

Council Announces Capital Investment in Community and Recreation Infrastructure 2012 - 2015

The Council recently approved a Capital Expenditure Programme of €165m over the 4 year period 2012 to 2015, covering roads, water and drainage, parks, libraries, heritage, cemeteries and sports and recreation facilities. In selecting projects for inclusion in the Programme the Council has sought to achieve a balance in capital expenditure between the two Council areas of Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum and to prioritise community and recreation infrastructure across the county.

Included in the Programme is Phase 1 of the Samuel Beckett Civic Complex at Ballyogan, which will consist of a Community Centre, Library/Sports Building, playground, synthetic and grass pitches and a Skate Park. The Library/Sports Building will initially be fitted out as a Sports Hall and can be converted into a Library at a later stage when the Council proceeds with the Swimming Pool/Sports Hall complex.

The Council has also announced that it is proceeding with the construction of the new Library/Arts/Culture/Community complex at Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. The tender process has now been completed with the award of the tender to John Sisk and Sons and vacant possession of the site secured. Construction works are due to begin in April. 'This is by far the most significant public infrastructure development in Dún Laoghaire for over 100 years', says An Cathaoirleach Councillor Bailey, adding that 'it will make a major contribution to the regeneration of the town and the county'.

Provision has also been made within the Capital Programme for the necessary roads, water and waste infrastructure to ensure that development can be progressed in line with the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and the Cherrywood SDZ.



Proposed Samuel Beckett Civic Complex, Ballyogan

dlr supports Operation Transformation



Operation Transformation organised by dlr Sports Partnership in Marlay Park, Saturday 14th January – 900 people of all ages and fitness levels participated: for more sports news see page 9>



Broadcaster Olivia O'Leary moderating at Ireland's 1st 'Place-Branding' Conference in Dún Laoghaire: see page 2>

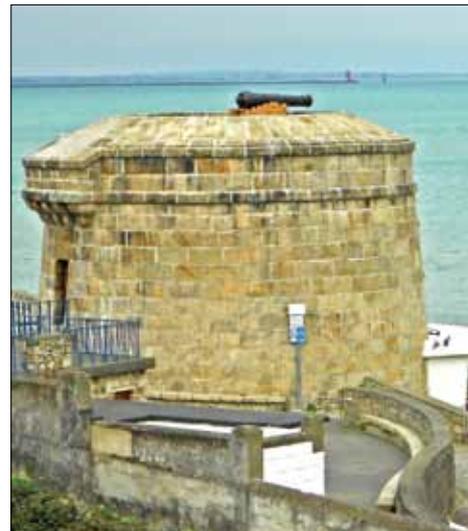
Cannon Completes Restoration of Seapoint Martello Tower

The final piece of the Council's restoration of the Martello Tower at Seapoint was recently put in place – a replica 24 pound 5.75r calibre muzzle loading cannon. The cannon is aimed at the now peaceful waters of Dublin Bay but serves as a reminder of the original reason that these landmark buildings were constructed along our coast. Seapoint Tower was one of a network of 28 Martello Tower sites that were constructed between Bray and Balbriggan in 1804-5. Based on the original concept of a tower at Cape Mortella in northern Corsica the Martello Towers were built to protect the capital from a feared French invasion. That the towers never fired a shot in anger might have been the ultimate testament to their defensive capabilities.

The tower at Seapoint has remained in local authority ownership ever since the Blackrock Town Commissioners bought it for £300 in 1892.

In 1949, the tower was leased to Charles Halloway 'for the purpose of using the premises for the sale of ices, minerals, teas and light refreshments'. The 1950s saw £2,000 spent to provide walkways and bathing platforms along the foreshore, and the construction of seats and a bathing shelter attached to the side of the tower.

In 1997 the Council licensed the premises to the Genealogical Society of Ireland. Following conservation works the Council has now fully refurbished the tower in order to allow public access.



The Seapoint Tower now houses an exhibition on the history of Dublin's Martello Towers and will be open for tours during the summer months as part of the Heritage Office's Summer of Heritage Programme. A book on the history of the Martello Towers will be published later this year. To be added to our mailing list email summerofheritage@dlrcoco.ie or Tel: 01-205 4868.

Dún Laoghaire holds Ireland's 1st 'Place-Branding' Conference



The Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire was the location for Ireland's first Place-Branding Conference earlier this month. The conference was the brainchild of Cathaoirleach Cllr John Bailey, who is keen to stimulate further debate around the creation of a positive future for Dún Laoghaire town by tapping into local, national and international experience.

Speakers at the conference included a range of local experts as well as Fred Kent, the internationally renowned co-founder of Project for Public Spaces in New York; Dr Hans Schlappa, a respected European Urban Regeneration expert; Tim Radley, well-known London-based retail analyst; Gary Toth, previous Director of Planning and Development in the New Jersey Department of Transport; and Conal Harvey, Chairman of the Belfast Titanic Quarter. Broadcaster Olivia O'Leary featured amongst the moderators for the conference.

Interested in the proceedings?
www.destinationcreation2012.com



Top: An Cathaoirleach Cllr John Bailey. Bottom: Mr. Gerry Dunne CEO Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company, Eithne Fitzpatrick and Nicky Logue from the Fitzpatrick Hotel Group.

Newsflash

Cruise ships to dock in Dún Laoghaire

The first of a series of cruise calls for 2012 will arrive in Dún Laoghaire Harbour on Tuesday 24th April for a 12 hour visit.

Carrying 100 passengers, the ship will dock at approximately 6am at the Carlisle pier for its inaugural visit, allowing passengers to disembark and explore Dún Laoghaire's waterfront destination and opportunities for local shopping.

Date for your diary – Mountains to Sea 2012

Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival will take place from 4th - 9th of September and will present the very best of Irish and international writers reading from their work.

Interested? www.mountaintosea.ie

DLR Bay 10k

Acclaimed as the best new 10k road race in the country for 2011, the 2nd dlr Bay10K will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, August 6th at 10am.

Interested? www.dlrbay10k.ie

Residents Get Planting in Ballyogan

Local residents in Ballyogan have been working in partnership with the Council through the Estate Management Programme to improve their local area. They have been very active over the last 12 months and have taken a real pride in improving their local environment. They have transformed the roundabout at the entrance to the Leopardstown Shopping Centre, creating a beautifully landscaped area welcoming residents and visitors alike.

Two residents from Drinaghmore Close followed this example and worked with the local Committee to improve their green belt. They got busy cutting back shrubs, digging

out flower beds as well as edging all the footpaths. The Gallops Pub and the Spar Shop donated the initial rose bushes and their lead was followed by donations from local businesses, including Woodies DIY and Dunnes Stores. The community spirit spread and other local residents from the Close made contributions of small shrubs. The Council, through the Estate Management Programme, supported the work by providing equipment and plants.

Interested? Contact Ballyogan Estate Management Forum on ballyoganareaemf@gmail.com or 087 1601443.



Members of Ballyogan Estate Management Forum at their landmark roundabout

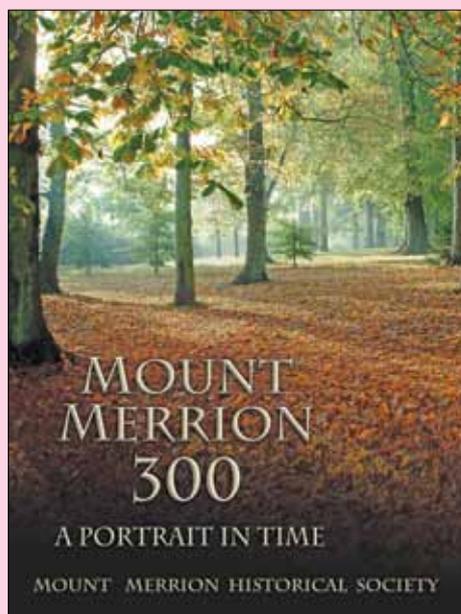
300 years of Mount Merrion

The Mount Merrion Historical Society has been busy over the last year commemorating the 300th anniversary of the foundation of the Fitzwilliam Lodge and the Demesne. In November 2011 a beautifully produced book entitled "Mount Merrion 300, a Portrait in Time" was launched, sponsored by the Council and Supervalu Mount Merrion. Within 10 days all 1200 copies of the book were sold!

Over 2,500 people attended a range of celebratory events held throughout the year, including the opening of a major 2 day exhibition of Memorabilia, History, Maps, Photographs, Publications, Artefacts and School Records.

Interested?

www.mountmerrion300.ie



Stillorgan Chamber of Commerce - 'Actively making a Difference'



Members of the Chamber on a recent visit to Dáil Éireann

"Doing business in the community, shopping local and creating opportunities for ourselves is a key objective of the Stillorgan Chamber", says Kathryn Byrne, CEO of Stillorgan Chamber, adding that "working together has made a real difference".

It would seem that an air of confidence has returned to Stillorgan with the arrival, over the past year, of Donnybrook Fair, Kilkenny Design, Lidl, Printzone, Foot Solutions, Ecco, Platinum Pilates and UCI Cinemas. Investment has also been made in upgrading McDonalds, Dunnes Stores, Eddie Rockets, Rocks Jewellers, Peter Marks and Stillorgan Orchard.

The Chamber's focus on 'actively making a difference' has brought results including a first time entry in the Tidy Districts Competition, regular networking events, Christmas Festivities, free information evenings in association with Gleeson McGrath Baldwin Solicitors, E-marketing, Public Meetings and policy development. The Chamber also say that the Business Development Grants awarded by the Council boosted their efforts throughout the year.

"The continuing support and participation of local residents, schools, leisure centres, businesses and traders in Stillorgan will ensure we continue to make a difference", says President Frank Murphy, who further commented that membership of the Chamber is always open and that "new members will be made most welcome".

Interested?

www.stillorganchamber.ie

Updates on Flood Management

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is Ireland's National Flood Agency. In addition to its role in Flood Risk Assessment and Management, the OPW gives guidance on how property owners and businesses can reduce their flood risk exposure.

Interested? www.flooding.ie and www.floodmaps.ie

OPW continue with important Flood Hazard Mapping Programme

The recent incidents of flooding across the country have again raised questions about what is happening at national and local level to identify and manage locations that are considered to be at risk. The Office of Public Works (OPW) is continuing to produce predictive flood maps for the country on a catchment-by-catchment basis under phase 2 of the Flood Hazard Mapping Programme. The first results were made available on the www.floodmaps.ie website in 2008 and work is expected to be on-going with this project until at least 2013.



Pictured at the launch of the Draft Dodder CFRAM Study (from left to right) Kathleen Holohan Deputy County Manager, An Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Bailey, Minister Brian Hayes TD and Frank Austin Director of Water and Waste Services.



Public Consultation Phase announced of Draft River Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Assessment & Management Study

Earlier this month Minister Brian Hayes T.D launched the Public Consultation phase of the Draft River Dodder Catchment Flood Risk Assessment & Management (CFRAM) Study in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire. The public will now have until the first week of June to review and make comments on the study.

Speaking at the launch Minister Hayes said that “The views of stakeholders and the public are highly important in this process and the public are again being consulted at this final stage of the pilot phase...”

The Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study was commissioned in June 2011 and is part of an overall CFRAM programme being undertaken by the OPW in line with current national flood policy and the EU Floods Directive. The overall aims of the study are the assessment and sustainable management of flood risk in the Eastern district. The Eastern district incorporates all or part of twelve local authority areas, including Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Public Consultation Phase for the Draft Dodder CFRAM in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown runs in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire and the Council Offices in Dundrum until Wednesday 6th June 2012.

Interested? www.cfram.ie and www.eastcframstudy.ie or contact Katie Smart at 01 4882940 or info@eastcframstudy.ie.

Replacing Old Watermains Saves 11 Million Litres of Water Per Day – and Work Continues

The Dublin Region Watermains Rehabilitation Project has been busy replacing 26km of old, leaking and mainly Victorian watermains in Monkstown, Sallynoggin and Glenageary over the past 9 months. An Cathaoirleach, Cllr John Bailey and the management of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council wish to thank residents, business people and commuters for their co-operation and patience during these vital works that will serve to strengthen and secure our water supply into the future.

Over 9,000km of watermains pump 510 million litres of clean drinking water per day to Dublin's homes and businesses - that's equivalent to 204 Olympic Swimming pools. Since it started in 2007 the Dublin Region Watermains Rehabilitation programme has replaced over 100km of leaking watermains throughout the region with modern new heavy duty polyethylene pipes. The result is 11 million litres of water per day that was leaking has now been saved and this is equivalent to the water needed to supply 27,000 homes.



The project will be starting up again in June/July in other areas of the County where old pipework has been laid in the past. Public notices and door-to-door information campaigns will inform the public. We can look forward to more savings within our water systems in the future.

For up-to-date information about the works visit

www.watermainsrehab.com

Planning Scheme Drafted for Cherrywood



Cherrywood is the single largest undeveloped land-bank in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and has been designated as a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). In the long term, a vibrant new community will develop here with three new villages and a town centre.

The Council has prepared a draft Planning Scheme, which is now on public display until Wednesday 11th April 2012 at the following locations:

- Public Concourse, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire 9.00am – 5:00 pm

- Council Offices, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 4.30pm
- All branches of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Libraries during library opening hours.

The Draft Planning Scheme documentation may also be viewed on or downloaded from the Council's website at www.dlrcoco.ie

All submissions and observations made in writing to the County Council within the above time period will be taken into consideration.

Voter Education Programme planned for new Residents in dlr

The Council are planning on introducing a voter education programme for newly settled residents living in dlr in advance of the next local elections, which take place in 2014. Aimed at newly settled ethnic minorities living in our County, the programme will explain exactly what happens in the local elections and what local democracy can mean for local people. It is also hoped that the programme will encourage new residents to register and vote.

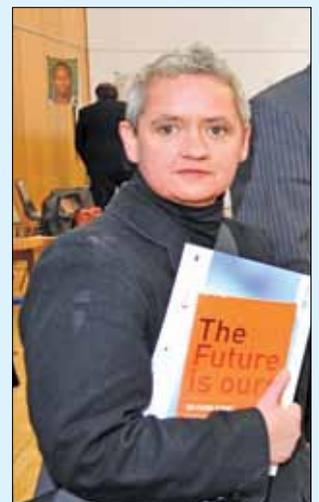
The programme is one of the key actions contained within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's Integration Strategy and Action Plan 2012-2015, which was launched in County Hall, on 19th January 2012, by An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Bailey and Fidèle Mutwarasibo, Immigrant Council of Ireland.

Developed by 20 local organisations, the three-year interagency plan aims to promote integration and assist organisations in ensuring that their policies and practices are inclusive of the whole community, particularly people from ethnic and cultural minorities.

Actions have been proposed within seven key themes: Education, Employment and Economic Inclusion, Health, Sports and Leisure, Information, Administration of Justice, Civic and Community participation and those involved have committed to implementing a range of measures.

If you would like more information about the Integration Strategy and Action Plan, or a copy of the strategy, please contact Rebekah Fozzard, dlr Social Inclusion Officer, at: 01-2047924 /

rfozzard@dlrcoco.ie or visit www.dlrintegration.ie



Catherine Morley Director of Southside Travellers pictured at the launch of the strategy.

On Yer Bike! Joined-up Cycle Network one step closer from Booterstown to Dalkey....



The Council is pleased to announce that the Booterstown to Dalkey Cycle route is one step closer to completion with the recent opening of the contra flow cycle track on Newtown Avenue in Blackrock. Indications

are that large numbers of cyclists are now using the route on a daily basis.

Whilst more than 200km of cycle facilities have been provided to date across the county, the key challenge is the connecting up of cycling routes so that cyclists get to their destinations along safe, direct and attractive routes.

Following a review of cycling by the Council in 2009, it became apparent that one of the key requirements was to conduct a county wide cycle network assessment of all cycling facilities. The key objective of this assessment is to direct any available funding to the areas that will benefit most.

Arup were appointed by dlr to carry out the County Wide Cycle Network Assessment, which set out to:

- **Identify** 'desire lines' for cyclists. This means identifying the most convenient primary routes for cyclists between major attraction zones within the study area e.g. education centres, employment centres, towns etc.

- **Assess** these desire lines to establish how many people live, work and go to school in the area (the Demand) and the quality of any existing facilities (Quality of Service). These criteria can be used to establish a prioritisation list for works i.e. the area with the highest demand but the lowest quality of service would be addressed first.

Arup were also required to develop a secondary cycle network. These routes, which mainly run along more residential roads, tend to have low traffic speeds and volumes and do not require any direct provision e.g. cycle tracks. They can then be joined up to provide a network that is accessible from a number of points along the route.

The County Wide Cycle Network Assessment is now complete and the full report with recommendations will be going out to Public Consultation in April.

Interested? Contact Conor Geraghty
Email: cgeraghty@dlrcoco.ie Tel: 2047029



Let's Get Clean! - Cleaner Towns Charter launched for Dún Laoghaire and Blackrock



Building on the progress that has been achieved over the last 2 years, the Council is introducing a 'Cleaner Towns Charter' for local business groups who strive to maintain their area as a litter and graffiti free zone.

The Charter, which is part of the dlr Litter Action Plan 2011, is a voluntary agreement between the Council and local businesses. It sets out the rights, responsibilities and expectations of both parties in order to maintain a clean and greener county.

Our environment team are now geared up to work together with local businesses to get across the important message that littering, illegal dumping and defacing property are simply not acceptable. Food outlets and other business will be encouraged to sign the charter to show their commitment and support for the campaign by picking up litter around their premises and ensuring their own waste is disposed of effectively.

We will continue to operate our street cleaning schedule and to work with local schools, businesses and residents groups to promote the message that it is only by everyone working together that we will see the greatest impact on our streets.

The Charter is initially being launched as a pilot programme for Dún Laoghaire and Blackrock in April - the same time as the National Spring Clean. Following this it is hoped to roll out the Charter to other towns and villages across the county.

Interested?

Contact Betty Wogan
Environment, Culture and Community
Department,
County Hall,
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin
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Meet Kate Hynes, our Environmental Awareness Officer

Our Environmental Awareness Officer Kate Hynes has been working in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for nearly 5 years now and says that she still has "a passion for all aspects of the environmental agenda and especially conservation". Having worked in the IT sector after completing a Masters in Environmental Engineering in UCD, Kate decided she wanted to refocus her energies on a job that would get her "out and about", a job that would allow her to engage with communities and schools around some of the environmental challenges we face within the county.

Kate says that her job is very diverse – one day she might be talking to schools about water conservation and recycling, the next she might be talking to residents associations about how the Council can assist communities to clean up their areas, for example by providing graffiti cleaning packs, clean up materials, anti dog fouling signs and advice on ways in which estates may be improved.

The issuing of graffiti packs to residents has been particularly successful in local areas, Kate points out, observing that there has been a steadily declining amount of graffiti

cleaning required over the last 4 years, with 2011 showing a whopping 75% decrease on 2007.

One of the highlights of the last few years is the fact that the number of both schools and residents associations participating in the Tidy Schools and Tidy Districts annual competition has more than doubled over a 4 year period. "In 2011 we had entries from 43 Residents Associations for the Tidy Districts Awards, the biggest number yet", Kate says, observing that she has noticed a growing sense of ownership by community groups of local environmental issues.

"There is a strong awareness within most of the communities I meet that the job of maintaining and improving our areas is not just the responsibility of the Council" she says, noting that "whilst the Council invests significant resources into cleaning our streets, community groups are increasingly proactive in working with us and other agencies to look at how best to improve their areas."

Kate says that this joint approach to solving environmental issues is probably the most significant factor of all in progressing the environmental agenda.

Interested?

Contact Kate at khynes@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel: 2054817



> Arts & Libraries

Community Libraries still going strong in Sallynoggin, Loughlinstown and Glencullen

In addition to the 8 branch libraries in the County, dlr Libraries would like to remind people about the 3 volunteer run community libraries in Sallynoggin, Loughlinstown and Glencullen. These libraries provide additional resources and access within areas not immediately served by the branch libraries.

Sallynoggin Community Library is open 6 hours a week, from 4-6pm on Tuesdays and Fridays and 6-8pm on Thursdays in Holy Child Community School – as well as book lending, the library offers free internet access, daily newspapers and a thriving monthly book club – new members always welcome!

Loughlinstown Community Library is open every Wednesday and Thursday from 3-4pm in St Columbanus National School – this library was

originally set up through the efforts of a group of local residents who worked in partnership with the Council, the RAPID programme and St. Columbanus National School.

Glencullen Community Library is open every Thursday from 3-4pm. The library was re-opened last summer when the beautifully refurbished Carnegie building was re-launched.



Above: Photo of Sallynoggin volunteers with authors Martina Devlin and Sarah Webb

Travelogue Public Art Project celebrates travel stories

Local artist Theresa Nanigian has been awarded a major public art commission funded by the National Transport Authority and the four Dublin local authorities, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Dublin City, Fingal and South Dublin. *Travelogue* is a celebration of the human drama played out on buses, trams, taxis, trains and bikes every day, and the behind-the-scenes staff and apparatus that keep it all humming. Theresa spent several months researching and talking to people in Dublin Bus, Irish Rail, Luas, Bus Éireann, taxi services and even *dublinbikes*, collecting travel stories and gathering data. A series of *Travelogue* stories and statistics will be shown on all forms of public transportation during a two-week period from the end of April. A website www.travelogue.ie will also be live during this time and all of the stories will be on view here.

Interested? Contact Ciara King, Assistant Arts Officer-Arts Programme Development: Email: cking@dlrcoco.ie or Tel: 271 9529

Council’s Arts Office “continues the conversation..”

Last month An Cathaoirleach Councillor John Bailey officially launched the Council’s Arts Development Policy 2011-14 “Continuing the Conversation”. The policy was developed after 6 months of engagement with a range of local people across the County, including Arts groups, schools and community groups, about what they wanted from a Council Arts Programme.

The message came back loud and clear that development of the arts at a local level is a priority. In response “Continuing the Conversation” aspires to provide opportunities for all those who live,

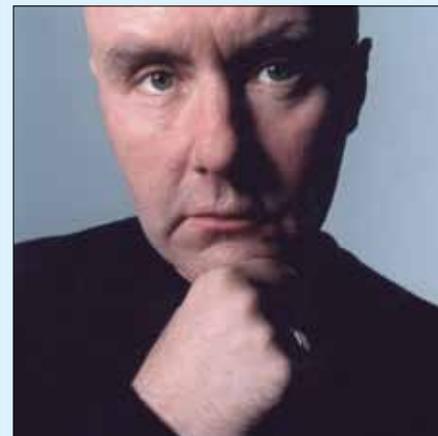
work and visit the County to engage with the arts as creators, participants and spectators. This will include an annual arts programme of events, opportunities to actively participate in the arts and support for professional and amateur artists throughout the County.

An Cathaoirleach was joined at the launch by Maureen Kennelly, the new curator of Mountains to Sea, dlr Book Festival, who spoke about the importance of the arts and its ability to bind communities together with a sense of pride and belonging. Invited guests were entertained with fantastic performances from the Supertones, a junior

DLR Library Voices – Spring Series

The Spring series of dlr Library Voices, curated by Bert Wright, is well under way and it is a bumper year for world class authors. The series continues in April with a packed schedule, which includes Peter Carey in conversation with Joseph O’Connor on 4th April. Carey, the double Booker prize-winner will be discussing his new novel *The Chemistry of Tears*. Renowned poet Paul Durcan appears on 22nd April with his eagerly awaited collection of poetry entitled *Praise in Which I Live and Move and Have my Being*. Finally, Irvine Welsh will be giving a reading from his new novel *Skagboy* on 24th April, a prequel to his cult novel *Trainspotting*.

Interested? Call the Pavilion Theatre on (01) 231 2929.



Above: Author Irvine Welsh

choir from Dún Laoghaire and the Dublin Laptop Orchestra.

Interested? Log on to www.dlrcoco.ie/arts, E-mail cbrown@dlrcoco.ie or phone (01) 271 9532



Sports Volunteer Development Programme 2011 a big success

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Bailey, hosted a special function in January to present Certificates to 18 local sports volunteers who have recently completed a new Sports Volunteer Development Programme. Chief Executive of the Irish Sports Council John Treacy was guest of honour.

The Sports Volunteer Development Programme is an initiative of the UCD Athletic Union Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership and the UCD Centre for Sports Studies. The aim of this programme is to equip volunteers with the skills to effectively contribute to the management and development of their clubs. There are plans for a second Programme in late 2012.

Interested? Contact the Sports Partnership Office at 01-2719502 or sportspartnership@dlrcoco.ie



An Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Bailey with CEO of the Irish Sports Council John Treacy and Sports Volunteers at the Presentation Ceremony in County Hall Dún Laoghaire.

Dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown Update

Following the removal of the old weights machines, dlr Leisure Services is pleased to announce that new equipment is now in place and ready to go with some of the newest hi-tech machines available to gyms today.

With a range of over 30 cardio machines, 20 resistance machines, 10 free weights benches and a huge range of barbells and dumbbells - we are now more than equipped to deal with all of your exercise needs. If you're looking to lose some weight or train for health or sport our highly qualified staff are on hand to help.

Dlr Leisure Services Loughlinstown Easter Camp

All NEW multisports camp! Football –Basketball –Tag Rugby, Tennis – Badminton - Fun & Games, Uni-Hockey –Dodgeball-Rounders, Dancing.

Week 1: 2nd to 6th April 9am (5 days) – 3pm

Week 2: 10th to 13th April (4 days) 9am – 3pm

Normal Price; €80.00 - **SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER** €45 wk 1 & €35 wk 2 or €10 per day.

Interested? Book on line at www.dlrleisureservices.ie/camps/

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership News

Dates for your Diary

Easter SportsABILITY Week 2012 -

Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th April at Castlepark School, Dalkey. There will be Fun and Games for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Contact Phena at poconnor@dlrcoco.ie or sportspartnership@dlrcoco.ie early to avoid disappointment.

Surf2Heal DLR 2012 – 21st - 24th July at the Freedom Surf School Tramore, Co. Waterford. This course caters for children with autism spectrum disorder. It is

organised and coordinated by the East Coast Surf Club. **Interested?**

www.eastcoastsurfclub.com

EUCAPA (EU Congress of Adapted Physical Activity) - IT Tralee and the Irish Sports Council have secured the 2012 EUCAPA for Killarney Co. Kerry which is scheduled to take place in May 2012. The theme is "Putting Practice Based Research into Action". It promises to be quite a congress with scientific input from the leaders in APA from Portugal, Latvia and Finland.

Interested? www.eucapa2012.eu/

New indoor and outdoor Walking Programmes 2012.

- A 4 week outdoor walking programme in the Marlay Park area on Saturday mornings.
- A 5 week indoor 'Fitwalk' programme being held in dlr Leisure Services, Loughlinstown, on Wednesday mornings.

Interested? Contact the Sports Partnership Office at: 01-2719502 or sportspartnership@dlrcoco.ie

Grapevine!

Tag Rugby - Two local rugby clubs, Seapoint RFC, and De La Salle, Palmerstown, are interested in starting a tag rugby league for children with intellectual disabilities and mild physical disabilities. Contact: 01 2719502 or sportspartnership@dlrcoco.ie

Dún Laoghaire - Ceann Scríbe Cois Cósta

Is beag duine nach údar iontais agus aoibhnis aige Dún Laoghaire. Tá na tréithe sin is mó a bhíonn uainn in áit snoite le chéile ar bhealaí iomadúla ann. Is beag nach bhféadfá a rá gur cuid de Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath é, ach ní go baileach é; tá na buntáistí a bhaineann le cathair ag gabháil leis cé nach i gcathair atá tú. Amharc ar thuath agus ar shléibhte sa chúla – turas cúpla nóiméad.

Tá tuiscint ar chultúr, sa chiall is leithne den fhocal, fréamhaithe i nDún Laoghaire na linne seo agus baintear sásamh as dá réir mar go mbíonn imeachtaí, féilte agus gníomhaíochtaí pobail ar siúl a cheiliúran an éagsúlacht chultúrtha trí cheolchoirmeacha sa cheol domhanda, aontaí, margáí, imeachtaí sráide agus tuilleadh nach iad.

SNAG i nDún Laoghaire

Mar chuid de Sheachtain na Gaeilge – an fhéile Ghaeilge agus chultúrtha is mó sa tír gach bliain – d’eagraigh Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin dhá ócáid cheoil fíor spéisiuil in Amharclann an Pavilion.

Tionscadal Piaf-Brel an chéad cheann a tionóladh ar an 8ú Márta i gcomhar le **IMRAM**, an Fhéile Litríochta Gaeilge.

Duine d’amhránaithe móra na Fraince ab ea **Edith Piaf** (1915 -1963), an Gealbhan Beag mar a thugtaí uirthi. Saol corrach a bhí aici - deirtear gur rugadh ar chosán í - agus bhí cáilíocht chosrach ag baint lena glór cinn a chuirfeadh na clocha ag caoineadh. I measc na móránhrán uaithi bhí ‘La Vie en Rose’ agus ‘Non, je ne regrette rien.’

Beilgeach ab ea **Jacque Brel** (1929 -1978) a chum agus a chan amhráin a bhí fileata agus drámata araon. Ag tabhairt amach faoi luachanna na meánaicme a bhíodh sé go minic i nglór garg. Thairis sin, bhí tionchar nach beag aige ar leithéidí David Bowie agus Leonard Cohen.

Liam Ó Muirthile a chuir Gaeilge bhinn ar na liricí. Is iad na hoifidigh a chuir na hamhráin inár láthair ná **Hilary Bow** ar thuill an t-albam is déanaí uaithi, *Oneness*, ardmholadh, **Doimnic Mac Giolla Bhríde**, duaiseoir Oireachtais agus á dtionlacan san bhí **Peter Roycroft** ar an bpianó, **Geoff Kirk** ar na drumáí agus **Neville Lloyd** ar an oildord.

Chruthaigh an dearthóir **Margaret Lonergan** íomhánna a bhí faoi anáil na liricí agus a teilgeadh ar scáileán ar chul an ardáin.

Reáchtáladh an dara mórócáid **Ceolchoirm Mhór na Féile Pádraig** ar an Aoine 16ú Márta.

Is iad na healaíontóirí a bhí páirteach sa cheolchoirm ná Niamh de Búrca a rinne sár jab mar Bhean an Tí agus mar amhránaí. Ina teannta bhí Cormac Breatnach (Feadóga), Máire Breatnach (Fidil & Amhráin), Colm Ó Foghlú (Méarchlár), Noreen O’Donoghue (Cláirseach), Seán Ó Faoláin (Giotar) agus Pádraig Ó Cearbhaill (Amhránaí)

Éalú

Tá dlúthdhiosca úrnua, Éalú, eisithe ag Cormac Breatnach a rugadh agus a tógadh i nDún Laoghaire agus a bhí páirteach i gceolchoirm mhór na Féile Pádraig in Amharclann an Pavilion.

Éalú sa chiall teitheadh, athadh, imeacht (aimsire, taoide) atá i gceist aige. Seo mar a chuireann Cormac síos ar an gcoincheap a bhí aige:



Thuas: Cormac Breatnach ag seinm ag ceolchoirm

“Mar go bhfuil tábhacht ag gach ceann acu seo dom agus mé ar mo thuras tríd an saol, bhraith mé gur teideal feiliúnach ar an albam é Éalú. Tá trí bliana déag caite ó chuaigh mé ar mo thuras ceoil deireanach, agus is pribhléid dom é an uair seo a bheith ag obair le seacht gceoltóir déag tréitheach agus cúig chantóir as ceithre tír – an Afraic (an Nigéir agus Poblacht Dhaonlathach an Chongó), Meiriceá, Éire agus an tSeapáin”.

Tá 10 bpíosa ionstraimeach nua a chum sé féin ar an albam chomh maith le ceithre shaothar nua ag ceoltóirí eile– dhá cheann le Alan Griffin, ceann le Roger Doyle agus an ceann deireanach le cumadóir Spáinneach anaithnid.

Tá dhá amhrán agus cúig shaothar ón dtraidisiún Gaelach ar an albam chomh maith.

Caoineadh atá san fhuaimrian deireanach ar an albam, saothar atá tiomnaithe do thuismitheoirí Chormaic, Lucy agus Deasún, a fuair bás laistigh de dhá lá dá chéile i mí Deireadh Fómhair 2007. Is é an teideal atá ar an gcaoineadh ná an beannacht teaghlaigh a bhí ag athair Chormaic agus é ag scaradh le daoine. “*Slán agus Breatnach*”, imeartas focal ar an mbeannacht Gaelach “*Slán agus Beannacht*”. Tá ceithre chuid san fhuaimrian agus déanann sé déileáil le saol a thuismitheoirí in ord droim ar ais; (i) glaoch ón uaigh; (ii) a sochraidí; (iii) a saol; agus (iv) a gcéad análacha.

Is é an t-ealaíontóir Robert Ballagh a rinne an t-íomhá álainn atá ar chúlúdach an albaim.

Tá an t-albam ar díol tríd an ngréasan www.cormacbreatnach.com agus tríd itunes.

New Creative Director for Mill Theatre

In January 2012, Aisling Sullivan was appointed Creative Director of the Mill Theatre, Dundrum. Aisling Sullivan has extensive experience in the arts, having previously worked with many prominent companies such as the Anna Livia International Opera Festival, The Gate Theatre, Mermaid Arts Centre and Music in Great Irish Houses. For seven years she held the position of Artistic Administrator and Company Manager with Opera Ireland.

'I am both delighted and honoured to join the team at The Mill Theatre, which I believe is a hidden gem on the Irish theatre circuit' says Aisling Sullivan. The Mill Theatre is now set to become a centre for excellence and innovation. 2012 will see a number of new initiatives beginning with a series of professional development workshops for actors.

Interested?

www.milltheatre.ie or Tel: 01-296 9340



Aisling Sullivan at the Mill Theatre

Bram Stoker to be celebrated at national art exhibition in Dún Laoghaire

Bram Stoker is to be celebrated at a major national art exhibition taking place in Dún Laoghaire this April. The famous Irish author of *Dracula* and other literary works is to be given special recognition at the Dublin Painting & Sketching Club's 134th exhibition. Bram Stoker was one of the 12 founder members of the Dublin Sketching Club, as it was known when set up in 1874.

Sponsored by Whyte's and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office, the exhibition will be on show for two weeks, opening to the public on Monday April 16 at the Concourse Gallery, County Hall in Dún Laoghaire. Admission free daily from Monday 16 - Sun 29 April, from 10am to 5pm on weekdays and 11am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The show will feature fine art by more than 80 well-known contemporary Irish artists from Dublin and many parts of the country. All are members of the Club, among them some Royal Hibernian Academy artists. As many as some 290 works, including oil and watercolour paintings, pastels, lithographs, etchings and drawings will be on offer.

Interested?

www.dublinpaintingandsketchingclub.ie

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Bram Stoker in oil by Aidan Hickey, one of the works on show at the exhibition in County Hall.

Pavilion Theatre to Host Dublin Premiere of US Hit Musical 'The Drowsy Chaperone'

Dún Laoghaire Musical and Dramatic Society (DMDS) will present the Dublin Premiere of the hit US show *The Drowsy Chaperone* at the Pavilion Theatre from Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21st April 2012. The US production of this hilarious, heart-warming love-story was an instant sensation on its debut on Broadway in 2006, winning 5 Tony Awards. This presentation will be in the hands of DMDS whose award-winning cast looks forward to leading you through the twists and turns of this hilarious plot.

The Drowsy Chaperone tells the story of a modern day musical theatre addict known simply as "Man in Chair". To chase his blues away he plays his favourite LP – the 1928 musical comedy, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. As soon as he drops the needle, the musical magically bursts to life on-stage telling the tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married, her producer who sets out to sabotage the nuptials, her chaperone, the debonair groom, the dizzy chorine, the Latin lover and a pair of gangsters who double as pastry chefs. Man in Chair's love of *The Drowsy Chaperone* speaks to anyone who has ever been transported by the theatre.

The Drowsy Chaperone will be presented at the Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire, from Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21st April. Ticket Prices: €20/€18. Booking directly to the Pavilion at Tel: (01) 231 2929 or www.paviliontheatre.ie

> calendar of events

Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown Events Calendar April to August 2012

Date	Event Name	Venue	Telephone	E-Mail	Website
Ongoing					
Monthly	Artists Network Meeting	Various locations - Dún Laoghaire, Dundrum, Cabinteely	01-2719532	cbrown@dlrcoco.ie	www.dlrcoco.ie/arts
Jan - Dec	Arts and Health Programme	Shankill, Dalkey, Leopardstown (TBC) and Dún Laoghaire	01-2719528	mdavey@dlrcoco.ie	www.dlrcoco.ie/arts
April					
8th April	The Mad Hatter's Tea Party	Deerpark, Mount Merrion	01-2047024	info@dlrevents.ie	www.dlrevents.ie
8th April	Easter Treasure Hunt	Pavilion Quarter		realgourmetburger@gmail.com	www.dlrevents.ie
May					
5th May	Gravitation	DLR Leisure Services, Monkstown		info@dlrevents.ie	www.dlrevents.ie
5th May	Cinco De Mayo Fiesta	Pavilion Quarter		realgourmetburger@gmail.com	www.dlrevents.ie
June					
Throughout June	Summer of Heritage	Cabinteely House, Marlay House, Deansgrange Cemetery, Seapoint Tower, The Oratory, The Obelisk	01-2054868	tcarey@dlrcoco.ie	
9th to 17th June	Joyce in June - Dún Laoghaire Bloomsweek	Dún Laoghaire	01-2312929		www.paviliontheatre.ie
June - Date TBC	Active 8	Shanganagh Park, Shankill	01-2047024	info@dlrevents.ie	www.dlrevents.ie
July					
Throughout July	Summer of Heritage	Cabinteely House, Marlay House, Deansgrange Cemetery, Seapoint Tower, The Oratory, The Obelisk	01-2054868	tcarey@dlrcoco.ie	
1st July	American Independence Festival	Pavilion Quarter		realgourmetburger@gmail.com	www.dlrevents.ie
12th to 22nd July	ISAF World Championship Junior Sailing	Dún Laoghaire Harbour			www.dublinbay2012.com
28th & 29th July	DLR Fusion	Dún Laoghaire Peoples Park	01-2047924	rfozzard@dlrcoco.ie	
August					
Throughout August	Summer of Heritage	Cabinteely House, Marlay House, Deansgrange Cemetery, Seapoint Tower, The Oratory, The Obelisk	01-2054868	tcarey@dlrcoco.ie	
6th August	DLR Bay 10k	Dún Laoghaire		info@dlrbay10k.ie	www.dlrbay10k.ie/
11th & 12th August	Dún Laoghaire Flower Show	County Hall Dún Laoghaire		realgourmetburger@gmail.com	
18th August	Fireworks and BBQ	Pavilion Quarter			www.dlrevents.ie
18th & 19th August	Ukulele Hooley	People's Park		ukulelehooley@gmail.com	http://ukulelehooley.com
18th & 19th August	Model Railway Exhibition	County Hall Dún Laoghaire	Ron Crampton 086-8823458		www.modelrailways.ie
11th & 12th August	Outdoor Movies	Marlay Park	01-2047024	info@dlrevents.ie	www.dlrevents.ie
25th August	Teddy Bear's Picnic	Blackrock Park	01-2047024	info@dlrevents.ie	www.dlrevents.ie

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