Wall to wall colour

READ ABOUT THE UPCOMING DÚN LAOGHAIRE ANSEO PROJECT INSIDE
Welcome to this Summer edition of the dlr Times. I am honoured to have been elected as Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and I am looking forward to working with you all to bring about positive and inclusive change for everybody in our county.

I want to work with our local communities and local businesses to try and help them recover after the difficulties created by the Covid pandemic. A number of measures are already underway, and you can read about these and other supports and initiatives in this edition of the dlr Times. Inside you will find information about dlr Summer Streets which will provide additional space for outdoor dining during the summer.

In this edition you can also read about dlr Anseo, an exciting project that will provide a variety of street art in Dún Laoghaire, and the Council’s ‘Take Me Home’ campaign which will ask people to bring their litter home, particularly during our outdoor summer.

Message from An Cathaoirleach

Your dlr parks

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

CABINTEELY PARK
TIME: Sep 8am to 8pm | Oct 8am to 7pm | Nov – Jan 8am to 5pm | Feb 8am to 8pm | 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 & GARDENS
TIME: Open Access

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.

EDEN PARK RECYCLING
Summerhill Road, Glasthule
TIME: Mon – Thurs 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 – Thurs 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 – 6pm | Tue to Thur 10am – 6pm | Fri & Sat 10am – 4pm | My Open Library self-service 8am-10pm, 7 days a week, including bank holiday weekends.

DUNDRUM
Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum
TEL: 01 298 5000
TIME: Mon, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm

SHANKILL*
Liberty 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.
Dún Laoghaire becomes an open-air canvas

From 22–28 June, Dún Laoghaire town will be transformed into an open air canvas as it plays host to Dún Laoghaire Anseo, the first street art project of its kind in the county.

Bringing together the best in contemporary street art, with a mix of 14 established, up-and-coming, and local artists, a total of 16 pieces will be installed on walls and doorways throughout the town. We’ve collaborated with business owners in the town who have enthusiastically offered up their walls for inclusion in the project. Meaning “here” in Irish, Dún Laoghaire Anseo is our way of letting everyone know, after everything that’s happened over the last year, that we’re still here. It’s the artists’ interpretation of the essence of Dún Laoghaire, borrowing not just from its maritime heritage but reflecting on all the elements that make Dún Laoghaire a unique place.

Dún Laoghaire Anseo is happening at an exciting time for Dún Laoghaire. The development of a new plaza, Myrtle Square, just outside Bloomfields Shopping Centre, comes at the same time that dlr is planning its Summer Streets programme for Dún Laoghaire and beyond.

Funded by dlr, with the support of Creative Ireland, Dún Laoghaire Anseo hopes to attract locals and visitors alike to the town, and to ensure that our Summer Streets are full of colour, energy and excitement.

- DLR-based Johnman will be brightening up a wall on Patrick Street beside the Ritz Cafe. His piece takes the Crimean Cannon that can be seen on the East Pier in Dún Laoghaire and transforms it with an explosion of colour.
- Local icon Vera Breslin will be honoured by John Brady. Vera was a well-known presence at her fish stall on Convent Road for many years, and she will be commemorated on a wall between McCabe’s and the Cutting Hut.
- Local artist Paul Francis tells the story of William Maher, a resident of Cross Avenue, Dún Laoghaire and his rescue of Dorothy Toppin from certain death as the RMS Leinster, on which he worked as a stoker, went down. This mural will be placed on Haigh Terrace.
- Bloom | The Art Project uses art and creativity to promote positive mental health and wellbeing within local communities. They are bringing their community-based project to Dún Laoghaire Anseo where they will work with some of the Boylan Centre’s service users to create an artwork that will bring their vibrant work to Sussex Street.

For further information please see dlrcoco.ie/dlAnseo or follow us on Twitter @dlrcc

#dlAnseo #dlrStreetArt
New Cathaoirleach Elected

Councillor Lettie McCarthy has been elected Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at the Council’s Annual General Meeting on 14th June. Councillor McCarthy, a representative of the Labour Party, was first elected to the County Council in 2004 as a Councillor for the Glencullen-Sandyford Ward.

The newly-elected Cathaoirleach outlined her main priorities for the year:

“The past year has challenged us in ways we would never have thought possible. It made us realise how much we rely on services provided by our Local Authorities like public parks, libraries, good walking and cycling infrastructure and public seating. Building on this foundation with energy, positivity and fun will be my priority during the year.

In collaboration with my Councillor colleagues and the Arts Department, I would also like to introduce positivity walls in some of our public spaces.

Over the last year, the Dublin Mountains played host to 1000’s of people daily. The mountains are a wonderful amenity for our County and I want to introduce this public open space to all dlr citizens and create greater awareness of scenic walks and access points.

I plan on visiting every village and town in our County, strengthening links between business and dlr. I will also be giving my full attention to many proposed projects, including Jamestown Regional Park and Phase 2 of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, which includes a swimming pool and library.”

Councillor Juliet O’Connell was also elected Leas-Chathaoirleach at the meeting. Councillor O’Connell, also a representative of the Labour Party and local small business owner in Dún Laoghaire town, was elected in the Dún Laoghaire Local Electoral Area in 2019 as a first time Councillor. Cllr O’Connell is the Labour Party spokesperson for small businesses and at the Council AGM stated that in her year as Leas-Chathaoirleach she would like to work with local businesses and the dlr Local Enterprise Office to encourage upskilling and training for small business owners.

New Harbour Water Safety Patrol

Earlier this month, Dún Laoghaire Harbour launched the Harbour Water Safety Patrol Boat. This boat will provide a safety and advisory reporting service on the waters within the harbour for kayakers and stand up paddleboarders and other water-based activities.

The Harbour Water Safety Boat will take to the waters between 2:00pm & 8:00pm, when the Harbour is at its busiest. The service will be in operation throughout June, July, and August, weather permitting.

Simon Coate, Harbour Master, Dún Laoghaire Harbour said: “We love to see everyone out on the water enjoying all that the Harbour has to offer. We want to make sure that you are safe and look forward to welcoming you during the Summer months. We would like to remind people to check the weather forecast, wear safety gear, and always tell families or friends where you will be.”

As an additional benefit, this service will assist with the collection of marine based litter from the Harbour waters. Marine litter has also been a growing problem over the last few years, and we have an ideal opportunity now to assist in the removal of some of this while the boat is in the Harbour.

If you are a new visitor, ask the Harbour Safety Patrol for a safety chart which outlines the areas of usage in the Harbour. dlr believe that this innovative and safety-focused initiative will allow locals and visitors to enjoy water-based activities in a safer and more controlled environment.

The service will be provided by the Dún Laoghaire Powerboat school on behalf of the council and will be dlr branded and fly a yellow flag.

Dún Laoghaire — Home to our Olympics Sailors

The Irish Sailing Team are heading to the Tokyo Olympic Games this summer. The Team are based in Dún Laoghaire harbour and train from the Performance HQ which is proudly supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co Co. You can see the Performance HQ on the grounds of the Commissioners of Irish Lights on Harbour Road. It consists of three specially converted shipping containers which comprise of an athlete’s lounge and classroom, a boat shed, and a fully fitted gym. The athlete’s lounge shipped out to Tokyo last month so that the sailors will have a base when they arrive for the Olympic Games.

Ireland will be represented at the Olympics by three sailors: Annalise Murphy, Robert Dickson and Sean Waddilove. Annalise Murphy, who won the silver medal at the Rio 2016 Olympics will compete in the Laser Radial which will be familiar to many by the red sunburst on its white sail.

Robert and Sean have qualified Ireland in the 49er, a men’s double-handed “skiff” or high-performance dinghy. The helm (Rob) steers and makes tactical decisions, and the crew (Sean) controls the sails. They are an extremely technical type of boat. The 49er became an Olympic class in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

You can learn more and cheer them on by following Irish Sailing on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook or website sailing.ie

Irish Sailing is the national governing body for sailing, powerboating and windsurfing in Ireland, and home to the Irish Sailing Team.
New Ability Swing in Cabinteely Park

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council are delighted to launch their new piece of inclusive playground equipment - the Ability Swing. Located at Cabinteely Park playground, it is suitable for children with a physical disability that use a wheelchair. The Ability Swing is located beside other swing sets and playground equipment so that a child with a physical disability can enjoy the activity surrounded by their friends, family and other children. Funded by Sport Ireland through the Dormant Accounts Fund, the Ability Swing can be accessed by a universal Radar or Abloy key that also opens many disability toilets and changing areas in Ireland. For more details or any other queries in relation to disability sport contact Brian on 01-2719506 or bodonnell@dlrcoco.ie

Extra bins and toilets in place around the County

We have installed additional bins and toilets in key areas of the county so that the public can comfortably dine, enjoy and spend time in our villages, towns, parks and seafronts.

Bin Provision
An additional 1,100 litre bins and barrel bins are located at hotspot locations along the coast. We installed 38 new smart bins as well as seven smart recycling waste bins, with a further 18 to be installed in June. We are also trialling two pizza box bins in Blackrock and Dalkey as part of the dlrBETA.ie project.

Toilet Provision
A list of toilet facilities in public places in our county can be found at dlrcoco.ie/Toilets.

Illegal Parking
Wardens have been deployed to some coastal areas at weekends to monitor illegal parking for the months of June, July and August so that access can be maintained at all times.

Take Me Home Anti-Litter Campaign

Over the Summer we are launching our "Take Me Home" anti-litter campaign which will be advertised on our big belly bins and in various locations around the County. The campaign encourages people to dispose of their litter responsibly and to keep our beauty spots and county clean.

We are making every effort to ensure that all our bins around the county are emptied regularly. However, with an increase in the number of people likely to visit our county and an increase in outdoor activities over the Summer months, we are expecting more waste and litter to be left at beaches and parks.

The "Take me home" campaign asks the public to take their rubbish to the nearest bin, or to take it home and dispose of it responsibly if one cannot be found nearby.

We are asking everyone in our community and visitors to join the campaign in keeping the county a litter free zone.

Starting and Staying Active

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership are dedicated to helping everyone in the County start or remain active. We have a range of programmes, activities and ideas for all abilities and ages on our website dlrsportspartnership.ie.

Active Dublin

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown is one of 8 city areas to recently be successful in its application for Sport Ireland and Dormant Accounts funding to develop an ‘Active City’ initiative. An Active City is one that is continually creating and improving opportunities in the built and social environments to enable everyone to be physically active in day-to-day life. This 3-5 year initiative will be led by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership who will work with the various sections in the Local Authority and partner agencies in the County to deliver on Active Cities. The overall goal of the Active Dublin project is that everyone in Dublin will have both the opportunity and motivation to actively participate in sport and physical activity. There will be a key focus on areas of disadvantage and people with disabilities. So keep an eye out for Active Dublin over the next few years and help us make it an active city.
Mind the GAP to get your mountain highs

Mountain bikers will have plenty to smile about when Glencullen Adventure Park finally opens in June – with the addition of two new highly-anticipated trails that have had the MTB rumour mill spinning since April.

The GAP now has with 16 adrenalin-pumping, purpose built trails, bike uplift, a rental shop and a café that is renowned for its delicious, energy-boosting burgers.

For owner Matthew Davy, the opening can’t come fast enough. “It was really hard for the park during the initial closure. We had been gathering huge momentum and making constant upgrades to the trails and felt like we had really come into our own as Ireland’s top mountain-biking facility. Then Covid hit.”

Social distancing restrictions mean the GAP’s uplift pass is bookable only by families or groups that have been cocooning together. Groups of 2-8 people can book half the uplift van. Each van is kitted out with protective screens and vans and trailers will be wiped down and sanitised after each booking. Visit thegap.ie.

Forest adventures with ‘Ireland’s Bear Grylls’

Children exploring wooded mountains, reveling in the freedom of the great outdoors after a year of pandemic lockdowns, learning about nature and themselves.

Sounds idyllic – but that is what is on offer at Forest Kids, where adventures with Ireland’s answer to Bear Grylls await intrepid youngsters.

Forest Kids is the brainchild of Heather Burnett Niland, allowing her to combine her passion for the great outdoors with 25 years’ experience in childcare.

She runs three-day courses which allow children aged 6-12 to learn, explore, discover, meet new friends, have fun, and play in a safe and exciting outdoor environment. They introduce the concept of ‘Leave No Trace’ and cultivate in children a respect and appreciation of the abundance of nature around us, whether you live in the city, suburbs or countryside.

At Forest Kids, children lead the way in their experiences, building confidence by developing their skills and adapting to overcome adversity and their complete tasks. This approach helps to create independent thinkers and develop self-esteem and physical and emotional resilience.

Based in Glencullen Adventure Park in the heart of the Dublin Mountains, you can book Forest Kids online at forestkidsfun.net.

Also open and ever popular with kids and families are Zipit (zipit.ie) high-rope forest adventures in Tibradden Wood, and biking.ie cycle rental on Ticknock Hill mountain bike trails.

Make a BigStyle splash in the Harbour

There’s more watersports than ever on offer in Dún Laoghaire this summer, with a new stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) school opening in the west of the Harbour.

BigStyle are the first company to operate a paddleboarding school out of Dún Laoghaire Harbour – but they’re certainly no strangers to the area.

The company was founded in 2013 by local lads Kris Goodbody and Ben McDonald, who started off by teaching water sports in Blackrock.

BigStyle SUP School and rental shop offers paddleboarding lessons and rental from two repurposed shipping containers. The environmentally-conscious operation runs off the grid with solar panels and a water harvester. Visit bigstyle.ie.

Also located in the water activity area beside the West Pier, the Irish National Sailing School offers kayak and paddleboard rental, and also sailing and powerboat lessons. Visit inss.ie.

Seacht saoire sa bhaile an samhradh seo

1. Faigh do rothar agus téigh ag rothaiocht ar an mBealach Soghluaisteach Cósta ón gCarraig Dhubh go Cuas an Ghainmh. Beidh an Cycle Hub ar Bhóthar Crofton in ann cabhrú leat le rothair ar cíos, deisiú rothar, trealamh rothaiochtach, caife agus sneaiceanna. the-cyclehub.com

2. Téigh ag sciáil. I ndáiríre! Tá fánaí sciála tirime Chlub Sciála na hÉireann le hoscailt ó mhí Iúil ar aghaidh. skiclub.ie

3. Téigh ar thuras cadhcaíla ar Shunda Dheilginse, a thosaíonn i gCuan Bhlóic. Cuir do spás in áirithe le Jenny agus a foireann ag Kayaking.ie

4. Téigh ag fánaíocht ar cheann de na conairí slíull sílimharcáilte ar Shuí Shliabh Bhealá Átha Cliath, atá 42.6 ciliméadar ar fad. dublinmountains.ie

5. Téigh ar chrús cósta a bhainfidh an anáil díot ar an long seoltóireachta nua-athchóirithe Brian Bórama, a bheidh ag feidhmíú an samhradh seo ón gCé Thoir. dublinundersail.com

6. Déan thú fén a thumadh i scéal a théann siar 6,500 bliain le turais bheostaire i gCaisleán agus Ionad Oidhreachta Dheilginse. dalkeycastle.com

7. Faigh blaiseadh de shaol na tuaithe in Eastát Airfield, feirm 38 acra, teach maorga, músaem carrana seanré agus café i nDún Droma. airfield.ie
Showcasing dlr Entrepreneurs

The Institute of Chinese

The Institute of Chinese is an online tutoring start-up that’s disrupting the bricks & mortar language school model through live online tuition, available 24/7 with professional native speaking tutors in a virtual classroom.

It was founded in 2019 by husband & wife team Andy & Lauralee O’Donovan who have a background in various entrepreneurial & international businesses and a passion for education. Their mission is to create a virtual space for all foreign language learners worldwide to connect with professional teachers for structured, authentic & immersive live online tuition that accelerates the acquisition of linguistic and cultural fluency.

Since adapting to the Covid-19 crisis in March 2020, they have grown rapidly & delivered in excess of 4,000 online lessons to language learners worldwide & the majority of their online students are based across countries like Ireland, the UK, EU, US, Australia & Asia.

“The business mentoring from the LEO has been invaluable in terms of getting us to objectively evaluate our game plan.” – Lauralee O’Donovan, Founder 2021 continues to bring success for The Institute of Chinese, not only were they one of 5 winning Finalists in the SFA Awards 2021 in the Emerging New Business Category, they’re on target for 300% revenue growth & they’ve also just raised seed capital from an angel investor. With assistance from the Local Enterprise Office, their goal is to design and build their own platform to solve the global challenge in accessing top quality online education for hundreds of millions of language learners worldwide. “At a crucial time in our development, the Business Expansion Grant funding from the LEO has enabled us to increase our headcount & hire in the talent we need to scale our business.” – Andy O’Donovan, CEO

www.learnchineseplus.com

Age Friendly Accreditation

The Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme invites businesses across the county to become Age Friendly accredited, as part of an initiative being run by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Age Friendly Ireland with the support of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber.

The programme encourages retailers and service providers to think about what three changes they could make to help make their older customers’ experience better. The changes are low- or no-cost, such as providing a rest chair, or making sure all signage is easy to read and in large print.

Already businesses in Nutgrove Shopping Centre, Dundrum Town Centre and Dún Laoghaire Town have taken part in the programme, nominating Age Friendly Champions who attended an online workshop, and committing to making three small but significant changes in their outlets. According to Conor McDaid of Dundrum Town Centre, which has received accreditation as an Age Friendly business, “the workshop was very interesting and it was very useful to hear other people’s ideas and suggestions about how to improve our older customers’ experience.”

Steven Stocks of Nutgrove Shopping Centre, which has become Age Friendly accredited under the programme, said he believed it was very important to encourage older people back into shops after a very difficult period. “It’s been very challenging for everyone, and we want to do everything we can to make our older customers to feel safe and welcome coming back into our shops”.

Having successfully completed the programme, Age Friendly accredited businesses can display their certification and accreditation window sticker at their premises and will also be listed on the agefriendlyireland.ie website. Interested businesses can find out more and sign up to this free programme at dlrcoco.ie/BusinessAgeFriendly.

Applications open for Outdoor Dining Scheme

A new Outdoor Dining Scheme, supported by Fáilte Ireland in partnership with local authorities, is now open for applications.

The Scheme will help food and hospitality businesses in dlr to increase their dining capacity by providing 75% funding of up to €4,000 towards the ex-VAT cost of outdoor furniture and equipment.

The grant is available to individual tourism and hospitality businesses to develop and increase their own outdoor dining capacity whether on private premises or in the public realm – public realm dining will require a Street Furniture Licence from the Council which can be applied for free of charge.

Applications can be made for furniture purchased since 01 April 2020, and the scheme will be open for applications until 30 September 2021.

All the terms and conditions, along with the online application form, can be accessed at dlrcoco.ie/OutdoorDining

Management Development Programmes

When is the last time that you have upskilled in a meaningful way as an owner/manager of a SME? As the world is becoming more connected there is a stronger imperative to differentiate your business through innovative thinking and driving efficiencies to remain competitive in the global economy.

We are building a suite of programmes to support companies making important step changes. We are currently offering LEAN for micro training for companies up to 20 employees, and will be offering a LEAN for Leaders program for larger companies in July 21. LEAN is a highly effective method for introducing positive change in any organisation resulting in increased profitability, sales, employment and employee satisfaction. We have also partnered with Lift Ireland to deliver their excellent Leadership program which can significantly improve the culture in any organisation. In August this year we will be rolling out a Financial Management Capability Programme providing dedicated Financial mentors to companies with more than 10 employees to increase capability in this critical area.

This is on top of our broad training, mentoring and grant supports found at localenterprise.ie/dlr

For more information on the specific programmes listed visit leandlr.ie and liftireland.ie

dl Lea newsleter

Sign up to our dlr Leo newsletter on bit.ly/leodlrnewsletter to hear about all our new initiatives as they happen.
What do you do?

The Urban Regeneration Development Officer is a fairly new role in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. It sits within the Finance and Economic Development Directorate and is particularly focused on driving improvements in the public realm that support business in our Towns and Villages. So, we provide various supports to individual businesses and to business network organisations through funding or placemaking interventions. It also involves working closely with the rest of the Economic Development team in the Local Enterprise Office and the Tourism Unit too. On a wider basis there is considerable cross-departmental collaboration working with colleagues in Parks, Architects, Roads and the Arts Office in particular.

What is your typical work day like?

No two days are especially alike and at the moment things are varied further with a lot of working from home. I am out on site at least two or three days a week though, meeting business groups on the ground, especially now as we manage the Council’s response to the demand for outdoor dining space through our Summer Streets programme. And currently we are coming closer to the Dún Laoghaire Anseo event so there is a good deal of checking in with the project managers for the street art event. Looking forward to seeing the heart of Dún Laoghaire Town transformed with some fantastic art to draw people in to the Town Centre.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

There are frequently difficult decisions to be made and we cannot fund or support every application that comes our way, so that’s a challenge when you have to deliver disappointing news. The selection process for the art for Dún Laoghaire Anseo was really challenging with so many fantastic proposals from artists and only so many walls to go around.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Getting to meet so many people across the County is really rewarding, especially when you can work together to improve things. Seeing the results of schemes that I have worked on like the painted traffic boxes, Summer Streets: Cabinteely or the emergence of Myrtle Square in Dún Laoghaire is especially rewarding. And there are plenty more projects in the pipeline so lots of opportunity to make your mark on the County in such a positive way.
Woodbrook Coastal Protection Project

Work recently commenced on the Woodbrook Coastal Protection Project and involves the stabilisation and protection of approximately 300m of cliff frontage just north of Bray Harbour and south of Woodbrook Golf Club.

The purpose of the proposed works is to address the ongoing issue of erosion of landfill waste material from a cliff-face and depositing onto the beach in front. This will be addressed through the installation of coastal defences.

The work includes the installation of rock armour and coastal protection along the cliff face and on the beach. The rock is being imported from local building sites in Killiney and surrounding area, this is reducing the impact on the road network and the environment. An ecologist is on site advising on Wildlife and Habitats. Access paths will be provided along the new embankment with access to the beach front.

A temporary site compound will be located on the cliff top at the south end of the site. The access for plant and personnel will be made via the harbour road, off Strand Road R766. It is anticipated that works will finish next Spring.

Killiney Beach Enhancements

dlr are in the process of delivering an enhancement scheme at Killiney Beach. The project is now at substantial completion and includes significant maintenance and resurfacing works, accessibility improvements, cycle parking provision, placemaking, creation of a public realm space, signage and wayfinding and refurbishment of existing facilities. The project commenced construction in November 2020 and is being delivered by a cross departmental multidisciplinary team across Beaches, Road Maintenance, Parks and Architects.

Works remaining to be completed as part of the current phase of enhancements include signage and wayfinding improvements, minor resurfacing and the enhancement of the existing beachside walkway access and associated ramp. The project has also evolved into a longer term enhancement strategy in line with Fáilte Ireland funding and will include the provision of a sustainable water sports facility to provide changing / sanitary / and meeting facilities to participants engaged in water based and other sporting activities, and to support the services of the operators providing water sports activities in an area.

Fáilte curtho ag dlr roimh Staráí Cónaithethe nuv

Tá lúchar ar Óifig Óidreachta dlr fáilte a chur roimh David Gunning mar an Staraí Cónaíthe don bhliain 2021 faoi Chlár Dhéileach mBliana na gCuimhneachán.

Gheobhaidh David spreagadh ó na cartlanna, na bailiúcháin agus na foirgnimh Óidreachta atá faoi TheachMaradtaí Chomhghairte Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dún le clár taispeáints agus imeachtaí a chur i dtboll a chéile dh’fhéilte ar 2021. Cuirfear faoi chaidh a dreachtaí a chur i spraoi an Teach Mór i nDún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dún agus leagtar beim ar leith ar na hathruithe a tháinig ar an tsaochaí sa tréimhse Chogadh na Saoirse, lena linn agus ina dhiaidh.

I measc na bhfoilseacháin atá curtha amach ag David le déanaí tá What’s in a Name – Dunleary, Kingstown, Dún Laoghaire agus Divine Illumination, a folsaidh mar chuid de chlár a d’eagraigh dlr le déanaí faoi Chlár Dhéileach mBliana na gCuimhneachán agus a bhfuil duais ceoil agus aitheantas agus a bhfuil roinnt aitheantas agus a bhfuil roinnt duais aige. Is mar an Cartlannai Cónaíthe ag dlr Lexicon ba dhéanadh a bhí sásta a bhí a bhí a bhí a bhí a chomhshaoil le linn leis an Clochán leis an Clochán leis an Clochán a bhí i bhfeidhm as a chomhshaoil leis an Clochán leis an Clochán.

Is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an clár a d’adhainn ach ag dag fíodh le ghearaigh Tá an Staraí Cónaíthe maoinithe ag an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán.

dlr County Heritage Plan Update

A huge thank you to all who shared fantastic ideas and suggestions for heritage in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown as part of the County Heritage Plan consultation process this year.

We will be launching the new five year plan shortly – watch this space for new ways to get involved and enjoy your local heritage.

For more info please contact the Heritage Officer, Deirdre Black at info@dlrcoco.ie

Public information
Newpark Arts Exhibition

Haigh Terrace and dlr LexIcon 1 June – 16 July

We are delighted to host the work of Transition Year students from Newpark Comprehensive School, Blackrock in the grounds of dlr LexIcon along Haigh Terrace and inside in the LexIcon Lab. It is the culmination of Arts Week at the school where students get the opportunity to try out a variety of forms including hand weaving, stop motion animation, installation art, sound and drama. The projects on display are as follows:

- **Hand Weaving:** Trudy Feighery led her students in a hand weaving workshop incorporating the use of found and upcycled materials, incorporating hidden messages and reflections in response to lockdown. A special feature is the use of 30 bicycle wheels, courtesy of Mike’s Bikes!
- **Installation Art:** David King led his students in exploring the exciting world of installation art culminating in large collaborative art pieces and kinetic art installations.
- **Stop Motion:** Naomi Good worked with her students to create animated short films. Students photographed static objects that were brought to life on the screen using animation techniques. These are shown inside in the Lexicon Lab during opening hours.

Join the Summer Stars with dlr Libraries!

Come along to dlr Libraries this summer and join in the Summer Stars Reading challenge. This annual free Reading Challenge runs in public libraries across Ireland. All children are invited to take part by registering at their local library where they get a Summer Stars Reading Card. Stamps are awarded for every book read and recorded on the Reading card.

There are some great fun incentives for those who complete a Reading Card: bookmarks, pencils, drawstring bags and notebooks. All reading counts - independent reading, shared reading, bedtime reading, and any book read counts, not just library books. Children can browse and borrow from all dlr Library branches and online. Children’s e-books e-audioooks, and comics are available through the BorrowBox and Libby apps, and a new service Tumble books.

These are free for all members to use from anywhere, any time! Find our more information on our website libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library/books-online. Join us on social media where you can follow Summer Stars on Twitter @StarsReading and on Facebook and Instagram at @Summer Stars At Your Library.

dlr Libraries are delighted to mark the launch of Summer Stars 2021 this June with our Summer Stars Family Fun Quiz on Friday 18 June; contact Seán at libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie to register. In June and July there will be new online storytimes available on Facebook and YouTube each Friday at 3.30pm. In August, look out for music and other live events in our library gardens.

The programme wraps up in September with the Reading cards draw and our Grand Prizegiving. Prizes include: vouchers for fun days out in dlr and vouchers for local retailers. Remember the more you read, the more chances you have to win!

Poetry at the LexIcon:

**Jen Hadfield, Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe, Mark Roper**

This is pre-recorded event and will be available on Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown’s YouTube Channel.

James Joyce’s Dublin Houses:

**Charles Hulgraine**

dlr LexIcon 1 June – 31 July

The Friends of Joyce Tower Society and dlr Lexicon are proud to present a first visual-art representation of the Dublin houses where James Joyce and his family lived. The houses stretched across Dublin’s southside, later crossing the River Liffey to the city’s northside, and afforded a rich palette of characters and experience for Joyce.

Painters and printmaker Charles Hulgraine is from Dublin city and has had a lifelong interest in all things Joycean. He wanted to recreate a visual record of these important homes in Dublin which, for the most part, still exist. Charles is a graduate of DIT and NCAD and is a Member of the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland. He is the owner of the Ballsbridge Gallery in Dublin 4, where he exhibits, and is a member of Friends of Joyce Tower Society in Sandycove, Dublin. With thanks also to Vivian Igwe for his publication James Joyce’s Dublin Houses (2007), an invaluable source for dates and context. The full exhibition will be located on Level 3, dlr Lexicon with some taster panels outside in the Lexicon garden at Moran Park.
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WHAT’S ON IN THE MUNICIPAL GALLERY IN dlr LEXICON

Tangled
15 May – 18 July
Featuring work by Ursula Burke, John Byrne, Alice Maher, Breda Mayock, John Power, Dermot Seymour and Michael Fortune. The exhibition was curated by Michael Fortune who worked in collaboration with staff and participants from the Southside Travellers Action Group (STAG) in 2019 and 2020. During this period, Michael introduced the group to the work of several Irish contemporary artists; the selected artists and the themes running through this exhibition reflects his collaboration and engagement with STAG. The exhibition includes both new and recent work from the artists’ studios.

On Returning
New work by Gary Coyle
24 July – 26 September
Gary Coyle’s forth-coming exhibition in dlr Lexicon will feature a series of coloured drawings – a new departure for Coyle - based on his DART journey between the City Centre and Dún Laoghaire. In part inspired by Japanese Wood block prints of the 18th & 19th Centuries, they will be made on a computer using photo shop and a drawing tablet.

Musician-in-Residence Programme
Keep an ear open for updates and information about our Musicians in Residence Programme over the summer. Traditional flute player Iarlaith Mac Gabhann was awarded the Emerging Musician-in-Residence in May. He is the first of three Musicians-in-Residence for 2021 in a scheme jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network. Iarlaith has been using archival material to investigate tunes by lesser known musicians associated with the North Connacht flute tradition; he has also connected with local musician and founding member of The Chieftains, Michael Tubridy. A public performance of his new work will be scheduled in late summer or early autumn, subject to public health restrictions.

Scéal Trails
A dlr Scéal Trail is an outdoor story walk that everyone can enjoy. It’s a picture book on display boards that you can follow, from beginning to end, as you walk with your family or friends.

The Vanishing Lake Scéal Trail in Dundrum Library garden: a captivating tale from author/illustrator Paddy Donnelly, celebrating a young girl’s determination, a Grandad’s wisdom, and the fantastical wonders of the natural world.

Spidey Scéal Trail in Cabinteely Library garden: a delightful book written by Carmel Ui Cheallaigh and illustrated by Fintan Taite. Little Séimi just loves spiders! No matter where he goes he can think of nothing else. If only he could be a spider himself!

Please send us your photos of you and your friends or family at our Scéal Trails and be in with a chance of winnings your very own copies of the books! email them to libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie or tag us on FB or Insta with #dlrScéalTrails

For more info on the dlr Sceal Trails visit our website: libraries.dlrcoco.ie

Tumble Books
dlr Libraries have just added a new online service to our website. Tumble Book Library is an ebook library of Childrens Books. It’s free and unlimited and you can access it from any device at home with an internet connection. Choose from over 250 animated talking books, books in French and Spanish, Puzzles and Games, Graphic Novels, Non-Fiction and more. No need to register, just go to libraries.dlrcoco.ie and click on the TumbleBookLibrary link. There are plenty of books to choose from for storytime, with something for everyone. Happy Tumbling!

dlr Libraries App
Have you used our dlr Libraries app yet? As well as brilliant features such as keeping track of the whole family’s library cards and loans in one place on your phone, you can now use the app to self-issue and self-return your own items with your smart phone; perfect for when you are on the go or if you wish to avoid interactions with self-service machines or library staff at this time.

Remember, library staff are always happy to help if you need any assistance with any aspect of your library visit.

The app is free and can be found on both iTunes and Google Play by searching for dlr Libraries. Try it out today!

INFORMATION AND NEWS FROM DUN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL