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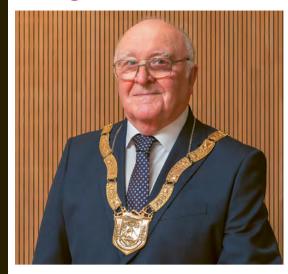
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#### Message from **An Cathaoirleach**



Welcome to the latest edition of the dlr Times. This Housing Delivery Special provides information on social, affordable and cost rental housing that will be delivered over the next three years.

In addition to housing, you can read about our draft Climate Action Plan, which was created in collaboration with the other Dublin Local Authorities and sets out how we will make the County more adaptive to the impacts of climate change. Please be sure to make a submission on the plan. You can also find information on dlr grants 2024 and the Dundrum and Kilternan Local Areas Plans.

We have several events running as part of the Open House Dublin Architectural Festival in October, including "how to be energy smart at home" on the 14 October where you can find out how to understand your energy bills and much more.

The Comedy Festival returns and ice skating will be coming to Dún Laoghaire Harbour in November. Local elections are on next year, so be sure check if you are on the register or if you are not, how to register to vote.

#### **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:

**Homeless Persons:** Irish Water:

01 677 8844

1800 724 724

1850 278 278

# 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

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

#### **EDEN PARK RECYCLING**

Summerhill Road, Glasthule

**TIME:** Mon — Thur 8.30am to 4pm Fri – Sat 8.30am to 3.30pm. CLOSED: Sunday, Bank 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

#### dlr Lexicon

Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire TEL: 01 280 1147

**TIME:** Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm Fri to Sat 9.30am — 5pm | Sun 12noon – 4pm

#### **BLACKROCK**

Blackrock Town Hall, Main Street TEL: 01 288 8117

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am -1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

#### **CABINTEELY\***

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely **TEL:** 01 285 5363

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri\* & Sat\* 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm | Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm

#### **DALKEY\*\***

Castle Street, Dalkey **TEL:** 01 285 5317

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

#### **DEANSGRANGE\*\***

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange **TEL:** 01 285 0860 **TIME:** Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to Thur

10am - 8pm | Fri & Sat 10am - 5pm.

#### **DUNDRUM**

Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum

**TEL:** 01 298 5000

TIME: Mon, Fri & Sat 10am -1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm

#### **SHANKILL\***

Library Road, Shankill **TEL:** 01 282 3081

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri\* & Sat\* 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm | Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm

#### **STILLORGAN**

Unit J (First Floor), Stillorgan Shopping Centre **TEL:** 01 288 9655 TIME: Mon, Tue & Wed 10am -5pm| Thurs 10am – 8pm|Fri & Sat

10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

- \* Libraries with an asterisk are open either Friday or Saturday – please contact them for further details.
- \*\* Libraries with *My Open Library* service which offers extended hours to library members outside normal opening hours, from 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week. Contact library staff for details on how to register.
- On Bank Holiday weekends, all libraries are closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday.

#### 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 <u>dlrcoco.ie/haveyoursay</u> allows you to have your say and tell us what your priorities and concerns are for the County.









# Building Communities

## 3,051 new social & affordable homes by 2026

We have developed a Housing Delivery Action Plan in line with our commitment under Central Government's "Housing for All" plan and over the next three years, we will deliver 1994 new social homes and 1057 affordable/cost rental homes. To achieve this, we are working closely with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs), the Land Development Agency (LDA), Developers and the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage. The homes are provided under a variety of means including direct build, turnkey acquisitions, Part V and leasing.

Affordability is a key issue for households in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area, both in terms of purchasing or renting a home at an affordable price. We will be holding a housing information evening in November where you can find out more about our affordable purchase and cost rental schemes and we hope you will join us.

You can read more on pages 6+7 about our affordable & cost rental housing, direct build, acquisitions, leasing and Part V. In addition, we perform an important role in supporting the delivery of housing. Our County Development Plan (2022-2028) includes a housing target of c. 15,000 new homes to be built in the County over the period of the plan.

Other key elements of our action plan are to address the delivery of homes for those in long term homelessness under the Housing First Programme. meeting the needs of our Travelling Community under the Traveller Accommodation Programme, making provision for older persons to live independently and safely, and making homes available to disabled people in line with our Strategic Plan for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026.

There has also been great momentum to date in Cherrywood in terms of residential delivery, with the total number of residential units permitted at 4,297 homes, with an additional 982 homes going through the statutory planning process. Completed homes stand at approximately 1,000 houses and apartments, with approx. 900 occupied.



#### Join us for a housing information evening

We will be hosting a housing information evening on Wednesday 15 November from 4pm-8pm in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire to provide information on the Affordable Purchase and Cost Rental Schemes, as well as the different grants and loans that are available to help you when buying a home. If you are interested in attending, please contact us at www.dlrcoco.ie/affordablehousing or scan the QR code.



Scan the QR code out more



Listen to our Housing Delivery podcast at http://dlrcoco.ie/podcast



# A message from Chief Executive, Frank Curran

It has been a busy year so far and my focus has been in the areas of climate action and housing. This Autumn will see the completion of several projects across the County which will benefit our citizens in both these areas.

I recently signed the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) Public Sector Decarbonisation Partnership Programme and this commitment ensures our dedication to reduce energy-related emissions and increase energy efficiency in the Council. We are the first local authority in Ireland to achieve a Gold rated Cycle Friendly Employer Certification and this furthers our commitment to reduce our transport-related carbon emissions as we work toward our Climate Action targets. Our draft Climate Action Plan is now open for public consultation, so please submit your views over the next month.

New tenants will be moving into the recently completed 67 social homes at Ballyogan Square. In November, we will be hosting an information evening for the public to find out more about how we can assist you to apply for housing. Construction is also planned to start on the new library and social housing in Stillorgan in October.

# We are the first local authority in Ireland to achieve a Gold rated Cycle Friendly Employer Certification. ""

Progress continues on the Active Travel routes which will build a better network to connect our local towns, improve air quality and create better spaces for us

all to enjoy. The Wyattvile Road dual carriageway works and Clonskeagh Road works are both due to finish this year. The proposed Active Travel Route for Rochestown Avenue has now been adopted by Council and the recently launched Bolt e-Bikes will connect Shankill, Dalkey, Killiney and Cherrywood & encourage green commuting.

The new civic space at Myrtle Square will open this Autumn and will feature generous seating, a strong emphasis on trees and greening as well as play opportunities for a range of children. The new playground at Blackrock Park featuring the Brent Goose will have various play elements for all ages to enjoy when it opens later this year.

This Autumn we have a variety of events for everyone to enjoy including Open House Dublin, the annual Samhain Halloween walk, the Dún Laoghaire Comedy Festival and ice skating at Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

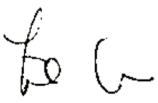
#### **County Council Meetings**

You can join us live at one of our monthly council meetings, and the remaining dates for this year are 9 October, 13 November & 11 December.



Scan the QR code to find out more

**FRANK CURRAN** 





sustainable mobility and public realm improvements. It aims to make our local streets safer and greener, our communities more connected, and to keep our economy vibrant. The project involves three main elements:

#### 1. Town centre upgrades and the pedestrianisation of part of George's Street Lower

It will provide better landscaping, planting, and seating throughout the length of George's Street to create a safe, welcoming, and vibrant environment. The scheme will pedestrianise 220m of George's St Lower from the junction with Patrick's St to St Michael's Hospital. The street will remain open to traffic in the morning. Two clear areas will be maintained on either side of the street and the central area of the street will feature new seating, planting, and areas for loading.

#### 2. Living Streets Neighbourhood - incorporating modal filters and placemaking

Through-traffic is a key contributor to traffic problems in Dún Laoghaire. Currently, 59% of Monkstown-bound traffic in Dún Laoghaire is through-traffic. Modal filters are proposed on Tivoli Road, Cross Avenue and Clarinda Park West to deter through-traffic while still allowing destination traffic to the town centre and to houses within the area. A key benefit will be guieter, safer roads with less traffic and pollution. It also frees up road space for improved public realm e.g. planting, seating, outdoor dining. There are also plans to improve Clarinda Park by restoring the park to its original historic boundary with the addition of more green space and landscaping.

#### 3. Sustainable mobility improvements

A safer walking environment will be created through reduced traffic overall. Within the Living Streets Neighbourhood and on key roads in the town, broken pavements will be fixed, and footpaths will be widened where space allows. Pedestrian crossings will be improved throughout the area and cycling will be more convenient, enjoyable, and a safer option for all.

The junction of Glenageary Road Lower and Corrig Road will be upgraded, removing street clutter where the footpaths are narrow, reducing the length of pedestrian crossings and providing more footpath space for pedestrians waiting to cross the road. A new signalised pedestrian crossing is also proposed on York Road at Northcote Avenue to allow pedestrians to safely cross the road here, as well as serving as a traffic calming measure.

#### **Public Consultation**

The Pre-Design phase for Living Streets Dún Laoghaire included public engagement activities between December 2022 to March 2023 with 575 submissions. The project team would like to thank everyone who has provided feedback so far and looks forward to engaging further in the coming months.

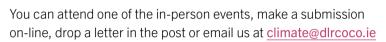
The main statutory consultation will commence in October 2023 as Part of a Part 8 planning application. This will involve a consultation survey, along with webinars, public meetings and information displays to get feedback from the public on the proposed designs. Please see https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/ for details and to make a submission.

# Have your say on the

# draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029



Get involved and have your say on the draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The public consultation is open for submissions until 3 November 2023.





Scan the QR code to find out more



# Did you know that the electoral process has changed?

The Electoral Reform Act 2022 came into force last year. Even if you are already registered, you now should add your PPSN, date of birth and Eircode. This will allow your local authority to confirm your details and ensure the accuracy of the electoral register.

If you have changed address recently or someone in your household has moved out or turned 16, please update your details online or contact us directly.

A person may pre-register from the age of 16 years of age, however they will not be able to vote until they are 18.

#### How can I update my details or register to vote for the first time?

Please check www.Voter.ie (Dublin only) or www.checktheregister.ie (nationwide)

Please email us at registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie or telephone 01-2054880

# **Calling all Engineers!**

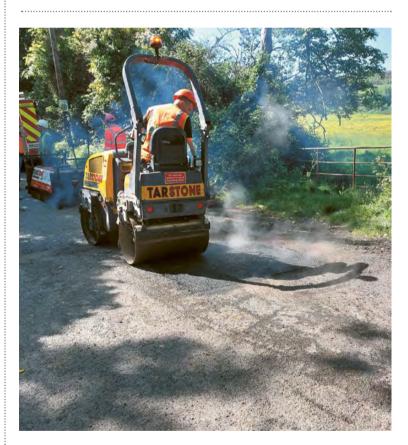
Join our team of engineers and gain invaluable work experience in a wide variety of different areas including major infrastructure projects, transportation, capital projects, active travel, public realm improvements, cleansing & beaches. We have family-friendly policies and flexible working practices. Learn, develop and grow through our staff mobility policies and structured paths to career development. Find out more on www.dlrcoco.ie/job-listing or email <a href="mailto:careers@dlrcoco.ie">careers@dlrcoco.ie</a>





Listen to our podcast at dircoco.ie/podcast and hear from two of our engineers and the projects they are currently working on!

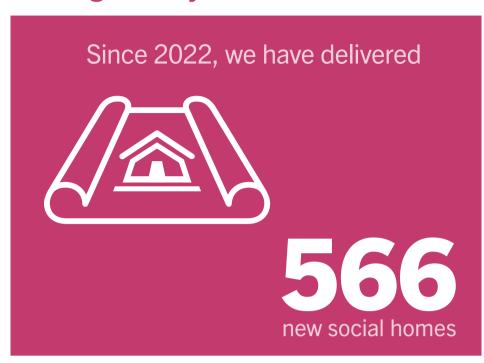




# **Sustainable Road Patching** Solutions across the County

Our Road Maintenance Section has recently been researching the market for alternative road patching solutions that are more sustainable and will last longer. We have been trialling a solution that demonstrates an 85% reduction in carbon emissions over that of standard road patching works, recycling existing road material, and supplemented by small quantities of fresh material resulting in an in-situ repair process achieving close to zerowaste and contributing to the circular economy. This year Road Maintenance are implementing this repair technique at several locations across the County.

# **Housing Delivery Action Plan**



#### **Affordable Homes**

Affordability is a key issue for households in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area, both in terms of purchasing or renting a home at an affordable price.

- **50 cost rental homes** have been delivered at Enniskerry Road in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies, Túath and Respond Housing
- **306 cost rental homes** and **91 affordable purchase homes** at Shanganagh (Under construction and in partnership with the LDA)
- **139 further cost rental homes** under construction to be delivered by Tuath and Respond Housing.

We will be providing housing through the Affordable Purchase Scheme and Cost Rental Scheme. These homes will be provided through active co-operation with developers, and will result in more affordable houses and apartments coming on to the market.

The Affordable Purchase Scheme aims to enable potential purchasers buy a property by allowing dlr to take an equity share in the property to bridge the gap between a buyer's mortgage and savings and the cost of the property.

The Cost Rental Scheme will provide properties to rent at a reduced rate (at least 25% below market rent) with secure tenure and will be managed by dlr or AHBs. A new Affordable Housing Section has been set up within the Housing Department to drive these schemes forward.



#### BUILD



#### **Shanganagh Castle Lands**

We are working with the Land Development Agency (LDA) to deliver 597 new homes, with the first homes available next year. The development will offer a mix of accommodation suitable for single people, couples, and families. The new homes will be delivered on a phased basis and include the following:

- 200 of these homes will be allocated to social housing applicants,
- 91 will be sold under the affordable purchase scheme,
- 306 will be cost rental homes which are homes with rents at least 25% below market rents.

This development is one of the largest residential schemes to achieve 'passive house' standard. This is a standard which has significantly lower energy consumption and associated heating costs compared to other new builds. Shanganagh is well served by existing public transport on the N11 and will be within 10 minutes' walk of the proposed DART station at Woodbrook as well as a new Bus Connects route. The development will be served by a range of amenities including extensive communal green space, a playground, a crèche, a convenience store and café. Walls Construction was appointed lead contractor on the project in June after a public tender process.

#### How do I get one of these homes?

If you are a social housing applicant, as dwellings become ready for occupation, they will be advertised on Choice Based Letting.

The affordable purchase and cost rental homes will be advertised as they become available. Applications can only be made at that time and all details will be made available then.



#### St. Laurence's Park

We are also progressing a scheme at St. Laurence's Park in Stillorgan which will deliver 88 new homes and a much awaited new two-storey Library. The site has been cleared in advance of the main contractor commencing on site and the expected delivery is late 2025 early 2026. In addition to social homes, it is also proposed to have a number of cost-rental homes at this location.

#### Loughlinstown View

This development which will deliver 42 new homes, is currently under construction by an AHB.

## Housing Delivery dlr



#### **Ballyogan Square**

67 new 1 and 2 bed homes have recently been completed at Ballyogan Square. We are delighted that social housing applicants are now moving into their new homes which are A1 energy rated with heat pump energy systems.

A further 52 homes will be constructed as a further phase of the development, some of which are proposed to be cost rental homes.

#### **ACQUISITIONS**

#### **Tenant in situ Acquisitions**

In March 2023, in response to the lifting of the winter eviction ban, dlr was given permission from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to purchase homes from private landlords whose tenants are at risk of homelessness.

We assess the tenant for their risk of homelessness and assess the property. Factors such as the cost of the acquisition and other associated costs are considered.

So far this year we have received over 100 expressions of interests from landlords, with 50 of those either in the conveyancing process or under negotiation for sale.

Details are available on our website at https://www.dlrcoco.ie/TenantSitu

In addition, both dlr and AHB's are proposing to acquire Turnkey dwellings at various locations throughout the County which will deliver in the region of 500 new homes up to 2026.

#### **LEASING**

Throughout the County, 149 social homes have been delivered to date in 2023 via leasing arrangements. We are on track to deliver approximately another 36 homes through the leasing scheme by the end of 2023. These homes are offered to applicants on our social housing waiting list.

#### **PART V**

20% of residential developments of five or more dwellings must be reserved for social/affordable housing provision in accordance with Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000. An exemption to this requirement applies where the development site is 0.1hectares or less.

Homes provided under Part V are purchased by dlr and is related to the cost to build the units plus other costs such as design/legal fees, finance costs, the cost of the land (at 'existing use' value) and a reasonable profit margin.

So far this year 93 homes have been delivered and 13 of these are under long-term lease.

It is expected that Part V will deliver over 300 more homes for social housing before the end of this year.

#### **CROÍ CÓNAITHE GRANT**

We have received 90 applications to date for the Vacant Homes Property Refurbishment Grant (Croí Cónaithe) which aims to bring long term vacant homes back into residential use. Over 80 of these have received a first inspection and approval in principle has been granted.

In order for a property to be eligible, it must be vacant for at least two years. The Refurbishment Grant is up to the sum of €50,000, with a possible top-up of €20,000 if remedial structural works are required in the case of derelict properties.

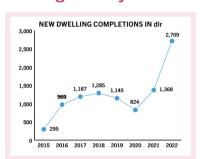
# **Supporting the Delivery of Housing**



dlr performs an important role in supporting the delivery of housing as part of Government's "Housing for All" plan up to 2030. The dlr County Development Plan 2022-2028 includes a housing target of c. 15,000 new homes to be built in the County over the 6-year period of the Plan. This represents c. 2,500 new homes built every year which would provide housing for over 6,000 people.

The delivery of new homes is planned to take place across the County within both the existing built footprint where existing physical, social, and economic infrastructure is available and also at identified 'new residential communities' including, for example, Ballyogan and Environs, Kiltiernan/Glenamuck, Old Connaught, Rathmichael and Woodbrook-Shanganagh.

#### **Housing Delivery in dlr**





Over recent years, there has been a significant increase in housing completion levels in dlr. In 2022, over 2,700 new homes were delivered in the County which represented nearly 10% of all homes completed in the State, and the highest annual figure recorded in dlr in well over a decade. Housing completion figures have remained high in 2023, with over 1,700 new homes delivered in the County in the first half of the year.

Looking forward, residential commencement notices are early indicators of activity in the housing market and an important forward-looking supply indicator. There has been a significant increase in residential commencements in dlr in recent years. In 2021, over 3,000 new homes commenced construction and in 2022 nearly 2,300 new homes commenced. Residential commencement figures have remained high in 2023 with over 1,700 new homes commenced in the County in the first 7 months of the year, representing nearly 10% of all residential commencements in the State.

# Cherrywood SDZ



The emerging town of Cherrywood will have a population in the region of 26,000, with over 10,500 new homes including a minimum of 10% social housing units, spread over the new Town Centre and three smaller Village Centres with superior transport links including an enhanced bus service, five Luas stops, and pedestrian and cycle friendly greenways throughout. In addition, there will be two post primary and four primary schools.

There has been great momentum to date in Cherrywood in terms of residential delivery, with the total number of residential units permitted at 4,297 homes, with an additional 982 homes going through the statutory planning process.

Completed homes stand at approximately 1,000 homes, with approx. 900 occupied. The first primary school, located adjacent to the recently opened Tully Park, has been operational since 2021 and has approximately 85 pupils over three class age groups including two Autism classes. The first post primary school, also in the Tully area, received its grant of permission last year.

#### **Public Information**



# Shaping our Future Together: **Local Area Plans**

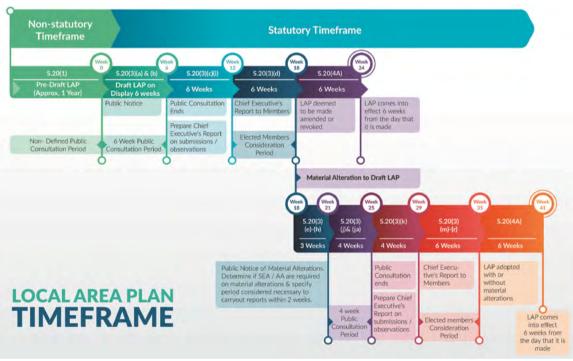
As our communities grow, it's important to plan for that growth in a sustainable, manageable way. A Local Area Plan (LAP) serves as a comprehensive guide for the future development of a defined area within the County over a six-to-ten-year timeframe. It is a vital tool for sustainable planning and development and sets out the Council's policies and objectives for the area for residents, landowners, developers, community groups and businesses.

LAPs provide policies and objectives that determine how land should be used, what types of buildings can be developed, how we can aid in the delivery of housing and how and where infrastructure such as schools and

parks should be delivered. LAPs also provide an opportunity to consider the causes and impacts of climate change and to act locally to address a global issue.

#### **Making a Local Area Plan**

An LAP is a statutory document which is made by the Elected Members. The infographic provides an overview of the stages and timelines involved in the plan-making process.



#### **Public Consultation**

Public consultation is a cornerstone in the LAP process. The rationale is simple: community members possess valuable local knowledge and perspectives that can significantly enrich planning outcomes. Through public consultation, webinars and drop-in sessions, residents have the opportunity to obtain information, voice their concerns, offer insights, and make suggestions. Public input helps LAPs achieve the right balance between the interests and needs of the existing community and of the people who will, in time, also call the area home.

Since the adoption of the dlr County Development Plan 2022-2028, the Council have been progressing three separate LAPs, as part of the overall six-year programme for the County.

#### **Dundrum Local Area Plan**

The Draft Dundrum LAP was placed on display from 8th June 2023 to 21st July 2023. There was a very high level of interest and engagement with nearly 900 submissions received.

Put simply, the Draft LAP looks at both existing and future Dundrum and aims to set out a framework to guide future development and make sure that there are enough schools, open spaces, childcare and community facilities, shops, and employment to serve the needs of the community. It is the first LAP where an Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA) has informed the Plan. The ABTA aims to ensure that future transport demand is managed in a sustainable way.

dlr would like to thank everyone who took the time to make a submission on the Draft LAP. Thank you also to everyone who joined and participated in our online webinar and/or the 'drop-in days'.

#### Old Connaught Local Area Plan

The Core Strategy of the County Development Plan identifies the Old Connaught area as a 'new residential community' with potential to deliver circa 2,000 new homes. The Old Connaught area is primarily greenfield and agricultural in nature and a planled approach to the sustainable development of the area is of paramount importance.

The Pre-Draft public consultation process for the Old Connaught LAP took place over a period of four weeks from 8th May to 6th June 2023. Two public consultation events were held and both sessions were very well attended.

We have now commenced the preparation of a Draft LAP for Old Connaught, taking into consideration the submissions made during the Pre-Draft public consultation stage. Once prepared, the Draft LAP will be placed on public display for a further period of public consultation. Keep an eye out for the next stage of public engagement which will be notified in the national press, our website, and our social media channels!

#### Kiltiernan/Glenamuck Local Area Plan

The Kiltiernan/Glenamuck area is also identified as a 'new residential community' in the County Development Plan with potential to deliver circa 2,000 new homes. There is an existing LAP in place for Kiltiernan/Glenamuck, but it is due to expire shortly.

We intend to prepare a new LAP for Kiltiernan/Glenamuck and are now engaging in Pre-Draft public consultation. This consultation stage runs from the 12th September to 17th October 2023, and we would greatly appreciate your views on the future planning and development of the area.

More information on how to get involved and 'have your say' can be found online on the planning section of the Council's website, using the following QR code, or in person at the Council's Offices in Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire.

Scan the QR code to find out more:



# **Competition**Samhain Haunted Forest Walk



Would you like to be the winner of one of four family passes to our annual event at Marlay Park? Not for the faint hearted, this will be a free fright fest of spooky thrills and chills in our haunted forest on **Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 October**. Each pass will consist of six complimentary passes which will allow 6 people to enter the Haunted Forest. To enter all you have to do is sign up for the dlr Times by email.

Log on to <a href="mailto:dlrcoco.ie/SamhainComp">dlrcoco.ie/SamhainComp</a> by Friday 20th October. Winners will be notified on Tuesday 24 October. Best of luck!

#### **Public Information**



# **Open House** Dublin

7-15 October

Open House Dublin is a free festival of architecture for all ages with 100+ guided tours and events taking place across Dublin this year. There is a wide range of thought-provoking experiences available to encourage discussion about contemporary and heritage architecture, infrastructure and urban design initiatives.

Join an architect-led site visit of Ireland's largest passive house low-energy development at Shanganagh, Shankill or take a bike tour along the popular Coastal Mobility Route (CMR) passing by some notable landmarks and buildings, including County Hall, Commissioner of Irish Lights Building, the Harbour and the Dún Laoghaire Baths. Get inspired by talented artists in the iconic former Grainstore building in Cabinteely Park, explore the large bright studios and purchase art.

Ask experts from SEAI, ESB Networks, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities your questions about smart meters, reducing your energy use and lowering your bills at the 'How to be Energy Smart at Home' seminar in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire. Also in County Hall, join us for a conversation about the future of sustainable travel and public spaces by exploring the opportunities and challenges with a panel of thought leaders and listen to a range of perspectives on the topic.

Through visits, talks, tours, lectures, workshops, podcasts, engaging with artists and more, Open House Dublin will reveal how Dublin and people reflect and depend on each other. As always, events are free but pre-booking is required for all events on openhousedublin.com

#### **LOCAL PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Junior and Family events — Saturday 7 October

- 'Fernhill Park Experience' Workshop, Fernhill House
- Biodiversity Wild Autumn Scavenger Hunt, outside Marlay House
- Killinev Obelisk, Heritage Building Tour
- The Oratory, Dún Laoghaire, Heritage Building Tour

#### Saturday 14 October

- County Hall Dún Laoghaire, Building Tour
- 'Grounded' Heritage Walking Tour, Blackrock Park
- Dún Laoghaire Baths, Walking Tour with Architect
- 'How to be Energy Smart at Home' Q&A Seminar, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire
- The Grainstore, Cabinteely Park, Open Studio
- Coastal Mobility Route, Bike Tour
- 'Home' a presentation by Artist Mary Burke in the dlr Lexlcon
- Shanganagh low energy passive house development, Site Visit

# **How to be Energy Smart** at Home Seminar

On Saturday 14 October in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's County Hall you will have an opportunity to learn how to be energy smart at home and ask the experts your questions.

A panel of energy experts from Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, ESB Networks, Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) and Dublin's Energy Agency CODEMA will help you to understand more about:

- Reducing your energy use
- Reducing your energy bill
- Getting the most out of smart meters
- Supports available to carry our energy upgrades to your home
- Book your place on openhousedublin.com



## dlr staff profile



Feidhlim O'Shea STAFF OFFICER. ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT

#### What do you have for breakfast?

For days in the office, I have a quick bowl of Weetabix before leaving the house and am grateful when coffee break arrives for some granola and yoghurt. When working from home I've a bit more time and will cook a pot of porridge for myself and my daughter.

#### What do you do?

I am on the admin team in the Architects' Department and my work primarily entails supporting the dlr Energy Team and other energy-related initiatives across the local authority, as well as coordinating the dlr programme of events for the Open House Dublin architecture festival and other events we are involved in. My background in environmental policy has provided a good understanding of the needs and requirements of the dlr Energy Team and informed our input to the forthcoming Climate Action Plan. As national climate action ambitions have grown, so too have the reporting requirements associated with our emissions reduction targets so the workload in this area is always growing. Our energyrelated objectives also influence the architecture events, as we host an energy-themed event each year as part of Open House Dublin festival in October.

#### What is your typical workday like?

There is nice variety to my role which means my typical day changes as different reporting deadlines or events come around. The cross-departmental structure of the dlr Energy Team and the involvement of colleagues from other departments in Open House means there are plenty of emails and meetings to be kept on top of, and then I squeeze in updating documentation around that.

#### What is the most difficult part of your job?

Finding enough hours in the day!

#### What is the most rewarding part of your job?

There are plenty of satisfying aspects to my job. I enjoy the opportunities to meet colleagues from across the organisation. I've only been in working in dlr for a couple of years, so I still enjoy hearing about the range of services being provided. It is also very rewarding when an event comes together after all the meetings and rehearsals and countless emails. On the energy reporting side, it's also great to see the results of everyone's efforts in reducing emissions. I went back to college to learn more about this area and my current role gives great insight into how real progress is being made on climate action. The reductions dlr achieved to date have been hard won and only happened through sustained collective effort.

#### Favourite place to visit?

The recent sunny weather brings two places to mind, one near work and one near home. I enjoy a stroll down to the Roger Casement statue at lunch. Casement was such an inspirational figure and it's nice to pay him a visit on a sunny day at the Baths. Raven Point, Wexford is closer to home and is an absolute gem. I love to walk down through the woodland on a Sunday morning and then loop back along the beach.

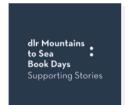
# Children's Book Festival 2023

We are delighted, and very excited to bring you Children's Book Festival in all dlr Libraries this October. The annual Book Festival helps spread the enjoyment of books and reading among children and families, authors and illustrators, teachers and librarians all over Ireland. We've a great range of authors, illustrators and storytellers lined up with something for everyone.



Local schoolchildren will be dazzled by authors and illustrators including Peter Donnelly, Shane Hegarty, Juliette Saumande, Megan Wynne, Aoife Dooley, Sarah Webb, Alan Nolan, Helena Duggan, Niamh Sharkey & Mary Murphy, and Ellen Ryan & Conor Merriman! Make sure to check our website libraries.dlrcoco.ie for more information and booking details.

# Save the dates: Readers' Days in dlr LexIcon!



Sat 21 October: Reading for a Change Climate Action Day for our readers Sat 25 November: Club Together Book Club Readers' Day

# **Fadó Fadó** Storytelling Festival 2023

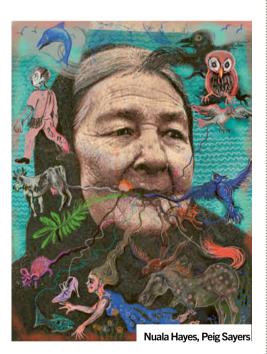
Fri 20 October – Sat 4 November

Venues include: Blackrock, Dalkey, Deansgrange, dlr Lexlcon, Dundrum and Shankill Libraries

Join dlr Libraries this October for the second year of our annual storytelling festival, delivering some of Ireland's finest storytellers for adults, young people and school classes to enjoy. Invited storytellers include Helena Byrne, Kate Corkery, Raquel McKee, Seosamh Ó Maolalaí, Pat Speight and Colin Urwin.

Booking required for adult and family events via dlr Libraries eventbrite. Booking for school events by emailing the relevant library.

For full details, pick up a flyer from your nearest dlr Library or check out our website at libraries.dlrcoco.ie



# **Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays**

We are delighted to continue our Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays in dlr Lexlcon. These Saturdays host a variety of workshops tailored to children with additional needs/neurodivergence. One adult guardian is required to attend with a child/children and can feel free to join in the fun. dlr Libraries will also have an area set up with a selection of sensory toys and equipment. Should children need time to self-regulate, there will be space and time to do so.

Save the dates for upcoming Studio Saturdays!

• Sat 14 October: Active Kids Academy

• Sat 18 November: Facilitator (to be announced)

• Sat 16 December: Facilitator (to be announced)

Booking and enquiries to <a href="mailto:libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie">libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie</a>

#### dlr Lexicon | **EXHIBITION PROGRAMME**

#### **DLR Waves**

3 October - 7 November, Level 4, dlr Lexicon



DLR Waves are a women's football club who play in the League of Ireland Premier Division. This photo exhibition highlights the best football photos from the 2023 season for the DLR Waves senior team and provides further information about the Club and its history. There will also be photos of the successful DLR Waves

U17 and U19 youth teams as well as past/present DLR Waves players who have played for Ireland over the years. This exhibition will be a celebration of local women's football, aimed at promoting the achievements of the players and raising awareness of our local women's football team.

# History Ireland Exhibition

4 October – 4 December 2023 Level 3, dlr Lexicon

History Ireland was founded in 1993 with the intention of taking the study of Irish history 'out of the ivory tower' and making the latest research and insights available to the widest possible audience. Its inception came at a time when Ireland and the study of history were experiencing significant changes. This



exhibition attempts to offer a flavour of the magazine's approach by showing the full range of nearly 200 covers from 1992 to 2023, while demonstrating what a rich illustrative archive of historical material is available in both art and photography in its content.

# Energy Saving Devices

Do you know about the Energy Saving Resources that are available to borrow





from your local dlr Library? Plug-In Energy Monitors and Thermal Leak Detectors are available for you to borrow to use in your home. The Thermal Leak Detector helps you detect energy leaks in your home by showing you the temperature differences with a coloured LED spot. This helps to identify thermal air leaks and areas for additional insulation and/or draught proofing. The Plug-In Energy Monitor is used to measure the power consumption of household appliances and calculate electricity costs. Contact your local dlr Library to borrow these energy-saving resources today, so you can try and reduce your energy bills in the future.

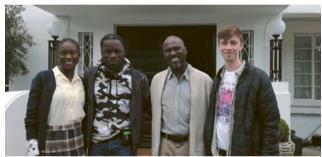
#### dlr Lexicon | MUNICIPAL GALLERY AUTUMN HIGHLIGHTS

# Dave Madigan Landscape and Oddities: **New paintings** and sculpture

Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire, Admission free, to 26 November 2023



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is delighted to present Dave Madigan's first solo exhibition. He was awarded the 2022 dlr Visual Art Commission Exhibition; this is funded by The Arts Council of Ireland and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Landscapes and Oddities features new large-scale paintings, with wide vistas and aerial views of different landscapes in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County and the wider area. Madigan explores the influence of technology on society through cityscapes, seascapes, and landscapes. A new large-scale sculpture also features in the exhibition.



Nav Day on location, left to right: Florence Adembambo, Derek Ugochukwu, Steve Hartland, Eamon Hughes

# dlr First Frames Short Films Screening

In mid-November dlr Arts Office and Economic Development Unit, in association with the National Film School IADT, will host a screening of the 2023 dlr First Frames Short Films - Nay Day and Conveyance. Nay Day is written and directed by Derek Ugochukwu, a Dublin-based writer/

director who writes modern-day fiction of the Black-Irish community; and produced by Eamon Hughes. Conveyance is written and directed by Gemma Creagh, a writer, filmmaker, and journalist; and produced by Maeve McGrath. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information closer to the date. https://www.dlrcoco.ie/arts/visual-arts-and-film

dlr First Frames provides funding and support to emerging filmmakers, supporting employment in the film-making industry in the County. The Scheme is funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and is managed by IADT, with additional support and mentoring provided for the award winners by the National Film School in IADT.

# **Poetry Beside the Sea**

A poetry project concerned with biodiversity and climate change, Poetry Beside the Sea is led by award-winning poet and biologist Jane Robinson. This workshop series will take place throughout October and will culminate in an evening reading event with local poets and musicians on Wednesday 8 Nov in dlr LexIcon. In association with Poetry Ireland this project is funded by dlr Mountains to Sea. For more information email cbrown@dlrcoco.ie



# Musician in Residence: Simon Morgan

Singer and composer Simon Morgan will be collaborating with guitarist Drazen Derek and saxophonist Richie Buckley to develop material for their exciting 'Stolen Chicken' collective this Autumn. During his residency Simon also plans to draw on jazz and traditional Irish influences to create new music for a project involving the Richie Buckley Quintet. Both ensembles will present a concert on 5 October at dlr LexIcon. The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Musicians-in-Residence Scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and is managed by Music Network.



# **Our Shed**

Thursday 12 October, Studio, dlr LexIcon, Doors open at 7.30pm

Loughlinstown, Ballybrack and Shanganagh Men's Shed in collaboration with poet Colm Keegan present a performative work for World Mental Health Day. Built from a series of workshops with Colm and exploring the possibilities of live literature and writing as a tool to support mental health. This project showcases the creativity of members while celebrating the powerful success story that is the LBS Men's Shed. Not to be missed!

Proudly funded by Creative Ireland and the HSE. Supported by dlr Arts Office and Southside Partnership DLR.

More information and booking email arts@dlrcoco.ie or phone (01) 2362759



# **Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tours**

Gallery, dlr Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire, Tuesday 10 October: 2-3.30pm and Monday 23 **October:** 11am — 12.30pm

Are you living with dementia or would you like to try something different with your loved one living with dementia? Join Claire and Orla this Autumn as they guide you through selected works from the exhibitions in the Gallery. All with time at the end to enjoy a cup of tea and chat about the experience.

To book a place: Telephone: (01) 2362759, Email: arts@dlrcoco.ie, www.dlrcoco.ie/arts





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