members and their families will come back regularly to keep their bag filled up with borrowed books and to take part in Storytimes, classes and all the other events we have to offer. Drop into your local dlr Library and pick up a Little Library Book Bag today!

The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between Libraries, the Dept of Rural and Community Development, and the Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.

Cubbie

Cubbies are now available at dlr Lexlcon and Ballyogan Libraries and are included in Social Stories for those libraries. Cubbie is a sensory management pod designed to help people regulate their sensory experiences in various environments. It provides a customisable space with adjustable lighting, sound, and visuals, allowing users—especially those with sensory sensitivities, to find comfort and focus. Cubbie adapts to provide either stimulating or calming environments based on the user's needs, helping them regulate their senses and return to participating with confidence.

For more information, please contact staff in the relevant library.



Official Driver Theory Test

Revision materials for the latest version of the Official Driver Theory Test are now available in dlr Libraries. Car and motorcycle test resources can be accessed on the public PCs in every branch. Library members can study the material and take practice tests using the Official Theory Test software. Bus and truck test materials are also available on the public PCs at dlr Lexlcon and Ballyogan Libraries. These resources are free to use and are an excellent way to help you prepare for your test.

Note: The software is available on specific PCs. Please contact your local branch if you would like to book a session in advance.

The Official Driver Theory Test book can also be ordered from any dlr Library or through our online catalogue dlr.spydus.ie

Acorn Tablets: accessible technology in your hands

Acorn tablets are age friendly devices that are available to borrow from your nearest dlr Library. They come with support both from the company (Origin Healthcare), and also library staff, who are available as always to help navigate their use. Book a one-on-one informal session in any dlr Library local to you.

The ACORN tablet was designed with user-friendly, easy-to-use technology, aimed at older people with limited computer or smart device experience.

The home screen is clear and easy to navigate with four main options:

- Calendar – to help you keep track of appointments, birthdays or social events
- Explore – providing access to websites and apps
- Talk – allowing you to make calls and send/receive messages and emails
- Camera – a two-way camera with options for photographs to be stored and shared

Call in and chat to library staff to learn more about borrowing an Acorn to take home.



Chess Camp and Tournament

Tues 8 – Thurs 10 July, 2.30-5.30pm. Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon. Suitable for ages 7-14 yrs



Participants must attend both Workshop 1 and Workshop 2

To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Workshop One: Pawn to King Tues 8 July

Players will learn the rules for all the pieces on the chess board, and by the end of the day, will know how to play with the Pawn, Rook, Knight, Bishop, King and Queen.

Workshop 2: Checkmate! Wed 9 July

The second session will cover Check and Checkmate, some tricks and tactics, and how to use the Chess Clock! By the end of this class participants will be able to play a full game of chess.

Tournament Time! Thurs 10 July

Test your chess skills against the best players in Dún Laoghaire in our 6-round Swiss Tournament. Who will be the King or Queen of Dublin?

Experienced players are welcome to attend all three days to brush up on their chess skills, or they can just attend Thursday's tournament if they prefer. Please note, the tournament is only suitable for children who have attended the first two days or those who already know how to play a full game of chess.

dlr Libraries | EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

The Yeats Sisters and Cuala: an exhibition

Dundrum Library, July. dlr Lexlcon, August.



In the early twentieth century, Susan and Elizabeth Yeats were notable artists, skilled crafts people and courageous cultural and entrepreneurial innovators, who advanced the emancipation of Irish women through training and education.

In this exhibition, you will discover the many aspects of Elizabeth Yeats' life and work: the artist and teacher, the craftswoman, fine art printer and business owner, and the trainer and mentor of young women. Contemporary embroidery pieces, made by the members of the Guild of Embroiderers, will be also on display, exploring the themes of the 1925 Cuala Pressmark - the lone tree, which Elizabeth designed for Cuala, 100 years ago.

In addition, dlr Lexlcon will present panels from the exhibition hosted by Trinity College Library and supported by the Dept of Foreign Affairs, offering a fabulous presentation of the Yeats sisters' work and Cuala's significance.

An initiative by The Yeats Sisters Commemoration Project and the Irish Guild of Embroiderers with the support of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Heritage & Libraries, the Cuala Press Project, Trinity College Dublin, National Print Museum and Dept of Foreign Affairs.

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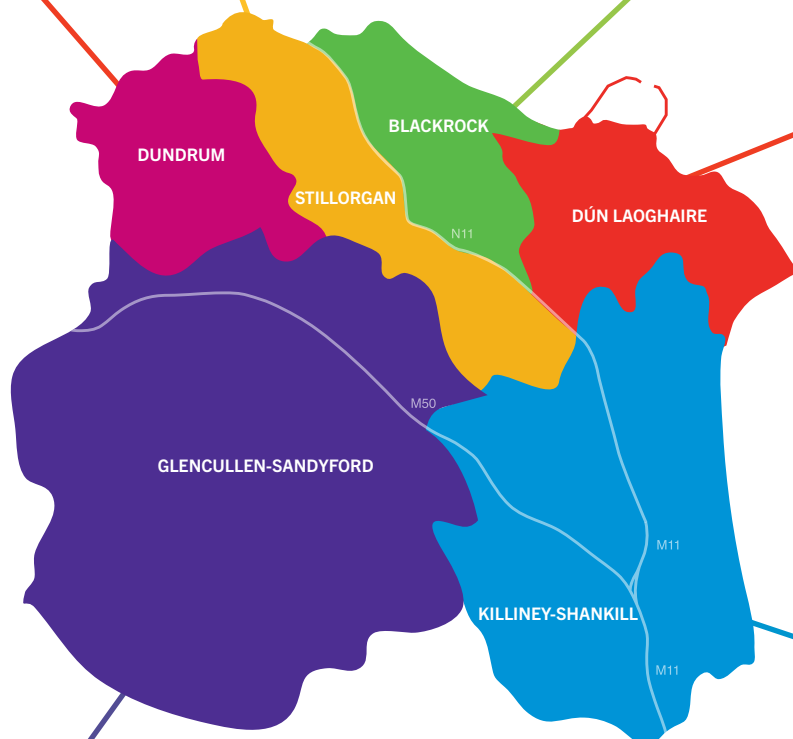
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