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Message from An Cathaoirleach

Fáilte chuig eagrán an Earraigh den dlr Times. Whilst we continue to struggle through this pandemic, I hope the improving weather offers everyone a chance to get out for a walk or cycle within their 5km.

In this edition, you will find a range of information including Street Furniture Grants and on ReCycle Bikes, a relatively new business set up in July 2020 which won the DLR Chamber's 'New Business Entrepreneurs' after only six months in operation. You can also find out how the Council's Housing Department are helping to tackle Climate Change through a new partnership with Electric Ireland, SEAL, and Irish home technology company climote that aims to roll out a new Energy Saving Scheme by providing upgraded heating control systems to Council tenants.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous service offered by our Chief Executive, Ms. Philomena Poole, who will be stepping down from her role in the next few weeks. I would like to thank her on behalf of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for all her work and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Fan slán- Stay safe.

CLLR. UNA POWER



Message from the dlr Chief Executive

Welcome to our Spring 2021 edition of the dlr Times. After the long winter months we are moving into spring and while we are still living with COVID-19 restrictions, we can see the welcome change in the weather and flowers beginning to bloom in our local parks. We reclaimed the colour yellow by planting over 200,000 daffodils last November in the towns and villages across the county to brighten our Spring days. Protection of our environment, sustainable energy usage and thinking 'Climate First' is one of the key values in our Corporate Plan and in this edition of the dlr Times you can read more on the latest report from our Climate Change Action Plan as well as the latest information on business supports, housing provision as well as some new innovative citizen engagement tools.

It has been a long lockdown and I want to commend the staff of the Council as well the Community Call Forum and all of the voluntary organisations for all of their help during these hard days. I join you all in looking forward to brighter days when we can "fly our flags" and visit our local businesses and our family and friends.

PHILOMENA POOLE

All markets currently closed

CoCo Markets
PEOPLE'S PARK & DLR
LEXICON, Dún Laoghaire

Sunday 11am-4pm

MARLAY PARK
Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

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



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Out of Hours : 01 677 8844
[after 5pm + weekends]

Homeless Persons: 1800 724 724
[after hours services]

Irish Water: 1850 278 278
[24 hours]

Your dlr parks



BLACKROCK PARK

TIME: 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

CABINTEELY PARK

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

DEER PARK

TIME: Open Access

FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS

TIME: 9am - 6pm

KILBOGGET PARK

TIME: Open Access

KILLINEY HILL PARK

TIME: Open Access

MARLAY PARK

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

PEOPLE'S PARK

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

SHANGANAGH PARK

TIME: Open Access

Recycling information



BALLYOGAN RECYCLING

Ballyogan Road

TELEPHONE: 01 291 3600
TIME: Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm
Sat 9.30am to 5.30pm | Sun/Bank
Hols 10.30am to 5.30pm.
CLOSED: Christmas Eve – St.
Stephen's Day, New Year's Day,
Easter Sunday.

EDEN PARK RECYCLING

Summerhill Road, Glashule

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

SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE

Cemetery Car Park, Shankill

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

Your dlr libraries



For updated information during
COVID-19 restrictions, please see
our website libraries.dlrcoco.ie

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. My Open Library self-service
8am-10pm,
7 days a week, including bank
holiday weekends.

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.
- On Bank Holiday weekends, all
libraries are closed Saturday,
Sunday & Monday while
Deansgrange opens in
My Open Library mode.



Climate Change Action Plan

Our County continues to feel the ongoing impacts of climate change. Extreme weather events in the recent past, have shown that we are continually vulnerable to its impacts. The scientific evidence also continues to speak for itself.

As a coastal County, dlr is vulnerable to the impacts of flooding, coastal erosion and sea level rise, together with cold snaps, warmer days and poorer air quality.

The Government continues to enhance legislation and policy in relation to climate action and continues to foster the empowering and enabling role of local authorities, to enact change at a local level. In May 2019, the elected members approved the Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024.

The CCAP sets out four key targets and 123 actions, that the Council will undertake in response to the climate and biodiversity emergency. These actions address the five theme areas of Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions and Resource Management. The Plan was developed in collaboration with the other Dublin local authorities (DLA) in partnership with Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

The four targets in the Plan are as follows:

- A 33% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by December 2020;
- A 40% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030;
- To make Dublin a climate resilient region, by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related events; and
- To actively engage and inform citizens on climate change.

The Council has committed to reviewing and reporting on this Plan annually, in line with the requirements of the National Adaptation Framework and EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy processes.

Following the February 2021 meeting of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, the first Annual Progress Report of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024, was published. One of the four targets set out in the CCAP was the improvement of the Council's energy efficiency of 33% by December 2020, which has been exceeded. The Council improved its energy performance by 37.2% based on its 2019 return, compared to the baseline year of 2009. This means that dlr has exceeded the 2020 public sector target of 33% energy efficiency, as reported by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's Monitoring & Reporting (M&R) System.

The implementation and monitoring of this Plan, together with that of the other Dublin local authorities, in partnership with Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO), provides for a clear roadmap and co-ordinated approach to enhancing the climate resilience of the Dublin Region, to 2030, 2050 and beyond.

Further information is available on our website at:

dlrcoco.ie/CCAP

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Keep Well Campaign 2021

The Keep Well campaign is a national campaign which the government is promoting to help people stay well through Winter and Spring. This campaign is aimed at showing people of all ages how we can mind our own physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to our daily and weekly routines. The Keep Well campaign is focused on the following five main themes: Keeping Active, Keeping in Contact, Switching Off and Being Creative, Eating Well and Managing your Mood. Our promotion of the Keep Well Campaign began earlier this year with the various themes of the campaign being promoted on social media.

We would encourage you to avail of these resources and there will be something for everyone under one of the themes.

A dedicated Keep Well page is also set up on our website to support the national campaign. dlrcoco.ie/KeepWell

Have your say on dlr public consultations

Open public consultations give you the opportunity to express your views and contribute at all steps of the policy and law-making process.

We regularly advertise public consultations and all of them are available on our Citizen Space website dlrcoco.citizenspace.com

This website will help you to find and participate in consultations that may be of interest to you.



Register of Electors

Your vote is important

The Register of Electors comes into force annually on 15 February.

- Have you or anyone in your household become 18 years old?
- Have you changed address?
- Do you need to update or correct your personal details on the Register?
- Do you need to be removed from the Register?
- Do you have a query relating to the Register?

If so, please contact us at registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie

REGISTER OF ELECTORS 2021-2022

LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORS
BLACKROCK	26,078
DÚN LAOGHAIRE	33,708
DUNDRUM	29,714
GLENCULLEN/SANDYFORD	22,786
KILLINEY/SHANKILL	30,316
STILLORGAN	22,911
TOTAL:	165,513

Please check voter.ie to see if you are currently registered, call our Franchise Section on (01) 2054880 or dlrcoco.ie/RegisterElectors

You can also check your details on the hard copy of the Register for 2021-2022 at our offices in Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum, in our libraries and in your local post office.

It is important that you check that your details / voting status are correct and that you are registered only once. Our postal address is Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Franchise Section, Dundrum Office Park, Off Main Street, Dundrum, D14YY00.

Don't delay and Check the Register today at voter.ie

Watch County Council Meetings online



In dlr we stream our County Council meetings each month. You can search for meeting Webcasts at dlrcoco.ie/Webcasts to watch a live stream of a Council meeting and also view up to one year of archived Council meetings, Special Council meetings, the Budget meeting and Development Plan meetings.

Our monthly Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month with two exceptions, the Council meeting in July is held on the first Monday and there is no Council meeting in the month of August.

We publish our Council Meeting dates on dlrcoco.ie/CouncilMeetings so you can stay up to date when our meetings take place. All Agendas, minutes and meeting reports are available on dlrcoco.ie/AgendasMinutes

Showcasing dlr Entrepreneurs



Re-cycle Bikes

Stacey and Willo King only began operating Re-cycle Bikes out of their premises in Stepside in July 2020, but already they've built up a great reputation for bike repairs and selling quality second-hand bikes. In December they won dlr Chamber's "New Business Entrepreneurs" award after just six months in business.

Most people might have thought that opening a business in the midst of a pandemic was a risky venture, but quite the opposite, say Stacey and Willo. "We planned to open on the first day at 12 p.m. and by the time we got to the shop there was a queue of 25 people".

It turned out that their timing was perfect. There was initial interest from families looking for bike repairs, but that quickly spread to include people who were looking for new ways to commute to work, as well as people who simply wanted to give cycling a go. The new cycle lanes popping up across the county have made a huge difference according to Willo, "they've encouraged people to get out on their bikes and they're coming to us looking to repair old bikes that haven't been used for years".

They see their business as belonging very much to the circular economy – taking something which appears to be past its best, then bringing it back into use to ensure as Willo says that "nothing is wasted".

Crucial to how they operate their business is Stacey and Willo's belief in paying things forward. As they got up and running, people started dropping in donations of old bikes that had maybe been left behind by adult children, and dropping in unwanted bike parts to the shop. For Willo "it just didn't sit right that we were getting so much for nothing. We decided to set up a monthly donation to St Vincent de Paul and have continued with this ever since".

"The simplest format", says Stacey, "is sometimes the best" – and it is certainly working for Re-Cycle Bikes.

Re-Cycle Bikes, The Stoneworks, Ballyedmonduff Rd, Dublin 18, D18 E6T4. 086 275 1154



ZiggyTec

ZiggyTec is a property technology start-up founded in 2018 by Peter Murphy and Kieran Murphy. PropTech is a new, tech-savvy way to manage buildings through Internet of Things (IoT) technology. ZiggyTec hook up their sensors to the Cloud to provide live data feeds on air quality, water and energy usage. It's an exciting time for the company and they've had a great response from world-leading companies such as Hines.

You'd be mistaken in thinking that Peter and Kieran are related, however sharing a surname is not the only thing the pair have in common. They are both engineers and problem solvers by nature. They met over a decade ago while working at ESB and grew impatient around the lack of innovation in utility monitoring.

The pair launched ZiggyTec when they saw that Dublin's retail estate sector was struggling with utilities monitoring. 2020 saw a huge boost to their business as Covid had the public concerned about indoor air quality (IAQ). Today, their ZiggyAir monitoring service is their biggest line.

When asked about their experience with the Local Enterprise Office, Peter said, "The Local Enterprise Office has been a fantastic resource for us since day one, and we were delighted to represent the office at this year's National Enterprise Awards. We'd recommend anyone starting up in business to reach out to their Local Enterprise Office – especially tech companies."

The future for ZiggyTec looks very promising; their aim is to get the ZiggyAir monitoring service into every workplace to keep the air clean for safer indoor environments.

Street Furniture Grant Extended

The Street Furniture Grant is available to businesses who are looking to provide additional seating outside their premises.

Initially introduced last summer to help businesses get back up and running post-lockdown, it has now been extended into 2021. It is available to any business who has been granted a (currently free) Street Furniture Licence by the Council, and gives funding for street furniture up to a value of €2,000.

Full details can be found at dlrcoco.ie/en/business/business-financial-supports or you can contact economicdev@dlrcoco.ie for more information.

Tourism Friendly Cities Webinars



dlr Tourism continues its work with the URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Project in 2021. While meeting the international team regularly online, our tourism team gets to network and learn about the challenges and successes of other cities.

To engage our local stakeholders we have started the 1st of 4 webinars with our local group of stakeholders. The webinars give stakeholders an insight into a number of sustainable tourism related topics to engage conversation and questions.

These webinars cover coastal projects, mobility & accessible tourism, Sustainable Tourism and engaging Businesses and Tourism Opportunities for Towns and villages.

We look forward to engaging with our stakeholders this summer to trial some small scale sustainable tourism actions.

Lighting up the Town



We have started the roll out of our Fálte Ireland Destination Towns Initiative. The first element of this project was the instalment of a large "Ship of lights" located at the bottom of

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. The ship creates a sense of place and welcomes visitors to the town with its changing colour pallet which can be adapted with the seasons, festivals and events in the area.

We look forward to further lighting projects in the coming months. Let us know if you like it on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook @dlrtourism

Energy saving scheme for council properties

The Council is delighted to announce an exciting new partnership between our Housing Department, Electric Ireland, SEAI, and Irish home technology company climote that will provide upgraded heating control systems to Council tenants.

This 'Energy Saving Scheme' will involve the installation of a 'climote' device into Council owned properties that will allow our tenants to control their heating timings and temperature through an app on their smartphone, a dedicated website or by text message. The installation and use of the climote device is expected to result in a 20% reduction in our tenants energy consumption, saving them money on their energy bills every year.

The scheme will be funded by Electric Ireland with no cost to the Council. It is great example of how collaboration between Council and energy providers can provide real-life benefits to the Council and our tenants.



Call for Expressions of Interest for Turnkey Developments



The provision of suitable, cost effective, quality accommodation and housing support for people in need of housing continues to be one of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's main priorities. In the 5-year period from 2016 to 2020, the Council delivered 2720 new homes by utilising a suite of delivery options, including direct build, acquisitions, void management, Part V, long term leasing, RAS and HAP. There are a further 1000 new homes in the pipeline for delivery in the next few years. However, the

Council is seeking to continue that progress by maximising the number of homes made available to those who are in need of housing support.

The Housing Department is now seeking expressions of interest for the provision of turnkey housing developments for social housing purposes. The development should ideally be located close to services and facilities such as shops, schools and local recreational amenities and must meet all relevant statutory planning and building standards requirements.

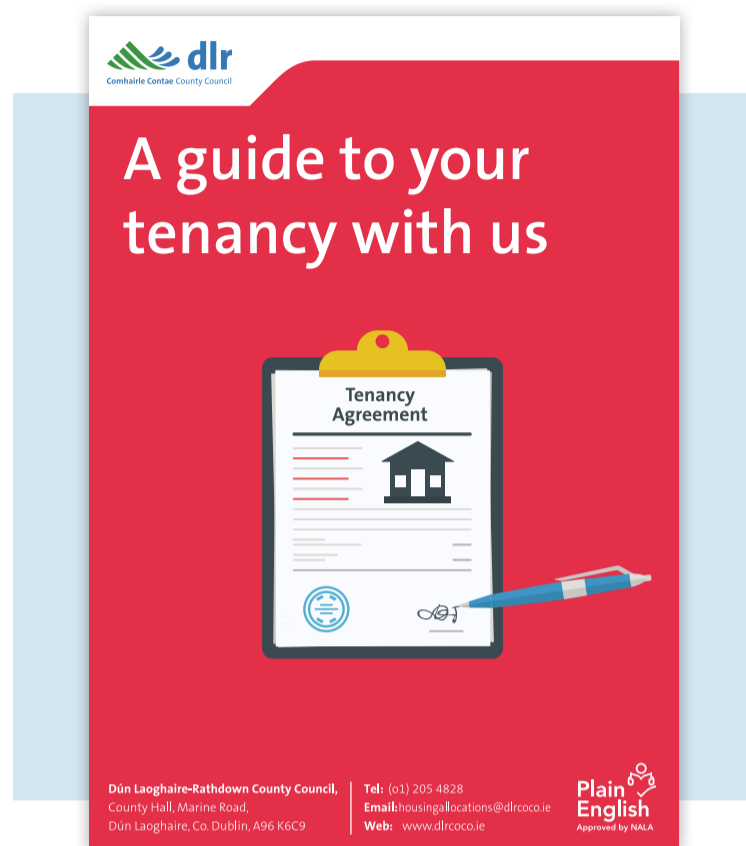
Housing design and construction standards of any proposed development must meet all relevant statutory planning and building control requirements. Your application will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Location and Suitability of the Site for Social Housing
- Timescale for Delivery
- Value for Money
- Quality of Design and Construction

We are also interested in hearing from owners of serviced land, sites with planning permission and partially completed developments.

If you are interested, fill in a short Expression of Interest form, which can be downloaded from the Council's website at dlrcoco.ie/Turnkey and return to us by email to housingacquisitions@dlrcoco.ie or by post to Acquisitions Section, Housing Department, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire.

New Tenants Handbook



Our Housing Department has recently completed a review and redesign of our tenant handbook.

The new handbook has been written and designed using plain English principles and with the help of the National Adult Literacy Agency meets the highest international plain English standards. Plain English is a way to write and present information so that the intended reader can read and understand it after a single reading.

Another important feature of the new tenant handbook is that it has been broken down into seven separate documents to help our tenants find the information they are looking for quicker. Each of the standalone documents has been awarded the plain English mark by NALA in its own right.

Together, the seven documents provide information for our tenants about their obligations as our tenant and the supports we provide to them as their landlord. The names of the seven documents that make up the tenant handbook are:

- A guide to your tenancy with us
- Maintenance Checklist for Tenants
- Rent Explained for our Tenants
- Anti-Social Behaviour by Tenants
- Fire safety in the Home
- Energy Saving Handbook for Tenants
- Setting up a residents' association

All people who become a tenant of the Council will be given a printed copy of each of these documents. The documents are also available for people to read at dlrcoco.ie/TenantHandbook

The new tenant handbook is part of a wider project the Housing Department is undertaking with NALA to embed a plain English culture of writing and presenting information throughout Department. This project started during summer of 2020 and will continue until the end of 2021.

New Trees and Urban Forestry Strategy

A Climate for Trees: Human Well-being and Nature



The county's trees permeate rural, peri-urban and urban landscapes. View from Ticknock towards Killiney Hill.

dlr Parks and Landscape Services is preparing a new strategy for the county's trees, A Climate for Trees: Human Well-being and Nature is focus on connecting people to nature in a climate-resilient county, in line with the council's commitments to Climate Action, Quality of Life and Sustainable Placemaking. The current and draft County Development Plans include an objective "to ensure that the tree cover in the County is managed and developed to optimise the environmental, climatic and educational benefits which derive from an 'urban forest'."

Access to nature and Green Infrastructure (GI) is increasingly recognised as vital to human well-being and climate adaptation. Trees and woodlands are intrinsic components of GI and must be adequately managed as an essential resource for the common good. COVID 19 has amplified the health benefits for equitable access to nature, especially as the county urbanises. So, ensuring that tree cover is appreciated, analysed and expanded requires capacity building, increasingly so, given the urgent challenges around development impacts, biodiversity loss and public health.

Two-thirds of the county's trees are not under direct council control: they are in private and institutional ownership, pointing to the need for cooperation. Therefore, the new strategy will emphasize a shared responsibility for the county's trees, with the council providing leadership for citizens, communities, businesses and land owners.

Preparation of the strategy is well-advanced. A recent public consultation on a pre-draft issues paper resulted in many positive submissions. Currently, three focus groups (community, youth, business/land owners) are being formed to activate support and collaboration for the emerging strategy. During the summer, the public will be invited to make submissions on a draft strategy.



Council designated a 'Tree City of the World'

In February, the council was designated a Tree City of the World by the Arbor Day Foundation and United Nations (see treecitiesoftheworld.org), the first such designation on the island of Ireland. This status will assist in raising the profile of trees in the county and in focusing attention on the implementation of the new strategy.

More information from: Aidan J. Ffrench, Executive Landscape Officer. Email affrench@dlrcoco.ie

dlr staff profile



Anthony McNamara

CLIMATE ACTION OFFICER

What do you do?

The role of Climate Action Officer is a new position within the Council. My main role is to implement and monitor the Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. This Plan was approved by the Councillors in May 2019 and the first Annual Progress Report has been submitted to Government. As the Plan is diverse and broad ranging, I work across all Council departments in developing and implementing climate actions. I also work with a range of external partners both across the County, regionally and at national level.

What is your typical work day like?

I started working in dlr during the COVID-19 pandemic, so this has meant a change in the normal working days we have all been used to. Meeting with other staff and external partners is important in my role, this has also allowed me to get to know staff from across the organisation. A normal day for me includes a number of meetings and working on a variety of climate projects and initiatives. A typical working day also involves Coffee!

What is the most difficult part of your job?

The legislation and policy context of climate action is evolving all the time! Joining the thread between what happens locally and at national and European level, is crucial to the delivery of our Climate Change Action Plan, and to my role. On a personal level, not being able to visit the office and meeting colleagues in person as much as I would like is a challenge, but hopefully that will change for us all soon enough!

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Local authorities in Ireland are increasing their efforts in addressing climate action both across their own operations and in influencing other sectors. The most rewarding part of my job is seeing staff from across dlr working together in bringing projects to life – from that first idea to project completion. Climate action is also about listening to people's stories, as there is so much knowledge on the ground and across the County, on the type of projects and initiatives that can happen.

Public information



Marlay House



Dalkey Martello Tower



The Oratory

Share your ideas for heritage in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

You are invited to get involved in the creation of a new County Heritage Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. This will be our shared plan for the County's heritage over the next five years and we welcome your ideas.

Heritage is the story of people and place, it can be built, natural and cultural. Online submissions can be made at dlrcoco.ie/HeritagePlan. Written submissions are also welcome. Post your ideas to the Heritage Officer, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire by 16 April.

Following this ideas gathering stage, a draft Heritage Plan will be on display for feedback later in the Summer.

For more information please contact the Heritage Officer, Deirdre Black at info@dlrcoco.ie or 01 205 4700.

Open House Dublin 2021 Online + Onsite 15–17 October

Save the date! Open House Dublin is back this October, celebrating the Architecture of Dublin with an exciting range of events and activities for all ages.

Our 2021 programme will include guided walking and cycling tours around Dublin, self-guided interactive family Architreks and access to building tours across the county.

Our best Architects will take you on virtual tours of their latest projects and our Junior programme will offer workshops, design challenges and family activities for our youngest enthusiasts.

This year's Big Debate will see a panel of experts focus on this year's theme of Housing and the second season of our compelling 'Site Specific' film series will premiere on Open House weekend.

Of course the safety of our visitors comes first and all our events are subject to government guidelines on indoor and outdoor gatherings. As always our events online and onsite are FREE of charge.

We will be announcing more programme details over the coming months so sign up to our newsletter at architecturefoundation.ie for more information on I.A.F. events and Open House Dublin 2021.



HAVE A LOCAL INITIATIVE THAT NEEDS FUNDING?

The dlr Grants Scheme 2021 Round 2

Apply online at dlrcoco.ie/grants

Applications should be in by **16 April 2021**

Arts grants supported by the Arts Council.

dlr Grants Scheme 2021 (Round 2)

Would your group benefit from financial support from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council?

Following the success of the initial Round of the dlr Grants Scheme 2021, Round 2 is now open for applications.

So if you missed out on the initial 2021 Scheme now is your chance to apply for funding for your local scheme or project!

The dlr Grants Scheme 2021 (Round 2) is designed to support community based initiatives which promote growth and development. There is a specific new category in this round with a focus on Women in Sport.

The Scheme covers the area of Community, Women in Sports, Events, Heritage, Environment, Arts and Business Area Promotion in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.

As we are all aware the impact of COVID continues to affect every day life. Planned events and initiatives at all levels and in all areas of our community, like society as whole, continue to be very significantly affected. The ongoing pandemic will likely have an impact on initiatives, events and festivals during the course of 2021 but we are also aware of the resilience and flexibility of all our community groups and the many innovative ways that they have kept their programmes and events running as much as practicable. In times such as these, it is all the more important that the Council continue to support our communities.

The dlr Grants Scheme 2021 (Round 2) is closing shortly - latest date for receipt of applications is the 16th April. Please go to dlrcoco.ie/grants to make a submission.

Active Travel

Share with care !



dlr's Coastal Mobility Route

In the last year there has been significant development in active travel facilities in many of our local areas. These include new and enhanced cycle routes on and adjacent to roads as well as new and widened walking and cycle paths in our many local parks.

These new initiatives help to provide people with better pedestrian facilities, allow them more space and better COVID19 distancing. Enhanced cycle tracks provide more options to cycle safely around the county and these routes will be invaluable for school children to use as they return to their classrooms.

In some of our Parks, like Kilbogget Park, Shanganagh Park, Clonkeen Park and the Slang Greenway, the new facilities are marked as being a shared space for both pedestrians and cyclists. We would ask that everyone, regardless of how they are moving, whether on two feet, two wheels, wheelchair, scooter or even trishaw, to be aware off and respect other people using the shared space facilities.

With any new facilities, there is an adjustment period and we would appeal to users of our dedicated cycle tracks to be mindful of the variety of cyclists who use them and to cycle and overtake, where safe to do so, at an appropriate speed. This includes young or elderly cyclists, differently abled cyclists or slower cyclist who enjoy a leisurely cycle.

These new facilities were put in place to make our county a safer and better place to be and to encourage more people to become active. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council will continue to provide the very best in active travel facilities and public realm mobility improvements for everyone in our communities.

Coming soon: dlr BETA project



Championed by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Una Power, early this summer Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council will be launching a new initiative. We are looking to engage with the public and will be reaching out to you the citizen, for clever thinking around public spaces.

Based on the successful Dublin City Council BETA scheme, the dlr BETA project aims to assess and implement ideas from the public on ways of possibly improving the public realm. It will act as a conduit for sourcing good ideas from the public and seeing if we can turn them into small scale test projects.

We will have a dedicated dlr BETA website (dlrbeta.ie) where you can put forward ideas that you think could make a small but discernible difference in our public spaces

The focus will be on very small scale projects and the Council will be prioritising which ideas will be trialled in one specific location while being monitored and assessed for effectiveness. The nature of the project is that these will be very much trial interventions, being tested in the field, for a period of 3 - 6 months. The Council will then consider if the trial projects are feasible for developing out on a wider basis over time.

So if you have a small scale idea that you think the Council could consider trialling, on any aspect of our public spaces, we would love to hear about it. We won't be in a position to trial all the ideas put forward but we promise to take the ones that we think will work best as a trial. Look out for the launch of the dlr BETA website towards the end of April.

One Dublin One Book

Every year, dlr Libraries participate in Dublin City Council's One Dublin One Book initiative and this year is no different! This year's selected book is *Leonard and Hungry Paul* by Rónán Hession, following on from *Tatty* by Christine Dwyer Hickey in 2020. One Dublin One Book aims to encourage everyone in Dublin to read a designated book connected with the capital city during the month of April every year and it encourages reading for pleasure. dlr Libraries are pleased to present the following poetry event on Monday 19 April at 7pm. Bookings on Eventbrite. Full details of all One Dublin One Book events can be found at onedublinonebook.ie. Copies of the book are available to borrow on BorrowBox and Overdrive.



Poetry at the Lexlcon: The Joy of Connection

Monday 19 April at 7pm



Bebe Ashley, Richard Scott and Seán Hewitt

We are all interconnected through shared experiences, languages, and vulnerabilities. With poetry that is always in conversation with other poets and artists, Bebe Ashley, Seán Hewitt and Richard Scott capture our capacity for despair and our need for kindness. Their vivid and unique work explores how to make space, in a fraught and difficult world, for love, freedom and joy.

dlr Arts Office Gallery Learning Programme Spring 2021



Helen Barry, workshops for the under 5s

An online Exhibition Learning Programme is available this Spring to make sure that everyone can still have opportunities to get creative at home. The programme is jam packed full of live online talks, conversations, demonstrations and art making workshops.

The emphasis is on exploring together as we all try new things out. Give it a go! No experience necessary to join in on any of these workshops or discussions.

The full programme includes our popular Artist in Conversation series but meeting the artist online in the Studio this time, art making workshops for all ages, demonstrations and talks. Lots for all ages and interests, see our website dlrcoco.ie/arts for more information and booking.

Musician in Residence Online concerts



Ikagi, Studio dlr Lexlcon

The dlr Musician-in-Residence Scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network. Three residencies took place in 2020 and you can watch online performances of the new work created on our website page at the link below.

dlrcoco.ie/en/music/musicians-residence-2020-2021-online-performances

Dave Flynn was the first of three Musicians-in-Residence for 2020, under a scheme jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network. His Residency took place between May and August. Kevin Brady/the Tommy Halferty Trio were Musicians-in-Residence during Autumn 2020. During his Residency, Kevin and the other members of the trio explored and composed music influenced by Música instrumental Brasileira. This literally means Brazilian instrumental music, and refers to jazz and other forms of instrumental music. Ikigai, a chamber group featuring violinist Andrew Sheeran, cellist Gabrielė Dikčiūtė and pianist Maja Elliott, took on the final residency of 2020 during Winter 2020. They explored material which has inspired them as a group, whilst also working on their own individual compositions.

Getting Hitched: Live performance with Carnation Theatre



Audience members are cordially invited as wedding guests to this live performance via Zoom from Carnation Theatre as we celebrate the wedding of Mairead Uí Rhian and Micheál MacFíil. We encourage the audience to dress

up, toast the "happy couple", be merry and sing along with us as we reminisce around weddings of days gone by.

Keep an eye on our fortnightly e-bulletin, social media and website for dates and booking details.

For more information and details of other events taking place over Bealtaine visit bealtaine.ie

Spring into Storytime 2021 Shenanigans with Paul Timoney and Kyle Riley

Mondays 12, 19, 26 April & 10 May. 4pm–5pm
Booking via Eventbrite.



The Shenanigans series of shows brings the fun and engagement of a live performance into the comfort of your living room through the power of Zoom. Through the use of modern technology, you'll join us in creating some drama to see just how fierce you all can be. Suitable for the whole family, perfect for 5-11 yr olds.

dlr Libraries: new ways of service delivery

Depending on what Level of Covid-19 restrictions we find ourselves in during April and beyond, our library spaces may be open to the public. Please phone or email your local dlr Library to find out what services are available.



Book Drop Service

Our Book Drop Service continues to operate safely at all Levels of Covid-19 restrictions.

This is a service for older members of our community or those who are particularly vulnerable during this time, who can't physically get to the library. You tell us what type of books/CDS/DVDs you like to read/listen to/watch and a selection will be delivered to your door by one of our volunteer drivers from Serve the City. This service is operated from dlr Lexlcon. For more information on how to avail of the Book Drop, please contact dlr Lexlcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.

Bag a Book: Contact & Collect Service

When we move to lower Levels of Covid-19 restrictions, Our Bag a Book Contact & Collect Service will re-commence. Please phone or email your local library to find out what services are available.

Online resources

Remember, all our online services/resources are available via our website even when our library spaces are closed. You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free! Choose from e-books and e-audiobooks, online newspapers, magazines and comics, or take a course, learn a language or download/stream music, listen to a podcast or look at one of our exhibitions. libraries.dlrcoco.ie

Make a Connection this Spring



One of our recent Keep Well initiatives involved the organisation Making Connections. This is a group which aims to alleviate loneliness and isolation for older adults. Through a network of dedicated volunteers, staying connected and remaining independent at home are key messages, particularly as part of their befriending initiative.

We are delighted to be partnering with Making Connections this spring by supporting their befriending activities. Our specially-designed Send a Hug postcards will be used to reach out to isolated members of our community in the hopes that the simple act of a card dropping through the letter-box will bring joy and cheer to someone's day.

These postcards, illustrated by Ciara Winkelmann, will be available in Dalkey Library once it is safe to re-open our library spaces. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from the services of Making Connections, visit their website makingconnections.ie.



Keep safe, keep well & keep in touch

Keep up with what's happening in dlr Libraries by signing up for our fortnightly ebulletin: libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/dlr-libraries-ebulletin and follow us on social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie for more information on our online events programme.

Online events for adults

Online Book Club

Our popular online book club meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm via Zoom. The Club is chaired by Mary Burnham of DuBray Books. Physical copies of the books for discussion are available for collection in advance from dlr Lexlcon with some titles also available online on our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox. Please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie for more information on the Online Book Club.

Autism awareness in April

We want you to know we are thinking of you and we can't wait to open our doors again so you can see the work that has been going on behind the scenes in dlr Libraries.



In 2020 we availed of Sensory Funding from the Dept. of Rural and Community Development and we installed a brand-new sensory wall in Deansgrange Library along with a moveable sensory trolley. We have new sensory-friendly bench seating installed in Shankill, Dundrum, Dalkey and Cabinteely Libraries along with sensory-friendly outdoor play equipment.

Look out too for new autism-friendly signage in our branches! dlr Library staff have partaken in AsIAm autism training for public sector staff, building on our previous work for the Autism Community. For more information on our services visit our website: libraries.dlrcoco.ie/library-services/services-those-autism

We'll also be hosting 4 weeks of live interactive workshops for families for Autism month. See details below.

Bealtaine at home

The annual Bealtaine Festival takes place in May every year and is a national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. dlr Libraries will host the following online events via Zoom as part of Bealtaine:



Yoga with Sally Dunne

Yoga teacher Sally returns with her popular Restorative Yoga and Chair Yoga sessions to help us Keep active and Keep Well.

Knit & Knatter with Pauline Gallagher



Join Pauline Gallagher of The Knitting Class and learn to knit mindfully, have a chat with other knitters, work on your own projects or create gifts for yourself and others.

Bealtaine Quiz



Get ready to impress total strangers and maybe even yourself with your knowledge of random facts and figures! Join in our multiple-choice online Quiz and play with, or against, your friends and family!

Keep an eye on our fortnightly e-bulletin, social media and website for date and booking details of these events.

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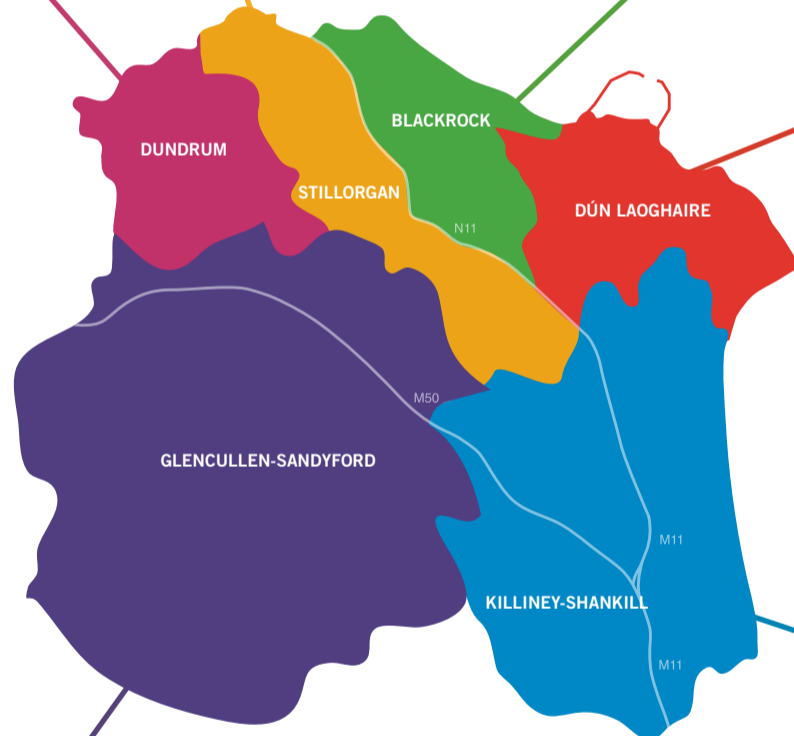
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