

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

AUGUST MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 – 30 August 2023

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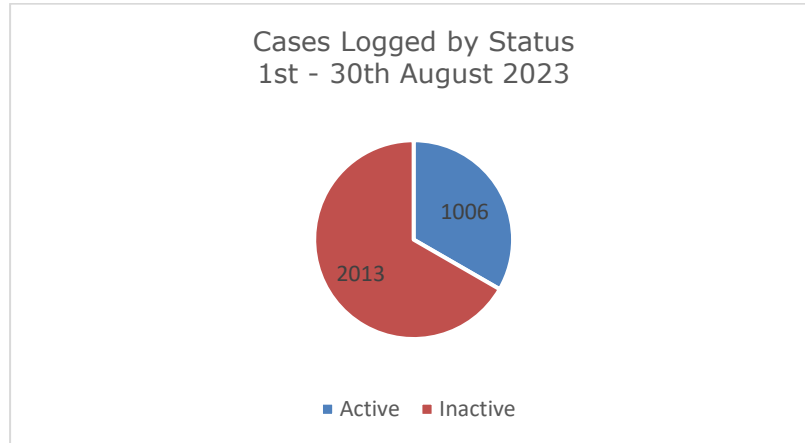
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Civic Hub Stats



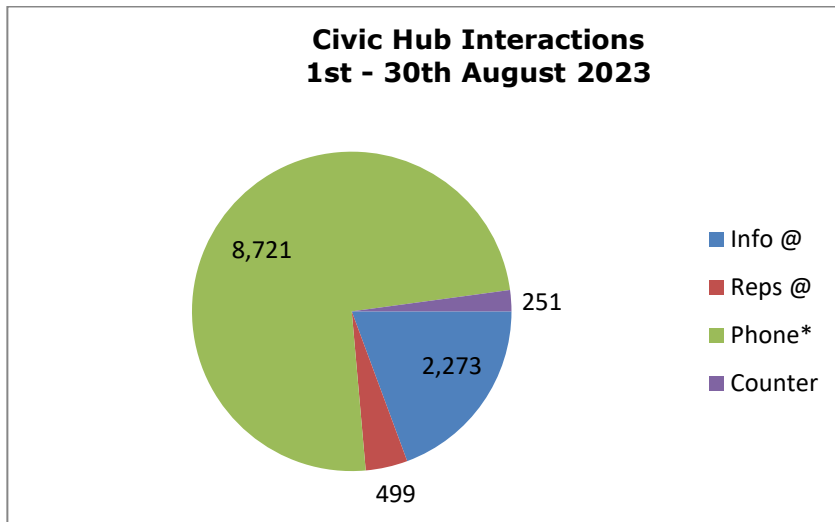
Cases logged from 1st – 30th August 2023

Open	1006
Closed	2013

Cases Logged from 1st – 30th August 2023, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects		3	3
Communications	14	332	346
Community	1	2	3
Corporate Services	3	4	7
dlrcoco	1	1	2
Enterprise	1	4	5
Environment	148	183	331
Finance	17	217	234
Harbour	5	3	8
Housing	55	120	175
IT	1	3	4
Law	1		1
Libraries	3	1	4
Municipal Services	76	200	276
Parks	354	323	677
Planning	9	21	30
Property	12	3	15
Transportation	273	504	777
Waste Enforcement	24	64	88
Water Services	8	25	33
Grand Total	1006	2013	3019

* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls



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Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	7408	1313

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2273	499	2772

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	206	45	251

Communications Office

Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoo.ie	173,924
dlrLibraries	30,121

Social Media Activity

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period	85,945	627	605	750,803	32,780	4.4%	7,335
Aug 1, 2023 - Aug 30, 2023	↗ 0.7%	↗ 14.8%	↗ 3.4%	↘ 19%	↘ 18%	↗ 1.2%	↘ 42.8%
Compare to	85,321	546	585	926,868	39,998	4.3%	12,829
Jul 2, 2023 - Jul 31, 2023							
@DLR_Libraries	8,779	3	22	18,188	365	2%	0
@dlrArts	3,059	13	38	14,836	387	2.6%	3
@dlrcc	20,318	383	116	222,798	9,813	4.4%	2,778
@dlrheritevents	4,017	4	42	26,946	659	2.4%	167
@leo_dlr	5,588	-10	48	5,863	74	1.3%	0
dlrcoco.ie	7,534	119	169	124,368	1,176	0.9%	1,610
dlrevents	13,824	35	3	17,255	744	4.3%	31
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	18,523	33	114	242,459	15,427	6.4%	1,037
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	4,303	47	53	78,090	4,135	5.3%	1,709

Press Queries

There were 19 press queries received during this period.

Freedom of Information

There were 20 FoI requests received during this period.

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/07/2023

58.33%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	35,956,797	72,721,224	49.44%
B	Road Transport & Safety	19,312,982	35,181,888	54.89%
C	Water Services	7,364,784	12,568,752	58.60%
D	Development Management	24,236,252	28,095,012	86.27%
E	Environmental Services	21,062,644	36,294,420	58.03%
F	Recreation & Amenity	22,368,211	37,496,868	59.65%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,547,128	4,792,800	74.01%
H	Miscellaneous Services	5,566,219	9,364,272	59.44%
Total Expenditure		139,415,017	236,515,236	58.95%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	30,394,973	64,175,328	47.36%
B	Road Transport & Safety	7,590,645	13,012,752	58.33%
C	Water Services	4,953,767	8,420,220	58.83%
D	Development Management	12,159,607	6,560,712	185.34%
E	Environmental Services	4,706,438	7,498,392	62.77%
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,964,750	5,699,244	52.02%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,879,570	3,369,900	85.45%
H	Miscellaneous Services	10,643,767	17,213,376	61.83%
Sub Total		76,293,516	125,949,924	60.57%

LPT	Local Property Tax	7,330,519	12,566,604	58.33%
RA	Rates	57,413,342	97,998,804	58.59%
Total Income		141,037,377	236,515,332	59.63%

Balance as at 31/07/2023	€1,622,360	Surplus
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DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/07/2023				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/07/2023 €
1 Total Housing & Building	19,396,542	90,355,992	94,136,352	23,176,902
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	7,132,720	20,504,297	20,083,706	6,712,128
3 Total Water Services	2,106,576	387,604	258,920	1,977,892
4 Total Development Management	190,242,443	26,960,453	3,234,534	166,516,523
5 Total Environmental Services	2,177,644	26,105	216,750	2,368,289
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	13,896,870	6,135,745	5,322,023	13,083,147
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,040,386	935,113	168,500	3,273,773
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	40,954,458	860,948	1,081,746	41,175,256
Grand Total	279,947,639	146,166,258	124,502,531	258,283,911

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/07/23						
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €		Balance at 31/07/2023		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	25,264,293		59,034,983		39,156,761	19,878,222

Drainage & Flood Alleviation

Engineering and environmental consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a constraints study, hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders continue. A Ground Investigation Contract is complete. We have received preliminary approval from Irish Rail to tunnel under the rail line. Public Consultation on the preferred option took place on the 13th December 2022. The scheme was submitted for Part 8 in July, with the public consultation period ending in the middle of August.

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey is complete. Further topographical survey work has been done. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost beneficial scheme is achievable. An initial public engagement has been completed following short briefing sessions with Area Councillors. The on-site investigation work is largely completed. The options for the project are being considered. Interim technical reports have been developed for some option locations due to the complexity of the project. Initial discussions have now begun with a small number of landowners. Options are currently being refined.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping and draft options have been submitted for review.



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Planning and Economic Development

Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1st August – 30th August 2023

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	103	103
Decision Deferred	0	24	24
Decision to Grant**	0	79	79
Decision to Refuse**	0	16	16
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	83	83
Invalid Applications	0	11	11

*Includes 15 Applications for Retention.

**Split decisions; Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (inc. For Retention) are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

0 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse).

Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications

Planning Applications received under Section 5 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large-scale Residential Development) Act 2021.

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD23A/0557	<p>Expert Eye Property Company Ltd. Lands forming part of development generally known as Rockbrook located at the junction of Blackthorn Drive and Carmanhall Road, Rockbrook Estate, Sandyford Business District, Dublin 18.</p> <p>Permission for a Large-scale Residential development on lands forming part of development generally known as Rockbrook located at the junction of Blackthorn Drive and Carmanhall Road, Rockbrook Estate, Sandyford Business District, Dublin 18.</p> <p>Development will comprise minor amendments to permitted development as per Strategic Housing Development (SHD) permission reference 304405-19 which comprises 428no. apartments, a creche, 4no. local/neighbourhood retail units & associated site works.</p> <p>Proposed development incorporates the following amendments:</p> <p>(I) Reconfiguration of cores, reconfiguration of the basement & associated amendments to the building.</p> <p>(II) Amendments to the external facades and balconies.</p> <p>(III) Amendments to the unit mix which consists of 32no. studio apartments, 122no. 1bed apartments, 251 2bed apartments & 23no. 3bed apartments to provide for 19no. studio apartments, 135no. 1bed apartments, 249 2bed apartments & 25no. 3bed apartments. There will be no change to the overall number of units provided with total units remaining at 428 apartments.</p>	25/08/2023	28/09/2023	https://rb.centallrd.com/	19/10/2023

LRD23A /0566	Shankill Property Investments Ltd. Site at former Bray Golf Club lands, off Ravenswell Road & Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Dublin.	30/08/2023	03/10/2023	https://rb.centallrd.com/	24/10/2023
<p>Permission for development comprising a Large-scale Residential development at a site at the former Bray Golf Club lands, off Ravenswell Road & Dublin Road, Bray, Co. Dublin. The Large-scale Residential Development application consists of amendments to a permitted Strategic Housing Development (permitted under ABP-311181).</p> <p>The amendments comprise of 4 No. additional in-curtilage car parking spaces (2 No. car parking spaces within each of the curtilages of a permitted house and a permitted duplex unit (3 bed duplex over 2 bed apartment)); extensions to the permitted length of the adjacent public roadway in two areas to facilitate access to the proposed additional car parking spaces; and associated local revisions to permitted storm sewer network, public lighting and landscaping.</p>					

Planning Counter Figures: 1st to 30th August, 2023

Customers Served	283
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RZLT update

- A total of 82 submissions on the draft RZLT map were received by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- There were no third-party submissions seeking the inclusion of additional lands.
- DLR had until 1st April 2023 to make a determination on submissions.
- A Supplemental Map, showing new sites only has been published, submissions on this were open from 1st May 2023 to 1st June 2023.
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Building Control: 1st August – 30th August 2023

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	40
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	8
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	15
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	14/0
Commencement Notices Validated	63
7 Day Notices received	9
Completion Certs Validated	19

*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs, 7 Day Notices & Rev Fire Certs

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved January-August 2023	Enterprise Ireland target January-August 2023
Feasibility Study	8	33
Business Priming	8	
Business Expansion	11	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	9	
Trading Online Vouchers	67	30
Other Grant Applications (Green, Agile, IP etc.)	21	14
Microfinance Ireland *	8	9
Total Approvals	132	

*Number of clients supported to submit MFI application for approval by MFI

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	January-August 2023
No of jobs created	29

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2023	Total January - August 2023
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	132
Clients attending Networking Events	312
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	875
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	168
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	291
Total No of Clients Assisted	1788

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total January - August 2023
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	3
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	7
Business Promotion Grants	6
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in August 2023

<p>DLR Enterprise News</p>	<p><u>September 12th EWN Open for Bookings</u> (Sent 03/08/23) Open rate 63%, 353 recipients</p> <p><u>LEO DLR – September Training & Networking Updates</u> (Sent 04/08/23) Open rate 54%, 3469 recipients</p> <p><u>Katapult Programme – For Start-Ups with Global Ambition</u> (Sent 11/08/23) Open rate 56%, 3470 recipients</p> <p><u>National Women’s Enterprise Day 2023 - Announcement</u> (Sent 15/08/23) Open rate 58%, 3471 recipients</p> <p><u>NWED and September 12th EWN Events</u> (Sent 17/08/23) Open rate 56%, 352 recipients</p> <p><u>LEO DLR – Export Development Programme Sept 2023</u> (Sent 18/08/23) Open rate 53%, 3473 recipients</p> <p><u>September Training Opportunities with LEO DLR</u> (Sent 24/08/23) Open rate 53%, 3471 recipients</p>
<p>Business Advice Sessions</p>	<p>Business Advice Sessions throughout August</p>
<p>8 Week Start Your Own Business Course</p>	<p>Beginning 17th August</p>
<p>Dublin Food Chain Event</p>	<p>8th August</p>

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 1st August 2023-29th August 2023				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,177	6	48	557
Twitter	5,588	-8	48	5,138
Instagram	1,679	26	48	3,351
LinkedIn	935	8	48	1,094

Tourism Development

Visitor Information Services

August was a very busy month for the Tourist information kiosk. With a large number of international visitors presenting for support. The impact of significant numbers of Cruise visitors and local festivals and events had an obvious positive impact of the footfall in the area.

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2028

Tourism Baseline Report has been finalised. Draft high-level objectives for the strategy have been identified. Work is progressing well and is on schedule.

Visit to Cobh, County Cork

A study visit to Cobh was organised in conjunction with the Dún Laoghaire Town Team. Meetings were held with the Cobh Town Council and members of the Cobh Chamber of Commerce. The group was given a tour of a visiting cruise ship and met the Cobh cruise team from the Port of Cork.

Events

The following events took place supported by dlr events & festivals budget:

- Dun Laoghaire Ukulele Festival
- Dalkey Lobster Festival

Cruise Summary

August was a busy cruise month. Sixteen tender & 2 alongside calls to Dun Laoghaire with a combined capacity for crew & guests of over 45,000.

DLR Tourism Ezine

The third DLR Tourism ezine of the year was distributed information recipients of the events & new businesses in the county.

Social Media Analysis August 2023

	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	9,000	115	16	78.860
Twitter	3,902	28	13	5,147
Instagram	3,344	74	16	43.670

Enterprise Hub by Quarterdeck in the Ferry Terminal

It was agreed at the Dun Laoghaire Area Committee meeting held in May 2023 to bring an update on the Ferry Terminal to future meetings.

The members agreed to a S183 leasehold disposal of the terminal building to Quarterdeck at the Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 to operate an Enterprise Hub. Quarterdeck had indicated that they expected to incur expenditure of c€4m and began the process of seeking tenders for the necessary works after the lease became effective in July 2022. Widespread tender price inflation meant that the tenders obtained by Quarterdeck came in significantly higher than expected, resulting in a delay to the commencement of the works as Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the relatively short-term lease.

In the interim the following conditions of the lease have been satisfied:

- Insurance paid 30/09/22 which was confirmed to be in order
- Deposit of €200,000 lodged 13/12/22
- A photographic survey was provided on the 16/09/22 as required by the contract
- 20-day notice re commencement of works was provided 23/12/22
- Stena Line Offices - Fit out works substantially completed Fire certification in progress
- Ground Floor Office Space – Works pending
- Food Hall and Ground Floor Co-working space - Works pending
- External Signage - Design completed and submitted to planning control.
- Office Occupation - Commitments and interest have been received for 102 desks before marketing.
- Quarterdeck are currently working through building Control Compliances.

The Economic Development Team continue to engage with Quarterdeck on delivery of this project.

Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Cruise Ship Business

The Cruise Ship Season has commenced with approximately 95 Cruise Ships booked in for 2023 at present with over 160,000 passengers and 68,000 crew. We are working with the Tourism Department, the Dun Laoghaire Business Association and the Dun Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce to maximise the local benefits of the cruise visitors.

Projects:

National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 Grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalising the grant process and agreements with the project partners. An MOU has been signed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland in order to set out and agree the objectives of the project.

A concept brochure was presented to the Elected Members during the February council meeting and has since been published. It is hoped that this initiative will assist in building momentum and support for the project. This document was presented to councilors in February 2023.

A scheme to apply for additional “top-up” funding was announced in July and DLRCC have submitted an application for increased funding to assist with the impacts of inflation etc.

Berth 2 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. The project is now on site and the Carlisle Pier will close to shipping for 2-3 months to facilitate the new fender installation.

Berth 3 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to replace the Berth 3 fenders from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. The project is now on site and the Carlisle Pier will close to shipping for 2-3 months to

facilitate the new fender installation.

East Pier Revetment Repairs

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to repair the sloping revetment at the back (east side) of the East Pier from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This revertant provides the primary protection for the East Pier and has suffered some damage over recent years from the larger storms. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed to design and manage the project which is likely to be on site during the summer of 2023. Cunningham Civil & Marine have been appointed to carry out the works on this project and have commenced on site. The project is progressing well and is due to complete late September. As this project is being delivered "by sea" there is little, if any disruption to the East Pier users.

Dublin Array Windfarm

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm have approached the Harbour about the possibility of establishing an Operations and Maintenance Base for the windfarm. It is hoped that there might be synergies with the Ferry Terminal project. Early engagement is ongoing with the developer's team to establish the exact requirements.

Skate Park

Due to delays with Irish Water in the original location, a temporary BMX Pump track will now be constructed in the car-park in Apna Park, behind the West Pier. The project was tendered and a contractor selected. Construction is due to commence in September 2023.

Ice Rink

An Ice Rink will be installed in the Harbour for the months of November, December, and January. This will be one of the largest Ice Rinks in Ireland and tickets are due to go on sale mid-September 2023.



Comhairle Contae County Council

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement:

1 st – 30 th August 2023	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	43	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	38	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	98	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	101	Litter Section
Litter Fines issued	21	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	0	Waste Bye-laws
Legal Proceedings initiated	2	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

Dog Statistics from 1st – 30th August 2023

No of dogs on hand on 1 st August	2
No of dogs entering the shelter	10
No of dogs rehomed	2
No of dogs reclaimed	0
No of dogs sent to rescue	2
No of dogs put to sleep	0
No of dogs remaining in the pound on 30 th August	8
Dog attacks in this period	4 – 1 of these on person

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - August 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	The Park Estate Cabinteely (part of)				✓	Works Completed
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	Works Completed
3	Barrack Road, Glencullen (part of)				✓	Works Completed
4	Meadowmount (part of)			✓		Contractor Appointed. Works due to commence on 17th September

5	College Road / Killmashogue (part of)		✓			Contractor Appointed. Works due to commence on 7th September
6	Ballinclea Road (part of)				✓	
7	Ashlawn Estate (part of)	✓				
8	Glenageary Road Upper			✓		Works commenced in June 2023 and junction works are ongoing
9	Barnhill Road (part of)	✓				Design is underway
10	Dalkey Avenue (part of)		✓			New Contractor to be appointed Aug/Sept 2023 following withdrawal of another contractor
11	Monkstown Crescent (part of)		✓			Slit trench & GPR works are complete and the scheme design is underway
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road				✓	
2	Trisilian, Foxrock	✓				
3	Olivemount Grove / Road				✓	
4	Prospect Lawn				✓	
5	Brennanstown Road	✓				
6	Grange Wood				✓	
7	Idrone Lane				✓	
8	Pucks Castle Lane				✓	Temporary works on surface defects have been carried out
9	Sallynoggin Road				✓	
10	Avondale Road (driveways)			✓		A Contractor been appointed and works are ongoing
11	Rock Road (Booterstown to Blackrock)	✓				
12	Foxrock Court	✓				Design is underway
13	Dundela estate (parts of)	✓				
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley (part of)				✓	Works Complete
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)				✓	Works Complete
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)	✓				
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)		✓			To start end August/Early September

5	Mount Anville Road (part of)				✓	
6	Dún Laoghaire Town (part of Northumberland Avenue)			✓		Footway works are completed on Phase 1 and Phase 2 Public realm works will commence at the end of August 2023
7	Watsons Estate (part of)	✓				
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				A scheme design has been prepared. Due to an existing nearby Road Closure, works will take place until 2024.
9	Trafalgar Terrace		✓			A Contractor has been appointed but the works are on hold until September 2023
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme		✓			
2	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
3	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment		✓			Tender to appoint a consultant to inspect bridges in the County are being assessed.
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood				✓	
2	Mount Albion Road Churchtown	✓				
3	Brighton Road Foxrock.	✓				
4	Cherrywood Road/Bray Road junction	✓				
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				
6	Priory Avenue	✓				
7	Mounttown Road Upper				✓	
8	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing				✓	Phase 2 Pavement Work have been completed between Newtownpark Avenue and Cornelscourt. Design of Phase 3 to commence in September 2023
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park (part of)		✓			Tenders being assessed
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	Works Complete

3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings				✓	Works Complete
3	Laneway Between Seaview Park and Shanganagh Road (near Texaco Garage)	✓				Design is underway
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Wyckham Bypass		✓			Contractor Appointed
2	N11 3-Year Resurfacing Programme			✓		Cycle lane upgrades completed as part of Phase 2. TII have granted additional funding for Phase 3 - Works commencing on 18th September
3	Sallyglen Road (part of)	✓				Cycle track lining has been renewed each side of Sallyglen Road
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn		✓			Tender Being Assessed
2	Rathsallagh Estate			✓		A Contractor has been appointed and works have commenced
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	Redesdale estate - certain laneways				✓	Works Complete
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				
*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.						
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Cherrygarth, Stillorgan			✓		Works have commenced on site. Project Programme is 16 weeks from beginning of September
2	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill	✓				
	Other Notable Minor Works Schemes					
1	St. Johns Park resurfacing				✓	Works are complete
2	Pakenham Road Longford Place junction resurfacing				✓	Works are complete
3	Sandycove Avenue re-instatement works				✓	Road resurfacing works on Sandycove Avenue took place alongside Irish water reinstatement works are mostly completed. Further works near Albert Road will take place in September

2. Traffic and Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2023 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave				✓			Consequent to the decision to retender, pricing schedules are due back on 30 August 2023
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes					✓		Snagging and review to be done. A site visit has taken place for a road safety audit to be done
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Progressing slowly due to lack of internal resources
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Cycle parking roll-out continuing. A tender is being prepared for the purchase of new cycle stands.
Stepaside Village and Cycle Scheme		✓					A non-statutory public consultation process has just ended. Preparation of public consultation report ongoing
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme				✓			Phase I of Sandyford Village Scheme is at tender stage. Detailed design of Phase II with commence when resources allow
Clarinda Park East-pedestrian improvements				✓			Construction completed
Public Consultations-							
Ballybrack Underpass Churchview Road							
The final report has been sent to Ward Councillors for feedback							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Preliminary redesign ongoing, property title search ongoing.

Speed Limit Review

Consultation with An Garda Síochána, neighbouring Local Authorities complete. Preliminary maps updated and preparation of draft Bye-Laws commenced.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

No TAG meetings took place in August.

Deputations

No Deputations took place in August.

Bus Connects

The Traffic Section, with -cross departmental input, made a submission to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) with respect to the proposed Blackrock to City Centre CBC. ABP has advised that the decision due date for this planning application has been put back with no new determination date provided. Regarding the Bray to City Centre CBC planning application, this has now been lodged with ABP and submission can be made directly to

ABP up until October 10th, 2023.

Bus Interchanges at Dundrum, Dún Laoghaire & Blackrock

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA regarding bus interchange improvements at these locations. The improvements are needed to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects’ programme.

Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs)

Dundrum ABTA - Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 are now complete with the ABTA recommendations having informed the draft Dundrum LAP being progressed by the Planning Section. Public consultation on the draft LAP has now closed and the CEO’s report is being prepared.

Racecourse South lands & Kiltarnan - Glenamuck-

The Council, in conjunction with the NTA, is progressing ABTAs for the Racecourse South lands at Carrickmines, in accordance with the requirements of SLO 143 in the current County Development Plan, and also for the Kiltarnan – Glenamuck area in order to support the preparation of a LAP to replace the current Kiltarnan - Glenamuck LAP, due to expire later this year. A consultant has been appointed and work is underway on Stage 1 of the studies – Baseline Assessments for the study areas.

Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In August 2023 there were:

- 2 applications for road closure
- 4 applications for film locations

3. Roads Control Restoration Works RCRW 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2023	
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Trees Road Lower, Stillorgan	Pending completion of remedial works required for public roads.

Section 254’s

Local Authorities, in their capacity as planning authorities, are tasked with the issuing of licenses for the placement of appliances, cables, signs, and/or other items on public roads under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The Road Maintenance Section are the area responsible for the issuing of such licenses for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 st Jan 2023 – up to date	
Applications	
Received	6
Granted	3
Withdrawn	1
Refused	1

The Section 254 webpage is now live on dlrcoco.ie

Please follow the below link for details of Section 254 applications which have been processed: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/information-technology/section-254-above-ground-telecommunications-infrastructure>

4. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	244	290	238	316	247	229
Clean-Ups Assisted	58	67	81	88	78	54
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	22	16	14	26	20	21
Bathing Water Samples Taken	18	18	18	36	49	60
Gullies Cleaned	961	1391	829	594	1117	1745
Dumping Incidents Managed	35	34	37	93	31	51
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	7	7
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No report received	No report received
Street Bin Collections	4847	4905	5118	5545	6008	5359

* Statistics available up to the end of July 2023.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – August 2023

- Corbawn Strand – Beach works were undertaken to remove large boulders from the main swimming area.
- Kavanaghs Corner (adjacent to the 40 Foot) – Storm damage occurred to the bathing area on the 9th of March. Tenders were returned in August and are being assessed.
- Coliemore Harbor granite wall remedial repair project is expected to start on site in September. Final preparations are being undertaken.
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- DLR Baths – Maintenance crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc. whilst also emptying bins.
- The Road and Cycle Lane Sweeping is on-going as per the schedules and also as per CRM requests.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going.
- Beach Lifeguards are in place in Seapoint, Sandycove and Killiney. The Lifeguard service may fluctuate throughout the remainder of the Bathing Season due to

Lifeguard staffing shortages.

- Bathing water sampling is on-going at our 9 locations every week as scheduled since the 1st of June and will revert to sampling every fortnight after the 15th of September.
- A weeding contractor is working at various locations within the county.
- Deep Cleans of Towns & Villages is on-going at specific locations within the county.
- Seasonal 1100L and barrel bins have been deployed at busy coastal and town locations.
- New Big Belly Bins were deployed as per the 2023 Bin Review report.

5. Public Lighting

Work continues on the replacement of the old lights with LED lighting which is more energy efficient, gives less maintenance and improved service. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns and Networks is also on-going.

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Aug 2023:	550
Percentage of lights out at the end of Aug 2023:	2.1%
Pole replacement carried out in Aug 2023:	3
Bracket replacements:	1
Tree trimming:	2
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	15
LED Upgrades	26
Total lights upgraded to LED	21,153
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	86.8%

LED Upgrading Program

ACCESS RD TO SCHOOL (OFF ACORN RD)	3
ALBANY COURT	5
BALALLY DRIVE PATHWAY	1
CLANMAWR	1
Devon Close	1
IDRONE LANE	3
KILCROSS ESTATE	1
LAMBOURNE WOOD*****	3
NUTGROVE AVENUE	3
SANDYCOVE AVENUE WEST	1
SMYTHS VILLAS	2
St. Helens Wood	2

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	41
Inspections completed	2

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	8
Alterations:	2
Legal requests:	1

6.Relevant Statistics

There were 2493 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 30th August 2023 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	no. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1107
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	473
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	316
Parking a vehicle on a footway	157
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	83
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	60
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	56
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	48
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	43
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	25
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	24
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	23
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	16
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	13
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	10
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	6
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	5
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	5
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	5
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	5
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	3
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	3
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	2
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1

Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	1
Total no. of tickets issued between 1st and 30th August 2023	2493

There was no hearing in the District Court in August 2023.

Open House Dublin

Preparations are underway for dlr based events for Open House Dublin, free festival of architecture for all ages from 7th to 15th October. There is a wide range of thought-provoking experiences available to encourage discussion about contemporary and heritage architecture, infrastructure and urban design initiatives. openhousedublin.com/ will go live on 6th September.

Energy

The Architects department contributed to the Energy & Buildings theme of the draft Climate Action Plan. DLR has a strong track record in this area and has shown leadership as one of the top performing local authorities in the country to date. The Energy Team has sought to maintain these standards when drafting the actions for the latest Climate Action Plan that ensure our climate ambitions align with wider service delivery objectives. The output of this process is a suite of actions which seeks to continue the reduction in emissions from DLR's operations and supports stakeholders across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in also making reductions.

An energy information event is being organised with a range of expert panellists coming together in County Hall to answer questions from members of the public. The '**How to be Energy Smart at Home**' event will be held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday 14 October as part of the Open House Dublin architecture festival. Representatives from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU), ESB Networks and Codema, Dublin's energy agency will form the panel of experts, with An Cathaoirleach Cllr Denis O'Callaghan chairing the event.

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	21
Section 5 Declarations	3
Planning Enforcement (consultation, site visits)	1
Dundrum LAP	Review submissions, consultation for Chief Executive's Report
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023 Grant Scheme	Ongoing administration and site visits as required
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023 Grant Scheme	Ongoing administration and site visits as required

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	1
Total	3

Community Response Forum

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28th April 2022. The Centre continues to accommodate up to 392 displaced Ukrainian nationals for short periods. Over 8,600 people have stayed at the centre during this time. Among the facilities available in Ballyogan are separate laundry, sanitary facilities, internet access, television spaces, games consoles, games room, chessboards, use of bikes and scooters, libraries of Ukrainian books for children and adults, translation services, as well as online access to Ukrainian newspapers and magazines.

As part of the comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff providing onsite support to meet the healthcare needs of Ukrainian residents, and residents also have access to an offsite GP service 7 days a week.

The Community response to the crisis in Ukraine and the influx of Ukrainian nationals into the county is being led and coordinated by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders through the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

The Community Response Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and met twice in August 2023. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in the Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County.

A sub-committee of the Forum has also been established to provide support services to International Protection Applicants who are being accommodated in the County. This sub-committee meets each week.

Local coordination efforts continue to provide comprehensive support services from Southside Partnership, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, dlr Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteers Centre and a number of other community and voluntary groups.

LCDC

Following the previous LCDC meeting in June there are currently two vacancies on this committee (one from the Community & Voluntary pillar and the other from the Social Inclusion pillar). Nominations for replacements are being sought through the PPN.

Local Policing Fora (LPF)

A meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF took place on 30th August 2023.

Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Programme,

Planning is underway for **dlr Festival of Inclusion 2023** with events taking place from Thursday 28th Sept – Sunday 8th October promoting Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in dlr and this year's theme is on 'Belonging'.

Audit of Community and Cultural Facilities

Public consultation on the Audit of Community and Cultural Facilities took place during May. The online consultation opened from 26th April until 19th May and 1,051 completed surveys were submitted. In addition to the online survey 6 focus group sessions took place covering each LEA. The consultations process included consulting with Children and Young People via dlr Comhairle na nOg and Crosscare Youth Services.

Community Recognition Fund

Community Department continued to work with the successful applicants under the Community Recognition Fund to progress their projects.

Estate Management

The dlr Estate Management Fora board in conjunction with dlr organised a half day training on Saturday 17th June in Shanganagh Park House. Method Consultants who are undertaking a review of estate management, facilitated a workshop with all the groups.

Comhairle na nÓg

Dlr Comhairle are liaising with dlr Art's Office to arrange a date to put on a showcase of their work and information session in the Lexicon. We are also liaising with South Dublin FM Community Radio on scheduling a date for members to record a segment for their show in conjunction with dlr PPN. Members attended an end of summer BBQ and games day at the Espoir Grounds at Seapoint on a very sunny Sunday on the 20th August. Plans are moving forward with the agenda and format the Annual Youth Conference on the 8th November.

Pride of Place

Two former external council chief executives were formally welcomed to Dlrco by the Cathaoirleach and proceeded to judging the following groups/categories on Tuesday and Wednesday 22nd & 23rd August.

Community Group	Category
Ballybrack Climate Action	Climate Action and Biodiversity
Blackrock Mens-Shed	Community Wellbeing Initiative
Hillview Estate	Population - 0-500
Ukrainian dlr community hub	Communities Welcoming New Communities

Men's-Sheds

Sheds are being supported to initiate and complete works submitted to and financed through our grants system. Blackrock Men's- Shed delivered an excellent presentation on their significance for their members and for the wider community to the Pride of Place judges.

Network of Community Facilities

The work plan for the year is continuing apace with the next meeting scheduled for September.

Residents Associations

Community staff ongoingly respond to queries assisting resident's associations with solution pathways to a myriad of neighbourhood issues.

Say Project.

A change in the Garda chairmanship of the SAY Garda Diversion Project project will take place in September with Community staff continuing to support the project.

Glencullen Community Hall – Fire Safety works progressed through August within planned completion date by end of August to allow for Childcare Service to resume operations by September.

Arts

Municipal Art Gallery, dlr LexIcon

- Chaos/Order the dlr Open Submission exhibition featuring over 50 artworks by artists with a connection to the County continued and was accompanied by Learning Programme Events.

Gallery Learning Programme, dlr LexIcon

The Gallery Learning Programme was busy in August with workshops and open studios for all ages. From Eco-printing workshop to adults, Open Art Studios for children to parent and child textile workshops. Over 100 people of all ages attended this wide range of creative activities.

Musicians in Residence Programme

Singer Simon Morgan started his Residency at the end of August. He will collaborate with guitarist Drazen Derek and saxophonist Richie Buckley to develop material for their exciting 'Stolen Chicken' collective. During his residency Simon also plans to draw on jazz and traditional Irish influences to create new music for a project involving the Richie Buckley Quintet. Both ensembles will present a concert in October to mark the end of this third and final residency of 2023.

Baths Artists' Studios

Laura Sarah Dowdall continued with her Residency to the end of August, exploring our connection to the sea. Her regular free programme of dance workshops at Otranto Beach; drop-in sessions in her studio at the Baths; and regular gatherings continued through to the end of her Residency.

Arts and Health Programme

In partnership with ALONE, dlr Arts Office offered an afternoon of music and song in the Gallery, dlr LexIcon. Local group 'Andante' sang old favourites and the audience sang along. 15 service users from ALONE attended, with residents from local nursing homes and people that are living with dementia. In total over 84 people attended this session, predominately older people from the local area.

One of the projects supported by the dlr/HSE Arts and Health Partnership was highlighted by the group involved, the LBS Men's Shed on RTE's Morning Programme. 'Our Shed' will take place in the Studio, dlr LexIcon on October 12 to highlight World Mental Health Day. The inspirational shed group spoke about their upcoming project and what it means to them;

Link to Morning Ireland: <https://www.rte.ie/radio/radio1/clips/22290160/>

Libraries

[dlr Libraries Online](#)

Online Resources

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>

All you need is your dlr Library card.

- **Kanopy** is our film streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.
- **Moshi** is a well-being app for kids, with hundreds of original and inspiring audio stories, music and mindful meditations to enrich the imagination, promote improved sleep, and unlock potential.

- **TumbleBooks** is a streaming website of e-books for children
- **LOTE** is an online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations. New books and languages are added each month
- **Who Next? and Who else Writes like?**
Online Guides for adults and children. Help your child on their reading journey, by finding another author they love on whonextguide.com and for adults, browse genres or authors on whoelsewriteslike.com
- **Medici.tv** is the leading video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballet, jazz, and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainian guests in the County

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-libraries-resources-ukrainian-nationals> and at: <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>

As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: [LOTE Online, PressReader and Borrowbox](#)

Register of Electors Stand

Our 8 library branches hosted the corporate services department throughout August in relation to their register of electors campaign. 2 staff members from Corporate Services visited the library at an agreed time, set up an information area to answer questions in relation to signing up for the register of electors.

Sensory programming

Our Magic Tables in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries continue to be booked for use by individuals and groups, and requests to borrow items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment, are ongoing. We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in some branches where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse.

Digital programming

Dalkey Library held online resources information sessions for adults, with a focus on library resources that are available online with your library card.

Events for Adults

Library Clubs & Groups for adults

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to use our library spaces to meet. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library, the Knit Club in Cabinteely Library, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The staff-led Film Club in Blackrock continues along with the Ciorcal Comhrá, the informal Irish conversation group which takes place in the LexIcon Café every Tuesday morning.



Each of the 8 branches have in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library with some also continuing with their online book clubs, due to ongoing demand. The very popular online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham continues to meet online

Exhibition Programme

The Sea, by David Branigan Blackrock Library Until 29 August

During Covid, local photographer David Branigan received an Arts Council grant to produce a book of his work. The book is A3 in size, hardback and features 21 images in black and white. The theme is how we use our connections with the sea to find our resilience, especially in times of crisis. It was intended that the work would be photographed around Ireland, but the regional lockdowns prevented that.

The result is that most of the images were taken in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and are both land-based and afloat. These beautiful images have been made into this breathtaking exhibition, and they demonstrate how we use our connections with the sea to find our resilience in times of crisis.

Offshoot Photography Exhibition Level 4, dlr LexIcon 12 July-31 Aug 2023

Whether you are an avid photography enthusiast, a curious passerby, or someone looking to be inspired, this exhibition promises an enriching experience for all. Discover the dedication, skill, and creative vision behind each photograph, and enjoy the collective talent of Offshoot Photographic Society's members.

The Yeats Sisters and Cuala Level 5, dlr LexIcon Until 9 September 2023

The Yeats sisters, Susan and Elizabeth (known as Lily and Lollie), lived and worked for most of their lives in the Dundrum/Churchtown area. With their enterprise Cuala Industries, they made an extraordinary portfolio of work – with the Press directed by Elizabeth, and the embroidery workshop conducted by Susan.

This exhibition features original Cuala Press material from dlr libraries archives, curated by Dr Billy Shortall, Cuala Press Project, Schooner Foundation, TCD, along with a selection of contemporary textile works by members of the Irish Guild of Embroiderers.

The exhibition was organised by The Yeats Sisters Commemoration Project in collaborative partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Heritage & Libraries; the Cuala Press Project, Schooner Foundation, Trinity College Dublin; National Print Museum and the Irish Guild of Embroiderers.

For more information, please see <https://theyeatssisters.com/>

In Memory of the Future: Illustrators Ireland celebrate the work of Tomi Ungerer Level 3, dlr LexIcon Until 30 September 2023

Illustrators Ireland presents 'In Memory of the Future', a bilingual exhibition in celebration of renowned illustrator, Tomi Ungerer. As their first honorary member, Ungerer accepted his place in Illustrators Ireland with grace and enthusiasm. Over 50 artists have participated by sharing their interpretations of Ungerer's work and responses

to his influence.

For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children and Families

Family Film Club at dlr LexIcon

dlr LexIcon ran a family film club during August in The Studio Theatre each Wednesday. A family favourite, classic or new release was shown each week, with attendees encouraged to visit the library to borrow items or sign up for Summer Stars before or after the film.

Summer Stars 2023

The Summer Stars national reading programme continued throughout August, with events taking place across our libraries. Shankill Library hosted a Diary of a Wimpy Kid workshop with Kim Jenkinson, and also hosted Flipbook workshops and Maisy by the Sea collage. Dundrum Library hosted a puppet show, teddy bears picnic and weekly storytimes. Across our other branches, there were origami workshops, kaleidoscope workshops, crafts and lots more.

Little Library Book Bags

dlr libraries took part in the national Little Library Book Bags initiative again this year. This initiative is aimed at those starting primary school and consists of a bag of books on starting school, and a library card wallet, encouraging library membership and to promote a love of reading.

Library Clubs & Groups for children

Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely, dlr LexIcon once a week. Shankill Library run a monthly Junior bookclub and Dalkey have recently started a new family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a new baby/parent group who meet weekly. Storytimes for children take place across our libraries weekly. For full details visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-services-for-the-young/storytime>

Statistics

Social media (as of 21 August)

Facebook	8088
Twitter	8778
Instagram	4010
TikTok	461
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	11520

Online resources (as of 25 August)

Resource	Description	Prelim stats Aug 2023
Overdrive	ebooks	1681
	eaudio	1244
	Magazines	3740
	Comics	10
Borrowbox	eaudio	8803
	ebook	4089
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	6061
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	14744
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	73
Lote4Kids	logins	7
Who else writes	logins	2
Who next guide	logins	2
Medici	Videos Viewed	Stats not in yet
Moshi	Accounts	Stats not in yet
Kanopy	Visits	3382
Totals		43,838