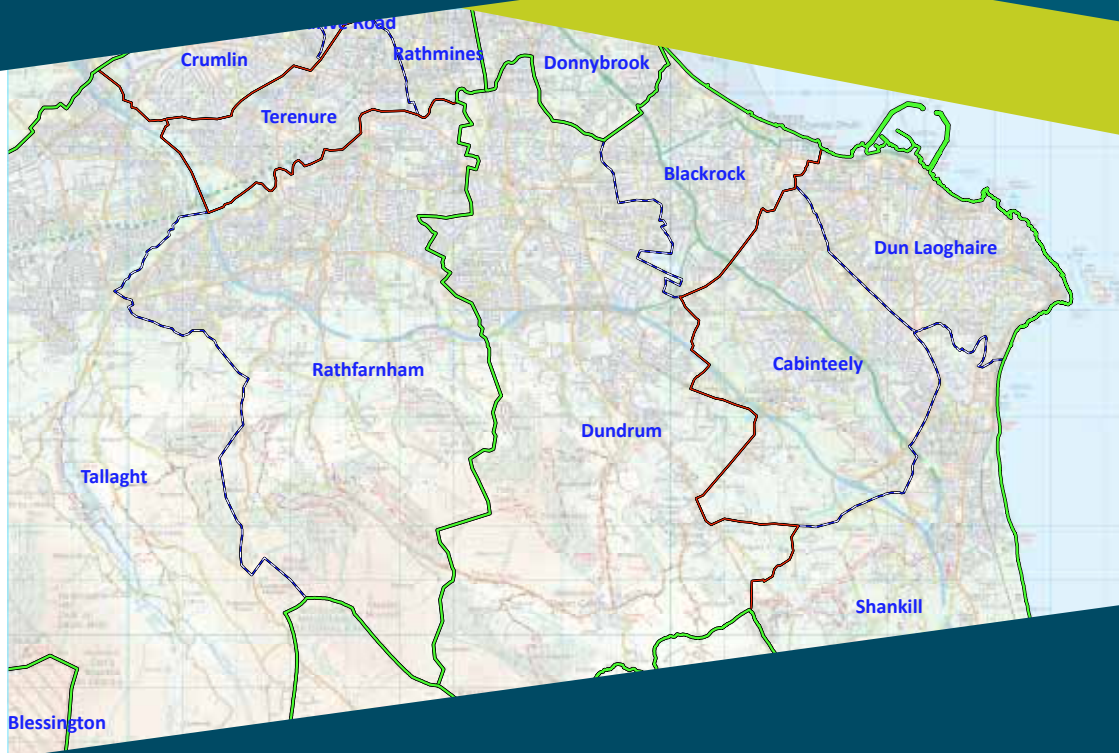


# Local Policing Fora Induction Booklet

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown



# Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Fora



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## Local Policing Fora

Local Policing Fora were established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005 to provide a platform for the Community, an Garda Síochána and your Local Authority to come together in a structured way to identify issues relating to:

- Policing in your area
- Anti-social behaviour
- Estate Management

The work of the Local Policing Fora is informed by a community development approach engaging with community representatives from the local area. The Local Policing Fora asks that you, as a stakeholder, work with the other Forum members to find solutions to issues raised at the Forum meetings.

There are three Local Policing Fora operating in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown:

- Central Dun Laoghaire
- Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill
- Sandyford Stepside

Each Local Policing Fora holds 6 committee meetings and 1 public meeting each year. Public meetings are advertised in the local press and notice is circulated through a variety of social media platforms:

**<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/joint-policing-committee-local-policing-forums>**

## Joint Policing Committee

Each Local Policing Fora is required to produce an Annual Work Plan identifying local issues for the year related to goals of Safety & Security. The Joint Policing Committee ensures that the work done locally by your Local Policing Fora is directly linked to their strategic aims;

1. Supporting and promoting Crime Prevention in DLR
2. Enhancing Community Safety & Security in DLR
3. Facilitating Community Engagement and Collaboration on Safety Issues

The Joint Policing Committee is the key forum where the Local Policing Fora can bring issues that cannot be addressed effectively at local level. For more information on Joint Policing Committees:

[http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Joint\\_Policing\\_Committees](http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Joint_Policing_Committees)



## Operation Irene

Annually Operation Irene is launched ahead of the busy summer season in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, major Dublin transport providers and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Operation Irene tackles the consumption of alcohol in public spaces and amenity areas:



<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/news/general-news-public-notice/launch-operation-irene-2018>

The Local Policing Fora works closely with the Crime Prevention Officer to circulate important safety information to enhance local security initiatives. Crime Prevention Officer: Sergeant James Malone. Email: james.b.malone@garda.ie



An Garda Síochána

## WINTER BURGLARY PREVENTION ADVICE

With My Light Up as part of An Garda Síochána's Operation Thor.



Entry Point	Percentage
Rear Window	24%
Side Window	4%
Front Window	8%
Rear Door	23%
Front Door	33%

### TOP 5 TIPS

-  1. Secure all doors and windows.
-  2. Light up your home, use timer switches when out.
-  3. Use your alarm, even when at home.
-  4. Store keys safely and away from windows & letterboxes.
-  5. Record details of valuables and don't keep large cash amounts at home.

GARDA BUREAU OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA | WWW.GARDA.IE



## Garda Older Persons Association

Garda Older Persons Association enjoyed a performance of the Garda Band at their Valentine's Day Tea Party at the Killiney Castle Hotel.



GOPA Valentines Tea Party

<http://olderdlr.ie/2016/07/the-garda-older-persons-association/>

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## Community Café

Dún Laoghaire's Community Café opened in 2016 and was identified as a priority action at the Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Forum. The Community Café provides a welcoming space, hot food and companionship for the people of our community that find themselves in need of support.



Crosscare Community Café in Central Dún Laoghaire

<https://www.crosscare.ie/community-cafes>

## Subject Matter of Meetings

Section 36(4) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 states that: ‘neither the Joint Policing Committee or any of its committees may consider matters relating to a specific criminal investigation or prosecution or matters relating to the security of the state’. Your Local Policing Fora should not consider a matter if it would endanger the security of one or more individuals, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime or involves material of a sensitive nature. Individuals shall not be named or discussed. An individual’s right to privacy and the European Convention of Human Rights Act 2003 must be adhered to.

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2005/act/20/section/36/enacted/en/html>

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## Internal Procedures for LPF meetings

A Local Policing Fora meeting will be chaired by a member of an Garda Síochána of no less rank than Inspector. The Chair will approve nominations to the Committee and authorise minutes for circulation.

An agenda is circulated in advance along with approved minutes of the last meeting. Additional reports are prepared and delivered by an Garda Síochána and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Other individuals affected by, or involved with, the issues being addressed may be invited to attend a meeting and speak to a particular agenda item. It is envisaged that LPF’s will meet 6 times per year although smaller more focused meetings can also occur as part of the overall process.

A record is kept of all issues raised and actions agreed. All agreed actions are re-stated at the end of the meeting and followed up at the beginning of the next. Local Policing Fora issues are also raised at each meeting of DLR Joint Policing Committee.

## Getting involved

The Local Policing Fora invites input from community groups, such as:

- Tenants and residents groups
- Community representatives
- Ethnic and minority groups
- Youth groups
- Drug users fora

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## Raising issues

If you would like to sit on a Local Policing Fora you should be nominated by your Community group to represent them and your group should be registered with the Public Participation Network.

<https://dlrppn.ie/>

Local input is very important consideration of the LPF. Members of the public can raise an issue by contacting their sitting County Councillor.

Alternatively, please contact the Community and Cultural Development Department of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at 01 205 4380