Casement takes a stand
In September, the Roger Casement Statue was lifted into place at the Dún Laoghaire Baths project under construction.

Born in Sandycove in 1864, Casement was one of the most interesting figures of his generation. An early international human rights campaigner, he was executed for his part in the 1916 Rising. When leaving for London to stand trial, his last sight of Ireland was from the boat leaving Dún Laoghaire, near the place of his birth. Joining the British Colonial Service as a young man, he carried out human rights investigations in Africa, and later reported on the abuse of workers in South America. He was knighted for this work in 1911, but became increasingly interested in Irish nationalism, resigning from the Foreign Office in 1913, to dedicate his energy to Irish independence. He travelled first to America and then most importantly to Germany to man their new submarines. After landing in Kerry on Good Friday 1916, he was arrested, found guilty of high treason, and executed in London on 3 August 1916.

dlr commissioned the bronze statue by sculptor Mark Richards in 2010 through an open competition. Plans are underway to commemorate Casement’s homcoming when the site opens in the new year.

The Dun Laoghaire Baths Project

Works on the Dún Laoghaire Baths site are now significantly advanced. Completion was expected in December 2021 but due to Covid and other site factors, the project is likely to be delivered in late Spring 2022. When complete the project will provide for the continuing public use of the area. The currently projected cost is €13.5m which includes the refurbishment of the existing Baths Pavilion, constructing a new jetty to give easy access to the water for swimming and the creation of a new route between Fruitreesome and the East Pier. This walkway will be at a level that will create a safe and secure walk offering panoramic views over the Dún Laoghaire Bay.

The form of this walk will reflect the original scenic route and the historic alignment of the old gun battery that was originally located on this site. The walkway will also feature seating areas for viewing and relaxing. The Pavilion will also provide a new public toilets and annual events. The old Pavilion will be restored to provide access to the building while an outdoor 'café terrain' linked to the new café will provide an attractive sitting area for viewing, eating and relaxing. The Pavilion will also provide a new public toilets and annual events.

The former Pavilion building has been significantly restored to provide a studio space for artists and to provide gallery and café facilities overlooking Stootman’s Way. The Bathing House, which was originally built in 1930 is being temporarily converted to offices. The new north end of the Bathing House will open in 2022 for use as cafe and offices. A new gym will be provided within the former pavilion above the café.

The Dún Laoghaire Bathing House site was historically the site of a Bathing House, which opened in 1911 and closed in 1925. The original building was substantially restored in 1967 and became a public swimming baths. In 2008, following the closure of the baths, the site was acquired by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and work on the development of the baths was initially scheduled for completion in 2012. The new Baths will provide for public swimming, picnicking and a range of other activities and amenity features.

The new facility will be the first of its kind in South County Dublin and will be a major new feature for the Dún Laoghaire area.
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**Focusing on the Green for Micro**

We are offering businesses with up to ten employees two days of free coaching worth €1,800, with the help of a Green Consultant, to help prepare you for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. Companies engaging in the program will enjoy:

- Improved resource efficiency (e.g., using less energy, water & materials)
- Reduced environmental footprint & greenhouse gas emissions.
- Opportunities for higher & additional value on products & services
- Increased access to customers, improved corporate image
- Increased resilience to climate change impacts

For more information on the Green for Micro programme, please visit [www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Other-Green-Supports](http://www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Other-Green-Supports).

**Green Business Supports**

Did you know that 62% of people say that a business’s positive sustainability credentials have an impact on their decision to buy that firm’s products or services and most people are acutely aware of our national target of reducing carbon emissions (greenhouse gas emissions) by 51% by 2030, and to achieve a climate neutral economy by 2050.

Having a strong sustainability focus is now not only essential for attracting and retaining discerning customers but it will help companies face the increasing overheads that come with changing regulations and rising resource costs.

Atinging a more eco-friendly approach is increasinghly important for any business.

To this end we have put a list of Green Business Supports training, mentoring and financial supports that are available through the dlr LEO and other support agencies including;

- Green for Micro – LEO (see above)
- Lean for Micro – LEO dlr
- Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy – The Environmental Protection Agency
- GreenStart – Enterprise Ireland
- GreenPlus – Enterprise Ireland
- Climate Ready (Training) – Skillnet
- SEAI Energy Academy – SEAI
- Innovation & Growth (Entrepreneurship) – Enterprise Ireland
- Aghaidheanna Siopaí
- Scéim Feabhsúcháin
- Scéim Siolta
- Scéim Focail

**Shop Front Improvement Scheme**

The Scheme is open to independent retailers facing onto public streets in towns and villages across the county. The Council will fund 50% of the shop front cost with a maximum allowable grant of €5,000 per applicant, subject to the terms and conditions of the Scheme.

If you sign up you pay by direct debit, prior to 1 October 2021, and subject to meeting the other terms and conditions of the Scheme, your grant will be applied automatically to your account this year.

**Airfield Estate “farming regeneratively”**

As life gets back to normal post-pandemic, visitors to Airfield Estate in Dundrum, might notice a few changes to the way things are being done.

Airfield has long been known as a heritage site, farm, gardens, and café. Established as a charitable trust in 1974, Airfield’s history of farming, gardening, and philanthropy stretches back much further under the guidance of the previous residents, the Overend family. Growing up in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the two Overend sisters produced a diversity of plants and animals with minimal mechanisation and artificial inputs.

They were not afraid to experiment with new techniques and varieties either. Many then-standard practices would now be known as “organic” or “regenerative”.

Airfield’s most recent step in honouring that tradition is a commitment to “regenerative agriculture”. In essence, this means leaving the soil and land in better health. Visitors might notice longer, fusher paddocks than they would expect on a farm, as grass is left to grow taller and establish deeper roots before being grazed. They will see multiple crops planted together instead of a single monocrop; better for soil, the food it produces, and the wildlife it supports.

They could see gardeners training innovative, natural, and sometimes storage-isolating soil improvers. And of course, they can purchase these fruits/vegetables at the Friday/Saturday outdoor farmers market and digest these sights along with a freshly made lunch or coffee from Airfield’s Stables café, Overends restaurant, or food trucks onsite. Information and tickets at [www.airfield.ie](http://www.airfield.ie) or +353 (1) 969 6666.

**Airfield Estate**

Set Sail in Dublin Bay

The Brian Boru sailing boat continues to delight passengers during its first summer on the water in Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The boat takes a small group of passengers on a unique three hour journey around Dublin Bay and along the beautiful Dublin coastline.

Get a chance to test your sailing skills, be part of the crew and help with the ropes/knife on the day.

Sailing continues into September and for the first weekend in October (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays) from Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

Follow the team @DublinUnderSail on Instagram & Facebook.

Price: Adults €69 & Children’s (Under 12) €63.

[www.dublinundersail.com](http://www.dublinundersail.com).

**Dún Laoghaire Anseo Art Street Art**

**Cuir chin farrage i gCuan Bhaile Átha Cliath**

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**Competition**

Samhain 2021: Three of our winning entries are below. The winners of this year’s Samhain Competition will be announced on 14 October.

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You would like to be the winner of one of four family passes (pods of 6) to our annual event at Marlay Park?

Not for the faint-hearted, this will be a true fright fest of spooky thrills and chills in our haunted forest on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 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. [Sign up to the dlr Times](http://dlr.ie/dlr_times/).

**Dún Laoghaire Anseo**

Dún Laoghaire Anseo was a huge success, transforming grey walls around the town into stunning pieces of art.

Take your own tour and check out all the details at [www.dlrco.ie/delanseo](http://www.dlrco.ie/delanseo).

**References**

- [www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Other-Green-Supports](http://www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Other-Green-Supports)
- [www.dlrcoco.ie/ratesgrants](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/ratesgrants)
- [www.dlrco.ie/delanseo](http://www.dlrco.ie/delanseo)
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SportsAbility Summer Camps 2021

What do you do?
I am the Sports Inclusion Disability Officer with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership and my job is to make sport and physical activity accessible for people of all abilities.

What is your typical work day like?
The best part of my job is that no two days are the same. A typical day can involve checking and responding to email inquiries and phone calls from members of the public or clubs and disability services.

I meet with disability services, special schools, sports groups or members of the public that would like to create more inclusive opportunities for people with a disability or get advice and guidance on the best routes to take.

I organise workshops to speak to people in sport and activity for people with a disability, the more clubs, groups and local initiatives can be in place to make disability sports a lasting programme in our communities.

I highlight sports and physical activity initiatives on our social media pages and other media outlets to make sure that people are aware of the opportunities that are out there.

What is the most difficult part of your job?
Thankfully there is a great culture of creating opportunities for people with a disability to get active in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown from our leisure centres to our sports clubs and cycling lanes.

Sometimes a particular opportunity or a particular sport may not be available in our county and it may take some time to get it up and running. But we are constantly working to solve problems and find solutions.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?
Gratifying when people of all abilities access sport and physical activity.

I was lucky to grow up in a very sporty household, I like the fact that I work in a job that gives people of all abilities the same opportunities to get the benefits of physical activity and sport such as a sense of community, health benefits and mental health benefits.

Wheelchair Basketball camps

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership, South Dublin County Sports Partnership, IRFU Sport, Basketball Ireland and Corr Tennis Club teamed up to run a 2-day inclusive basketball camp for children with a physical disability. We had 3 children with a physical disability take part and it was great to see 15 to 20 children and coaches milling around the courts having fun learning new skills.

Water based SportsAbility Camp

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council partnered with Active Connections, Vision Sports Ireland and Sailing in Dublin to run a very successful water-based SportsAbility summer camp over 5 weeks in June and July. We had 62 children aged 5-17 with a range of disabilities including physical, intellectual, visually impaired and children on the autism spectrum taking part.

The Camp was a great success and for many participants it was their only sporting outlet during 2021 as they had been cocooning with underlying conditions or their mobility had prevented them taking part in traditional sporting outlets.

What would you think of a little 7-year-old boy and a wheelchair user who would be able to participate in so much water sports activities, feeling so alive inside and having so much fun from his disability. This was his first ever camp and I am very grateful for everyone’s efforts in making it such a happy fun-filled week for him.

Outdoor SportsAbility Camp

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership had teamed up with Leechild International Scouting Centre to provide a 2-day outdoor adventure camp for children aged 12-18 on the autism spectrum. We had 18 teenagers take part over the 2 days in rock climbing, archery, orienteering and team building exercises with the aim culminating in a campfire to close the camps.

Vision for Community Wellbeing for this and Future Generations Consultation

This September, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network (Dlr PPN) in collaboration with dlr County Council will begin the consultation for the creation of the Vision for Community Wellbeing Statement for our county.

What do we need for the wellbeing of the community of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown? That is the question being posed and we would like to hear from groups, organisations and people in dlr.

Developing a Vision for Community Wellbeing means thinking about what we have and what we need to help our county be as great as it can be for us and for the many generations that follow us in the future.

The Statement aims to capture the aspirations of the local community for present and future generations in terms of six important themes:

- Social and Community Development
- Participation, Democracy and Good Governance
- Values, Culture & Meaning
- Health (Physical and Mental)
- Work, Economy & Resources
- Environment & Sustainability

The initial part of the consultation will take place from 27 September to 8 November 2021 and will involve the question being posed and we would like to hear from groups, organisations and people in dlr.

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Thanks to the support of the Creative Ireland Programme, we’ve been able to set up these fabulous Fintan Taite. Lake in Dundrum and Sandyford, from debut author/ in Sandyford before you miss them. We have The Vanishing summer months and if you haven’t, they are in place for dlr Scéal Trails to request a particular set, which will be sent to your chosen dlr Library for you. Your library staff will then contact you once it is available for collection.

Please email librarybookings@dlrcoco.ie to request a particular set, which will be sent to your chosen dlr Library for you. Library staff will then contact you once it is available for collection.

Children’s Book Festival 2021

We have a great line-up of authors and illustrators who will be “zooming” into dlr Libraries for Children’s Book Festival this October! The following online events are especially for Primary Schools in dlr Libraries.

All events are free, but booking is essential. For your school or class to join in these lively, interactive online events, please register your interest by emailing librarybookings@dlrcoco.ie.

Bookings will open Monday 20 September at 9.00am. For families, there will be exclusive videos from Alan Nolan, Oisin McGann, Paddy Donnelly, Shane Hegarty & Sheena Dempsey available on the dlr YouTube channel throughout the Festival month.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for information about author and illustrator discussions, arts and crafts workshops and other events celebrating CBF in October!

Online events for schools:

• Bed Ponds with Swarna Reddy & Shane Dempsey
  • Fri 1 Oct, 10.00-10.45am – 1st to 2nd Class
  • Shane Hegarty Event
  • Thurs 7 Oct, 10.00-10.45am – 3rd to 4th Class
  • Thurs 7 Oct, 11.00-11.45am – 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Class
  • The Magical History Event with Justí Carrín & Sarah Webb
  • Mon 11 Oct (1st to 4th Class) 4.30-5.15pm

• A Short Hopeful Talk About Climate Change with Oisín McGann
  • Thurs 14 Oct, 10.00-10.45am – 4th to 6th Class

• 3-4-3-2-1 Chun Siúil! with Máire Zepf & Paddy Donnelly (Irish/English event)
  • Fri 15 Oct, 10.00-10.45am – 3rd & 2nd Class
  • Mon 18 Oct, 11.30am-12.15pm – 5th to 6th Class

• Musician in Residence: Ruth O’Mahony-Brady
  • During the course of her Residence at dlr LexIcon, pianist, vocalist, producer and composer Ruth O’Mahony-Brady will work in collaboration with artist Mary Beirne, found in her artwork from abstraction to a return to more naturalistic forms of painting. DLB-based artist Brian Fay has made a series of new drawings that respond to the physical properties of these works as they slowly age and to the life of Jellett herself. Together they can be seen as a reflection on time, both clock time and our own lived time.

The title of the exhibition: A mobile living thing” comes from Jellett’s writings on the making of painting and her idea to consider these paintings as having a life and afterlife of their own. As she Fays new drawings in all the work by Mainie Jellett.

Dyslexia Talks

Join dlr Libraries and the Dyslexia Association of Ireland for a series of sessions from September to November. All talks will take place live on Zoom.

All talks are free but booking is essential via dlr Libraries Eventbrite.

What is dyslexia – strategies for adults at college and work
• Tues 5 October, 7.00pm

Dyslexia and Assistive Technology
• Tues 21 November, 7.00pm

Please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie for more information.

Did you know that every dlr Library has a Codema Home Energy Kit which you can borrow to test out just how energy efficient your home currently is? Contact your local dlr Library to put your name down for a trial.

Sign up to dlr Libraries fortnightly ebulletin on our website to be up to date with all the latest happenings.

Library times

You might even get to see some library staff playing some TikTok dance moves at a library near you!

Follow dlr Libraries on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok & Soundcloud

Sign up to Library times fortnightly bulletin on our website

dlr Libraries are already very active on social media and we have now added a new platform for library users and potential users to engage with. For the young and young at heart follow dlr Libraries on TikTok, give us a like on Facebook or follow us on Twitter. Do you have TikTok? Follow us on TikTok! We think you might even like to see some library staff dancing some TikTok dance moves at a library near you!

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Light Up Dún Laoghaire

Folding by Izumi Kimura
Cora Venus
Lunny and Anthony Kelly

Folding is a new vinyl LP and CD of collective compositions featuring piano by Izumi Kimura, violin & viola by Cora Venus Lunny and field recordings by Anthony Kelly. This recording project developed from Izumi’s dlr Musician in Residence at dlr LexIcon during 2019.

These new studio renderings offer vibrant, deeper explorations of ideas developed together during the artist’s time on Izumi’s very successful dlr Musician in Residence at dlr LexIcon, which many will recall culminated in two memorable concerts at the Studio Theatre. Songbirds, snowstorms, bees, thunder and rain, a jeepeter gently moveing leafy leaves, and other sounds feature prominently, reflecting the beautiful and diverse sonic environment of Dún Laoghaire itself.

The Folding LP & CD are available now from the Dún Laoghaire-based record label www.farpointrecordings.com.

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