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## Message from An Cathaoirleach



Welcome to the Winter edition of the dlr Times which showcases the events of the past few months, provides details of the Budget 2023 and gives information on the Check the Register Campaign.

The historic Dún Laoghaire Baths was officially opened this month and is a great public space that will provide a community bathing area between Sandycove and Dún Laoghaire Harbour. The café and artists' studio will open in the new year. I know the public will enjoy this amenity for years to come.

The Taoiseach and I turned the sod recently on the Shanganagh Housing Development in Shankill. This development is the largest social and affordable housing development in the country, providing almost 600 social and affordable homes.

There has been great excitement in our towns and villages. Dún Laoghaire was named European Great Town 2022 by the Academy of Urbanism at a reception in London, Dalkey was awarded a silver medal at the Entente Florale at a reception in Balatonfured in Hungary, Blackrock continues its twinning relationship with Vincennes and it was wonderful to turn the Christmas lights on in Dundrum, Stepside and Sandycove.

I was also proud to host a civic reception to acknowledge 100 years of service from An Garda Síochána in our community.

Finally, I would ask you all to help local businesses across the County again this year by shopping locally whenever you can. Happy Christmas and wishing you and yours many blessings during 2023. Nollaig Shona Duit.

CLLR. MARY  
HANAFIN

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Our public offices close at 2.30pm on Friday 23 December and re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

## 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: Open Access

### CABINTEELY PARK

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

### DEER PARK

TIME: Open Access

### FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS

TIME: 9am - 6pm

### KILBOGGET PARK

TIME: Open Access

### KILLINEY HILL PARK

TIME: Open Access

### MARLAY PARK

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

### PEOPLE'S PARK

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

### SHANGANAGH PARK

TIME: Open Access

## Recycling information



### BALLYOGAN RECYCLING

Ballyogan Road

TELEPHONE: 01 291 3600

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

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

We are committed to ensuring your voice is heard when it comes to the decisions that affect you & your neighbourhood in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Our consultation and engagement platform [dlrcoco.ie/haveyoursay](http://dlrcoco.ie/haveyoursay) allows you to have your say and tell us what your priorities and concerns are for the County.



## Your dlr libraries



### dlr Lexlcon

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 service  
offers extended hours to library  
members outside normal opening  
hours, from 8am to 10pm, 7 days  
a week. Contact library staff for  
details on how to register.

### DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road,  
Dundrum

TEL: 01 298 5000

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

### SHANKILL\*

Library Road, Shankill

TEL: 01 282 3081

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

### STILLORGAN

Unit J (First Floor), Stillorgan  
Shopping Centre

TEL: 01 288 9655

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

\* Libraries with an asterisk are open  
either Friday or Saturday – please  
contact them for further details.  
- On Bank Holiday weekends, all  
libraries are closed Saturday,  
Sunday & Monday.



# Welcome back Dún Laoghaire Baths



PHOTOS: STE MURRAY

**The re-opening of the Dún Laoghaire Baths today is a significant milestone for the Council and the people of the town. This well-known landmark has been an important part of the history and heritage of families all over the County.**

Once again, we can welcome back visitors to this popular bathing area. This newly restored public amenity will facilitate swimming, water sports, and be a great space for events.

The works included the refurbishment of the baths pavilion, the construction of a new 35m jetty with built in seating, installation of the Roger Casement Statue, a simple changing shelter, the refurbished Edwardian gazebo in the beach garden and a new walkway from Newtownsmith. The former pavilion building has also been substantially refurbished to provide studio space for artists, as well as a gallery and a café with a spectacular view of Scotsman’s Bay. There are also toilet facilities, including a “changing places” bathroom, which is for people with additional needs.

The project was guided by dlr’s policy of improving public realm and linking the sea front with the town centre. It complements and is linked to the People’s park, the Lexicon library and The Metals.

The Dún Laoghaire Baths revival is now complete, at least for now and is at the heart of it all again in this unique coastal location.

### Artists’ Studios

Coinciding today with the launch of the Dún Laoghaire Baths, the dlr Arts Office are now seeking artists to apply for the new workspaces. There are four awards currently available to support local artists with rent free, purpose-built artist workspaces and project funding. Further information can be found [here](#).



### The Dún Laoghaire Baths Exhibition 1843 – 2023

Level 3, dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire

There will be an exhibition of the Dún Laoghaire Baths to mark the opening and to celebrate the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their original opening.

The exhibition is a pictorial celebration of life, work and play in the baths. From their origins as a private enterprise, through the Edwardian redevelopment by the Urban District Council, and covering heydays and dereliction through to present day. It charts the highs and lows of this much-loved local institution – swimming lessons, sunbathing paradise, childhood freedom, protests, ice creams and fun park. Told through the images and the voices of those who lived, worked and played in the Dún Laoghaire Baths over many years, the exhibition will bring the past to life, while looking to the next chapter in the life of this iconic Dún Laoghaire attraction.

*Photo Courtesy Tom Conlon*



## A message from Chief Executive, Frank Curran

As I look back on my first year as Chief Executive, I am reminded of all the positive change that has happened in the County over 2022. Since taking up my role, I have been working with local councillors and our senior management team on a wide range of service areas and strategic priorities. I have been out meeting with staff, sectoral stakeholders, local businesses and the local community.

Early in the year elected members adopted our County Development Plan (CDP) 2022-2028 which will ensure there is enough zoned land to accommodate up to 26,000 new homes over the next six years. It also includes growth in the existing neighbourhoods, the new mixed-use district of Cherrywood, the strategic employment location of Sandyford and in new residential communities at Old Connaught, Rathmichael, Woodbrook, Shanganagh, Kiltiernan, Glenamuck & Ballyogan. The vision of the CDP centres around the ten-minute neighbourhood concept which aims to ensure that people can walk, cycle or use public transport to access their day-to-day needs and services.

In Cherrywood 640 homes have been completed, 1400 are currently under construction with a further 1500 homes the subject of live planning applications. Three Parks have been fully completed and will open shortly. The permanent structure for the first primary school is reaching the final stages of construction and four LUAS stops are now in place.

An Taoiseach Mícheál Martin turned the sod on the construction of 597 homes on nine hectares at the Shanganagh Castle Estate. The first homes will be constructed in 2024 and will consist of affordable, cost rental and social housing units.

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The Blackglen Road Project is now nearing completion and the Glenamuck Distributor Road Scheme will go to tender in 2023.

Fernhill Park and Gardens have seen the addition of a new avenue, car parking, active recreation space and a dog park. A new entrance and accessible access has been added to Killiney Park.

Progress continues on our Active Travel routes to build a better network to connect our local towns, improve air quality and create better spaces for us all to enjoy. There are now 20,000 users per week using the Coastal Mobility Route, a segregated 2-way cycleway from Newtown Avenue in Blackrock to Sandycove and the Forty Foot bathing area. Work continues on the Stillorgan Village Movement Plan.

dlr supported the Sandyford Innovation Summit in September which focused on decarbonisation and its impact on businesses and the general public. This included the last mile hub/mobility island concept which is a pivotal part of Sandyford Business District's Project Green Plan.

Dún Laoghaire received the Great Town 2022 award from the Academy of Urbanism. The Great Places Urbanism Awards are the Academy's primary platform for recognising and celebrating outstanding examples of good urbanism across the UK, Ireland and Europe. The town was also named as the one of the cleanest in the Country by the IBAL survey which is a wonderful credit to our outdoor cleansing staff work who hard to keep all our local towns and parks looking great. Work has started on the refurbishment and upgrade of Myrtle Square and the Old Carnegie Library in Dún Laoghaire will come back into use as IADT take up residence in the town.

On the Tourism front, Cruise Liners have returned to Dún Laoghaire with over 70 arriving during the year. The future of the Joyce Museum has been secured with the signing of a new collaboration between the Council and the Joyce Tower and Museum and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is now a key part of the Dublin Coastal Trail developed by Fáilte Ireland in co-operation with the four Local Authorities.

In November, the Annual Budget 2023 for €236.5 million was adopted by our elected members. Here at dlr, we are committed to providing the best possible service delivery to ensure that our county continues to be attractive, inclusive and accessible for all through 2023.

I joined An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Hanafin in December to officially open the Dún Laoghaire Baths. This was a significant day for our local community, and I hope locals and visitors will enjoy this public amenity for many years, and through many generations to come.

Please join in with some of the wonderful events on this Christmas, including movies and festive walks in our parks. I hope that you and your family will be out enjoying the atmosphere and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas & a peaceful new year.

**FRANK CURRAN**

## Festive forest walks, Movie magic and pedal-powered lights in Dún Laoghaire this Christmas



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are putting the environment top of their Christmas list this year by making greener, eco-friendly choices. Living Christmas trees and fairylike forest walks all aglow, generators fuelled by Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil, extra low voltage LED's and Christmas tree lights lit by pedal powered on the iconic bandstand on the pier inviting people to 'keep her lit' for the festive season.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown twinkles and glows this year with exciting 3D light installations, fairylike forest walks at Marlay Park and Cabinteely Park and several buildings are bathed with a magical glow. Lots of activities are outdoors inviting people to wrap up warm, get out in the crisp clean air, soak up the festive spirit and go 'walking in a winter wonderland'.

This year, pedal power will also take centre stage with a twinkling Christmas tree on the iconic bandstand on the pier from 4pm to 8pm on Sat 10 Dec, Sun 11 Dec, Sat 17 Dec and Sun 18 Dec which lights up as people cycle a bike to 'keep her lit' for the festive season.



### Christmas Walking Trails - Marlay and Cabinteely Park

The very popular illuminated Christmas walking trails in Marlay Park and Cabinteely Park walking trails are free to attend and open from 4pm to 8pm Monday to Friday from end of November. They are fully accessible for wheelchairs and buggies and are an oasis of calm beneath the twinkling lights away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas. Where possible, all official dlr Christmas trees are living trees and their lights are LED extra low voltage for safety only using 4.8 watts of electricity.

### Christmas Movies Ferry Terminal, Dún Laoghaire

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown residents and visitors will also be able to buckle up, pop some popcorn and tick another bucket list family adventure with a trip to the outdoor movies at the Ferry Terminal. With a bumper selection of films to choose from including 'Elf', 'Miracle on 34th Street', 'Home Alone', 'Gremlins', 'The Grinch', 'Scrooged', 'Harry Potter' and all time classic 'It's a wonderful Life' this is always a festive family favourite. Tickets are available from [dlrevents.eventbrite.ie](http://dlrevents.eventbrite.ie) at €15 per vehicle.



### Santa Post Boxes

Santa Post Boxes are in place at dlr Lexlcon in Dún Laoghaire, Marlay Park in Rathfarnham, Deerpark in Mount Merrion and Cabinteely Park by special commission of Santa Claus.

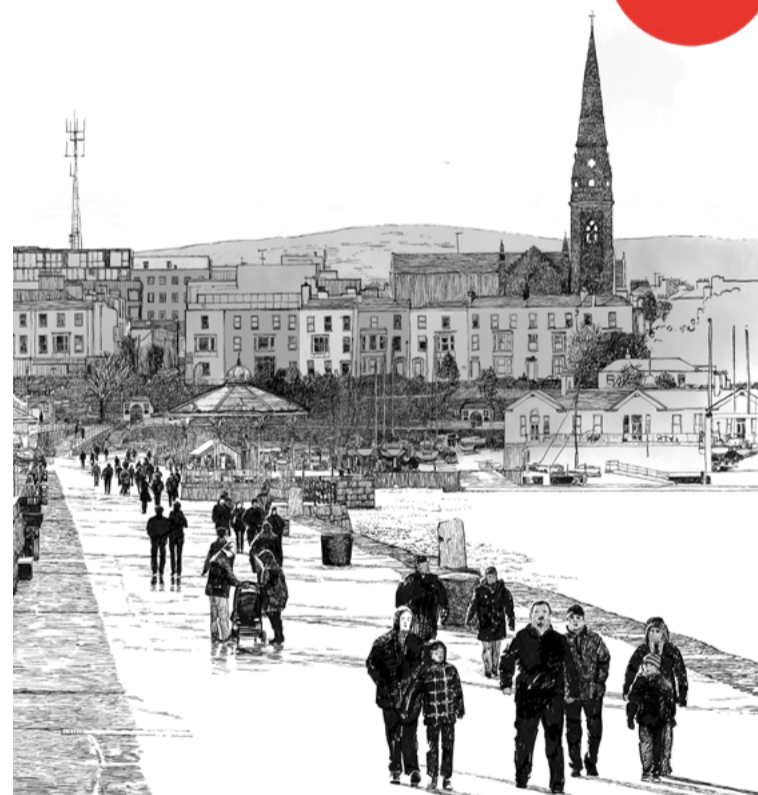
### Shop Local for Christmas



We're encouraging everyone to shop local this Christmas. Whether you're buying gifts or vouchers, think about supporting your local business.

Find about more about shopping local [here](#).

### Dún Laoghaire wins the Great Town 2022



Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council were delighted to receive the Great Town 2022 award for Dún Laoghaire by the Academy of Urbanism. The Great Places Urbanism Awards are the Academy's primary platform for recognising and celebrating outstanding examples of good urbanism across the UK, Ireland and Europe.

The Great Town award 2022 is recognition of what has been achieved by dlr working closely with local communities, businesses, and other partners. The Academy's assessment referenced the creation of lively urban spaces that people value and use, and the flourishing shopping street with a broad range of retail and services.

# Budget 2023

The dlr Annual Budget 2023 commits to an investment of €236.5 million in the delivery of high quality services for the citizens of this county next year, which equates as a spend of approximately €1k per person.

In November, the Elected Members for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council voted to adopt Budget 2023.

The annual revenue Budget provides funding for a very broad range of services from road, cycle lane and foot path maintenance, energy efficient streetlighting, enhancing our parklands, sports and community facilities, developing biodiversity and heritage initiatives as well as providing grants for local businesses. The budget also provides for the maintenance and repair of the Council's assets including its houses, corporate buildings, parks and Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

### Expansion of services

There will be an increase in several budget areas that are subject to high demand including housing maintenance, footpath repairs, road patching programme, weed control, gully repairs and parks. The demand for enhanced public realm and outdoor amenities has grown sharply since the onset of Covid and increased provision has also been made to maintain these areas, which has the dual benefit of responding to the demand of residents but also supports business through increased footfall in the towns and villages across the county. Other areas which saw an increase were LEO grants, disability summer camps, dlr Events, tourism, WI-FI and digital initiatives.

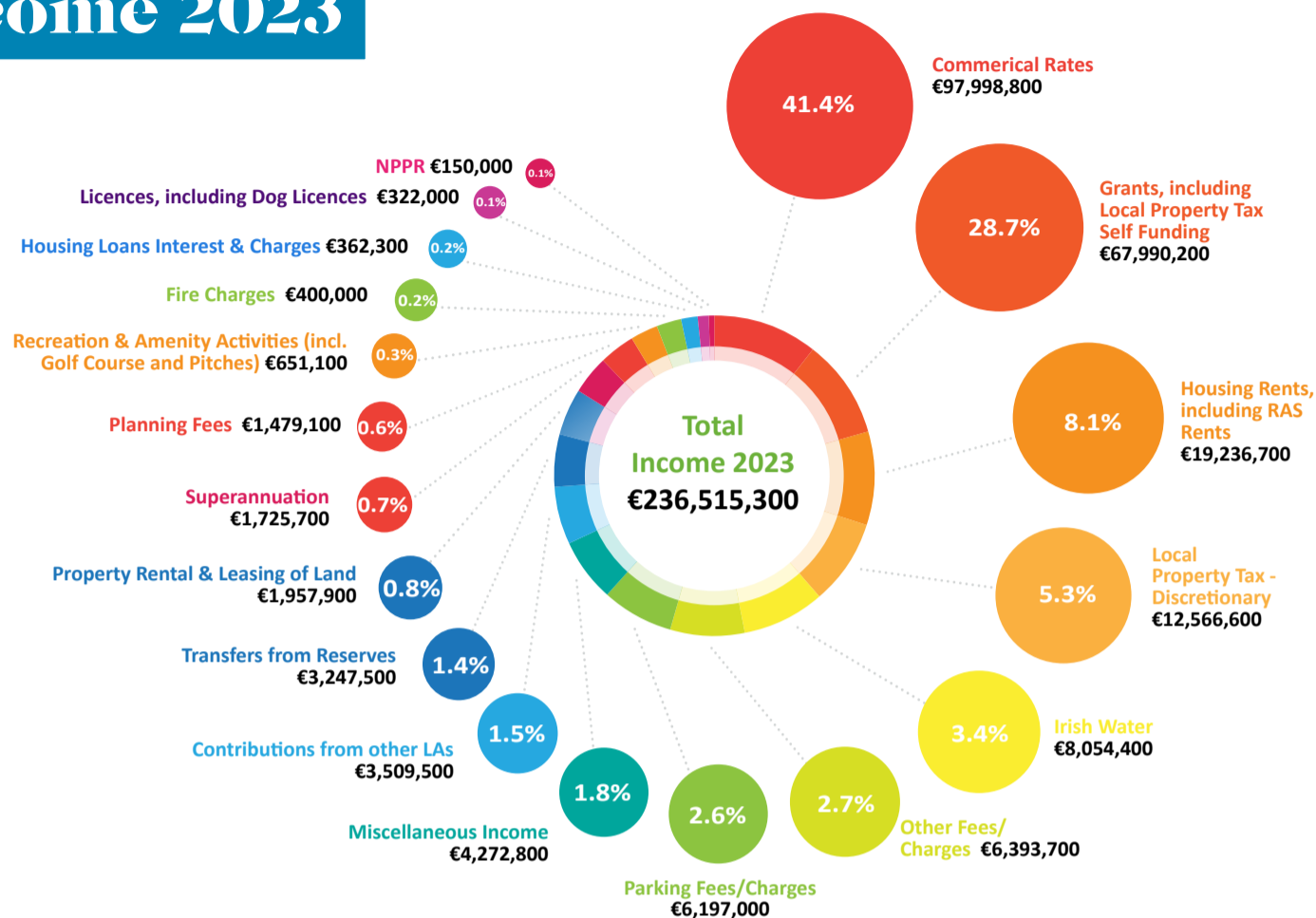
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To read the full budget, see [here](#).



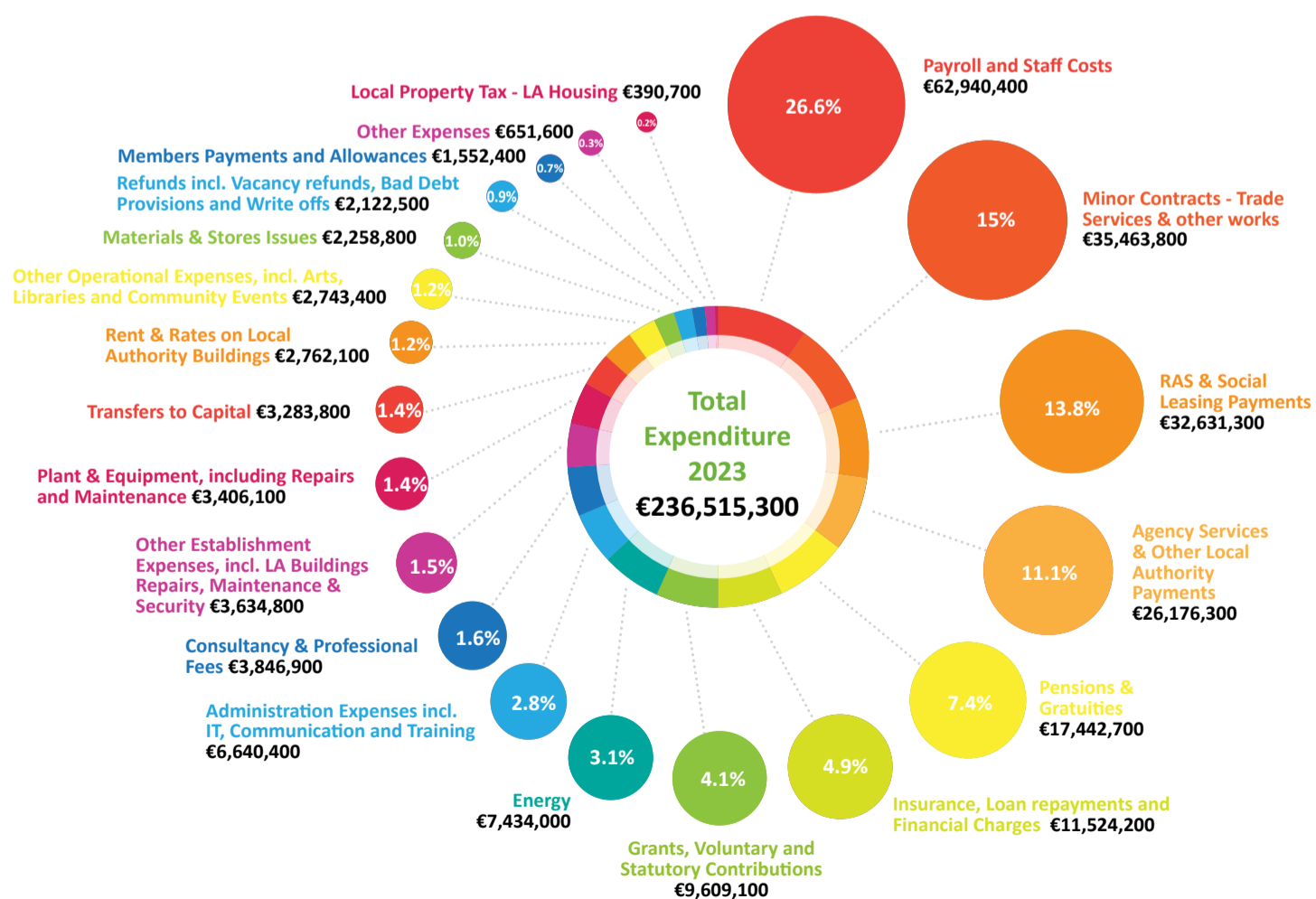
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## Check the Register



The Register of Electors process has changed. The Electoral Reform Act 2022 came into effect in October 2022. The Draft and Live Registers have now been replaced by a Rolling Register of Electors. The Rolling Register will be continuously updated.

**It is important that you check that your details / voting status are correct and that you are registered only once.**

PPSN/ Date of Birth/Eircode: If you are already registered to vote under the new legislation you are now required to add your PPSN, Date of Birth and Eircode.

Age: Every resident aged 18 years and upwards is entitled to be on the register. A person may register from 16 years of age, however they will not be eligible to vote until they are 18.

No fixed abode: If you have no fixed address you can still register online at [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) or by completing an ERF1 form. Please contact us if you would like further information at [registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:registerofelectors@dlrcoco.ie) or call us at 01-2054880.

### Citizenship Voting Rights:

- **Irish – Irish Citizens:** may vote at every election and Referendum
- **British – British Citizens:** may vote at Dáil and Local Elections
- **British/EU Citizen:** may vote at Dáil, European and Local Elections
- **EU:** European Citizens may vote at European and Local Elections
- **Non-EU – Non-European Citizens:** may vote at Local Elections
- **Potential EU – Potential European Citizens:** may vote at Local Election

Application forms for the Register of Electors are available on our website [here](#).

You can check your details and register to vote online at [www.voter.ie](http://www.voter.ie) or [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie)



## Public Consultation Have your say

### Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2028

dlr are currently preparing their second iteration of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) which will set out, for the six-year period from 2023 to 2028, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of the county.

As part of the first phase of the process to develop the LECP, a draft socioeconomic statement is being prepared and will be going out to public consultation in January 2023 for you to have your say!

Keep up-to-date [here](#).

## Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

The Government's Housing For All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland proposed a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as a part of the pathway to increasing new housing supply. [The Residential Zoned Land Tax \(RZLT\)](#) was introduced by the Finance Act 2021. The process to identify land to which the tax applies is now underway. The tax will be payable to the Revenue Commissioners from 2024.

dlr has prepared a draft map of the land considered to meet the relevant criteria for the RZLT. The map was published on 1 November 2022 and is required to reflect the situation on the ground as of 1 October, 2022.

Submissions on the draft map may be made in writing to dlr no later than 1 January 2023. For further detail on how to make a submission click [here](#).

## dlr PPN Vision Statement for Community Wellbeing

In December, the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Public Participation Network launched their Vision Statement for Community Wellbeing including key findings and themes communicated by their members. The report, mandated by the Department of Rural and Community Development, identifies core issues that member groups and the wider Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown community consider important for their community “to be the best that it can be for this and future generations”.



### Key Findings:

- **Taking care of our natural assets - parks, coast and heritage in the county – from both an environmental and asset preservation perspective**
- **Community places and resources**
- **Transparency in local government – with good communication and engagement**
- **Inclusion – Age, youth, and disability inclusion coming out strongest**
- **Encouraging Volunteerism – especially youth volunteerism**

There are 531 member groups in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown PPN, and 32 Reps on County Committees and their Community Wellbeing Statement is representative of the aspirations of our local citizens. The Full Findings of the Research, including the Methodology are available online [here](#).



# Construction starts at Shanganagh for 597 social and affordable homes



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, in partnership with the Land Development Agency (LDA) have started construction on the largest public housing scheme in the State in recent years at Shanganagh, Shankill, Co Dublin.

The homes will be 100% affordable, with 51% cost rental (306 homes), 15% affordable purchase (91 homes) and 34% social housing (200 homes). The development will offer a mix of accommodation suitable for single people, couples, and families with 99 of the new homes to have 3 bedrooms.

The development will be the largest residential scheme certified to achieve the 'passive house' low energy use standard which has significantly lower energy consumption and associated heating costs compared to other new builds. Sustainability features include very low energy demand, low car parking provision (0.54 spaces per home), high bicycle parking provision of over 1,300 spaces, and design features to make working from home easier.

The development will be served by a range of amenities including extensive communal green space, a playground, a crèche, a convenience store and café.

It is planned that the first homes will be available by the end of 2024.

## Significant energy upgrades to designated older persons accommodation

Eighty-two properties in our housing stock have received energy upgrades in 2022 under the Energy Efficiency / Retrofitting Programme.

All of the eighty-two properties included in the programme of works are designated as older persons accommodation. The upgrade works carried out on each property include external insulation, new doors and windows, solar panels, heating system upgrades and attic insulation.



Beaufort, Glasthule

Prior to the energy upgrades, the properties had BER ratings as low as F and G. With the works now complete, 63 of the properties have achieved an A rating with the other 19 achieving a B rating.

Pictured are some of the properties in our Beaufort Development in Glasthule where 58 properties have been upgraded. As part of the works in Beaufort, the existing gas fired district heating system was replaced with a new district heating system containing eight air to water heat pumps. This is the first and only development in the Country with a district heating system to be upgraded under the national Energy Efficiency / Retrofitting programme.



### Patrick Riordan

PROPERTY REFERENCER

#### What do you do?

I am one of two Property Referencers (Property and Title Researchers) employed by dlr. Our role is to investigate property and land ownership on behalf of any Council Department which requires this service and report our findings. We would also work generally across the Council where any questions of property / land ownership is an issue.

#### What is your typical work day like?

My work day is dictated by the type of cases which come in, and these vary greatly from potentially dangerous structures, derelict sites, or longer term Infrastructure projects. The work roughly divides into investigation and research of title / ownership, and report writing our findings to the client department. In addition to Land Registry some of the other repositories I would work at are primarily The Registry of Deeds, Valuations Office, National Archives, The Courts Service Probate Office, and occasionally the National Library, or our own Local Studies Library at the Lexicon. I would also make site visits to make on the ground assessments as well as meeting with Colleagues from a number of disciplines within the Council to progress property / land cases. We would also be required to attend Court to verify our findings in legal cases.

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

The older Registry of Deeds system of Registration is a difficult system to work with, and we still come across a lot of unregistered land within the County in the course of our work. The Registry of Deeds operates a Grantors / Sellers index, and bizarrely for a repository of transactions relating to Land and Property, does not include any map (with a few exceptions). Therefore there is job satisfaction in getting an accurate picture of ownership and resolution to these cases, considering the challenges of Registry of Deeds system.

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

Providing a professional Property and Title research service for the organisation and seeing difficult and complex cases being progressed and resolved.

There is great satisfaction when I see infrastructure such as roads schemes progress, which from a Property and Title research perspective started out as an outline map on my desk with all of the plots marked out for the ownership to be researched.

## dlr Libraries | DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



### Family Time at your Library

Book-led family events and activities take place in our libraries during the month of December to support the involvement of the whole family in children's reading and storytelling. Part of the national Right to Read programme, the aim is to support a family-focused approach to reading with children and to increase awareness of the benefits of reading as a fun, recreational activity for children. Contact library staff for more information. Full details and booking arrangements will be available on our social media channels and on our [website](#).

### Christmas Carols with the SuperTones Children's Choir

Thurs 15 December, 6.00pm Blackrock Library.

We are delighted to welcome back the amazing SuperTones! Let us kickstart your Christmas season with a festive selection from this wonderful fun and diverse musical group and their Director Julie Stanley.



### Christmas and New Year arrangements

dlr Libraries and dlr Lexlcon will be closed from Sat 24 December to Mon 2 January inclusive. All Libraries will re-open as normal on Tuesday 3 January 2023. During this time, our online services are available 24/7; all you need is your library card and PIN.

My Open Library (MOL) hours will be available in Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries. You must register for this service in advance with library staff.

**Season's Greetings to you all!**

## dlr Libraries | JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

### Return of the Quiz!

We are delighted to announce the return of our very popular online quiz, which will run weekly at 8.00pm on Friday evenings in January and February. We'll alternate weekly between family quizzes and quizzes for adults, starting with a family quiz 'The Year 2022' on 6 January, followed by a quiz for adults 'TV, Movies and Music of the Nineties & Noughties' on 13 January. Other themes will include 'Disney, Star Wars, Marvel/DC and Harry Potter', 'Food & Drink, Sports & Games' and 'History/Geography, The Oscars, Flags, Famous Faces'. To find out more and to register yourself or your team, email [libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie)



### Brigid 1500 celebrations

As part of our Brigid 1500 celebrations, we have a range of events coming up in January, including St Brigid's Cross making with Wicklow Willow on Thurs 26, Fri 27 & Sat 28 Jan.

On Sat 28 January, we welcome the wonderful Candlelit Tales to dlr Lexlcon for a family event in the Children's Library. These master storytellers will enthrall and engage the whole family with wonderful tales about the enigmatic Brigid. Find out more about this fascinating female, a national Saint as well as a Spring Goddess, whose stories became entwined over the course of Irish history.

### Events for children with additional needs



On Sat 7 January, we host another day of art activities for families of children with additional needs. Quaint Baby Art are back in the Studio, dlr Lexlcon for a day of fun and exploration with a huge variety of art materials.

For families living with neurodivergence we will be hosting Saturday sessions once a month in the Studio, dlr Lexlcon from January to June.

**Save the dates! Saturday 7 Jan, 11 Feb, 11 March, 15 April, 20 May & 24 June**



### Get Crafty 2023!

The Muddle will be bringing us more Get Crafty events, with two in-person and one online Craft events during January to get creativity in the hands flowing again for Spring.

We have pre-recorded yoga sessions with yoga teachers Sally

Dunne and Lydia Sasse, including restorative and chair yoga as well as yoga for stress, digestive and immune health. All videos will be available on the [dlr YouTube Channel](#) in December, so you can unwind, relax and recharge over the Christmas break.

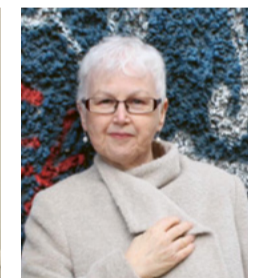
Don't forget our regular events continue including our Online Book Club and Online writing group with Mary Burnham. Books for discussion in January include: *Small things like these* by Claire Keegan and *I am, I am, I am* by Maggie O'Farrell



Lydia Sasse



Sally Dunne



Mary Burnham

If you fancy turning your hand to writing with the 500 Word Writing Challenge, the prompt is PLAY and the group will meet online the second Wednesday in February at 7.30pm. Email [libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie) for more details.

### dlr Libraries: Our resources and services

To find out more about all of our events as well as Clubs and Groups, our ASC [Accessible Services Collection], Reader Pens, Acorn Tablets, Home Energy Saving Kits, Book Sets and all of our online resources, call in and chat to a member of staff, [visit our website](#), [sign up for our fortnightly ebulletin](#) and follow us on social media.

### dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme

In November the Arts Office and Economic Development Unit celebrated several years of the successful dlr

First Frames Short Film Scheme. This aims to provide funding and support to emerging filmmakers, supporting employment in the film-making industry in the County. It also aims to increase awareness of the variety of locations available in the County. The Scheme is funded by dlr and is managed by IADT, with additional support and mentoring provided for the award winners by the National Film School in IADT.

Over the last three years, six fantastic short films were supported by the Scheme and shot on location in the County. Cllr. Mary Hanafin, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, is pictured congratulating representatives from the creative teams behind: *La Tumba*, *Chicken Out*, *Soulmate Wanted*, *Don't Go Where I can't Find You*, *A Runner*, and *Simon*.



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### Heirloom

An exhibition of new work by Rachel Doolin

10 December 2022 – 5 March 2023, Admission Free



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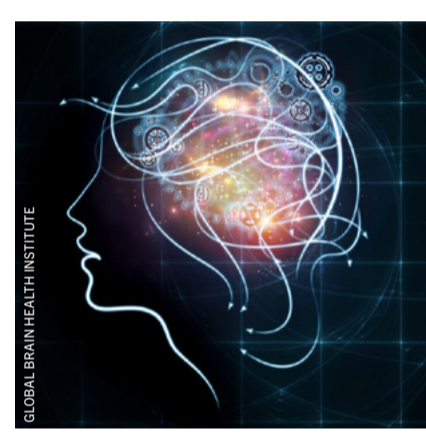
Rachel Doolin She-oak *Gymnostoma sumatranum* Seed Monument Series (I)

*Heirloom* is an installation of new works created by artist Rachel Doolin. The work manifests from a culmination of experiential research undertaken during an arctic based residency programme, and has been subsequently informed by a creative partnership with Irish Seed Savers Association.

In 2017, Doolin embarked on a research residency to Longyearbyen, an industrial frontier town situated in Svalbard, a remote arctic archipelago. Here, buried deep beneath a permafrost mountain lies a backup of the world's largest collection of agricultural biodiversity, cryogenically preserved within the Svalbard Global Seed Vault. As risks from the climate crisis and global conflict escalate, seed banks are becoming increasingly considered a precious resource that could one day prevent a worldwide food crisis.

*Heirloom* presents a series of visual, installation and digital based works that celebrates the 'profundity of seeds' by exploring the human thread that articulates the connection between our past, present and future, and places the humble seed as a profound nexus in the nature-culture relationship.

*Heirloom* is presented by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and supported by an Arts Council of Ireland Visual Arts Project Award.



### Dementia and Creativity Awareness Talk: Visualising and Connecting

Wednesday 14 December, 11am-1pm, dlr Lexlcon Library, Dún Laoghaire

Join artist, teacher and writer Caroline Hyland and Kevin Quaid author of two books about his experiences of living with Lewy Body Dementia in this final talk of the Dementia and Creativity Awareness Talks series.

Funded by Creative Ireland's Creativity in Older Age Programme 2022. The talk is free, but booking is required. Tea and Coffee will be provided. To book telephone: (01) 2362759 or email: [arts@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:arts@dlrcoco.ie)

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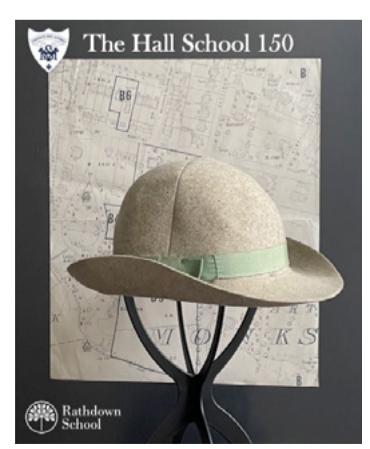
### The Sea by David Branigan

30 November – 28 January, Level 4

During Covid, local photographer David Brannigan received an Arts Council grant to produce a book of his work. The book is A3 in size, hard-back and features 21 images in black & white.



The theme is how we use our connections with the sea to find our resilience, especially in times of crisis. It was intended that the work would be photographed around Ireland but the regional lockdowns prevented that. The result is that most of the images were taken in dlr and are both land-based and afloat. These beautiful images have been made into this breath-taking exhibition.



### Rathdown School Exhibition

9 December – 14 January, Level 3

Memories and memorabilia from the Hall School, Monkstown, are at the heart of this exhibition to mark 150 years since it was founded in 1872. Younger visitors can try on our replica hat and dresses, while everyone should enjoy the wide range of photographs and artefacts, and the memories of schooldays gone but never forgotten. In 1973 the Hall School amalgamated with Park House and Hillcourt, creating Rathdown School.

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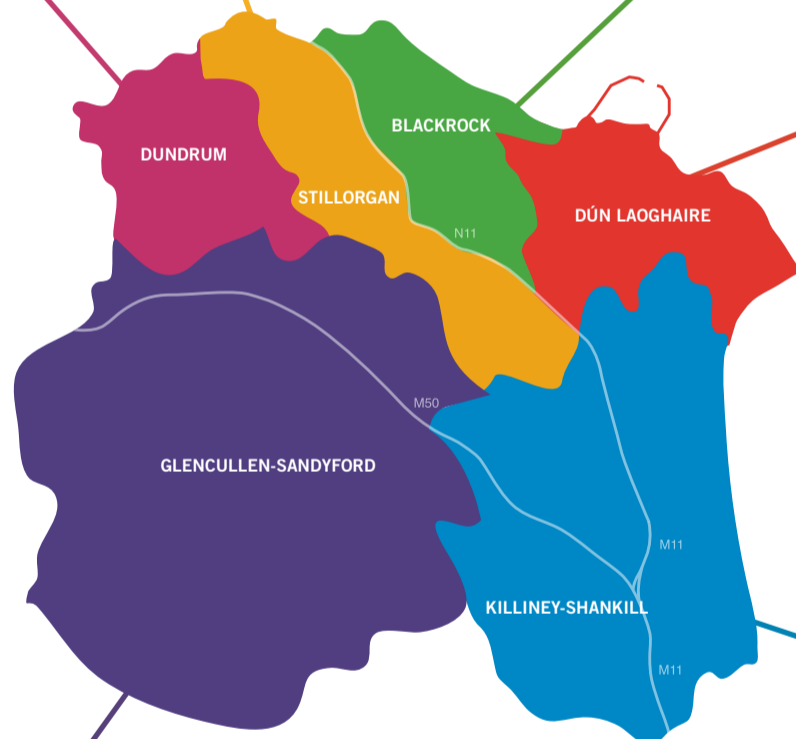
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