

Minister opens new €98.5 million Wastewater Treatment Works at Shanganagh

Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government, Mr Phil Hogan, T.D., recently opened the Shanganagh Bray Main Drainage Scheme which provides upgraded wastewater treatment for the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown South and Bray areas.

The four year construction project employed up to 140 people and required a capital investment of €98.5 million from central government, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Wicklow County Council and Bray Town Council. The works undertaken included the upgrading of the existing Shanganagh Wastewater Treatment Works and the laying of a pipeline from Bray pumping station to the new Shanganagh plant to bring wastewater for treatment.

The project is highly sustainable with gases produced in the treatment process captured and used to generate power for the plant while the rainwater collection system allows water collected from the roof of the treatment plant

to be harvested and used in the adjoining community gardens.

Speaking on the day, An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Cllr Tom Joyce, acknowledged the role the local residents played during the process. He said, "We are grateful to the local residents and those living in the adjoining areas for their patience and co-operation during the planning and construction phases of the project. The safety of children, residents and workers was paramount at all times during the construction of this facility. I want to thank the many residents, who attended liaison meetings with the Council and the Contractors every month, for more than five years before and during the works".

Pictured: An Cathaoirleach Cllr Tom Joyce, Phil Hogan T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government.



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About the Gathering 2013

“The Gathering Ireland 2013” is a spectacular, year-long celebration of all things Irish. It is where Ireland opens its arms to hundreds of thousands of friends and family from all over the world, calling them home to gatherings in villages, towns and cities.

There are clan gatherings, festivals, special sporting events, music and concerts taking place in every corner of the Country all year long where communities will showcase and share the very best of Irish culture, tradition, business, sport, fighting spirit and the unique Irish sense of fun.

With over 70 million people worldwide claiming Irish ancestry, the Gathering Ireland 2013 provides the perfect excuse to reach out to those who have moved away - relatives, friends and descendants – and invite them home.

The Gathering kicked off in spectacular style at the New Year’s Eve Festivals in Dublin and around the Country.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council will help celebrate the nationwide festival by providing support to over thirty five local community events. The Council is hosting several flagship events such as “Bratacha 2013”, “Europe in Bloom”,

“Martello to Martello Walk” and “The Gathering at Leopardstown”.

For further info contact:
www.thegatheringireland.com

For details on upcoming Gathering events in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, go to the Calendar of Events on Page 12.

The Gathering at Leopardstown

The Gathering at Leopardstown will take place on the final day of the Christmas Festival, Sunday 29 December 2013. It is anticipated c. 4,000 overseas visitors will come home to renew acquaintances, enjoy championship racing and relish a renowned musical act performing after racing.

A donation from each admission ticket sold for this day will be made to the London Irish Centre charity organisation.



Bratacha 2013 – Festival of Flags & Emblems

One of the ‘key events’ of the Gathering Ireland Festival is a unique festival, Bratacha 2013 – a Festival of Flags & Emblems, to be held in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown from 9 to 11 May 2013. It will involve lectures, seminars, exhibitions, displays, a parade of flags, a family history fair and a concert exploring the history, heritage, culture and identities associated with flags and emblems.

Bratacha [the Irish word for flags] 2013 aims to broaden our understanding of the meaning and use of flags and emblems down through the centuries.

The festival will be officially opened on Europe Day, Thursday 9 May in Cabinteely Park along with the opening of a permanent commemorative garden and floral art piece (Europe in Bloom). It will be

hosted by a number of organisations led by the Genealogical Society of Ireland, National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The event is part-funded by the IPB Gathering Ireland Fund 2013.

For further info contact:
www.bratacha.com



Irish International Diaspora Centre for Dún Laoghaire

By Gerry Dunne, CEO Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company.

Plans for the development of the Irish International Diaspora Centre on the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire Harbour are advancing steadily, and it is expected that a formal application for planning permission for the project will be lodged later this year.

Significant work has been done to advance the project which will provide a unique visitor attraction that will not only honour the Irish diaspora, but will also provide a huge economic boost for Dún Laoghaire and the country generally. To be known as the Irish International Diaspora Centre (IIDC), it will be an important outreach and networking resource for Irish communities to discover their heritage and connect with their global diaspora, as well as being a major tourist and visitor attraction.

The IIDC Trust, of which Mr. Gerry Dunne is a member, has been established to oversee the project with assistance from a Leadership Council consisting of a number of prominent individuals representing the Irish diaspora throughout the world. The Trust will consult with the relevant harbour stakeholders to ascertain their views on how they would like to see the IIDC develop and further information will be available on this in the coming months.

It is expected that the IIDC will attract up to one million visitors each year and will provide a unique range of facilities designed to tell the story of those who emigrated from this country and to provide a link with the Irish diaspora. The Centre will be the virtual and physical hub for Irish people to discover their heritage and connect with the global diaspora, but it will also combine an online platform fostering two-way conversation with Irish diaspora communities all over the world.

A number of steps are being taken to promote interest in - and seek support for - the project among members of the 70 million

strong Irish diaspora. For instance, an event was held in the House of Lords in London late last year to brief members of the Irish community in Britain. The Trust is also actively promoting the idea that the EU should adopt a policy on 'diaspora'. To this end it sponsored a very successful seminar on this subject in the EU Parliament in September in cooperation with Emer Costello MEP, which featured a wide range of international speakers.

The Government has acknowledged that there is significant potential for Irish tourism in the development of an appropriate centre focusing on the Irish diaspora. Its capital programme, published in November 2011, includes a commitment of support for a Diaspora Centre or Diaspora Museum should a suitable project and partner become available.

As the final point of departure for the hundreds of thousands of Irish people who emigrated through the harbour from the middle of the 19th century right up to the final sailing of the mailboat in 1976, Dún Laoghaire is surely the most appropriate location for an Irish International Diaspora Centre.

The IIDC Trust is also organising the Irish leg of the third annual Global Diaspora Forum, which is due to be held in Dún Laoghaire on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 May. The Global Diaspora Forum was an initiative of the outgoing United States Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton and this year's event is being organised in cooperation with the US State Department. There will be a simultaneous event in Washington which will be linked remotely to the conference in Dún Laoghaire. It is expected that up to 250 delegates from all over Europe will attend the Global Diaspora Forum in Dún Laoghaire and it will feature a range of prestigious speakers from Ireland and abroad.

For further info contact: www.dlharbour.ie



Pictured at the launch of the Global Diaspora Forum is An Cathaoirleach Cllr Tom Joyce

Stamping out Graffiti

In 2012, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council removed over 5,000 sq. metres of graffiti and provided 60 local residents' groups with graffiti removal materials and paints. In this issue we speak to Shu Wai Tung, the staff member who is at the forefront of tackling the anti-social activity of graffiti in public places.

With graffiti appearing in some of the more picturesque parts of the County, some people have questioned whether or not enough is being done to combat this problem. However, Shu Wai believes that in terms of cleanup, the Council is doing a good job. He states "We are removing as much graffiti as possible with the limited resources we have available to us. We also try to help local residents to keep their areas free from graffiti by providing Residents Groups with the materials they need to remove graffiti from their properties. In addition, we have held Tidy Districts Competitions, Tidy Towns Information Evenings and graffiti removal training courses, all of which aim to help residents keep their areas free from graffiti and litter."

But while he feels the Council's approach in clamping down in this area has been reasonably successful to date, Shu Wai believes that in order to combat graffiti vandalism effectively, more work is required in the areas of Education and Enforcement. He explains "It is very important that the public, and in particular the young population, come to understand that defacement is a crime and a serious anti-social behaviour which can create an atmosphere of fear and lawlessness. However, I am hopeful that in time, we will be able to change the mind-set of those involved and that we will see a reduction in the number of incidents of graffiti in the County in the near future."

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Council affirms it's commitment to assist businesses

Before Christmas we spoke to the County Manager, Owen P. Keegan about the outlook for 2013 and the challenges facing the County. At that time, the Manager was hopeful that despite the significant financial pressures on the Council, something would be done to ease the burden on our commercial rate payers. Now that the dust has settled on Budget 2013 we're checking back in to see if there was any good news for the Business Community.

Commercial Rates

With Councils all over the Country struggling to cope with reduced income levels, reductions in commercial rates were few and far between. However, following on from the two per cent reductions in 2010 and 2011 (there was no change in 2012) Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has again been able to reduce the Annual Rate of Valuation by two per cent in 2013. This is one of the largest reductions by any Local Authority in 2013.

Car Parking Charges

While a number of new parking schemes were introduced as part of the budget, there was good news for motorists who frequent Dún Laoghaire town as plans to reduce the cost of on street parking in 26% of the spaces within the town from €2 to €1.50 per hour have been agreed. In addition, a new mobile phone based cashless payment option is being introduced early in 2013 and VMS signage to highlight the availability of car parking in the main off street car parks is being considered.

Enterprise Unit

In an effort to help improve communications and attract inward investment to the County, the Council has begun the process of setting up a new Enterprise Unit. The Unit will help co-ordinate the Council's role in promoting and facilitating local economic development, working with key stakeholders such as business associations and State Agencies. More information will be made available as the project progresses.

Public goes 'nuts' for the Red Squirrels

There has been a huge interest from members of the public and indeed the media in the Council's Red Squirrel Conservation Project that began last year. With coverage in most of the national and local papers and interest from RTE's Nationwide programme, it seems that people just can't get enough of our red little friends.

For those of you who are not aware of the project, it involved the translocation of fifteen red squirrels to Killiney Hill in August and their release in early September 2012 to help supplement the local population. The squirrels were fitted with radio transmitters and have been tracked on a weekly basis since their release to observe their settlement patterns. While the majority of the squirrels have stayed within the park, venturing outside for only short periods of time, one of the more adventurous males made it all the way to Bray in early January.

It is hoped that the squirrels will breed in the spring/summer and further monitoring will be undertaken to assess their breeding success at this stage.

Due to the level of interest in the project, the Council has supported the establishment of the Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Group, which provides an opportunity for local people in the area to get involved. Members of the group will be contributing to the long-term success of the project by assisting with monitoring in parks and green spaces, assisting

with the collation and management of squirrel data from public sightings and raising awareness for the project. The group has recently set up a Killiney Hill Red Squirrel Group facebook page to provide updates on the Killiney squirrels and other general information about squirrel conservation.

The Council has also developed a garden/school squirrel survey scheme to encourage residents in the Dalkey/Killiney and Shankill area to report sightings of red and grey squirrels. The survey instructions and recording form are available to download on the Council's red squirrel webpage. General sightings of red and grey squirrels can also be submitted through our online survey. Visit www.dlrcoco.ie/Parks/redsquirrel.html for more details.

[dlrcoco.ie/Parks/redsquirrel.html](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/Parks/redsquirrel.html) for more details.

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Katy Hayes and Special Guests at the Mill Theatre

dlr Writer in Residence Katy Hayes is currently conducting a creative writing course in Dundrum Library with the participants aiming to submit a short story for RTÉ's Francis MacManus Award.

While the course is booked out, Katy will host a public evening on Thursday 4 April 2013 in the Mill Theatre where a number of well known writers, fine exponents of the short story form, will read from their work and share their

expertise on how to make short fiction work effectively. The residency is organised by dlr Arts Office and Library Service. It is grant aided by the Arts Council.

For further info see:
www.dlrcoco.ie/library or
www.dlrcoco.ie/arts

Sports Volunteer Awards

Pictured recently at the inaugural Sports Volunteer Recognition Awards is Pat Finnerty who received the Long Service Sports Volunteer Award for his work with Cabinteely Football Club and Cabinteely Athletics Club. Thirty one local volunteers were honoured at the event organised by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership for their services to sport within the county.





Pictured are Alice & Sophie O'Loughlin Kennedy

National Spring Clean 2013 Comes to DLR

As this year is the 15th Anniversary of An Taisce's National Spring Clean, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is encouraging everyone to do their bit to make it even bigger and better.

For the entire month of April the Council will provide litter pickers and gloves for groups who wish to get involved and will be arranging extra resources to pick up waste from weekend clean-ups.

Groups who wish to participate in the National Spring Clean need to:

- register their interest with the Council
- nominate a particular weekend in April for their area so that we can schedule

a pickup on the following Monday or Tuesday

- use the clean up bags that we provide which will be registered to your clean-up team. Waste presented in bags that are not provided by the Council will not be collected. Green waste is not eligible for collection.

You can register your community clean-up on the following weekends in April: 6/7, 13/14, 20/21, 27/28.

For further info contact:

environ@dlrcoco.ie / 01 2054817.

James Plunkett's 'Strumpet City'

This year's 'Dublin: One City, One Book' will celebrate the great James Plunkett novel *Strumpet City* set during the Lockout which took place 100 years ago this year. Plunkett (born James Plunkett Kelly), who died in 2003 and is buried in Deansgrange Cemetery, was a producer and director in RTÉ for many years and wrote short stories, radio dramas, articles for various publications as well as novels. *Strumpet City* is by far Plunkett's most famous work.

When *Strumpet City* was published in 1969, (it had taken him ten years to write) it was a phenomenal success. Its re-telling in the 1980 television drama series immortalised many of its characters including the unforgettable Rashers Tierney.

Like most of Dublin's literary heritage, the author and book have strong connections with this area, in particular Dún Laoghaire, or Kingstown as it was called then. The novel begins with the Royal Yacht arriving in Kingstown in 1907. It is where Father O'Connor comes to escape from the trials of working in the slums in the city centre. It is where Mary, one of the leading characters works until she starts her new life with Fitz in Chandler's Court. The wealthy Bradshaws live insulated comfortable lives in Kingstown until their world is shattered by the collapse of two of Mr Bradshaw's tenement houses near the harbour.

To celebrate Dún Laoghaire/Kingstown's role in *Strumpet City*, dlr Libraries are hosting the following series of talks in April.

- 'Rashers, Royalty and Revolution: Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire in the Early 20th Century' by Colin Scudds (Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society). Wednesday 10 April at 7.30pm.
- 'From Mrs Bradshaw to Rashers Tierney: Gender, Poverty and Power in Dublin in the Early 20th Century' by Dr Caitriona Clear (History Department, NUI Galway). Tuesday 16 April at 7.30pm.
- 'The Catholic Church and the 1913 Lockout as illustrated in *Strumpet City*' by Patsy McGarry (The Irish Times). Tuesday 23 April at 7.30pm.
- 'Poems & the City: 'September 1913' and beyond' by Professor Gerald Dawe (Trinity College Dublin). Tuesday 30 April at 7.30pm.

All events will be held in the Assembly Hall, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire. Talks are free but booking is essential.

For further info contact:

libraries@dlrcoco.ie / 01 2147970.



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council together with Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society will honour Sir Edward Lovett Pearce.

Edward Lovett Pearce (1699-1733) lived in Stillorgan and was one of Ireland's finest architects. He was responsible for the introduction of Palladian architecture to Ireland and although he died at the young age of 33 years, he left behind a remarkable legacy of completed works as well as many unfinished projects and drawings.

His most famous works include the Parliament House (now the Bank of Ireland) in College Green and the Stillorgan Obelisk (pictured right).

The events will start on Thursday 11 April 2013 with a talk in Glenalbyn Sports Club by Pat Sheridan on Pearce's life and work. There will be an exhibition in Stillorgan Library commencing in mid April and a seminar in Stillorgan Park Hotel on Saturday 20 April with presentations by prominent architectural historians and conservationists (this will be a free event, open to all). The celebrations will conclude with a guided walk around Stillorgan in the footsteps of Pearce, seeing where he lived and visiting the great works he left us here - his Obelisk and Grotto.

It is hoped that the celebrations will bring awareness to the present generation of a wonderfully talented man who lived in the County 300 years ago.

For further info contact: Pat Sheridan, Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society stillorganlocalhistory@gmail.com / 087 2895653.



Arts and Health

For the past number of years Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the HSE Health Promotion Service have been involved in a very successful partnership that aims to link the arts within the health care setting.

Having concentrated on the older persons and disabilities sectors during it's first phase (2007 – 2011), the focus of the partnership has now been widened linking these services within the wider community. We are currently supporting a number of projects across the County with the assistance of the facilitating artists Joanna Parkes, Eamon Sweeney Julie Merriman and Lucinda Jacob. These include:

- a unit for older people with age related illnesses

- 2 daycare services
- a residential unit for adults who are deaf and deafblind.

According to Siobhán Mangan, HSE Senior Health Promotion Officer "The Arts and Health Partnership reflects our belief that participation in the arts enriches quality of life and has a positive influence on the general well-being of all involved".

One of the ways that this is happening is by working with Arts Disability Ireland and the Social Inclusion Unit of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. We

are supporting assisted performances in local theatres this year to enable audiences with sensory impairments full access by means of audio description for people who are blind and visually impaired, and captioning and ISL interpretation for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Captioning is also useful if English is not your first language or if you've noticed that you've difficulty hearing the actors on stage.

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Making Waves

The Dlr Waves FC are starting to make their mark in the Women's National League. After a tough start to the season, the Waves have had an excellent couple of months winning three out of their last four games, beating Cork, Castlebar Celtic and most notably Peamount Utd who are the current league champions.

With Peamount Utd unbeaten this season up until this point, the win came as a big shock to everyone in the league except for the people involved at the club, especially coaches Larry Mahony and Rory O'Hare. The two experienced coaches have masterminded the Waves turn around in fortunes by instilling a belief and work ethic in the squad that compliments the player's commitment and ability.

Further evidence of this improvement is seen in the awarding of the WNL player of the month award for November / December to the Waves club captain Sylvia Gee. The former Republic of Ireland Women's international was recognised for her influence in helping the league's newest club make tremendous progress after a slow start to life at the highest level of the game in Ireland. Sylvia has been a great captain and a true leader for all the players at the club and she has been very modest about her award "To me this award is a team thing rather than any individual recognition. You can't play this game on your own and the fact that one of the players was recognised shows that the team has improved," said Gee.

Off the field the Dlr Waves are currently running their community football programmes for boys and girls aged between 3-9 years old in the dlr Leisure Services Centres in Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook and Monkstown. The Waves will also be running soccer camps over the Easter holidays, which will be led by the first team manager Larry Mahony.

For further information: www.dlrwavesfc.ie / [Twitter@dlrwavesfc](https://twitter.com/dlrwavesfc) / also on Facebook



Pictured are Fran Gavin from the FAI and Sylvia Gee with her award

Great Turnout at the Operation Transformation Walk in Marlay Park

Over 350 people braved the wintery conditions to take part in a 4km walk around Marlay Park in January as part of Operation Transformation. Organised by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership, this event was part of a National Initiative to promote the message that walking is a fun way for people to get fit and stay active as part of a healthier lifestyle.

People of all ages and fitness levels took out their walking shoes and came along to walk and talk in the picturesque park. Participants gathered at the College Road entrance and set out on a lap of the park leading to a fantastic spectacle with a trail of people nearly 1km long stretched out along the pathway.

The atmosphere was helped by a generous sprinkling of snow and motivated walking leaders setting the pace. With a hot cup of tea or coffee at the finish, the event had a real community and social feel to it.

For further info contact: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership
sportspartnership@dlrcoco.ie /
 01-2719502



dlr Library Voices Series presents Douglas Kennedy in Conversation with Nadine O'Regan

Douglas Kennedy ranks among that rare breed, the bestselling author whose novels attract critical praise. His previous novels include massive bestsellers such as *The Big Picture*, *The Pursuit of Happiness*, *A Special Relationship* and *The Moment*. In his new novel, *Five Days*, we meet Laura, a model wife and mother who through a chance meeting in a hotel lobby is reminded of the young woman she used to be and the woman she could have become. *Five Days* is a compelling novel about how life can change with one brief encounter. Douglas visited us at Mountains to Sea 2010 and it's a real pleasure to welcome him back on Tuesday 9 April at 8.00pm Tickets €10 & €8 concessions. Pavilion Theatre, Marine Rd, Dún Laoghaire.

Other events in dlr Library Voices Series include Kate Atkinson (Sunday 24 March at 2.30pm), Audrey Niffenegger (Friday 31 May at 8.00pm) and Jeffery Deaver (Tuesday 25 June at 8.00pm).

Full details on www.dlrcoco.ie/library and www.paviliontheatre.ie

Sports Volunteer Development Programme

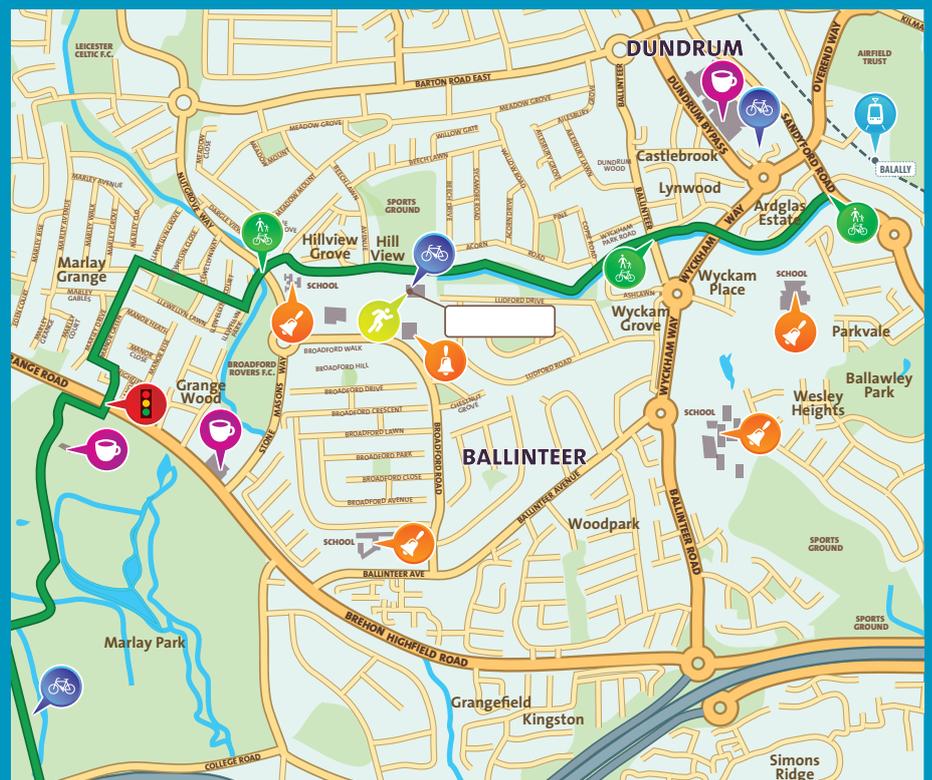


Congratulations to thirteen people who recently completed the Sports Volunteer Development Programme, which was a joint initiative of the UCD Athletic Union Council, the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership and the UCD Centre for Sports Studies. The main objective of the programme is to equip volunteers with the necessary skills to effectively contribute to the management and development of their sports club through means of seminars and workshops. Pictured with some of the people who completed the programme is An Leas Chathaoirleach, Cllr Stephen Fitzpatrick who presented the certificates on the night.



Cycling Leaflets

The Council's Transportation Department has produced cycling leaflets for two new mainly off-road cycle routes in the County. These are the Slang River Greenway (Dundrum to Marlay Park - pictured right) and the Sandyford Cycle Route (Leopardstown Road to Drummartin Link Road). The leaflets provide details of key features along the route including the route length and cycling time, the terrain type, key destinations along the route (e.g. schools, cafes) and cycle parking locations. Both routes are cycle friendly with parts of each route suitable for young children. There is also a connection between the two routes via Balally Drive. Email or hard copies of the leaflets can be obtained by emailing cycling@dlrcoco.ie.



The Mary Ryan Blues Trio sa Chlub ar Ascaill Eblana, Dún Laoghaire

Tá amhránaí na ngormacha soiscéalacha, Mary Ryan, giotáraí & amhránaí na bhFréamh-Ghormacha, Mark Braidner, & pianadóir an Eagcheoil, Simon Templeton, tagtha le chéile in athbheochan corraitheach na 'sean'-ghormacha ó na 1920í ar aghaidh. Tugann siad ar camchuart muid, ón Halla Ceoil go Vaudeville & na Gormacha Soiscéalacha & iad ag tabhairt chun beatha roinnt amhrán traidisiúnta de chuid na hÉireann & de chuid na hAlban a d'athraigh, ina n-amhráin Eagcheoil.



Léirmhínteoir éirimíúil Ghormacha na Deilte agus na scéalamhrán traidisiúnta is ea Mary Ryan ar taibheoir scannán, amharclainne agus teilifíse í. Tugadh ardmholadh dá seó, 'Sean Nós Meets the Blues'. Tá sí oiread ar a suaimhneas le Gormacha Clasaiceacha Bessie Smith & is atá sí le Gormacha Soiscéalacha Blind Willie Johnson.

Fear Bhéal Feirste, Mark Braidner, ceolann sé & seinneann an gormghiotár mar a bheadh duine de phór Dheilt an Mississippi ann. Níl sárú Simon Templeton, fear an Stride Piano, le fail. Is grá leis rithimí an eagcheoil. Tabharfaidh an grúpa seo taispeántas den scoth sa Chlub, 3 Ascaill Eblana, Dún Laoghaire, ar an 9 Márta 2013 ar 8pm.

Kíla – 25

Tá Kíla ag ceiliúradh cúig bliana fichead a mbunaithe i mbliana.

Dátaí

Cultúrlann na hÉireann, Baile na Manach: Déardaoin 7ú Márta
Seó leannaí :12.00 meánlae - €8 do dhaoine fásta; €5 do pháistí
8.00 pm: €18/16

Eolas & Tícid: Bernard - 01 2800295/
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bernard@comhaltas.ie

Mill Theatre Dún Droma – Déardaoin
28ú Márta Seó leannaí : 12.00 meánlae
- €8 do dhaoine fásta; €5 do pháistí
8.00pm: €20 / €16

Eolas & Tícid: Karen Carleton / Aisling
01 2969340 | manager@milltheatre.ie,
www.milltheatre.ie



Update on Deansgrange Library Refurbishment

Deansgrange Library closed in July 2012 for a major refurbishment. Works continue to progress well and the project is expected to be complete this summer. The external glazing element of the works has been installed and the internal fit-out phase has commenced.

The library is the busiest library in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and the new

extension will provide more space and light for this popular library. During the period of the build, Cabinteely library continues to open every weekend rather than alternate weekends and customers are welcome to use Cabinteely or any other of our branch libraries.

For further info see:
www.dlrcoco.ie/library/map.htm



New Parish Pastoral Centre in Balally

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Tom Joyce attended the recent opening of the new Balally Parish Pastoral Centre which was officially opened by President Michael D Higgins. The President praised the initiative of the people of Balally in providing a Centre suitable for use by all groups and individuals and congratulated them on their fund raising of €100,000 towards the cost.

Designed by Peter Cassidy Architects Dún Laoghaire, the centre is approximately 400 sq m in size. It has a general assembly area for meetings and functions, a coffee dock, a parish office,

a prayer room, two meeting rooms, a sacristy and toilets.

Some of the groups who are currently availing of the facility, which is free of charge to all parish groups, include a bridge class, the Move4Parkinson support group and the parish hospitality group. A new centre coordinator, Roisin Daly, has been appointed and is seeking to attract other groups from the greater Dublin area who might be interested in using the new facility.

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Balallyppc@gmail.com

HOUSEHOLD CHARGE

The Council wishes to thank all of the householders who have paid their Household Charge. The most recent figures available indicate that over 86% of households liable for the charge in this County have now paid, a collection rate that represents the highest level of compliance in the country and has enabled the Council to continue to provide its services at an acceptable level across all of its departments.

For the minority who have not paid, please pay now to avoid accumulating late payment fees and interest. The Charge with interest and penalties is €130 to Tuesday 30 April 2013. Householders may be aware that the Household Charge has been replaced with the new Local Property Tax from 2013 onwards, which will be administered by the Revenue Commissioners. A half-year charge will apply in 2013 and all outstanding household charge arrears must also be

paid. Where the Household Charge arrears have not been paid by Thursday 1 July 2013, the Local Property Tax in respect of such properties will be increased by €200 and will be pursued and collected by Revenue.

Please register and pay for your household charge without delay on www.householdcharge.ie

For further info contact: Household Charge, Finance Department, 2054700 ext. 4319/4328 / www.dlrcoco.ie.

Tidy Schools in the Community Competition

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is inviting primary schools to enter the Tidy Schools in the Community competition. Participating schools are judged on their cleanliness, floral displays, initiatives to support wildlife, litter and waste education and community initiatives to support a clean environment.

Schools wishing to enter the Tidy Schools must do so by Friday 22 March.

For further info contact:
Dean Eaton 205 4817.

Dublin Painting & Sketching Club Art Exhibition

The 135th exhibition to be staged by the Dublin Painting & Sketching Club will be open to the public admission free from Monday 8 – Sunday 21 April, at the Concourse, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire.

School Cycle Parking – Expressions of Interest

As part of the Council Cycling Policy to promote cycling, the Council has established a fund to supply cycle parking to schools in the County. Schools will be required to apply for the cycle parking through an application form. The number of schools that will benefit from the scheme will depend on the total number of schools that apply and the successful schools will be required to show a clear commitment to cycling in that school. Registrations close Friday 22 March.

For further info contact:
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Support for Schools in the County

Primary Schools

dlr Arts Office and Blackrock Education Centre are delighted to announce that we have selected seven schools to participate in this year's Creative Arts Programme in Primary Schools. Creative arts can range from drama, visual arts, literature, dance to music and film. The Creative Arts Programme consists of an artist, class and teacher collaborating on a project over a 3 month period from Jan – May in the school. This year the schools involved are: Ballyowen Meadows, St. Columbanus N.S., Dalkey School Project, Rathfarnham Educate Together, Rathmichael N.S., St. Mary's N.S and St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S. This programme is supported by The Arts Council.

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Secondary Schools

During 2013 dlr Youth Arts Worker, Michael McLoughlin will be expanding on links established with schools in the county to develop Visual Arts projects with young people. This year St. Tiernan's Community School, Newpark Comprehensive, St. Laurence's Community College and Cabinteely Community School will be involved. These art projects will present opportunities for young people to develop creative ways to look at their areas, the environment around them and how they relate to their own surroundings. The projects will mainly involve transition year students and will happen both in the schools and in the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility.

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To check out what's on in the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility contact Mary on 01 2047978, grainstore@dlrcoco.ie or www.dlrgainstore.ie.

Supported by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.

Calendar of Events March - June 2013

Date	Event Name	Venue	Telephone	E-Mail	Website
Throughout the year Saturdays and Sundays	CoCo Markets	Marlay Park	087 9573647	market@dlrcoco.ie	www.dlrcoco.ie
Throughout the year Sundays	CoCo Markets	Peoples Park	087 2837633	market@dlrcoco.ie	www.dlrcoco.ie
Ongoing	The Shackleton Endurance Exhibition	Ferry Terminal Building, Dún Laoghaire	01 2360544	info@shackletonexhibition.com	www.shackletonexhibition.com
Ongoing	Actovation - Family Fitness Pilot Project	Monkstown, Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook	M'town 01 2301458 L'town 01 2823344 M'brook 01 2995610	bquinn@dlrleisureservices.ie eoconnor@dlrleisureservices.ie g Moran@dlrleisureservices.ie	www.dlrleisureservices.ie
March					
9 March	Free Electrical Recycling Day	Old Pier, West Harbour, Dún Laoghaire			www.recyclefree.ie
24 March	dlr Library Voices Series Presents Kate Atkinson in conversation with Sinéad Gleeson	Pavilion Theatre, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire			www.dlrcoco.ie/library
30 March	Easter Egg Hunt	Ballawley Park	087 3299936	info@owls.ie	
31 March	Mad Hatters Tea Party	Deerpark			www.dlrevents.ie
April					
8 - 21 April	Dublin Painting & Sketching Club Art Exhibition	Concourse, County Hall	01 2801843	patmcgloughlin@eircom.net	www.dublinpaintingandsketchingclub.ie
10 April	Rashers, Royalty and Revolution - Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire in the Early 20th Century	Assembly Hall, County Hall	01 2147970	libraries@dlrcoco.ie	
14 April	Dabbling Ducks	Cabinteely Park	087 3299936	info@owls.ie	www.dlrevents.ie
16 April	From Mrs Bradshaw to Rashers Tierney - Gender, Poverty and Power in Dublin in the Early 20th Century'	Assembly Hall, County Hall	01 2147970	libraries@dlrcoco.ie	
23 April	The Catholic Church and the 1913 Lockout as illustrated in 'Strumpet City'	Assembly Hall, County Hall	01 2147970	libraries@dlrcoco.ie	
28 April	Who Dares Wins	Shanganagh Park	087 3299936	info@owls.ie	www.dlrevents.ie
30 April	Poems & the City - 'September 1913' and beyond'	Assembly Hall, County Hall	01 2147970	libraries@dlrcoco.ie	
May					
4 - 5 May	Outdoor Movies	People's Park			www.dlrevents.ie
9 - 11 May	Bratacha 2013	Dún Laoghaire		info@bratacha.com	www.bratacha.com
11 May	Insects and Plants on Killiney Hill	Killiney Hill		info@owls.ie	www.dlrevents.ie
12 May	Rock Pooling for Families	Sandycove Beach	087 3299936	info@owls.ie	www.dlrevents.ie
14 May	Media Future Conference	Pavilion Theatre, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire	Cathal 01 4732050		www.mediafuture.ie
14 - 15 May	Annual Global Diaspora Forum	Dún Laoghaire			www.globaldiasporaforum.ie
18 May	Killiney Hill Bird Walk	Killiney Hill			www.dlrevents.ie
18 - 19 May	Dublin Bay Wine Experience	Royal Marine Hotel			
19 May	National Dawn Chorus Day	Cabinteely Park			www.dlrevents.ie
25 May	Life in the Undergrowth	Killiney Hill	087 3299936	info@owls.ie	www.dlrevents.ie
25 May	An Evening Bat Walk	Marlay Park	086 4049458	info@batconservationireland.org	www.dlrevents.ie
June					
16 June	Active 8	Shanganagh			www.dlrevents.ie
16 June	Joyce in June - Dún Laoghaire Blooms Week	DLR/Sandycove	01 2312929		www.paviliontheatre.ie
20 - 23 June	Route Des Princes	Dún Laoghaire			www.routedesprinces.com
24 - 30 June	Dundrum Arts & Cultural Festival	Dundrum	086 1920034 / 01 2987929		www.dundrumfestival.ie
tbc	Indian Film Festival	Dundrum			indianfilmfestivalofireland.ie
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The Ferry Terminal Building, Dún Laoghaire Harbour

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