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Message from An Cathaoirleach

Welcome to this edition of the dlr times and my first as Cathaoirleach. It is such an honour to be elected to this position and I am all set for a busy year! There are a number of exciting projects in dlr at the moment, not least the refurbishment of the Dún Laoghaire Baths, with plans afoot for the development of Phase 2 of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus. It's going to be another busy few months in the county for sports fans, from bowling, tennis, cycling, running and sailing and I hope to meet many of you at these events. Let's get out there this summer and enjoy all that our wonderful county has to offer.

CLLR. OSSIAN SMYTH



Message from the dlr Chief Executive

dlr will again be home to a tremendous summer of sport this year. After the recent success of the Redbull Flugtag on Dún Laoghaire pier, we are delighted to be hosting the only Ironman 70.3 race in the country. We have secured the rights for three years to this very high profile worldwide event. One of our key aims is to provide and support a countywide range of events and sporting activities that cater to many different interest and abilities, and we certainly go a long way towards achieving it this summer.

We will once again be hosting the very successful series of concerts at Marlay Park. This event generates revenue for the Council which is reinvested in the many amenities that Marlay Park has to offer.

I was extremely honoured that dlr received a Gold Medal at the 2018 Bloom festival for our concept garden "Fernhill - an exercise in sustainability". Fernhill Park and Gardens is a wonderful place, home to a unique collection of plants and wildlife and I would encourage everyone to visit. I hope everyone enjoys their summer in dlr.

PHILOMENA POOLE

CoCo Markets

PEOPLE'S PARK

Park Road, Dún Laoghaire

WHEN: Every Sunday
TIME: 11am – 4pm

MARLAY PARK

Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

WHEN: Every Weekend
TIME: Saturday 10am – 4pm | Sunday 11am – 4pm



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Water and Drainage: 1850 278 278
[24 hours]

Dangerous Structures & Places: 01 677 8844
[after 5pm + weekends]

Transportation: 01 677 8844
[after 5pm + weekends]

Homeless Persons: 1800 724 724
[after hours services]

Your dlr parks



MARLAY PARK

Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

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

SHANGANAGH PARK

Shankill

TIME: Open Access.

PEOPLE'S PARK

Park Road, Dún Laoghaire

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

KILLINEY HILL PARK

Killiney Hill Road

TIME: Open Access.

CABINTEELY PARK

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely

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

BLACKROCK PARK

Rock Road, Blackrock

TIME: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov – Jan 8am to 4.30pm
Feb – Mar 8am to 6pm | Apr 8am to 8pm | May – Aug 8am to 9pm

KILBOGGET PARK

Churchview Road, Cabinteely

TIME: Open Access.

Recycling information



BALLYOGAN RECYCLING

Ballyogan Road

TELEPHONE: 01 291 3600

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

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

EDEN PARK RECYCLING

Summerhill Road, Glashule

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

CLOSED: Sunday, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays.

SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE

Shanganagh 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 – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm

DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road,
Dundrum

TEL: 01 298 5000

TIMES: 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

St. Laurence's Park,
Stillorgan

TEL: 01 288 9655

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

* Libraries with an asterisk are open either Friday or Saturday – please contact for further details.

- The dlr Lexlcon is open on Sundays 12noon – 4pm

- On Bank Holiday weekends, all libraries are closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday.



Ironman hits the coast

Ireland's biggest triathlon this year, the IRONMAN 70.3, takes place in Dún Laoghaire this summer, attracting athletes from all over the country and around the globe.

This famous race is not for the faint hearted, which features a 1.9km swim from Sandycove, home to the famous Martello Tower, in the clear waters of the Irish Sea in Dublin Bay, before bringing athletes on a spectacular and challenging 90.1km bike course, travelling through some of the most scenic areas in our county. En route, participants will take in stunning coastal views while weaving their way through the streets of Dún Laoghaire for the 21.1km run, ultimately finishing at the famous Harbour.

IRONMAN started in 1978 on the island of Hawaii as a debate between navy seals. It centered around which athlete was the fittest: the swimmer, the cyclist or the runner. It was then decided that the only way to truly find out was to combine all three disciplines and complete them consecutively. On 18 February of that year, 15 people set out to complete a race in Hawaii thought to be impossible. Naval Commander, John Collins then famously said: "Whoever finishes, they will be called an IRONMAN."

Their dream created a community that believes ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE. Four decades later, hundreds of thousands of athletes fulfil these dreams at finish lines all over the world. This year the event celebrates its 40th anniversary and from this initial one race, the IRONMAN and IRONMAN 70.3 series has spawned 154 races internationally.



IRONMAN is more than a sport, it's a global movement that transcends geographic and cultural boundaries. It doesn't matter where you have raced or what your time was. Once you cross that start line, you join a family of hundreds of thousands of people from around the world, bound together by a single determination. You don't have to be an elite athlete either, as thousands of ordinary people join together for the competition. One takes on the swim, one the cycle and one the run. It's a competition for everyone.

Entries for IRONMAN 70.3 Dún Laoghaire are now open, but be quick as there are only a few hundred places remaining. For more details and entry details, head to the event website www.ironman.com/dunlaoghaire70.3

PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE AND FRONT COVER BY IRONMAN 70.3.

Can you **Slay the Bay?**



The eighth running of the dlr Bay 10K Road Race takes place on Monday, 6 August in Dún Laoghaire. The event includes a 1.5K Family Fun Run, the perfect chance for you and your children to cross the Start and Finish line. The course follows a beautiful scenic route which starts on Dún Laoghaire seafront, winds through picturesque Seapoint, Monkstown, Glenageary, Killiney and Sandycove before finishing close to the historic Dún Laoghaire Town Hall.

The Bay 10K has established itself as one of the best events of its type in Ireland. Everyone who takes part will receive a medal, chip time, drawstring kit bag and a technical t-shirt.

Also every entrant to the race will be entered into a raffle with the chance to win two return trips to Amsterdam and a guaranteed entry into the city's marathon / half-marathon or 8K race. Don't delay, register now at www.dlrbay10k.ie

The dlr Bay 10k is sanctioned by the AAI and run under AAI/ IAAF Rules.

Access for all at Killiney beach



dlr is currently piloting a scheme to provide a beach wheelchair for use at Killiney beach this July and August. It is part of an initiative to improve accessibility for people with disabilities at the Council's beaches and bathing areas. This easy to manoeuvre, all-terrain wheelchair can be towed, pushed or self-propelled and can be used on the beach, or splashing in the sea.

The wheelchairs will be available free of charge. We are currently finalising an easy to use online booking system to register for and book the wheelchairs. You can find out more on our website and on our social media in the coming weeks.

A more detailed accessibility study is also being carried out at beaches and bathing areas at Killiney, Sandycove and Seapoint as part of this initiative. It involves examining issues such as parking and ramp access for people with disabilities.



88th Dún Laoghaire **Harbour race**

The 88th Dún Laoghaire Harbour Race takes place on 5 August, organised by Leinster Open Sea Swimming and supported by dlr. This open sea swim caters for all ages and abilities from teenagers to senior citizens, from novice swimmers to former internationals. See www.leinsteropensea.ie for further information.



OCEAN SPORT

World Class Sailing comes to Dún Laoghaire

Excitement is building along the waterfront in Dún Laoghaire in anticipation of the staging of the 2018 Laser Masters World Championships, a week-long event kicking off on 7 September.

The "Laser", in case you aren't a sailor, is a single-handed racing dinghy that measures a little over four metres in length. First seen in 1969, it has grown to become the world's most popular sailboat, with nearly 250,000 sold to date. In 1996 it became the Men's Olympic single-handed dinghy and in 2008, for the Beijing Olympics, it was introduced as the Women's single-handed. **Annalise Murphy**, from the National Yacht Club in Dún Laoghaire, rode one of these to an Olympic Silver in 2016 in Brazil.

Old soldiers may fade away, but old sailors, well, they just keep sailing. The Laser's popularity over the past 50 years has endeared it to many of the world's greatest sailing athletes. Each year they come together to compete for the coveted title of Master's champion. To qualify as a Master, competitors must be over 35 and meet the entry criteria set down by their national body governing the sport. Masters race in divisions according to their age, and while most of the athletes are aged in the 35 to 45 age bracket, some are in their seventies. These "Legends" are some of the world's finest yachtsmen.

dlr has played a key role in making this event possible, providing both financial support and facilities to the organisers, who won the right to hold the event after an international tendering process. The Royal St George Yacht Club and National Yacht Club will host and run the event, with the Harbour Company providing much needed space on the Carlisle Pier. Almost 400 sailors from over 40 countries will compete. Together with their extended families, an international race jury, officials and an army of over 200 volunteers, it means there will be plenty of activity around the town, making this essential public viewing.

dlr presents **the Futures**



There are more places to watch professional tennis than at Wimbledon or one of the four Grand Slams, as this year dlr is a key sponsor of the AIG Irish Open Tennis Championships. This professional event is an ITF \$25,000 Men's Futures tournament and a Ladies \$15,000 event. The action occurs from Sunday 29 July – Sunday 5 August and all happens at the beautiful Carrickmines Tennis Club.

The AIG Irish Open Tennis Championships will provide an opportunity for the local tennis community to experience top level tennis on their very own doorstep. It showcases the very best talent Ireland has to offer. Irish Davis Cup team members, **Simon Carr** and **Peter Bothwell**, will be in the draw and there will also be a number of Irish wild card entrants, tipped as the next generation of Irish players. The AIG Irish Open will likely also see the return of last year's Ladies finalist **Sinead Lohan**. There will be overseas players ranked from 150-350 in the ATP World Rankings looking to take home the top prize.

The ITF professional circuit acts a natural progression in the life of a full time tennis player. True legends of the game credit much of their success to their time spent on this tour.

With players like **Andy Murray, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, John McEnroe, Anna Kournikova** and **Martina Hingis** all having taken part in this kind of event early in their careers, this is a perfect opportunity to catch a star of the future.

The AIG Irish Open Tennis Championships is a wonderful chance for Irish sports lovers to witness history in the making at a club with a long history and important association with professional tennis. The Irish Open was the world's first combined men's and ladies tennis tournament and dates all the way back to 1879, and has previously been held in Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club. This year Carrickmines, a member of the prestigious centenary tennis clubs for clubs older than one hundred years, is hosting proceedings. The AIG Irish Open Tennis Championships is the only professional men's and ladies tennis event being held in Ireland this year so don't miss this great opportunity to witness world class tennis on your doorstep.

To find out more head over to the Tennis Ireland website www.tennisireland.ie which will also provide live scoring throughout the week of the tournament.

Don't skip the **Beatyard**



The Beatyard music festival returns to Dún Laoghaire Harbour for the fourth time this August Bank Holiday weekend. This year sees **The Jacksons** perform for the very first time in Ireland alongside **The Wailers** and **The Family Stone**. They are set to join the likes of **Kamasi Washington, Orbital, Little Dragon** and **St. Germain** across the three day event. It isn't all about the music though, with something for the whole family and plenty to keep the little ones occupied. This family-friendly event will have games galore, art events, design workshops and talks. Not to mention the best food and drink you'll find at a festival in 2018. Check out www.the-beatyard.com for all the latest happenings.

competition

Want to go for free? We have a pair of weekend tickets to give away in our dlr times competition. To be in with a chance, all you have to do is sign up to receive the dlr times by email. Log on to www.dlrcoco.ie/beatyardcompetition and enter your details by Thursday, 26 July 2018. The lucky winners will be contacted on Friday, 27 July 2018.



Dún Laoghaire Bowling Club hosts the **IBA National Championships**

The 2018 National Championships of the Irish Bowling Association (IBA) takes place this summer at the Dún Laoghaire Bowling Club. This is a major event and a great honour for the local club to host.

It is 25 years since they last hosted this event as President of the IBA. The championships will involve top bowlers from the whole island who will be looking to become National champions, and then going on to represent Ireland in the British Isles Championships next year.

The semi-finals will be played on Friday, 31 August with the finals on Saturday, 1 September. Play will commence at 9am and is expected to finish around 6pm. If you wish to see bowling of the very highest standard, then head along to Dún Laoghaire Bowling Club in Eglinton Park, Dún Laoghaire. Admission is free. For more information, see www.dunlaoghairebowls.com

dlr Summer of Heritage 2018



dlr Summer of Heritage returns with more tours celebrating the wealth of historical heritage in our county. The summer programme comprises a series of tours across these valued heritage sites with The Hotels of Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire Tour and 250 Years of Old Dunleary new for this year.

The Hotels of Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire Tour, which will run every Thursday at 5pm, looks at the history of Dún Laoghaire hotels. When the local harbour was constructed, the town became a major holiday destination and hotels were developed and flourished on the back of this. The number of hotels has greatly reduced over time, having either disappeared or been converted to other uses. This is the ideal chance to learn about the great hotel history of Dún Laoghaire!

The second new addition this summer is 250 Years of Old Dunleary, which tours every Thursday from 27 June to 29 August at 7pm. It looks at how the tiny fishing village of Dunleary, with its own little harbour, coffee house and Martello Tower, was transformed beyond recognition, first by the development of the "Royal Harbour" in 1818 and then by the railway in 1834. This culminated in the creation of a unique history of gasworks, chemical and tourism industries before maturing as a desirable office and residential location.



dlr wins gold medal at Bloom!

dlr was delighted to be awarded a Gold Medal at Bloom 2018 for our concept garden 'Fernhill - An exercise in sustainability' in the large concept garden category.

Our garden was designed in house by dlr Senior Parks Superintendent **Ruairí Ó Dúlaing** and Tierney Haines Architect **Nicola Haines**. The garden was planned and planted with ecological and sustainable plants and with a keen eye on the details.

This garden highlights the challenge for parks to balance protection of the environment with a human need for outside space. Fernhill has been recently acquired by dlr and will provide much-needed parkland for the local community. The park includes a unique collection of spring flowering ericaceous plants and is teeming with wildlife. We have a rigorous sustainability plan for the garden which keeps areas protected from disturbance, while offering alternative spaces for visitors to engage with this special place.

The show garden is an interpretation of the sustainability aims for Fernhill. A reclaimed birch-clad wall creates a divide between protected and active parts of the garden. Breaks in the wall encourage glimpses into the protected landscape. The wall breaks down to reveal a woodland playground, half in, half out of the protected environment and a community garden, complete with wheelchair accessible raised bed.

We will be reinstalling the Bloom garden in Fernhill later this year.

Bronntar bonn óir ar dlr ag Bloom!

Ba mhór ag dlr Bonn Óir a bhaint amach ag Bloom 2018 as ár ngairdín coincheapa 'Cnoc na Raithní – Beart ar son na hinbhuanaitheachta' in ainme na ngairdíní coincheapa móra.

Ruairí Ó Dúlaing, Stiúrthóir Sinsearach Páirceanna le dlr, agus **Nicola Haines**, ailtire le Tierney Haines, a dhear ár ngairdín go himheánach. Rinne an gairdín a phleanáil agus a chur faoi phlandaí éiceolaíochta inbhuanaithe agus coinníodh súil ghrinn ar na mionghnéithe ar fad.

Léirítear leis an ngairdín seo an dúshlán atá le sárú ag páirceanna chun an chothromaíocht a aimsiú idir cosaint an chomhshaoil agus an gá a bhíonn ag daoine le spásanna faoin aer. Cheannaigh dlr Cnoc na Raithní le déanaí agus fearann páirce, atá ag teastáil go géar, a bheidh ann do mhuintir na háite. Bíonn neart plandaí eiriceacha a thagann faoi bhláth san earrach le feiceáil sa pháirc gach bliain agus tá sí beo le fiadhúlra chomh maith. Táimid tar éis plean inbhuanaitheachta an-dian a chur le chéile don ghairdín, a fhágfaidh nach gcuirfear isteach ar áiteanna áirithe, agus a thabharfaidh deiseanna do chuirteoirí teacht i dteagmháil le spásanna éagsúla speisialta freisin.

Léiriú ar aidhmeanna inbhuanaitheachta Chnoc na Raithní a bheidh sa ghairdín taispeántais. Déantar limistéir chosanta agus limistéir ghníomhacha an ghairdín a scaradh le balla a bhfuil éadan beithe tartháilte air. Tá bearnaí sa bhalla, rud a spreagann cuairteoirí le féachaint tríothu ar an tírdhreach cosanta. Tá páirc spraoi choille, cuid di atá sa limistéar cosanta agus cuid di nach bhfuil, mar aon le gairdín pobail le ceapach ardaithe atá inrochtana do dhaoine i gcathaoir rothaí, le fáil ag ceann an bhalla.

Beidh an gairdín a thugamar go Bloom ag teacht ar ais go Cnoc na Raithní níos déanaí i mbliana.

Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre receives accreditation



Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre has become one of the first visitor attractions in the city to complete the Fáilte Ireland Accredited Services Excellence Programme. It provides an opportunity for the Irish tourism industry to be recognised for 'best in class' customer service and great visitor experiences. The manager of Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre **Margaret Dunne** (centre), was presented with the accreditation by **Martina Bromley** and **Daire Enright** of Fáilte Ireland.

Win for dlr at RIAI Irish Architecture Awards



The dlr Architects' Department took home two of the 14 RIAI Winner Awards on offer at the Annual RIAI Irish Architecture Awards 2018 in Dublin recently. The RIAI Sustainability Award was won by the Mews Development designed by dlr Architects' Department with support from the dlr Housing Department. dlr Red Jetty, by A2 Architects and Alan Meredith Studio and commissioned by dlr Architects' Department in collaboration with dlr Parks Department, took home the Public Space Award, which was made possible with the support of the architectural programme for Creative Ireland. At the ceremony (above) were RIAI President **David Browne**, dlr County Architect **Andrée Dargan**, Cllr **Tom Murphy**, dlr Executive Architect **Joanne Maher** and **Tadhg Donohoe** of Tegral Building Products.

New Cathaoirleach for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Green Party **Councillor Ossian Smyth**, who has represented the residents of the Dún Laoghaire ward since his election in 2014, was elected Cathaoirleach at the Annual General Meeting of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council on 11 June.



Speaking after his election, he outlined his priorities for his term, which include further improvement in the delivery of Council services especially around promoting a greener county by a reduction in the use of pesticides, more electric vehicles in the Council fleet, safer cycling for schoolchildren and timely communication of water quality at beaches in the county. Ossian also identified the achievement of housing construction targets and the continuation of the energy upgrade programme for social housing as priorities for his term.

"It is a great honour to be elected Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. I very much look forward to the next year as Cathaoirleach of our county and engaging with all stakeholders to continue to improve the services and facilities our Council has to offer".

Ossian was educated at Trinity College and works as an Information Systems Project Manager in St Vincent's Hospital. He also volunteers as a mentor at a local CoderDojo, teaching young people computer programming and other technical skills.

Councillor Mary Fayne was also elected Leas Cathaoirleach at the meeting. Councillor Fayne, a representative of the Fine Gael Party, was elected in the Dún Laoghaire Local Electoral Area in 2014. Born and raised in Dún Laoghaire, Councillor Fayne was educated in St Mary's Dominican Convent, and has strong ties with Cuala GAA Club and Seapoint Rugby Club.

dlr delivers new social houses under Rebuilding Ireland Programme



dlr was recently joined by Minister of State Damien English at the launch of 12 new homes in Dún Laoghaire's George's Place.

The houses were designed in-house by dlr's Architects' Department, with construction by John Sisk & Son on a rapid build programme. Three further homes were delivered in Blackrock. 137 new units are being created at various locations throughout the county, with completion scheduled for 2018.

The development in George's Place consists of 12 houses in total, ten 2-bed terraced and two 2-bed semi-detached. This project has provided much needed dwellings, all built to the highest environmental standards in line with our ethos of providing our tenants with bright, spacious, comfortable living spaces coupled with superb indoor air quality and low running costs.

Each home was designed to a very high specification, incorporating the latest innovations and build technology, resulting in ultra-modern, energy efficient and high quality houses. With near Zero Energy Buildings 'nZEB' due to become mandatory for all housing stock in the near future, these homes demonstrate how this can be achieved cost effectively, all on a rapid build programme on a difficult site.

The provision of social and affordable housing is the Council's main priority with dlr actively working towards achieving its housing delivery target of 1,563 social housing homes by 2021.

Civic Hub **update**



dlr's new Civic Hub and Council Chamber opened for business on 11 June. The Civic Hub provides a comprehensive and integrated space, delivering a wide-ranging service to our customers.

Customer service staff are on hand to assist visitors, complemented by a new generation of customer service systems and new online self-service facilities. With the dlr Civic Hub and Council Chamber being fully accessible, we are providing a high quality, bright and effective area for all our customers and elected members, helping them to engage in new and dynamic ways.

Street furniture licences



If you are a local business who wants to put items on the public footpath then make sure you have a dlr issued licence. Included in this are shop displays, advertising boards, tables and chairs, umbrellas, planter pots, etc.

The licence is free for an advertising board, display rack or plant stand. Up to two tables and four chairs can also be licensed at no charge, with any additional items incurring an extra cost.

To download the Street Furniture Licence Application Form go to www.dlrcoco.ie/en/travel-transport/application-forms. It includes all the information you need on how to apply. You can also ring the dlr Traffic Section on 205 4700 or email info@dlrcoco.ie

dlr staff profile



Ruairí Ó Dúlaing

CHIEF OF PARKS

Ruairí is a graduate of UCD and has spent most of his professional life working in the design, maintenance and management of public parks and open spaces spanning Dublin, South Dublin and Fingal. He has been Chief of Parks in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for the last year and a half.

What do you do?

I manage the parks section of dlr which encompasses parks, cemeteries, sports, heritage and biodiversity. It is a large and varied portfolio, which involves approximately 120 staff based both at County Hall and in works depots around the county. The section covers the flagship areas at Marlay, Cabinteely, Shanganagh, Kilboggett, Killiney Hill, The People's Park, and now Fernhill Park & Gardens in Stepside. We are also responsible for a number of smaller neighbourhood parks and public open spaces located in housing estates and roadside margins, roundabouts and over 50,000 street trees. We manage the large cemeteries at Deansgrange and Shanganagh, as well as the older closed cemeteries around the county. The sports office is a dynamic place covering the management of facilities and works to maximise participation in sport. Heritage is particularly important in dlr, and we are proud of the frequency and variety of free heritage events that are offered throughout the year. The management and maintenance of the heritage properties in Marlay and Cabinteely are an integral part of our work. I report back to the Director of Municipal Services and the Chief Executive, while liaising regularly with the elected members.

What is your typical work day like?

My average work day involves many meetings, both formal and ad hoc. No two days are alike, and I try to balance as much as possible the need to be present in my office, or out at meetings in County Hall or at the many sites where our work can bring us. The many communication tools of modern life tend to dominate my day, and often stretch the hours of work at both ends! I would say that there's no such thing as an average day. Anything could happen, and I never quite know what the next call, email, text or tweet might bring.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

Time management for the reasons outlined above!

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

I am very lucky to work in a department full of talented and enthusiastic people. I find it very rewarding when this talent and teamwork combine and achieve excellence results. I am equally lucky that the work that we do impacts positively on the lives of people, whether it's in a playground, woodland, playing pitch, or even something as simple as a bench provided in a beautiful place.

dlr Music Generation summer workshops



Music Generation dlr is delighted to announce summer workshops for children and teens over the summer. In dlr Lexlcon, Music Generation dlr will hold a week of one day workshops which range from Parent and Toddler music sessions to percussion and string workshops. If you have ever thought about trying an instrument or joining a music ensemble, then this is for you.

The workshops for 0 to 15 year olds take place at The Studio, dlr Lexlcon from the 23-27 July and run from 10am to 2pm daily.

A four day workshop for 12 to 18 year olds takes place in the Mill Theatre, Dundrum. This introduction to music theatre will

give participants an introduction into the repertoire and process of working in music theatre, helping to build the skills needed to be a performer and how to choose the right song and develop your stage presence.

These workshops are for 12 to 18 year olds and take place at The Mill Theatre, Dundrum from the 7-10 August and run from 10am until 3pm daily.

Musical instruments and equipment will be provided. For bookings and more information, get in touch with the Music Generation dlr Development Officer Jenniferoconnor@dlrcoco.ie. Places are limited, so don't delay!

Baths Redevelopment



Works on the dlr Baths Redevelopment are well underway with demolition works expected to be completed in July.

The demolition of the building was undertaken in stages, and involved the clearance of hazardous materials from the site. Items such as old turnstiles, towel drying racks, etc are being retained and were safely removed. Lead paint was also stripped from the walls to allow them to be free from contaminants before demolishing. The old pool structures are being demolished with the old piers also being taken away. A temporary structure is being created to support the front face and two side of the pavilion building adjacent to Windsor Terrace which are being retained.

When this initial work is completed, construction of the new pier will commence. This poses a number of challenges, as the formation level for the pier is below low tide level. The height difference between low and high tides can be up to 4 metres, so ensuring that the works are protected and kept in place while concrete is setting is vital. Divers are being used by the contractor to set up shutters in preparation for concrete pours at low tide. Biodegradable shuttering oils will be employed to ensure that there is no contamination to the sea. A special concrete mix will ensure that the concrete is not washed out during high tide.

The main structure of the pier is expected to be in place by September.

National Public Library Strategy launch

Our newly elected Cathaoirleach, **Cllr Ossian Smyth**, and **Michael Ring, T.D.** Minister for Rural and Community Development, officially launched the National Public Library Strategy 2018-2022 at the dlr Lexlcon recently.

The new strategy will underpin the continued development of public libraries, positioning them at the centre of the community, while meeting the information, learning and cultural needs of everyone. This ambitious five year plan will see fines abolished and opening hours extended. It will also continue to enhance digital and technology capacity across the service. This will include digital learning centres in suitable libraries, which will see the extension of the *My Open Library* Service to up to 100 libraries by 2023.

In exciting news, Bord Fáilte has announced that the multi-award winning dlr Lexlcon is the 5th most visited free tourist attraction in the country. If you haven't been, make sure to check the arts and libraries pages in this very issue. You're sure to find something to entice you there!



Summer Stars with dlr Libraries!



Summer Stars is an exciting reading-based programme which is available free of charge to all children across the country.

The Summer Stars Reading Challenge will run during the summer in public libraries all over Ireland. Children are invited to register and enjoy reading many books during this time. All participants will be given a Summer Stars Reading Card to record and track their progress. You get a stamp on your cards for any books you read, and if you are on holidays

you can collect summer reading stamps wherever you are in the country! There are lots of fun rewards along the way, as well as great prizes to be won.

We also have summer stars reading events programmed for every dlr library during July and August. Look out for end of summer reading celebrations, and winners of our grand prize draw will also attend a prize giving ceremony in dlr Lexlcon.

Check out www.summerstars.ie for lots of online games and activities, as well as a range of animated ebooks. There are also tips for reading and recommended titles by age group for children to read. The books can be borrowed from your local library, and it's all free! You can follow Summer Stars on Twitter @StarsReading and on Facebook and Instagram at Summer Stars at your Library.

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Sebastian Faulks in conversation with Nadine O'Regan

Pavilion Theatre, Tuesday 4 September, 8.00pm
Tickets €12 & €10 (01) 231 2929 or www.paviliontheatre.ie

Sebastian Faulks is widely regarded as one of the finest novelists of his generation. His magnum opus, *Birdsong*, has sold over two million copies. His new novel *Paris Echo* follows Hannah, an American post-doctoral researcher studying the German

Occupation of Paris in 1940-44; and Tariq, a Moroccan teenager who has run away from home. Faulks takes us back into the hidden Paris of the Dark Years, the Algerian war and the simmering discontents of the Banlieue, a haunted city of injustice and bad faith, of ghettos and betrayal.



Speeches of Note: with editor Shaun Usher and a cast of leading Irish actor/readers

Pavilion Theatre, Saturday 22 September, 8.00pm
Tickets €12 & €10 (01) 231 2929 or www.paviliontheatre.ie

Speeches of Note is a celebration of oratory old and new. From **Shaun Usher**, the author of the international bestseller, *Letters*

Of Note, comes an obsessively curated and sumptuously produced collection of speeches from throughout the ages. Some are surprising, inspiring, hilarious; others are moving, comforting, enlightening. Some of these speeches changed the course of history; others are all but unknown, and many of them are Irish. All are extraordinary. Anyone who saw the Letters of Note events in past Mountains to Sea festivals will not want to miss this moving and dramatic event.



Lego Competition!

We will be hosting this wonderful competition again this summer, and this year kids of all ages can enter. All entries that we get will be proudly displayed on Culture Night in dlr Lexlcon on Friday 21 September.

This year's theme is 'Design your ideal play space using Lego'. What would your ideal play space look like? Use your imagination! Think it! Build it! Tell us about it!

To enter, simply take your build and entry form to the Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon on Wednesday 19 September between 3.00pm and 7.00pm.

Entry forms will be available from any dlr library, online at www.libraries.dlrcoco.ie or you can email libraries@dlrcoco.ie

Heritage Week at dlr libraries

18-26 August 2018

Ireland's popular interest in the Crimean War, 1854-1856.

A talk for Heritage Week with **Paul Huddie**

Dundrum Library

Tues 21 August, 6.30pm

The Crimean War was of huge importance to people in Ireland. This talk will give a brief overview and understanding of the war, discussing why Irish people showed such interest in the conflict and how this manifested itself.

A Shankill Civil War Incident, August 1922

Shankill Library

Thurs 23 August, 7.00-8.00pm

Booking required.

In this Heritage Week talk, **James Scannell** recounts an August 1922 Shankill Civil War incident in which an attempt was made to blow up the Dublin Road and Stonebridge Road bridges over the former Harcourt Street to Bray railway line.



The RMS Leinster disaster – a century on.

dlr Lexlcon, Studio Theatre, Level 1
Mon 20 August, 11.00am

Talk with **Philip Lecane**, National Maritime Museum Library Service and author of *Torpedoed! The RMS Leinster Disaster*. Image courtesy of www.rmsleinster.com.

Dún Laoghaire Cycling Week 1955 and 1956.

dlr Lexlcon, Studio Theatre, Level 1
Tues 21 August, 7.00pm

Film and Q & A with **Barry Enright**. Barry digitised this black and white film, shot originally by **Bill Sleith** who owned a cycle shop in Dún Laoghaire town for many years.



BARRY ENRIGHT

A View from Harbour House during the Emergency.

dlr Lexlcon, Studio Theatre, Level 1
Thurs 23 August, 11.00am

Talk by **Russell Kane** who lived in Harbour House 1937-47. Now known as Moran Park House, it is home to the Irish Design Gallery.

All talks at dlr Lexlcon are free. No booking required.

See contact details for our dlr library branches on page 2.

Healthy Ireland



at your local Library

Dalkey Library will host a series of mind, body & spirit talks in September.

Mindfulness with Ejiro Ogbevoen

Mon 3 September, 10.30-11.30am

All welcome

Dance with Loretta Yurick of Dance Theatre of Ireland

Mon 17 September, 10.30-11.30am

All welcome

The Grand Tour: a talk with art historian Jessica Fahy

Mon 24 September, 10.30-11.30am

All welcome



Speak up! Public speaking course with Majella Byrne of Lavetta

Shankill Library

Thursdays 13 & 20 September, 6.15-7.45pm

Booking required

Come along and learn tips and techniques for public speaking, in an encouraging and positive atmosphere.

This skill is important, not just for work, but for so many situations. **Majella Byrne** is a qualified coach, speaker and trainer. She is passionate about helping people increase their confidence and improve their ability to speak in front of others.

Mandala art workshop with Patricia Fitzgerald

Stillorgan Library

Tues 21 August, 10.30am-12.30pm

Booking required

Join Dublin artist **Patricia Fitzgerald** as she takes you on a journey of self-compassion and awareness through the ancient art form of Mandala. During this two-hour workshop, you will learn a little of the philosophy behind Mandala. You will be led on a guided meditation journey and will colour and engage with your own mandala with a new-found awareness of this powerful healing process.



PATRICIA FITZGERALD

What's on in the Gallery, dlr Lexlcon



Suffragist City: Women and the Vote in Dublin, a touring exhibition on loan from Dublin City Public Libraries

Level 3, dlr Lexlcon, 8 June-31 July 2018

In February 1918, the Representation of the People Act was passed, and women who were over 30 years of age were finally allowed to vote. Eleven months later, the voters of Dublin elected **Constance Markievicz** who became the first woman to win a seat at Westminster. Suffragism was the conviction that votes should be extended to women. By the early years of the twentieth century, the campaign had gained sufficient momentum to be regularly debated in Parliament.

The 1910s was a decade of great social and political turbulence. The Home Rule crisis, labour unrest, the outbreak of the First World War, and the Easter Rising splintered the cosy certainties of the British Empire. The cause of suffragism added to the tumult, as women asserted their political rights. Suffragists in Ireland endured ridicule, assault, and imprisonment in their quest for social justice, but 1918 was their year of victory. This exhibition tells their story.

Press Photographer of the Year Exhibition 2018

Level 4, dlr Lexlcon, 4-31 July 2018

For the fourth year in a row we are pleased to showcase the 'Press Photographer of the Year 2018' exhibition at dlr Lexlcon. This year we have 107 images from the annual awards of the PPAI, encapsulating the many highs and lows of the year gone by. Categories include sports, nature, portraits, reportage and many others. The overall award of 'Press Photographer of the Year' 2018 went to local man **Cyril Byrne** of The Irish Times. This year's awards judging panel was chaired by **Dermot O'Shea**, the judges included internationally renowned photographers **Tom Stoddart** and **Eamonn McCabe**. The multimedia award was judged by RTÉ cameraman **Michael Lee** and RTÉ News video and mobile journalist **Philip Bromwell**.

Visit www.ppai.ie to see the full collection of winning and shortlisted imagery.



Murmuration Cloud, Cyril Byrne

Meetings

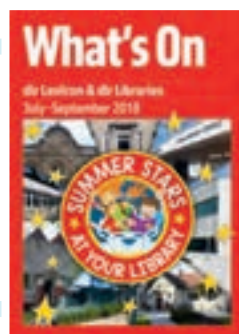
Level 3, dlr Lexlcon, 9 July-31 August 2018

The Irish Guild of Embroiderers return to dlr Lexlcon this summer with a wonderful new exhibition focusing on the theme of 'Meetings', meetings of sea and shore, of people, of colours, of stitches, of media, of home and abroad. Members' work encompasses all styles of embroidery and textile work from the traditional to the innovative, from handwork to machine embroidery. The selection of textile work on display embraces fabric manipulation and embellishment, dyeing, printing and stitching and is presented in a variety of forms including framed work, wall hangings and 3D sculptures.



Embroid4 by Sheila Broughan

Pick up a copy of our next **What's On** guide (July - Sept) in all dlr Libraries and around the County before the end of June!



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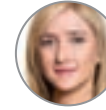
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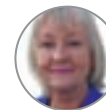
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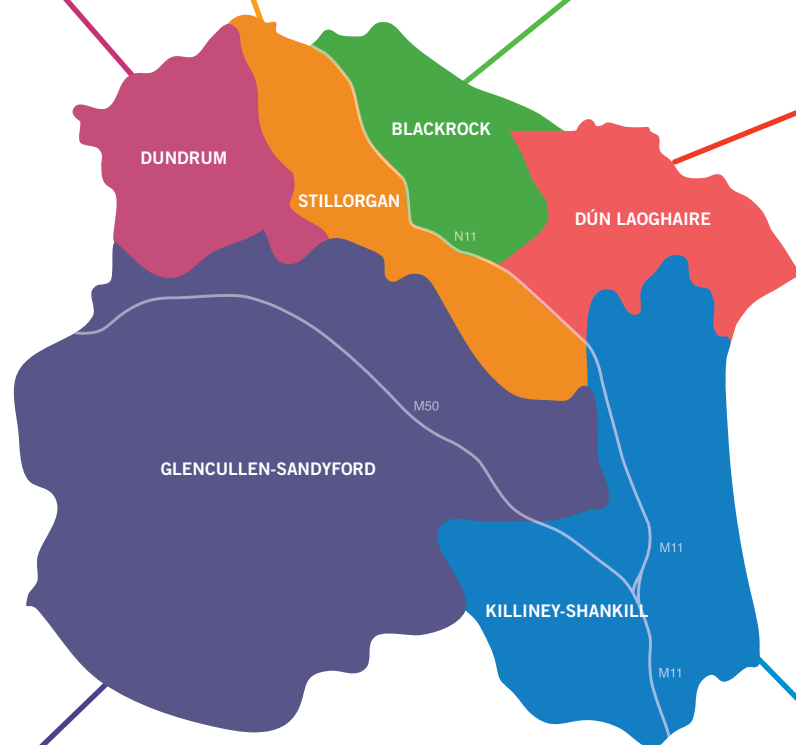
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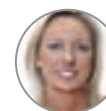
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