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### Message from An Cathaoirleach

How can we protect our quality of life in the face of threats from climate change? The Council is holding a public consultation with the other Dublin authorities on our Draft Climate Change Action Plan. The Council intends to lead by example to reduce local emissions and prevent flooding. I need your input to help us work together to make dlr a leader in climate-resilient locations, with engaged and informed citizens. As well as holding information sessions, we will have plenty of details online. See Page 5 for further details. Make sure you have your say on our future!

CLLR. OSSIAN SMYTH



### Message from the dlr Chief **Executive**

As spring approaches I think it's fitting that our newest Flagship Park, Fernhill Park and Gardens is newly opened 7 days a week allowing everyone access to this ecologically diverse gem. Our Housing Programme continues in 2019 and dlr remains committed to the delivery of high-quality, energy-efficient homes, and you can help us in this. See page 7 for details on how your vacant property can provide much needed housing in the county. Our February Council Meeting saw us agree a Capital Expenditure Programme of circa €770m which will allow dlr to deliver a considerable number of infrastructural and housing projects that are of strategic

importance to the county and the region.



#### PHILOMENA POOLE

### CoCo Markets

### PEOPLE'S PARK

WHEN: Every Sunday TIME: 11am – 4pm

### **MARLAY PARK**

WHEN: Every Weekend TIME: Saturday 10am – 4pm | Sunday 11am – 4pm

### **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS**



1850 278 278

Dangerous Structures & Places: 01 677 8844

Transportation:
[after 5pm + weekends]

01 677 8844

**Homeless Persons:** 

1800 724 724

### Your dlr parks

### **MARLAY PARK**

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

#### SHANGANAGH PARK

TIME: Open Access

#### PEOPLE'S PARK

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

#### **KILLINEY HILL PARK**

TIME: Open Access

#### **CABINTEELY PARK**

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

#### **BLACKROCK PARK**

TIME: Sep 8am to 8pm I Oct 8am to 7pm I Nov – Jan 8am to 4.30pm Feb – Mar 8am to 6pm I Apr 8am to 8pm I May – Aug 8am to 9pm

#### KILBOGGET PARK

TIME: Open Access

#### **FERNHILL PARK AND GARDENS**

TIME: 9am - 3pm

### Recycling information



### BALLYOGAN RECYCLING

Ballyogan Road

**TELEPHONE:** 01 291 3600 **TIME:** Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm Sat 9.30am to 5.30pm I 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, Glasthule

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

#### **SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE**

Cemetery Car Park, Shankill

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

### Your dlr libraries

#### dir LEXICON

Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire TEL: 01 280 1147 TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm Fri to Sat 9.30am – 5pm I Sun

#### **BLACKROCK**

Blackrock Town Hall, Main Street **TEL:** 01 288 8117 TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur

### **CABINTEELY\***

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely **TEL:** 01 285 5363 TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri\* & Sat\* Thur 2pm – 8pm

#### **DALKEY**

Castle Street, Dalkey **TEL:** 01 285 5317 TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am -1pm, 2pm – 5pm l Tue & Thur

#### **DEANSGRANGE**

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange **TEL:** 01 285 0860 **TIME:** Mon 10am – 5pm l Tue to Thur 10am - 8pm | Fri & Sat

#### DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum **TEL:** 01 298 5000 TIMES: Mon, Fri & Sat 10am -

#### **SHANKILL\***

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

### **STILLORGAN**

St. Laurence's Park, Stillorgan TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm I Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat

- open either Friday or Saturday please contact for further details.
- The **dlr** LexIcon is open on
- Sunday & Monday.



### Feature







Fernhill is a former substantial family residence on 34 hectares of land in Stepaside. Fernhill Park and Gardens is Dublin's newest public park and forms an important component of the historic landscape on the fringe of Dublin city.

> The former estate, an impressive example of its type dating back to around 1823, is composed of a unique collection of heritage buildings, gardens, parkland, woodland and agricultural land. Overlooking Dublin Bay and on the threshold between the city and the Dublin mountains, the elevated nature of the site lends a particular magic to the place. Fernhill is also home to a unique plant collection, made up of acidloving plants such as rhododendrons, camelias and magnolias, among others.

Fernhill is being developed under a detailed sustainability strategy that has been developed by dlr. The strategy is underpinned by the concept of 'light touch', where the site dictates the design. It also includes power generation, the development of a Community Garden, and many other exciting sustainable innovations that will happen as the park develops.

Development works have included the resurfacing of the historic Broadwalk, and new fencing surrounding the paddocks. The timber used was sourced in Wicklow, and its unique design was inspired by the natural timber posts of the house. The old field gates have been restored and any new gates have been sourced from salvage. Three rare Irish Droimeann cattle have also been brought in to graze the paddocks.

New planting has taken place at several points around the park. All the plants are unusual varieties that were specially chosen from the Bloom 2018 Gold Medal Show Garden to reflect the unique character of the park. After Bloom concluded, the plants were brought to Fernhill and planted out at selected locations.

A pedestrian entrance has been built at the Belarmine roundabout, which has been designed to resemble a fern. There is a long history of quarrying and stonemasonry in the local area and the new entrance reflects this character through the random rubble walls built by a local stonemason, and the granite paving. The gates also reflect historic field gates in the local area, and were built by a master blacksmith using traditional techniques.

The Community Garden is an ongoing project. Community engagement, the establishment of a community gardening group, and the refurbishment of the kitchen garden, are all ongoing.

Later in 2019 Phase Two of the project will allow for vehicular access to the park. A sports pavilion and sports field are also being constructed. Other design work that has begun includes an ambitious Natural Woodland Play Area, a new café in the old coach house, and a three-storey tower block. The tower block, which will provide staff and community amenities and also toilet facilities, has a roof terrace with stunning views over the coast of Dublin.

The park will open on a full seven day-a-week basis starting from 15 March.



# Sport and Physical Activity in the county



Pat Smith, Chairman, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership, John Treacy, Chief Executive, Irish Sports Council, Agata Suszcynski, PE Teacher, St Tiernan's Community School, Dundrum, Councillor Ossian Smyth, Cathaoirleach of dlr, Shane McArdle, Sports Coordinator, dlr Sports Partnership.

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Sports Participation Strategy 2018-2022 has been officially launched by An Cathaoirleach, **Cllr Ossian Smyth** with the core objective to get more people more active more often.

dlr Sports Partnership will be the driving force behind this five-year strategy which will focus on working with all interested agencies and groups to increase participation in physical activity and sport in the county. While catering for all ages, abilities and backgrounds there will be a focus on set target groups, which research has shown to have a proportionally lower level of participation.

In dlr we are very lucky to have access to a wide range of sports facilities, including the magnificent coastline, the Dublin Mountains, parks, pitches and the public leisure centres around the county. In addition, the thousands of volunteers in dlr, who give up their free time across all sporting types and activities, do great work enabling so many people, young and old, to become active.

An example of the ongoing work is the *Sports Inclusion Disability Programme*, which continuously engages with people with a disability to create opportunities for them to access sports and physical activities. With the launch of Sport Ireland's *Sports Inclusion Disability Charter* at the end of 2018 it is now a great time for people with a disability to get in contact and see what activities are available to them in their local area.

For more information on the range of opportunities in the county, to download a copy of the *County Sports Participation Strategy*, or for more information on how dlr Sports Partnership can help you get active, please visit dlrsportspartnership.ie or call 01 271 9502.

### dlr staff profile



### Eoin O'Brien

dlr PARKS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND PROJECT MANAGER

After graduating with honours from University College
Dublin, Eoin completed postgraduate studies in Project Management in

Trinity College Dublin, before undertaking further certification in Project Management. He worked in private practice for a number of years before joining dlr in March 2008. He has managed many of the dlr Parks high-profile capital projects, including the redevelopment of the People's Park. He is currently managing the development of Fernhill Park and Gardens.

#### What do you do?

I manage the Parks Capital Projects on the Council's Capital Programme. The projects vary in size and complexity and include anything from the delivery of a new playground to the development of a new park. We have in excess of 30 parks projects on the current Capital Programme, so my job is to prioritise these and make sure as many of them are progressing as is possible. I have a great team of loyal and hard-working people and the projects we are currently delivering would not be done without them. Many of our projects relate to new or upgraded sports facilities and close liaison with clubs and local representatives is very important.

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

I like to make sure my day is well planned and structured so I can be as efficient as I can with my time. The early part of my day is normally taken up tackling an important task or two before the madness of the day kicks in. There is a huge amount of paperwork and reporting required for Council projects so I try to make sure I spend 80 to 90% of my time in the office. Each day can throw up a totally different challenge so it is difficult to stick to your daily plan at times.

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

We have many stakeholders in dlr and it is vitally important that they are informed and consulted through project stages. The most difficult part of my job is ensuring I remember to include all relevant stakeholders but we communicate as best we can and social media has definitely helped in that regard.

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

Seeing the projects being undertaken and finished is definitely the most rewarding part of my job. There is something special about creating a new public space, or a sports pavilion where the benefits to the users are so huge. The facilities we provide have hugely positive impacts on both mental and physical health and I feel very privileged to be able to work on these very important projects for dlr.

### **Draft Climate Change** Action Plan Have Your Say



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown county Council's Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 has recently been published. The Plan has identified that the effects of climate change are already impacting the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area at a significant rate and are very likely to increase in their frequency and intensity. Dublin Bay's average sea level appears to be rising faster than initially forecasted and has risen by twice the global average in the last 20 years. The number of days with heavy rainfall has also increased. and the amount of extreme flooding events in the capital has risen in the last 10 years.

dlr has also experienced extreme temperatures, as witnessed recently in 2018, with Met Éireann issuing its first-ever Status Red warning for snow, followed by one of the hottest summers on record. All these extreme weather events clearly highlight the need to reduce the impacts that climate change is having on the environment, the economy, and the citizens of Dublin.



The Draft Climate Change Action Plan will address four main targets:

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

dlr has already displayed its commitment to playing a full role in achieving these targets and some recent actions include:

- Deep retrofits of the Council's social housing stock to nZEB or EnerPHit standard;
- Smart lighting trials in the county;
- Introduction of more electric vehicles into the Council's fleet;
- Development and extension of the cycle network in the county and the expansion of car and bike-sharing schemes:
- A coastal monitoring programme with a map of vulnerable areas;
- A climate change impact GIS risk map with scenarios for the Dublin Region;
- Development of the Community Garden at Fernhill Park;
- Green roofs on civic buildings:
- A review of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Plan to identify areas vulnerable to climate change;
- Identify neighbourhoods/areas in need of bring banks;
- Ways to cut down on food waste;
- Climate-related evaluation criteria in all Council tenders.

The public consultation period for dlr's Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 will run until 25 March, 2019 during which time the public is encouraged to make submissions.

For information on the four Dublin Authorities Draft Climate Change Action Plans, and details on how to make a submission, please visit dublinclimatechange.ie

### dlr Seeks Expressions of Interest for former Ferry Terminal



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council assumed ownership of Dún Laoghaire Harbour in October 2018. The 200 year old harbour has a long and distinguished history and is one of the finest man-made harbours in the world. It is an integral part of Dún Laoghaire and gives the town its unique sense of place.

At the time dlr assumed ownership, the Council expressed its commitment to maintaining and upgrading public access to this remarkable amenity and working to maintain the sustainability of the harbour in conjunction with existing and future stakeholders. To help safeguard the future sustainability of the harbour, the Council is bringing the former ferry terminal to the market and has retained the services of Lisney Estate Agents to manage Expressions of Interest in this regard.

The former ferry terminal building extends to approximately 7,000 sq. m. (75,000 sq. ft.) and has change of use planning permission in place, as are other relevant licences. Planning permission includes space for the use of audio and visual media studios and workshops, agri/food/beverage R&D space, work spaces for marine and maritime associated use, marine technology R&D space and a restaurant. A ten year planning permission has been granted, with the option to extend for a further period of 5 years subject to a further grant of planning permission.

This is a great opportunity for the right occupier to provide a positive economic impact on Dún Laoghaire town and the county through the management of this landmark building and offering spaces and services to the business sector. The property enjoys superb views over the historic harbour and Dublin Bay and has parking for approx. 95 cars for occupiers and visitors to the complex. It is also very well served by public transport.

Expressions of interest to be received by Lisney Estate Agents no later than 3pm on Tuesday, 26 March 2019. For further information on this opportunity and an appointment to view, contact Ross Shorten or Martin O'Halloran of Lisney on 01 6382700.

### LEO dlr 2018 round-up

Last year was another great one for the LEO Office in dlr. The main highlights of 2018 include the creation of 145 (net) new jobs in the region and approval of over  $\leqslant$ 1,000,000 in grant support to local businesses to help them start and scale. A total of 147 grants were approved, with amounts varying from  $\leqslant$ 500 up to  $\leqslant$ 45,000 per grant. The largest sector supported was ICT, receiving 61% of approved funding ( $\leqslant$ 670,000). The application process is extremely easy (online applications on localenterprise.ie/dlr) with a turnaround time of less than six weeks.

In response to the increased level of high-potential companies, we have created a new course called the *'Katapult Programme'* which is designed to give the best support to companies on the start of their journey. This is in addition to our normal *Start Your Own Business Programme*, which is designed to support companies with local ambition.

If you are in business and have less than 10 employees, or are looking to start a business, please contact us on 01 204 7083, or see localenterprise.ie/dlr



### Achoimre nuachta na bliana 2018 ó OFA dlr

D'éirigh go geal arís anuraidh leis an Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil i nDún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin I measc na mbuaicphointí ba mhó in 2018, Cruthaíodh 145 (glanluacháil) post nua sa réigiún agus ceadaíodh tacaíocht deontais dar luach níos mó ná €1,000,000 do ghnólachtaí áitiúla chun cabhrú leo iad féin a bhunú agus cur le scála a ngnó. Ceadaíodh 147 deontas san iomlán, dar luach idir €500 agus €45,000 in aghaidh an deontais. Ba é TFC an earnáil ba mhó ar tacaíodh léi, agus ba í an earnáil sin a fuair 61% den mhaoiniú a ceadaíodh (€670,000). Is furasta tabhairt faoin bpróiseas iarratais (iarratais ar líne ar localenterprise.ie/dlr) agus beidh toradh ar an iarratas laistigh de thréimhse sé seachtaine.

Mar gheall ar an méadú atá ag teacht ar líon na gcuideachtaí ardacmhainne, tá cúrsa nua bunaithe againn ar a dtugtar an *'Katapult Programme'* atá dírithe ar an tacaíocht is fearr a thabhairt do chuideachtaí agus iad ag cur tús lena n-aistear. Tá an gnáthchlár maidir le *Do Ghnó Féin a Chur ar Bun* fós á thairiscint againn freisin, agus tá an clár sin dírithe ar thacaíocht a thabhairt do chuideachtaí atá ag iarraidh dul chun cinn a dhéanamh sa cheantar seo.

Má tá tú féin i mbun gnó agus más rud é go bhfuil níos lú ná deichniúr fostaithe agat, nó má tá uait gnó a bhunú, téigh i dteagmháil linn ar 01 204 7083, nó féach ar localenterprise.ie/dlr

### dlr Age Well Expo 2019



Please save the date for our inaugural dlr Age Well Expo 2019 happening Sunday, 9 June at the Leopardstown Pavilion.

The Expo will showcase a range of services and supports available for positive ageing in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, and will include talks and taster sessions for everyone to enjoy.

This one-day event will include guest appearances from **Rosemary Smith** and **Christy Kenneally**, along with cookery demonstrations, dance lessons, exercise classes, music and much much more

Full programme schedule and booking information will be available soon via dlrcoco.ie, you can also find out more by email on: community@dlrcoco.ie and more details will be in the next issue of the dlr times.



# Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur 2019 Competition

Entries are now open to find Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur for 2019. With a prize fund of €50,000 for county category winners just one part of the great prize on offer, this competition is one not to be missed. **Conor O'Loughlin,** Founder of Sandyford-based business *GloFox,* was the National Overall winner of the competition in 2018, the second in a row for LEO dlr. Can we make it a third? Further details and application forms are available at www.ibye.ie. Closing date for entries is **15 March 2019.** 

### **Housing Delivery** Programme



Delivery of homes for people in need of housing is a priority for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown county Council. During 2018, a total of 661 social homes were provided across all housing options, including the completion of high-quality, energy-efficient homes such as Rosemount Court, Dunedin, Fitzgerald Park and Rochestown House.

Progress is also being made on the Shanganagh Castle lands, with pre-planning preparations and site testing well underway. Other schemes in the pipeline are Ballyogan and Stillorgan, which are also at feasibility/

pre-planning stage. dlr is taking advantage of all options to progress housing and is working in close collaboration with a number of Approved Housing Bodies to deliver a further 208 homes - all of which will be on site in 2019.

In a further drive to increase delivery, dlr is seeking to engage with owners of vacant properties and lands and building developments in the county with a view to entering into discussions to purchase, or to lease, either on a short-term or long-term contract.

Do you own a vacant residential property? If your property needs work, repair-to-lease may be the answer for you. The property should be vacant for at least one year and will require an amount of repairs to bring the property to the required standard for rented properties. The property is leased for five to 10 years. Costs allowed to bring the property up to standard, of up to €40,000, are offset against the rental income. dlr will assist property owners to develop the scope of the works to the required standard.

If your property is vacant, in good condition, and complies with rented dwelling standards why not talk to us about long-term leasing, RAS or HAP?



Long-term leasing for 10 to 20 years is a hasslefree option that takes the uncertainty out of being a landlord, with a guaranteed monthly income of 80% of the market rent. dlr will manage the tenants, rent collections and maintain the property after the first six months of the lease.

**RAS** is another option for landlords who can enter into a contractual arrangement with dlr, the landlord and the tenant to make housing available to RAS for a four, six, or a 10-year period. dlr will guarantee the rent on behalf of the tenant and will undertake to make the full payment directly to the landlord. The landlord retains responsibility for maintenance.

**HAP** is a form of social housing support that replaced Rent Supplement for those with a long-term housing need who qualify for this allowance. HAP recipients are responsible for finding their own accommodation in the private rented sector. dlr will make payments on behalf of tenants directly to landlords for rent. dlr has established a dedicated place-finders team, who will be happy to hear from you if you have a property you would like to consider for HAP.

Do you own serviced land, sites with planning permission, partially completed developments, or fully completed turn-key developments? dlr will consider purchasing, or negotiating a long-term lease of 10 to 20 years, or an enhanced leasing scheme.

Enhanced leasing is for a period of 25 years. dlr can pay up to 95% of an agreed market rent at commencement of the lease. Proposals under enhanced leasing should include a minimum of 20 properties that can be on multiple sites in dlr.

Realise the value of your property and, at the same time, free up vacant properties for much-needed housing. Contact dlr today by email at secretariat@dlrcoco.ie, or by telephone on 01 205 4765.

### **Getting rid of** an old car?



Is your car or van past its "sell by" date? Are you looking to dispose of it? dlr can remove and dispose of "end of life" vehicles, free of charge. If you want to arrange to get one removed, or to report an abandoned car in your area, get in touch with us at 01-205 4817 or email environ@dlrcoco.ie

### CoCo Markets



CoCo Markets in Marlay Park have moved back to their location behind Marlay House. Open every Saturday from 10 until 4 and every Sunday from 11 until 4. Or visit CoCo Markets in People's Park, Dún Laoghaire every Sunday from 10 until 4.

### Competition

Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival

28th - 31st March 2019

\*International Women's Day

Win tickets to Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival! We have five pairs of tickets to be won for either An Evening with Laureate for Fiction Sebastian Barry, or Slow at Sea with Ruth Fitzmaurice, Aoife McElwain and Inni K, or win a family ticket to The Beetle Show with MG Leonard. To be in with a chance to win one of the above, all you have to do is sign up to receive the dlr times by email. Log onto dlrcoco.ie/m2scompetition and register your details by 25 March. The lucky winners will be notified the following day.



### **Urban foxes**

Foxes have become increasingly urbanised in recent years and are a common sight around Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, particularly at night and in the early morning. Foxes are wild animals that generally shy away from humans.

Urban foxes take advantage of the food and shelter provided in gardens, particularly larger gardens. We would advise people not to feed foxes as this can result in increased populations, with foxes becoming familiar with human contact. Once familiarised, they may become more confident in approaching humans and visiting gardens when looking for food.

Red Foxes are listed under Appendix IV of the dlr Biodiversity Plan as a local biodiversity plan species. These species and their habitats are frequently threatened by development and changes in land use practices. They are wild animals and should be allowed to live with minimal interference where possible. They are an important part of the ecosystem with their food source being rats, mice and carcasses of dead animals.

The Council has no role in the control of foxes, other than the removal of fox carcasses from public areas such as public roads, footpaths and open spaces. Often the best approach to control foxes is to find out what attracts the fox to your garden and remove the temptation. This could be food in bird feeders for example. Also ensure that all bins are covered. The other action you could take is to close off potential hiding or sheltering areas such as under sheds and to cut any long grass.

There are also some pest-control companies operating in the area that will offer advice or may put down repellent for a fee. You will find contact details for these in the phone book or on the internet. Please note that it is illegal to poison foxes and so any pest-control company that suggests this course of action should not be employed.



### **Accessibility Matters**

dIr has a diverse population of over 218,000 people – all with different levels of ability, whether young or old. It's up to everyone to make sure that we keep our walkways and cycle lanes as accessible as possible for our most vulnerable road users. There are a number of very simple ways in which we can make our streets easier to use for those with physical disabilities, wheelchair users, those with sight impairments, people pushing buggies and cyclists.

Inconsiderate parking is a major issue across many areas of our county and can have a very negative impact on the safety and accessibility of our local communities. Please be mindful of where you park. Pathways, cycle lanes, pedestrian crossings and school bus areas are all there to provide for safer communities and inconsiderate parking prevents them from operating safely.

Be careful also where you leave your wheelie bin – make sure you leave enough room for people to pass safely on the footbath. And make sure your garden hedges and trees are properly maintained so they don't impede access for the general public. Overgrown hedges can present a serious issue for people with disabilities, especially those with sight impairments.



## Illegal Waste Collections

If you receive promotional literature through your letter box advertising waste collection services, please satisfy yourself that the waste collector is licensed to operate this service in the dlr area. It is important to note that while it is in breach of Waste Management legislation to collect waste in the absence of a valid waste collection permit, it is also an offence to hand over control of your waste to anyone other than a permitted waste collector. If you are found guilty of such an offence you may be prosecuted. If you are in any doubt about the validity of a waste collector's authorisation, please contact the Council on 2047954 or email wasteenforcement@dlrcoco.ie and we will be happy to provide advice and clarification. Alternatively, the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) has a full list of registered waste collectors and can be found at www.nwcpo.ie/permitsearch.aspx.

### **New services** at dlr Libraries

Have you heard of SurfBox, Freegal® and Quiet Tuesdays? Read on to find out more...

### **SurfBox**

SurfBox is a streamlined solution for all your printing, photocopying and scanning needs, which has been rolled out across the entire dlr Libraries network. Complete confidentiality for printed documents is ensured as SurfBox is GDPR compliant.

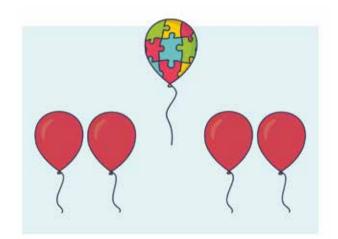


### **Freegal®**

Freegal® is a free music streaming service available to registered dlr Library members with a valid library card and PIN. Freegal® offers access to 15 million songs, including Sony Music's catalogue of legendary artists, Bruce Springsteen, Mariah Carey, Beyoncé and Elvis among them, and over 40,000 music videos.

### **Quiet Tuesdays**

In dlr Libraries, we're learning new and different ways to make the library space more accessible to users with autism and their families. Quiet Tuesdays take place in Cabinteely Library every Tuesday from 5 to 7.30pm. Bright lights are dimmed, machines silenced and noise in general kept to a minimum, with all mobile phones set to 'silent'. More autism-friendly initiatives will be rolled out throughout the Library Service as the year progresses. Please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie with any suggestions or ideas.



### **Healthy Ireland At Your Library**

The Healthy Ireland campaign provides support and information to enable people to make healthier choices at all stages of their lives. See events.dlrcoco.ie/event/healthy-ireland-your-library for details of the exciting programme of Healthy Ireland events taking place at dlr Libraries.



### What's On Event Guide

For more details on what's happening in your local dlr Library, pick up a copy of our current What's On Guide or go online at libraries.dlrcoco.ie





### Writer-In-Residence

Sarah Maria Griffin continues her residency at dlr Lexlcon with a lively and varied programme of events over the coming months. Highlights include the launch of her haunting new novel, Other Words For Smoke and the curation of her Eat Your Heart Out exhibition. See libraries.dlrcoco.ie or pick up a flier in dlr Lexlcon.



### CoisCéim **BROADREACH**

### coming soon to Ballyogan

CoisCéim BROADREACH is coming soon to Ballyogan as part of Exit 15. Having won the competition to do so, it'll be leading the next phase of this partnership arts programme between dlr and Voluntary Arts Ireland, which has been connecting with people in the Ballyogan area since 2016.

Led by **Philippa Donnellan,** BROADREACH will, over the next eight months, be looking for interested local people to develop a bold, imaginative project that involves dance, fun and imagination. Exit 15 is funded under the Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration Scheme 2017 and by dlr. See exit15.ie for more information and further project announcements.

### Mountains To Sea dlr Book Festival 2019

Running from 28 to 31 March, the theme of this year's festival is 'Speaking with Strangers'. It reflects on what a remarkable 12 months it's been in the world of politics and current affairs, with borders hardening and dramas being played out in the UK, USA and, indeed, closer to home!



Tracey Thorn and Sebastian Barry

As usual, we'll have a unique mix of readings, discussion, music and chat. Younger attendees will be catered for with a range of readings and draw-alongs for schools and families, together with our *Adopt An Author* programme. Margaret Drabble, Michael Holroyd, Sebastian Barry, Jess Kidd, Kate Mosse, John Boyne, Hannah Beckerman, Emma Donoghue, Ahdaf Soueif, Tracey Thorn and Sinéad Gleeson are among the Irish and international writers participating.

For more details on events, pick up our main programme flyer and our family/schools flyer in your local dlr library or various venues around the county, or download them from the Festival website mountainstosea.ie. Tickets for all events are available from mountainstosea.ie or from the Pavilion Theatre at 01 231 2929, or dlr Mill Theatre at 01 296 9340. If you would like to receive the Mountains to Sea Festival e-bulletin, just sign up on our website mountainstosea.ie.

## No More Library Fines from 1 January 2019!

Public library members across Ireland no longer have to pay fines for overdue items and no existing fines will be collected. No fines doesn't mean no responsibility though, as members will continue to receive reminders and overdue emails to prompt them to return items to their library on or before the due date, so that they can be enjoyed by other users.

With fines now abolished, dlr Libraries are encouraging residents in the county to connect/reconnect with their local library and see first-hand what's on offer, all for free!

### New Book Clubs at dlr Lexicon!

### LGBTQ+ Book Club

Second last Wednesday of the month at 6.15pm

Come and join our new book club which is aimed at over 18s, and meets monthly to discuss books with LGBTQ+ themes. Copies of the chosen titles will be available three weeks before the book club at the desk on Level 4. Email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie for further information.

### Cinema Book Club

Last Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

Calling all cinephiles and bibliophiles! If you enjoy reading books and watching films – and then discussing them – come along to our Cinema Book Club! Every month, **David Gunning**, dlr Archivist-In-Residence, will select a title that's been made into a film. A limited number of books will be available for patrons to borrow from their local library and read before the cinematic adaptation is shown. There is no charge and all are welcome. Email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie for further information.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge



1–17 Márta

### Bróga Nua New Shoes

le Áine Ní Shúilleabháin

Nuair a dhéanann leanaí rainn agus rímeanna a aithris agus a chanadh go rialta, cuirtear a bhforbairt teanga, chognaíoch, shóisialta, agus mhothúchánach chun cinn. Imreoidh na leanaí le rainn agus rímeanna le heolas a chur ar an gcaoi a n-oibríonn an Ghaeilge.

- **Leabharlann Stigh Lorgan:** Dé Luain, an 11 Márta, cuairteanna ranga x 2. 10-11 r.n. agus 11.15 r.n.-12.15 i.n.
- **Leabharlann Sheanchille:** Dé Luain, an 13 Márta, cuairteanna ranga x 2. 10-11 r.n. agus 11.15 r.n.-12.15 i.n.
- **dlr LexIcon:** Dé Céadaoin, an 20 Márta, seisiún oscailte, 10-11 r.n., fáilte roimh chách.
- **Leabharlann Dhún Droma:** Dé hAoine, an 15 Márta, cuairteanna ranga x 2: 10.15-11 r.n. agus 11.15 r.n.-12 i.n.

Frequent recitation and singing of rhymes, in any language, promotes children's linguistic, cognitive, social, and emotional development. These enjoyable free sessions will boost their understanding and enjoyment of the Irish language.

- **Stillorgan Library:** Monday 11 March. Two class visits from 10am to 11am, and 11.15am to 12.15pm.
- **Shankill Library:** Wednesday 13 March. Two class visits from 10am to 11am, and 11.15am to 12.15pm.
- **dlr Lexicon:** Wednesday 20 March. Open session from 10am to 11am, all are welcome.
- **Dundrum Library:** Friday 15 March, Two class visits from 10.15 to 11am, and 11.15am to 12pm.

### Scéalta Ó Chéin Is Ó Chóngar Stories From Near and Far

le Seosamh Ó Maolalaí

Insíonn Seosamh scéalta i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge. Seanscéalta agus scéalta nuachumtha, lán grinn is lán aicsin.

- **Leabharlann Dhún Droma:** Dé hAoine, an 15 Márta, cuairteanna ranga x 2: 10.15-11 r.n. agus 11.15 r.n.-12 i.n.
- **Dundrum Library:** Friday 15 March. Two class visits from 10.15am to 11am, and 11.15am to 12pm.

### Grúpa Spraoi sa LexIcon

Imeachtaí do pháisti trí Ghaeilge gach mí: Dé Sathairn 9 Márta. 2.30pm go dtí 4pm. Fáilte roimh chách!

### Ciorcal Comhrá

Leabharlann Stigh Lorgan

Gach Céadaoin at 5.30pm.

A conversational Irish group meets every Wednesday at 5.30pm in Stillorgan Library.

### Club Leabhar Leabharlann Dheilginis Dalkey Library Club Leabhar

Club Leabhar Gaeilge Leabharlann Dheilginis an chéad Mháirt de gach mí ag 6.30 i.n.

The Dalkey Library Irish Language Book Club meets each first Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm.



### **Emerald City Productions**

Animation Studios in Dún Laoghaire

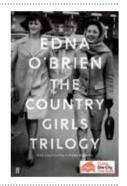
dlr LexIcon until 30 May

In the late 1980s, American company Emerald City Productions set up an Irish operation from scratch in Dún Laoghaire, adjacent to the DART station. Canadian directors Al Guest and

Jean Mathieson created a fully serviced animation facility, recruiting 50 people from all walks of life. This is their story, bringing us back to the early days of animation in Ireland.

### **Dublin: One City One Book** Programme At dlr Lexicon

The 2019 Dublin: One City One Book is The Country Girls Trilogy by Edna O'Brien. This popular initiative encourages everyone to read the same selected title during April, and includes a month-long series of free talks and events, all of them in the Studio Theatre in dlr Lexlcon, unless otherwise stated. Booking at eventbrite.ie is essential.



### The Country Girls: The Book, The Author and Society

Saturday 6 April at 1pm

Join Catriona Crowe of the Royal Irish Academy and Paula Shields of RTÉ Radio 1's Arena for a wide-ranging conversation about the legendary author, her Country Girls trilogy and how 1960s society reacted to some of the themes that were then considered controversial.

### **Turning Memory into Fiction**

with dlr Writer-in-Residence Sarah Maria Griffin

Saturday 13 April from 11am to 1pm

Sarah will assist participants with framing their experiences, taking them from their internal world and onto the page. Email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or phone 01 280 1147 to book your place.

### Women's Magazines

and 'Problem Pages' of the 1950s and 1960s

Monday 15 April at 7pm

What did women read for relaxation and entertainment during the 1950s and 1960s? Find out as **Dr Caitriona Clear** gives this intriguing talk about women's magazines of the period.



### Screening of Edna O'Brien: Life, Stories **Documentary**

Tuesday 16 April at 7pm Respectively directed and produced by Charlie McCarthy and Clíona Ní Bhuachalla of Icebox Films, this fascinating 2012 documentary is based

on a series of interviews with Edna O'Brien and her two sons Carlo and Sasha. The event will be introduced by Mr McCarthy, who's also adapted several Edna O'Brien novels for TV and film.

### Censorship in Ireland from The Country Girls to '100 Muses'

Monday 29 April at 7pm

Join Declan Kiberd and photographer Dragana Jurišić for a fascinating discussion about censorship during the 1960s and the algorithmic censorship of social media today. Chairing the event is internationally renowned poet and non-fiction writer, Nell Regan.

### Municipal Gallery dlr Lexicon



Lee Welch Until 31 March, 2019

Paul Hallahan &

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This exhibition of painted works finds its creators looking to Utopia and the end of perceived history. And the tide was way out will encompass the gallery

Aimlessly Pretty, Paul Hallahan

space, working with the architecture of the building to pose questions of how we, as artists, see the world with a combination of fable-based and abstracted landscape paintings. Hallahan and Welch have uniquely collaborated on two new works for what is their first two-person exhibition.

### TakingTime: An Appreciation of Irish Craft

from 14 April



Men's Shed visit to craft studio.

dlr, supported by the Creative Ireland Programme, is delighted to present an exhibition of Irish craft curated by members of the Men's Shed Network. The show explores the time and skill involved in craft-making; the local landscape; and how poetry can capture the imagination. The men collaborated with producer Orlaith Ross on TakingTime, which conveys the true value of craft, and also includes work from across the country.

Keep an eye on the What's On section of dlrcoco.ie/arts for details of the Gallery Learning Programme. This comprises of workshops, talks, tours and special events for all ages, as well as our dementia-friendly gallery tours. We also have the ever-popular Open Art Studio for adults on Friday mornings, along with the regular Kids Art Studio, times and dates for which can be found on the website.

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