

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

MARCH MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

**1st MARCH –
27th MARCH 2024**

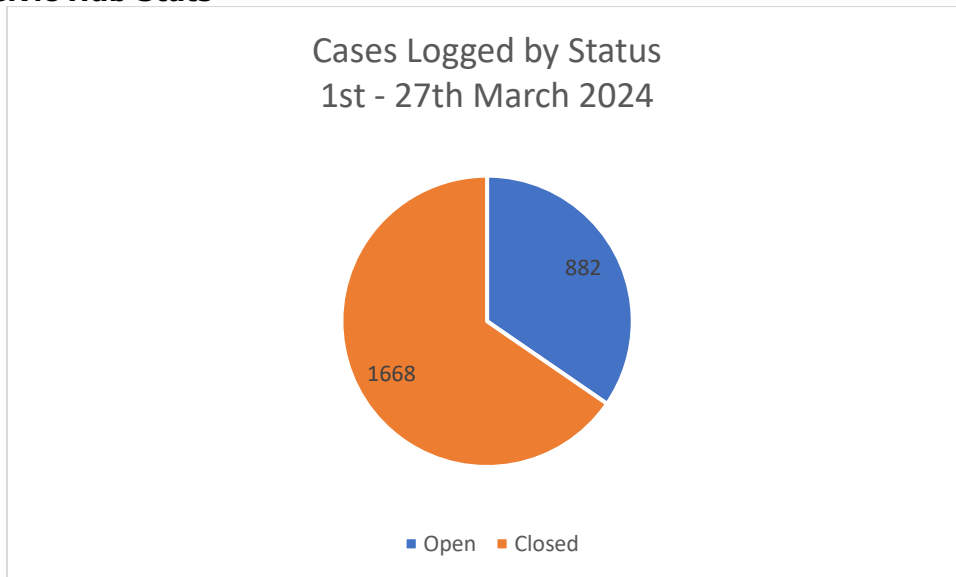


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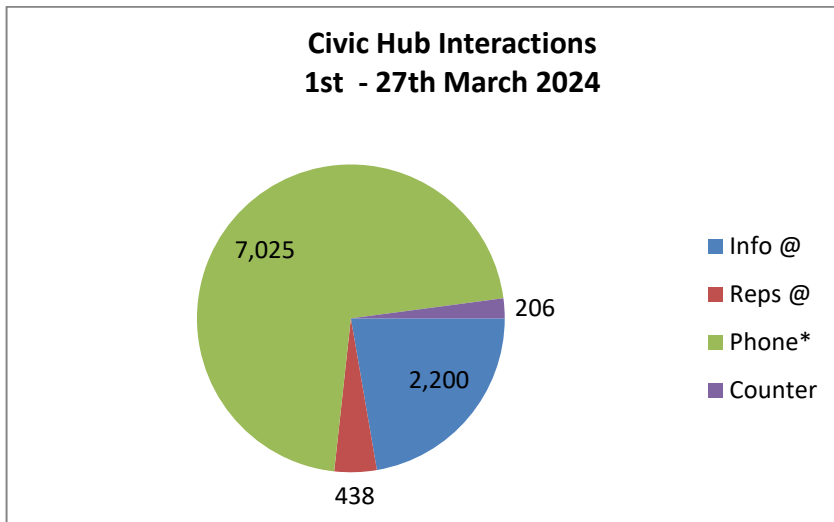


Cases Logged from 1st – 27th March 2024

Open	882
Closed	1668

Cases Logged from 1st – 27th March 2024, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	2	1	3
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
Communications	10	353	363
Community	4		4
Corporate Services	2	1	3
dlrcoco	15	15	30
Enterprise		1	1
Environment	4	5	9
Finance	7	197	204
Forward Planning Infrastructure	3	2	5
Harbour	3	3	6
Housing	51	110	161
ICC	543	755	1298
IT	1	1	2
Libraries	2	1	3
Parks	210	203	413
Planning	8	7	15
Property	4	2	6
Water Services	12	11	23
Grand Total	882	1668	2550



Pie chart excludes abandoned calls.

Civic Hub Activities:

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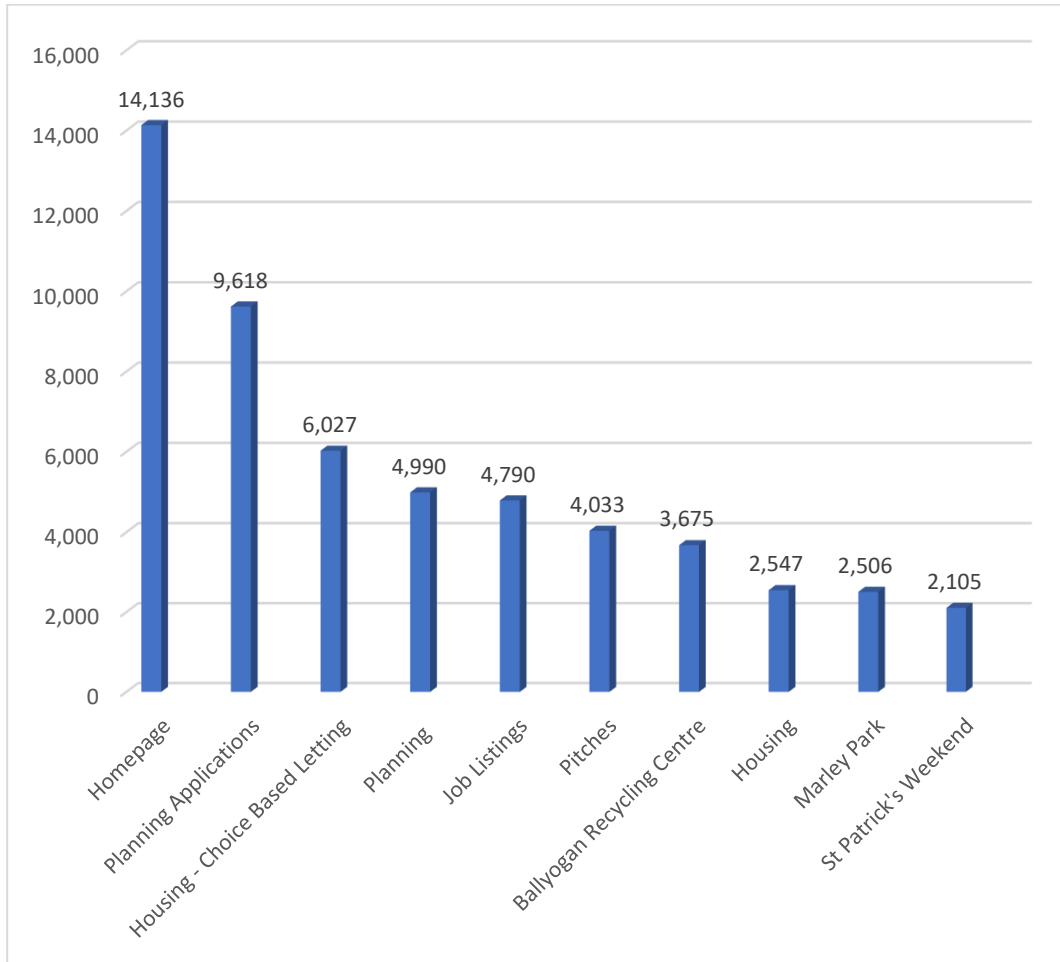
Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	5943	1082

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2200	438	2638










Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	164	42	206

Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	154,491
dlrLibraries	31,656



Social Media Activity

Profile [▲]	Audience [⚠]	Net Audience Growth [⚠]	Published Posts	Impressions [⚠]	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 27, 2023	82,812 ↗ 0.4%	321 ↗ 43.3%	830 ↘ 1.3%	1,005,371 ↗ 1.4%	34,354 ↗ 29.1%	3.4% ↗ 27.3%	22,199 ↗ 445.3%
Compare to Feb 2, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	82,491	224	841	991,701	26,613	2.7%	4,071
 @DLR_Libraries	8,769	4	39	18,541	404	2.2%	87
 @dlrArts	3,010	6	23	15,138	498	3.3%	267
 @dlrcc	19,629	80	223	334,158	6,967	2.1%	18,036
 @dlrheritevents	3,996	0	3	1,198	87	7.3%	4
 @leo_dlr	5,616	16	53	8,381	172	2.1%	0
 dlrcoco.ie	6,870	82	194	134,667	1,888	1.4%	1,049
 dlrevents	12,991	-3	0	1,373	28	2%	10
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	18,002	75	209	386,168	19,021	4.9%	1,910
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	3,929	61	86	105,747	5,289	5%	836

Press Queries:

There were 14 press queries received during this period.

Freedom of Information

There were 8 FOI requests received during this period.

Drainage & Flood Alleviation

Engineering and environmental consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Deansgrange Stream. Stages I and II of the project, namely Option Selection/Preliminary Design and Planning are now substantially completed. Public consultation for the Part 8 Planning process on the proposed scheme ended in August. The Chief Executive report for Part 8 was brought to, and approved at, the December Council Meeting, subject to approval from An Bord Pleanala (following an EIA determination direct request) and also a survey of SuDS opportunities being carried out in the wider catchment. *An Bord Pleanala have stated that they will, after 6 months, issue a determination at the end of April. In the meantime, some background and liaison work is taking place.*

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed in 2020 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. Preliminary design of a preferred option is completed. A Public Engagement Event took place on the 13th of December 2023. Comments will be incorporated into the final option, where appropriate, and the EIAR report can now be finalized once final environmental/ecological surveys are completed in June 2024. It is planned to submit planning documentation to An Bord Pleanala in Q3 2024.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping has been submitted for review. Discussions are ongoing with the OPW mapping section re the preferred mapping format.

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 29/02/2024				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 29/02/2024 €
1 Total Housing & Building	16,592,307	10,283,607	10,365,201	16,673,901
2 Total Road Transport & Safety	6,514,928	1,220,909	64,301	5,358,320
3 Total Water Services	2,395,933	26,298	25,000	2,394,636
4 Total Development Management	172,582,092	16,314,144	2,403,426	158,671,373
5 Total Environmental Services	3,082,539		107,000	3,189,539
6 Total Recreation & Amenity	20,662,434	1,603,184	214,783	19,274,033
7 Total Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	4,654,997	236,778	100,000	4,518,219
8 Total Miscellaneous Services	37,842,044	3,687	367,762	38,206,119
Grand Total	€264,327,274	€29,688,607	€13,647,473	€248,286,140

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 29/02/2024							
	Balance at 01/01/2024 €		Balance at 29/02/2024 €		Current year debit €		Arrears >1 year €
RATES	26,336,862		135,327,900		95,481,473		24,676,264

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 29/02/2024

16.67%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	15,757,406	88,511,496	18%
B	Road Transport & Safety	5,495,410	34,951,380	16%
C	Water Services	1,869,317	11,221,860	17%
D	Development Management	7,131,651	40,188,816	18%
E	Environmental Services	6,206,643	37,994,148	16%
F	Recreation & Amenity	7,290,649	41,493,588	18%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,393,290	6,531,876	21%
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,105,132	14,138,364	15%
Total Expenditure		47,249,497	275,031,528	17%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	12,878,939	78,714,972	16%
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,091,808	13,797,252	15%
C	Water Services	1,286,786	7,492,656	17%
D	Development Management	3,070,086	17,566,176	17%
E	Environmental Services	888,108	5,716,296	16%
F	Recreation & Amenity	892,830	5,674,080	16%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	553,992	4,674,420	12%
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,689,203	18,042,912	15%
Sub Total		24,351,752	151,678,764	16%

LPT	Local Property Tax	2,379,666	14,277,996	17%
RA	Rates	18,176,252	109,074,396	17%
Total Income		44,907,670	275,031,156	16%

Balance as at 29/02/2024	-€2,341,827	Deficit
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Planning and Economic Development

Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1st March 2024 – 27th March 2024

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	126	127
Decision Deferred	0	14	14
Decision to Grant**	0	72	72
Decision to Refuse**	0	6	6
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	62	62
Invalid Applications	0	17	17

*Includes 14 Applications for Retention.

**Split decisions; are entered as follows

65 Grant Permission (1 SDZ)

1 Grant Permission & Grant Retention

4 Grant Permission for Retention

2 Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (Split Decision) these are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to 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
	No Lrd Planning Applications received for March				

Planning Counter Figures: 1st to 27th March, 2024

Customers Served	255
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Building Control: 1st -27th March 2024

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	22
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	14
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	15
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	10/0
Commencement Notices Validated	61
7 Day Notices received	3
Completion Certs Validated	18

*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 March 2024	Enterprise Ireland target March 2024
Feasibility Study	2	12
Business Priming	0	
Business Expansion	2	
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	9	
Trading Online Vouchers	35	11
Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP etc.)	21	7
Microfinance Ireland *	1	3
Total Approvals	70	

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

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	March 2024
No of jobs created	3

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2024	Total March 2024
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	70
Clients attending Networking Events	375
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	1029
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	107
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	106
Total No of Clients Assisted	1687

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total March 2024
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	0
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	3
Business Promotion Grants	10
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in March 2024

DLR Enterprise News	<p><u>Local Enterprise Week Countdown - 3 Days to Go</u> (Sent 01/03/24) Open rate 50%, 3424 recipients</p> <p><u>Katapult Programme - For Start -Ups with Global Ambition</u> (Sent 19/03/24) Open rate 57%, 3414 recipients</p> <p><u>LEO DLR Export Development Programme April 2024</u> (Sent 22/03/24) Open rate 48%, 3405 recipients</p>
Business Advice Sessions	Sessions throughout March
Local Enterprise Week Business Advice Session	4 th – 8 th March
3 Steps to Becoming Financially Competent	4 th March
Meet the Food and Drink Entrepreneurs – Dublin Region Dublin Food Chain Event	5 th March
Understand and Leverage Future Trends for your Business – National Spotlight Event	6 th March
LGBTQ+ in Business Breakfast	7 th March
Executing a Winning Digital Marketing Strategy using AI Tools	7 th March
Peer to Pier Networking Walk followed by Client After-Party	7 th March
Pitch Perfect: Battle of the Start-ups	8 th March
DLR Chamber & WIBA International Women’s Day Lunch	8 th March
Southside Partnership Events throughout Local Enterprise Week	4 th , 5 th & 7 th March
Marketing for Non Marketers	12 th March
Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar	19 th March
AI Tools for Business	20 th March
10 Week Digital Marketing & AI for Business	Started 25 th March
4 Week Small Business Accounting Course	Started 26 th March

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 1st March –21st March 2024

	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,219	36	14	3,816
Twitter	5,565	-10	14	1,100
Instagram	1,823	30	14	2,440
LinkedIn	1,029	34	14	2,321

Tourism Development

DLRCC is collaborating with the City of Alessandria in Northern Italy on a project City to city EU project. The aim of this project is to exchange knowledge on the topic of "Green Mobility for sustainable Tourism and Community Participation."

Three representatives from Alessandria visited Dun Laoghaire on 4th-8th March 2024. The programme included presentations of the development of the Coastal Mobility route and Living Streets initiative as well as visiting James Joyce Tower & Museum, Airfield Estate, and the Oratory.

The first Dun Laoghaire St Patrick's Day Parade took place with 47 community groups on Sunday 17th March. The Tourism Unit was involved in organisation and promotion of the event. The route ran from the green area at Sandycove up along the coast to Marine Road/Harbour Road. This event was successful and will run again in 2025.

A new VR experience took place in 4 public spaces around Dublin and Wicklow this St Patrick's Day. The people's park was chosen as one of the four locations for the Carlichauns to get loose and be changed down by local kids and families. This event was successful.

The tourism section participated in the Airfield Showcase event in March. Content was taken to promote the farm on our social media & website. The farm had axe throwing and sheepdog trials to display their new suite of activities as part of their spring events schedule.

Preparation is under way for a new festival led by the Dublin Mountains Partnership. The month of May has been designated for the Dublin Mountains Festival. This will include a number of events being organised by a range of partner organisations.

Social Media Analysis March 2024				
	<i>No of followers</i>	<i>No of New followers</i>	<i>No of posts</i>	<i>Impressions</i>
Facebook	9,721	41	9	42.5k
Twitter	4,019	22	10	2,806
Instagram	3,842	57	9	15.1k

Enterprise Hub by Quarterdeck in the Ferry Terminal

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 short-term lease.

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

- Work was completed on fit out of Stena Line Offices in April/May 2023.
- Additional information requested by the Fire Officer was submitted in January 2024 and

is now pending the Fire Officer's review and approval.

- Work commenced on fit out of Ground Floor Offices in October 2023.
- Work commenced on fit out of Harbour Master Offices in November 2023.
- The Food Hall and Ground floor co-working area are currently under final design.
- The First Floor Co-working Offices are expected to commence works in and around April 2024.
- The Second Floor Co-working Offices are expected to commence works in and around June 2024.
- The Event Space area and Co-working Offices on the ground floor are expected to commence works in September 2024.
- External signage and façade improvements to commence in March/April 2024.
- Car Park and Fencing works to commence in April/May 2024.
- The New Quarterdeck Workspace Website and marketing plan/initiatives to be launched in March 2024. A marketing campaign to be launched targeting interested parties who have requested office space and potential new tenants.
- Initial opening and launch of Quarterdeck Workspace are being scheduled for May 2024. This is dependent on the Fire Safety Certificate being issued in early April 2024.

Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Cruise Ship Business

The 2023 Cruise season was very successful with positive feedback from Ships Agents, Cruise Ships officers and crew and most importantly the visiting cruise guests. Bookings for 2024 are strong with 85+ vessels currently booked into Dún Laoghaire Harbour. We are working with the Tourism Department, the Dún Laoghaire Business Association and the Dún Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce to maximize the local benefits of the cruise visitors. The first ship is due to arrive on 15th April 2024.

Projects:

Harbour Masterplan

A project to create a Masterplan to guide the future development of the Harbour has been approved. Tenders for a design team were issued and are being assessed at present. The proposal includes significant public and stakeholder consultation and will likely commence in Q2 2024.

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 finalizing 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 Councillors in February 2023.

A scheme to apply for additional "top-up" funding was announced in July and DLRCC have been successful in securing an additional €410,952 for this important project. We are working to complete the grant contracts and hope to tender for a design team in Q2 2024 to commence the Stream 1 design phase.



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 Berth 3 will remain closed to shipping for 2-3 months to facilitate the new fender installation. This project is now completed and the Berth 3 is back in use.

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.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Meadowmount (part of)	✓				
2	Village Road, Aikens Village (part of)	✓				
3	Brennanstown Road (part of)	✓				
4	Enniskerry Road (R-117)	✓				
5	Ballinteer Road, Dundrum (R-826)	✓				
6	Glenageary Road Upper			✓		Construction works ongoing
7	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
8	Dalkey Avenue (part of)			✓		Construction works ongoing
9	Old Dublin Road (part of)	✓				
10	Dundela Estate (parts of)		✓			
11	Greenville Road public realm	✓				
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Deerpark Road		✓			Works have been tendered. Contractor being appointed
2	Woodpark		✓			Works have been tendered. Contractor being appointed
3	Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt		✓			Works have been tendered. Contractor being appointed
4	Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac			✓		Works Successfully Completed
5	Glenamuck Road				✓	Works Successfully Completed
6	The Gallops, Ballyogan		✓			
7	Harbour Road	✓				
8	Breffni Road	✓				

9	Pucks Castle Lane	✓				
10	Foxrock Court			✓		
11	Grove Avenue (part of)		✓			
12	Abbey View (part of)	✓				
13	Hudson Road (part of)	✓				
12	Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park)	✓				
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Sandyford Business District (part of)		✓			Works Successfully Tended
2	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)				✓	Works Completed in mid-March
3	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)	✓				
4	Mount Anville Road (part of)	✓				
5	Cornelscourt Village	✓				
6	Balally Estate				✓	Works completed in early March
7	Northumberland Avenue	✓				
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				
9	Trafalgar Terrace	✓				
10	Beechwood Park (part of)	✓				
11	Granville Road	✓				
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
2	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment	✓				survey ongoing
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Landscape Park		✓			Works Successfully Tended
2	Old Kilgobbin Road				✓	Works completed in early March
3	Brennanstown-Brighton Roads Junction	✓				
4	Blackthorn Road, Sandyford	✓				
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				Survey carried out
6	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction				✓	
7	Kill Lane	✓				
8	Carrickbrennan Road	✓				
9	Glenageary Dart Station at junction with Marlborough Road	✓				

NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3	✓				
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Hillview	✓				
2	Laneway behind Rosehill (part of)	✓				Initial survey undertaken
3	Corbawn Lane Beach access	✓				
4	Sandycove Close	✓				
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	St. Olaf's National School		✓			Awaiting Works Commencement
2	Village Road, Aiken's Village	✓				
3	Bellarmine Avenue	✓				
4	Johnstown Road (part of)					
5	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3					
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn		✓			Works have been tendered. Contractor being appointed
2	Meadowlands Avenue	✓				
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	Redesdale (Laneway at Back of Shops)	✓				
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				
3	Lane Station Road Killiney (near DART) to Marino Avenue West*	✓				
*Subject to investigation & clarification of ownership, assessment of works & costs						
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme	2023				
1	Cherrygarth	✓				
2	Kilgobbin Road (at Sandyford Hall r-about)	✓				
3	Landscape Park, Churchtown	✓				
3	Rock Road public lighting	✓				

2. Roads Admin Statistics

Roads Admin Stats	Jan 24	Feb 24
TIC Certs	103	115
Footpath Dishing	10	3
Hoarding	3	2
Surface Permits	12	9
ROs	218	237
CRMs (Assigned to Roads Admin)	423 Assigned inactive / closed (360)	327 Assigned Inactive / closed (326)

3. 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							
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Progressing slowly due to lack of internal resources and is also subject to funding
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Cycle parking roll-out continuing. A tender is being prepared for the purchase of new cycle stands.
Stepaside Village – Cycle Link to Cruagh Wood		✓					Detailed Design on-going for Phase 1.
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						A contractor was recently appointed to carry out works on Phase 1 of Sandyford Village. Phase 1 of the works consisted of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised table and Zebra crossing at the junction of Sandyford Park (North of the Village) • Entry treatment at the south end of the village
<p>Public Consultations-Speed Limit Review Public consultation has now been completed. Workshops with Ward Council members took place on the 20th and 21st of March 2024 to discuss the public consultation.</p> <p>Ballybrack Underpass Churchview Road The final report has been sent to Ward Councillors for feedback. A deadline of the 8th of December was sent to Councillors for return of feedback. One submission was received before that deadline.</p>							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Prelim redesign ongoing. Property title searches ongoing.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

In March 2024 there were TAG meetings in Area 1 (Dún Laoghaire) on the 26th of March at which 22 items were dealt, in Area 2(Dundrum) Meeting took place on Tuesday 12th March and there were a total of 22 items.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

- Shanganagh Road, Shankill: Tenders complete, getting ready to upload onto e-Tenders for a zebra crossing and footpath upgrade
- Old Bray Road, Cabinteely; Tenders are being prepared for a zebra crossing

Deputations

Traffic and Road Safety staff met with Residents from Clay Farm, Ballyogan; Frankfort Park, Dundrum and Wychem Park, Dundrum on the 13th of March 2024

Bus Connects - Bus Interchange at Dún Laoghaire

A public consultation report and presentation was prepared for the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Road scheme and was presented and noted at the ICC Area Committee Meeting on the 25th of March 2024.

ABTAs for the Racecourse South Lands and Kilternan and Glenamuck

Following the production of a draft ABTA for the Racecourse South Lands, and subsequent discussions with the NTA and TII, DLR are examining if any further local area traffic modelling is required. With regards to Kilternan and Glenamuck, feedback has been given on the baseline report. A series of maps indicating accessibility to opportunities and services in the area has also been produced. Work is currently being undertaken on the 'Options Development and Assessment stage', including the active travel options.

ICAS for Old Connaught and Rathmichael

The 'Options Assessment report' for Old Connaught and Rathmichael has been reviewed and commentary given on same. The 'preferred transport option scenario' for the area is currently being worked on. A councillor briefing on the ICAS Part 3 report is scheduled to take place at the end of this month.

Sandyford Urban Framework Plan and Eastern Bypass Corridor Study

An initial draft tender has been drawn up for the Sandyford Urban Framework Plan Area (SUFP) and Dublin Eastern Bypass Corridor, and this has been circulated to the TII and NTA for review and comments.

Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage

March 2024	Road Closures	Filming Locations	Event Signage
Applications Received	4	7	2
Applications-Awaiting Further information	3	1	3

4. Roads Control

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Programme 2024	
1	Landscape Road	Uisce Eireann have completed rehabilitation works and are currently reinstating various road sections in the region. DLR will undertake upgrade works on these road sections post completion of these reinstatement works to improve the overall quality of the roads in this region.

Road Opening Licences (1st March 2024 – 22nd March 2024)

National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	173
Applications Not Processed Yet	61
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	0
Valid Licences Issued	94
Licensed Works Completed	1

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 is the area responsible for the issuing of such licenses for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 st March 2024 – 22 nd March 2024	
Applications	
Received	0
Granted	0
Withdrawn	1
Refused	0

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	210	441	386	287	295	288
Clean-Ups Assisted	72	64	70	46	48	39
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	12	28	24	25	27	27

Bathing Water Samples Taken	45	18	18	18	27	18
Gullies Cleaned	883	1264	1077	637	1519	497
Dumping Incidents Managed	48	70	47	36	57	34
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	9	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received	No report received
Street Bin Collections	5259	4813	4769	4890	4905	4409
Filming/Event Licenses	-	-	-	0	0	1 Filming 2 Events

* Statistics available up to the end of February 2024.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – March 2024

- Kavanaghs Corner (adjacent to the 40 Foot) – Storm damage remedial repair project on bathing access points. The works were completed in March 2024.
- Minor concrete repair works on walkway along the Blackrock seafront. Completed in March 2024.
- Bathing water sampling is on-going at our 9 locations every fortnight after the 15th of September.
- Ringbuoy inspections and maintenance are on-going.
- DLR Baths – Dlr Cleansing crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc.
- The Road Sweeping schedule is ongoing. Also areas are being swept as per CRM worklists and site inspections.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going. Gully Cleaning works that require Traffic Management are also on-going
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- The fleet of Smart Bins are being maintained and emptied on a daily basis throughout the county
- Litter Picks and Blue Bag collections are on-going.
- The Beaches team are collaborating with the SCORE project and awaiting of results

6. 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 Feb 2024:	282
Percentage of lights out at the end of Feb 2024:	1.5%
Pole replacement carried out in Feb 2024:	0
Bracket replacements:	3

Tree trimming:	13
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	8
LED Upgrades	69
Total lights upgraded to LED	21,295
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED (extra lines added)	88%

LED Upgrading Program

BLACKTHORN DRIVE TO SANDYFORD ROAD	1
CARYSFORT DOWNS	1
CLONSKEAGH ROAD(CONTD. FROM DUB REGION)	1
CRANFORD COURT / THE ELMS	6
FOXROCK PARK	1
Harbour Marina Pier	1
Kelston, Leopardstown Road	1
LLEWELLYN ESTATE	1
MONKSTOWN RING ROAD (CARYSFORD)	1
N31 Harbour Road	3
NORTH AVENUE	1
RATHSALLAGH PARK	2
SAND.I.E. BRACKEN ROAD	6
SAND.I.E. CORRIG ROAD	7
SAND.I.E. FURZE ROAD	9
SAND.I.E. HEATHER ROAD	1
SANDYFORD ROAD	2
St. Helens Wood	12
STILLORGAN HEATH - BREWERY ROAD WALKWAY	1
WALKWAY BTWN HIGHFIELD PK & FRANKFORT	1
Willow Estate - The Ramparts	1
WYATTVILLE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY	9

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	26
Inspections completed	3

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	7
Legal requests:	3

7. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,335 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 27th March 2024 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of Fixed Charge notices issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1029
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	367
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	367
Parking a vehicle on a footway	156
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	80
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	61
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	50
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	48
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	46
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	28
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	27
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	14
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	11
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	9
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	8
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	7
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	5
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	4
Parking out of the limits of a bay	4
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	4
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	3
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	3
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	2
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	1
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Total no. of fixed charge notices issued	2335

There were 46 convictions secured in the District Court in March 2024.

Environmental Enforcement: 1st – 27th March 2024

DATE	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	25	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	29	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	87	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	100	Litter Section
Abandoned car Cases - Opened	40	Waste Section
Graffiti Cases - Opened	71	Waste Section
Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened	15	Waste Section
Litter Fines issued	16	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	8	Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act
Legal Proceedings initiated	1	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

Dog Statistics from 1st March 2024 – 27th March 2024	
No. of dogs on hand on 1 st March	6
No. of dogs entering the shelter	4
No. of dogs surrendered	0
No. of dogs rehomed	0
No. of dogs reclaimed	0
No. of dogs sent to rescue	5
No. of dogs put to sleep	0
No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 27 th March	5
Dog attacks in this period	5 – 0 on person

Energy

Staff were sent a reminder from the dlr Energy Team to shut down all equipment over the St Patrick's Day weekend. A reminder was also sent to staff for Easter shutdown.

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	19
LRD Applications	1
Section 5 Declarations	8
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has approved the provisional list of 28no. conservation grants under the BHIS Grant Scheme.
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024 Grant Scheme	<p>Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Mr. Malcom Noonan, TD, has awarded 4no. conservation grants under the HSF Grant Scheme.</p> <p>Steam 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ventour, 1 Corrig Avenue • Former Covent Chapel, Blackrock Hospice <p>Stream 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ Church Taney • The Pavilion, Blackrock Park

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	0
Total	2

Community Integration Forum (formerly Community Response Forum)

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28th April 2022 and has a capacity to accommodate up to 392 displaced Ukrainian nationals. Up to 22nd March 2024 over **11,265** people have stayed at the centre. Following the recent enactment of the Social Welfare and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024 Ballyogan has become a Dedicated Accommodation Centre (DAC) along with 5 other locations across the country and guests will be in Ballyogan DAC for maximum of 90 days. Among the facilities available in Ballyogan are separate laundry, sanitary facilities, internet access, television spaces, chessboards, recreation room, 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 Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

The Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and has met twice in March 2024. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in Ballyogan and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County. Support services are being provided to IPAs who are being accommodated in the county.

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

Community Recognition Fund

Community Department continued to work with the successful applicants under the Community Recognition Fund to progress their projects. This fund launched by Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys and Minister of State Joe O'Brien on 24th January 2023 is designed to specifically support communities that have welcomed and are hosting families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries.

LCDC

There was a Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2024.

Local Enhancement Programme (LEP)

The Local Enhancement Programme was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development with €149,273.40 in funding provided to DLR LCDC to support grants for capital costs for community groups in the County, with an additional fund of €29,854.68 ring-fenced for Women's Groups, bringing the total allocation for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to €179,128.08.

Applications closed for submission on Wednesday 28th February at 11:55pm.

Assessments have taken place and the Grants Subgroup have endorsed the recommendations to the LCDC at their meeting on Wednesday 20th of March. The LEP recommendations have been forwarded to the DRCD.

Local Policing Fora (LPF)

A meeting of the Sandyford Stepside LPF took place on 5th March 2024.
A meeting of the Dundrum Stillorgan LPF took place on 27th March 2024.

Launch of dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024

The scheme was launched during March for applications from homeowners 65 years of age and over living in dlr to replace existing lock barrels or cylinders in external doors with high security anti-snap locks. Applications will only be considered from owner occupiers of privately-owned homes who reside in the county and will cover the total cost for the replacement of lock barrels only, on up to maximum 2 locks per home – front door / back door / side door. Closing date for applications: 31st May 2024 and link to online applications [HERE](#) and hardcopies & more information available from the Community Section, dlr County Council at 01 205 4893 / community@dlrcoco.ie

dlr Age-Friendly Alliance Q1 meeting

The dlr Age-Friendly Alliance met on the 12th March and presentations were made by the dlr Volunteer Centre & on the 'Dementia - Understand Together in Communities' National Dementia Awareness Campaign with updates and opportunities for collaboration discussed between the 20+ older person's groups and organisations operating in dlr.

dlr Older People's Council

The dlr Older People's Council held their monthly meeting on the 19th March and updates were given on planned OPC social events for Autumn 2024; current [Transport Grants](#) available to all member groups as well as updates on attendance at local and national meetings and events by the dlr OPC members.

LGBTQ+ in Business Breakfast event

The dlr Social Inclusion Unit were delighted to partner with the Local Economic Development Unit on organising the 'LGBTQ+ in Business' networking event during Local Enterprise Week in the Dundrum Town Centre along with 'Certified Proud' and funded by the Dormant Accounts. Further LGBTQ+ training and young people's networking events will take place over the year, funded by the Dormant Accounts Fund.

Comhairle na nÓg

DLR Comhairle members continued to work on the topic of School Stress. A Steering Committee meeting was held in which new members were introduced and topic progression was discussed. Development on the work plan for 2024 continued with a members meeting held on 20th March. DLR Comhairle were represented at Dáil na nÓg which took place in Leinster House on 27th March.

Estate Management

The 12 Forums were supported to work on their action plans for 2024 for which they received funding. A County Fora meeting was held on 13th March in which 9 of the 12 Forums were represented.

Domestic Violence Refuge

The Council commissioned a Domestic Violence Refuge Needs Assessment to establish if there was a need to provide a Domestic Violence (DV) refuge within the County. The report established an evidence-based approach that underpins the need for a refuge in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area.

The Council is progressing this project under the Planning and Development Acts and the regulations made thereunder and more specifically the Planning and Development (Section 179A) Regulations 2023.

This project will deliver 12 units of accommodation and associated facilities to accommodate those affected by domestic abuse and their families.

Arts

Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme

Fruity Bodies, an exhibition of new and recent work by Joanna Hopkins, was officially opened by the Cathaoirleach on Saturday 9 March. It explores folklore with landscape and the human form. Hopkins uses plants and plant dyes from her local hedgerows and fields in a wide range of media including sculpture, embroidery, photography and film. Joanna Hopkins is an Irish artist working in video, collage, drawing, photography and installation. She has exhibited across Ireland, the UK, Europe, China and the US.

Nature and Place

This is a series of new temporary artworks that take inspiration from the forests in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown; it was officially launched by the Cathaoirleach at Carrickgollogan on 23 March. The initiative, which is supported by Coillte and the Dublin Mountains Partnership invited several artists to observe, explore, and respond to the forests of Ticknock, Tibbradden, Barnaslingan, Carrickgollogan, Kilmashogue and Ballyedmonduff. Robert Coleman and Laura Sarah Dowdall created **ReRoot**, a soundwalk for Barnaslingan Forest. Five walks took place over three days, from Friday 22-Sunday 24 March. Méadhbh O'Connor created **Sky Walkers**, a sonic artwork which invites people to take a walk in the forests, stopping at key sites to listen and take a private moment to reflect. O'Connor's work features six meditative poems written and recorded by the artist, which can be downloaded to phones or other listening devices free of charge, along with an artistic map of the forests.

Martin Healy's project is **Silva**, a series of black and white photographs that convey a range of differing perspectives of the forest, captured by Healy while walking in and observing the six forests over a period of two months. The Sky Walkers sound files and map for self-guided walks, and a PDF of Silva, are available to download from the dlr Arts Office website.

Funding Opportunities

We have announced the following funding opportunities:

Emerging Artist Bursaries for the Creation & Development of new work for Artists at an early career stage. Contra funded by The Arts Council.

Creative Ireland Bursaries which focus on supporting arts & cultural organisations, collectives and groups in delivering new and existing programmes or initiatives that help Creative Communities in dlr. Contra funded by Creative Ireland.

The closing date for both opportunities is April 12th at 1pm

Youth Creative Engagement Programme

March has been a busy month for the Youth Creative Engagement Programme. The youth group from Southside Travellers Action Group have started working with a fashion designer to create outfits from skater skirts to greyhound jackets, learning about pattern cutting and sewing. Crosscare Youth Services in Ballyogan are working with resin and silver to create jewellery from design stage. A new series of film workshops is starting this month with young women from Dundrum International Protection Centre and the monthly creative engagement with children and young people from the Ukrainian rest centre in Ballyogan continues. This programme is funded by the UBU, Your Place, Your Space Scheme, a Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth initiative. Its mission is to provide out-of-school supports to marginalised, disadvantaged or vulnerable young people (from 10-24 years old) in their communities.

dlr Primary Arts Programme

The primary arts programme is well under way in six primary school classes in the County. Six artists have been matched with six teachers and their classes in the County and have been exploring creativity in the classroom since last November. The central purpose of the programme is to facilitate a professional artist to collaborate with a primary school class and teacher to explore creativity in the classroom setting through various artforms. The programme also supports professional development sessions with the participating teachers that take place in Blackrock Education Centre. The programme will finish for this academic year in May.

Libraries

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. Highlights include:

- **Kanopy:** 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:** 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.
- **LOTE:** 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.
- **Medici.tv:** video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballets and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainians and other guests of the County

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://shorturl.at/HMQX5> 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](#).

Library staff in dlr LexIcon keep in contact with the staff and service users of the International Protection Centre in the Eblana Centre (Dún Laoghaire) to let them know of the services and resources available to them in their local dlr library. Book stock has been sent to the service users of the IPCs in Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire. In the LexIcon, a meeting space with free wifi has been made available, and tutors from the *English in the Library* group offer weekly English conversational sessions for Eblana centre users.

March Highlights

Seachtain na Gaeilge (1-17 March, various libraries)

We celebrated Irish language and culture with events in most library branches, catering for all ages and language abilities with the aim of being accessible to those who wanted to bring more Irish into their daily lives. Events in the LexIcon Studio included traditional music from Rónán Ó Snodaigh, an evening with local bilingual writer Ré Ó Laighléis, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann entertained with music, song and dance, and comedian Áine Gallagher hosted a sold-

out bilingual gig. Elsewhere, we hosted storytimes as Gaeilge in Dundrum, Shankill Library and dlr LexIcon, Cúpla Focal Crafts in Dalkey Library and a Pop-up Club Leabhair. The inaugural dlr Libraries Schools Irish Quiz for Gaeilscoileanna took place in dlr LexIcon on 5 and 6 March.

Authors for Schools Programme

This is a new initiative aimed at local primary schools. Over the coming months, we will welcome the best Irish authors of children's books to our Libraries to engage with classes from local primary schools. In March, we welcomed Shane Hegarty and Graham Corcoran to dlr LexIcon, Úna Woods to Deansgrange, Peter Donnelly to Dundrum and Brian Gallagher to Shankill Library.

Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse

Studio Saturday (9 March, dlr LexIcon)

Our neurodivergent Studio Saturdays are monthly workshops/events tailored to children with additional needs/neurodivergence. This month, we were delighted to welcome Lydia and the Music Makers to the Studio. Special yoga therapist Lydia and a small group of musicians explored rhythm and song in a fun and relaxed environment. There were various sessions throughout the day, with activities including group singalongs, hand clap games and drum circle call and response activities that allowed children to enjoy the pleasure of creating music within a group environment purely for the fun of it. The Go Free! Gig was a family-friendly gig with lower than usual volume, suitable for sensory sensitive audiences. The Yoga Adventures sessions were fun and engaging yoga classes involving various yoga adventures, games and storytelling.

Sensory resources from dlr Libraries

- Our Tovertafels (Magic Tables) in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries are available to book by individuals and groups
- Sensory Room in Deansgrange Library is available to book
- Items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment can be borrowed
- We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in many library spaces where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse
- Each library has a sensory box with a selection of toys/equipment including ear defenders. These items can be used onsite by visitors to the library

Events for Adults

Gary Stevenson in conversation with Martina Devlin (19 March, Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon)

In this sold-out event, more than 120 attendees heard the extraordinary Gary Stevenson in conversation with author Martina Devlin, discussing his new book, *The Trading Game: A Confession*, which is based on his time as a trader on Wall Street.

Arts & Crafts Workshops

Sewing Classes (21, 28 March, Shankill Library)

For those who have always wanted to learn how to use a sewing machine, Barbara Connolly from Green Thread covered the basic steps in this class as participants made a simple accessory.



Introduction to Watercolours with Svetlana Starikova (5, 12, 19, 26 March, dlr LexIcon)
This six-week watercolour painting course was for beginners and those who wanted to develop their skills in this medium. Participants learned about different techniques, how to mix paints, use brushstrokes and how to control water and colour on paper.

Needle felting workshop (26 March, Dalkey Library)
Facilitated by The Muddle, this workshop for beginners was an introduction to the craft of needle felting.

dlr Social Prescribing Programme for Health and Well-being

We continued to host workshops in collaboration with Southside Partnership and supported by the Creative Ireland Programme. Two 6-week courses, *The Power of Words* - reading for well-being with facilitator Mary Burnham in Blackrock Library, and *Our Grá for the Gab* - bringing stories to life with facilitator Helena Byrne in dlr LexIcon, finished up at the end of March.

dlr Yarnspinners Storytelling Circle (20 March, dlr LexIcon)

Wednesday 20 March was World Storytelling Day and we welcomed guest storyteller Joe Brennan. Joe shared tales of magic, wonder and adventure, bridging the gap to the world of imagination. Joe is a seasoned storyteller who has been sharing his collection of traditional and original stories with audiences of all ages for over 20 years and has travelled widely with his stories to Iceland, Norway, India, Russia, USA and throughout Europe. Yarnspinners meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the final meeting of this series on Wednesday 19 June.

Film Clubs (21 March, Blackrock Library, 25 March, dlr LexIcon)

Held once a month, the Blackrock Film Club offers the screening of a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem every 3rd Thursday, followed by a group discussion. This month's screening was the award-winning Macedonian documentary *Honeyland* (2019). For Spring and Summer, the dlr LexIcon Film Club will be holding free screenings of an eclectic selection of World Cinema. March's film was *Amarcord* by Federico Fellini.

Creative Writing Groups

Writing your Memoir with Leo Cullen (6, 20 Mar, dlr LexIcon) - Taking place on alternate Wednesdays over 3 months, this course facilitated by author Leo Cullen is aimed at those who have already written a quantity of work (fiction, memoir, essay, poetry) either published or unpublished. A memoir requires a central condition; an anchor. At these memoir classes you will explore your condition, your anchor.

Other creative writing groups currently taking place in dlr Libraries:
Scriveners – Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library
Writeway - Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library
Monthly Writers’ Group, Deansgrange Library
Green Kites Poetry Group – Fortnightly writing group, Deansgrange Library
Dalkey Library Writers’ Group – Monthly writers group, Dalkey Library
dlr LexIcon Writers Group – Fortnightly writers’ group, dlr LexIcon



Local history talk with John Martin (14 March, Dalkey Library)

Retired town planner John Martin gave a talk on the history of the Dalkey/Bulloch area and the local churches and schools.

Language Exchange Groups (Daily, Deansgrange Library)

Deansgrange Library offers daily conversation groups, from 10.00am-11.30am, in an informal self-led setting. All levels are welcomed, and no booking is required. The schedule is: Mondays – Italian, Tuesdays – Irish, Wednesdays – German, Fridays – French, Saturdays – Spanish.

Digital Literacy

Weekly computer classes with Age Action continued in Blackrock Library with twice weekly classes in Deansgrange Library.

Library Clubs & Groups for adults

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue meet in our library spaces. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, Scrabble Club in Dundrum, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library and Craft and Chat in dlr LexIcon, the Knit Clubs in Cabinteely and Blackrock Libraries, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The English in the Library group meet weekly in dlr LexIcon. Blackrock Library hosts a Local History Group every month and the Musical Memories Choir, for those affected by dementia plus their family carers, takes place every Thursday morning in Deansgrange Library, and is run in conjunction with Newpark Academy of Music.

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Book Clubs

Each of our 8 libraries has in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library, the Irish language Club Leabhair in Dalkey Library and the Thriller Tuesday Book Club in the LexIcon plus the Blackrock Library online book club takes places on the second Thursday of the month via Zoom.

Our long-running, popular online Book Club with facilitator Mary Burnham was invited to participate in Laureate for Irish Fiction, Colm Tóibín's, Art of Reading Book Club which was held online on Wednesday 6 March. The session was recorded for release later in the year by the Arts Council. Colm Tóibín was in conversation with author Deirdre Madden about her book *Molly Fox's Birthday*, followed by a lively discussion and questions from the audience.

The regular group meeting with Mary Burnham took place online on Wednesday 27 March where the book for discussion was *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano.

Exhibition Programme

Emerging Voices: Callan Institute Exhibition (4 - 15 March, Deansgrange Library)

Emerging Voices is an annual exhibition of art created by children and adults with an intellectual disability who are supported by St John of God Community Services clg. Art speaks where words are sometimes unable to. The artists showcase their interpretation of 'My Voice, My Choice' and invite you to experience their emerging voices in this exhibition. The theme



of 'My Voice My Choice' is in recognition of the commencement of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act.

PPAI Press Photographer of the Year Award Exhibition 2024 (11 March – Tues 9 April, dlr LexIcon)

The exhibition was officially launched by An Cathoirleach Cllr Denis O'Callaghan and David Branigan President of The Press Photographers Association of Ireland on Wednesday 27 March. Now in its 46th year the PPAI, AIB Press Photographer of the Year Award, celebrates the very best of Irish press photography. The exhibition features over 100 winning and highly commended photographs covering Irish life, at home and abroad during 2023, and highlights the dedication and skill of Ireland's top press photographers.

A Portrait in Flesh: My life with Bowie - A Photographic Exhibition by Denis O'Regan (15 March - 10 April, dlr LexIcon)

A career retrospective by Bowie's official photographer Denis O'Regan, an English photographer whose imagery is particularly associated with the punk movement, Queen, David Bowie, Duran Duran, and many more rock n roll luminaries. O'Regan has photographed everyone from AC/DC to ZZ Top, documenting Punk, New Romanticism, Grunge, and Heavy Metal along the way. He has travelled as official photographer to David Bowie, The Rolling Stones, The Who, Queen and many more. His work has been widely published and exhibited and has photographed David Bowie more than any other photographer, covering over 200 concerts around the world.

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

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Events for Children and Families

Easter Storytime and Craft events (various libraries)

Many branches organised Storytime and Craft events for Easter, including Easter Mug Making in dlr LexIcon, Easter crafts with library Staff in Dundrum Library, an Easter Baby Bookclub with Library Staff in Cabinteely Library and Easter Arts and Crafts in Blackrock Library. Shankill Library hosted Susie Fortune of White Doodle Arts for an Easter/Spring craft workshop based on the children's book *We're going on an Egg Hunt* by Laura Hughes.

Am Scéalaíochta - Storytime in Irish (7, 14, 21, 28 March, dlr LexIcon)

Library staff facilitated this weekly storytelling session, sharing stories as Gaeilge with families.

STEAM: Engineers' Week Events (2-8 March, Deansgrange Library & dlr LexIcon)

dlr LexIcon hosted a series of workshops for local schools with the Rediscovery Centre and Mark the Science Guy, introducing engineering concepts and processes, types of engineering, and illustrating how engineering is an essential part of our lives. Blackrock Library hosted workshops for schools with Anyone4Science and Deansgrange Library organised a special-themed storytime for younger children, sharing themed stories to inspire and entertain.

St Patrick's Day Craft and Storytime events (various libraries)

Shankill Library hosted Susie Fortune of White Doodle Art for a fun sensory and messy St Patrick's Day art session for toddlers. Dundrum Library staff facilitated a craft workshop and Deansgrange Library organised a St Patrick's Day themed storytime which was open to all.

Reader Development in Schools Outreach Programme (Jan-Mar, Deansgrange & Dalkey Libraries)

Liaising with local primary schools, Julianne Mooney Siron continues to work weekly with classes on reader development in a library setting to engage the children in using the library and instilling in them a love of books and reading.

Library Clubs & Groups for children and families

In dlr LexIcon, the monthly family film club takes place in the Studio Theatre on the last Thursday of the month at 3.30pm. Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely and Dalkey Libraries once a week. Shankill Library host a monthly Junior book club and Dalkey have a popular family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a baby/parent group who meet weekly.

Toddler time takes place every Wednesday in the Children’s Library in the LexIcon and includes regular Playtime sessions with toys, Storytime with library staff as well as facilitated music and arts events. Dalkey Library has a new Board Games Club for 10-12 yr olds that takes place every fortnight on Tuesdays from 6-7pm. Lego clubs are held in Dalkey and Blackrock libraries, with monthly events for families. Family Lego Time in Blackrock Library, children are asked to bring their most creative ideas and the library will provide the Lego. Dalkey Library Lego Challenge Club is a free play session on the first Saturday morning of the month.

For full details of storytime sessions visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-services-for-the-young/storytime>

Statistics

Social media (as of 22 March)

Facebook	8,313 followers
Twitter	8,816 followers
Instagram	4,478 followers
TikTok	540 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	11,940 subscribers

Online resources (as of 21 March)

Resource	Description	Stats 1-21 March 2024
Overdrive	E-Books	1,311
	E-audio	1,123
	Magazines	7,878
	Comics	0
Borrowbox	E-audio	7,529
	E-Book	3,878
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	2,790
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	17,321

Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	17
Lote4Kids	Logins	9
Who else writes	Logins	-
Who next guide	Logins	-
Medici	Videos Viewed	-
Moshi	Accounts	-
Kanopy	Visits	4,503
Totals		46,359

Parks Capital Projects – March 2024 Progress (Q1)

	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Killiney Hill Accessible Entrance						✓	Complete in May 2023.
Corke Abbey/Woodbrook Glen Improvements						✓	Complete in May 2023.
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening						✓	Complete in Oct 2023.
Meadowbrook Pitches, Padel Courts & Teenage Play						✓	Complete in Oct 2023.
Grass Pitch Refurbishments					✓		Works started in April 2023 for 6 grass pitches (+ running track at Kilbogget) – pitches out of use until Sep 2024. Running track for completion in Q2 2024.
Oatlands All Weather Pitch					✓		Works commenced in Aug 2023 for completion in July 2024.
Mounttown Boxing Facility					✓		Works commenced in Jan 2024 for completion in Dec 2024.
Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion)					✓		Modular building being constructed off site – for completion in Q3 2024
Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3			✓			✓	Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-leash area, sports pavilion complete.

							Adventure Play Space being progressed.
Blackrock Park - Phase 2				✓	✓	✓	Teenage zone, boules court, seating, Phoenix Terrace planting and play space complete, renovation of steps, for completion in Q2 2024. Conservation Architect led team appointed for the kiosk building – tender process has commenced.
New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross				✓			Tender process is underway. Works scheduled to commence in Q3 2024 for completion in Q4 2024.
Pavement Improvement Programme				✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going.
Marlay Golf Redevelopment				✓			On-going.
Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works				✓			Works to commence in Q2 2024 – for completion in Q4 2024 (TBC)
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2			✓				New Part 8 to be advertised in mid 2024
Play Space Development (East & West)			✓	✓			Priority projects for completion in Q4 2024.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1			✓				Part 8 approved at the Feb 2024 Council Meeting.
Cabinteely Park Projects		✓					Sports pavilion and other elements to progress.
Jamestown Park Masterplan		✓					Masterplan considerations on-going.
Parks Depots	✓						Initial stakeholder engagement is taking place.
Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities	✓						No progress. To progress when resources permit.
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch	✓						Delay due to Dept. of Education review. On hold
Dalkey Island (Upgrade Tower & Gun Battery)	✓						No progress. To progress when resources permit.
Marlay Park Masterplan	✓						No progress. Recent pedestrian entrance constructed and putting green with Padraig Harrington.

Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West)	✓						Recent work on Cabinteely pond and Corke Abbey Valley Park. Other projects being identified.
Sandyford Urban Open Space	✓						Acquisition is being progressed.
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	✓						No funding available. On hold.
Shanganagh Crematorium	✓						No funding available. On hold.
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms	✓						No funding available. On hold.

DLR Sports Partnership Update – March 2024

- Tea Dances – delivered first two sessions in February in Sallynoggin (200 participants) and in Taney (140 participants). Next two being held in April (Sallynoggin and Sandyford).
- Women In Sport Week – organised 12 activities during this national initiative in March to encourage females to take up sport. Included camogie, lacrosse, skating, mountain biking and swimming (210 participants).
- Boules – collaborating with local Boules clubs to put on come-and-try sessions in March/April. Also supporting the establishment of a league for DLR clubs.
- Get Into Golf - partnering with Golf Ireland for this new female beginners 6-week programme in Stepside that started on the 6th March (12 participants).
- Ultimate Frisbee Teacher Training - interactive training session on the 20th March for teachers to take sessions with their students (20 participants).
- Walking For Health – completed a 5-week walking programmes in Marlay Park for older adults looking to return to activity (15 participants).
- Try Track & Field - collaboration with Athletics Ireland to deliver this physical literacy programme to 6 DEIS Primary Schools from April (510 participants).
- IADT – supporting a Couch To 3K programme on campus for students (40 participants).
- Table Tennis – St Laurence’s and Ballinteer Community Schools have completed their 6-week Young Leaders Award.
- Stronger By the Sea - 6 week outdoor activity programme starting on the 8th April consisting of bodyweight exercises in a fun and friendly environment.
- We Go Swing – new wheelchair inclusive swing now installed in Kilbogget Park for wheelchair users and their siblings/friends. Launch held on the 25th March.
- SportsAbility Forum – first meeting of this information sharing and networking group for relevant services, clubs and special schools held and to take place quarterly.
- Inclusive Cycle Training – delivered two x 6-week learn to cycle programmes for children with a disability in Scoil Mhuire Shankill (26 children).
- SportsAbility Easter Camp – organizing a fun inclusive Easter multisport camp for teenagers / young adults on the autism spectrum from the 2nd to 5th April in Gaelscoil Sliabh Rua.
- Research – DLRCOCO, Active Cities Dublin UCD to work together on a research project on participation levels areas across DLR.
- Volunteers in Sport Awards – national event on the 29th February with the LSP network as the main sponsor. DLR winner was Matt Hanlon from Dalkey Devils Volleyball Club.
- Dormant Accounts Fund 2023 – currently delivering four projects (Active Cities - €116,500, Her Moves - €15,000, Disability €25,000, Volunteering - €15,000).
- Event Equipment – providing a free loan service of event type equipment to local sports clubs and community groups.

- Video Content – continuing to capture videos of DLRSP programmes and events with 90,000 views across the various videos produced over past year.
- DLRSP Newsletter – the 3rd edition of the quarterly newsletter to be released in early April. Will be circulated widely both online and in printed form.
- Coaching Teenage Girls – workshop for coaches and volunteers in sport taking place on the 4th March (17 trained).
- Safeguarding – workshops already booked up until the summer with 7 delivered in 2024 so far (86 attendees).
- Disability Awareness Training – SIDO providing practical training to clubs, volunteers and students on how to include all abilities in their activities.

Biodiversity

- Hedgerow event with students at Harolds School, Glathule
- Biodiversity Net Gain workshop with DLR staff
- Biodiversity Net Gain meeting with Irish Green Buildings Council
- Goat pilot project at Killiney Hill
- Mammal surveys at Roches Hill
- Amphibian surveys at Killiney and Roches Hill
- Dalkey Island rodent management Sept – Mar 2024
- Dalkey Island rabbit management Sept – Mar 2024
- Woodland plan for Loughlinstown Woods pNHA
- Woodland plan for Fitzsimons Woods pNHA
- Biosphere Biodiversity Officers meeting
- LA Biodiversity Plan guidelines input
- New LA Pollinator AIPP guidelines input
- Catchment Invasives treatment programme commences for 2024
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

Heritage

- Spring into Heritage 2024 programme commenced (runs March 25th - April 28th), includes; free tours of National Maritime Museum, Dalkey Castle, Joyce Tower, Cabinteely and Marlay Houses, the Oratory, County Hall, a Fernhill walking tour and three evening talks in Marlay House
- Approved Heritage Council funded 2024 projects
 - Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology programme Year 4
 - Update and digitisation of dlr Industrial heritage and Coastal heritage surveys
 - Archivist for Southside Travellers Action Group
 - Research project on Killiney Obelisk mound
 - “Made in Blackrock”, audio trail, podcast on garment industry
 - People’s History of dlr book
- Approved Built Heritage Investment Scheme project
 - Restoration of wrought iron railings at Stillorgan Wood
- Approved Creative Ireland project
 - *Martello Movement* – public dance workshops, performance/film, reprint of Martello Towers of Dublin book
- Commencement of on-site works to repair boundary wall at Cill Iníon Léinín graveyard
- Design development - restoration of haha at Marlay Park
- Memorials Committee meeting and progression of Memorials Committee approved commemorations
- Planning for Cruinniú na nÓg with Creative Communities Engagement Officer and Dublin Mountains Festival with Dublin Mountains Partnership
- Heritage Officers Network training and development

- Creative Ireland Team meeting
- Engagement with National Monuments Service in relation to Shanganagh battery
- Dalkey Castle and heritage centre/Joyce Tower board meetings
- Dublin Bay Biosphere future planning workshop
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

Filming in Parks

We continue to take in applications for filming in our parks. These include applications from both production companies, as well as student productions.

CRM Source or Email	Location	Date Request Received	Date of Filming	Permit Granted (Y/N)	Reason (if refused)
316017	Blackrock Park	20/02/2024	14/03/2024 & 15/03/2024	Y	
318146	Dillon's Park	11/03/2024	22/03/2024 – 24/03/2024	Y	
318177	People's Park	12/03/2024	21/03/2024	N	Company needed to postpone production
318271	Marlay Park	13/03/2024	TBD, 04/2024	N	Photoshoot in Playground not permitted
319209	Killiney Hill Park	22/03/2024	26/03/2024	Y	
319260	Marlay Park	22/03/2024	26/03/2024 & 28/03/2024	Ongoing Application	26 th not approved due to missing documentation

Allotments

In March 2024, we have been continuing to receive renewal payments for plots in both Castle and Mount Anville. We are getting in contact with anyone yet to pay the renewal fee. Mulch was delivered to the allotments on Saturday 23rd March 2024.

Castle Allotments Shankill March 2024	
Renewal forms returned and fees paid	80
Awaiting renewal forms and payment	16
Vacant plots*	2

*There is a plan for the 2 vacant plots to be repurposed as raised bed plots. These will be smaller in size than regular plots. Once complete, this will allow more people to take up plots.

Mount Anville Allotments Goatstown March 2024	
Renewal forms returned and fees paid	65
Awaiting renewal forms and payment	30
Surrendered Plots	6
Vacant plots	19

Markets

Source	Dún Laoghaire	Marlay Sat	Marlay Sun	Category	Accepted
CRM 310705	1			Craft	

Email	1	1	1	Hot Food	
Email				Craft	
Post	1			Artist	Y
Post		1	1	Craft	Y
CRM 311198			1	Craft	Y
CRM 311606		1		Other Food	Y
CRM 312038				Hot food	
Email	1	1		Hot Food	
Email		1		Hot food	
Email	1	1		Other food	Y
CRM 312323		1	1	Craft/artist	Y
Email	1			Other food	
Post		1	1	Hot food	
Email				Craft	
Email		1	1	Craft	
CRM-315295	1	1		Hot food	
DLR-CRM 315344	1	1		Hot Food	
DLR-CRM 315569		1	1	Hot food	Y
Email	1			Craft	
CRM 315547	1	1	1	Other food	
CRM 315148		1		Other Food	Y
CRM 314769		1	1	Hot food	Y
CRM 316023	1			craft	
email	1			craft	
Email				other food	Y
email	1			craft	
email		1			
email	1	1	1	other food	
email		1	1	other food	
email	1			craft	
email	1			craft	
email		1	1	other food	
Email		1	1	Other food	
In person	1				
Post				Hot Food	

BENCHES/TREES

Source	Tree	Bench	Location	Accepted
Email	1		Sandycove	

DLR-CRM 311401	1		Killiney	
DLR-CRM 312778		1	Deer park	
CRM 282981		2	Shanganagh park	Y
DLR-CRM 312249		1	Kiltiernan	
Email		1	Shanganagh park	Y
Post		1	Marlay Park	
Email		1	Croswaite Park	
Email		1	Marlay	
Email	1	1	Marlay	
DLR-CRM 314833		1	Carysfort Park	
CRM 314242		1	Deer Park	
Email	1		Kiliney Hill	
PJ		1	Marlay	Y
internal		1	Ludford	
email	1		Shanganagh	
CRM-317549		1	Blackrock	
email	1		Shanganagh	Y

Sports Development

dlr Leisure: Set up and completed the following activities in March 2024.

Schools (Drafts programme)

1. Our Ladies School (10-12 age)
2. Colm Cille's School, Ballybrack (10-12 age)
3. Scoil Mhuire, Shankill (10-12 age)
4. St Lawrence's, Loughlinstown (13-17 age)

Youth groups

- Cois Cairn Crosscare – mixed group (10-14 age)
- Holly House Southside Partnership – girls only (10 – 14 age)
- Balally Family resource centre - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Kilcross Youth Club - mixed group (10-12 age)
- Nutgrove Crosscare - Mixed group (13-14 age)
- Shankill Crosscare – 2 x groups - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Mounttown Crosscare - girls only (10 to 12 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only (15-17 age)
- Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (11-13 age)
- Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - mixed group (15-17 age)
- Whitehouse Crosscare - boys group (10-14 age)
- Ballybrack Crosscare - group 1 (12-15 age)
- Sallynoggin Youth Reach - gym sessions / bowling - mixed group (17-18 age)
- Hillview Family Resource Centre – mixed group (10-14 age)
- Carmona Special Needs Group - mixed (18-24 age)
- Strive Disability - mixed group (18-24 age)

- Festina Lente - mixed group (20-24 age)

Easter camps assisted by Leinster rugby and UCD coaches

Ran Easter camp sessions for the following groups.

- Sallynoggin Crosscare, Mount town Crosscare, Dún Laoghaire Crosscare.
- Dheis schools in the Ballybrack and Loughlinstown region in collaboration with Coiln Barry, School Completion Officer.

Other activities

- Met With Mark O Gorman from DLTCT in relation to arranging activities.
- Ran our second monthly session with Jo Brennan from Neurodivergent Youth Club, Dún Laoghaire - (13-16 age) mixed group.
- Met with Southside Travellers Association group and have booked in sessions for quarter 2.
- Met with Lynda Earls from Nutgrove Crosscare and have booked a second group in for the Active Youth Challenge starting in April.
- Met with centre managers from DLR Leisure and are assisting them with their open day on Saturday 13th April.
- Met with and confirmed the following Dheis schools for our 5-week sailing programme in the Royal St. George starting 30th April; Scoil Mhuire, Shankill, St. Joseph's, Dún Laoghaire, St. Kevin's, Sallynoggin, Holy Family, Monkstown, Good Shepard, Nutgrove and Dominican, Dún Laoghaire.

Leinster Rugby – March 2024 Report

Leinster Rugby

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools = 6

Males = 445

Females = 224

Secondary Schools: Males = Females =

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO)

Primary Schools = 3

Males = 157

Females = 173

Secondary Schools = 3

Males = 0

Females = 34

dlr rugby clubs sessions, workshops or AOB (please include numbers and breakdown male/female)

Leinster Rugby player visit at the DLSP FC Kieran Burke U7s festival – JS

DLSP FC U13s breakdown session – 22 players – JS

dlr female club rugby

Seapoint u12's session 16 players – EMcK

dlr rugby development schools (male/female)

Leinster Rugby dlr male team training 6th, 13th and 20th of March – 23 players – JS

Leinster Rugby dlr male team councils cup finals day 22nd of March – 22 players – JS

Leinster Rugby dlr female team councils cup finals day 22nd of March – 10 players – EMcK

South Dublin 7s or female tournaments 1st year touch or X7s (dlr only)

School numbers 2023/24	Boys	Girls	Totals
U7	105	130	235
U8	272	267	539
U9	308	290	598
U10	472	460	932
U11	568	506	1074
U12	580	490	1070
U13	566	504	1070
U14	33	238	271
U15	28	31	59
U16	0	3	3
U17	41	38	79
U18	10	12	22
U19	31	20	51
Grand totals (March 2024)	3014	2989	6003
Luke Sloyan Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC			
	Male	Female	Totals
U7	44	36	80
U8	31	37	68
U9	56	32	88
U10	152	133	285
U11	221	174	395
U12	224	180	404
U13	207	171	378
U14	33	33	66
U15	28	15	43
U16	0	0	0
U17	41	29	70
U18	10	2	12
U19	13	0	13
Grand totals (February 2024)	1060	842	1902

Luke's contract is now finished for this season.

FAI:

- **Administration** - Planning work for all programmes in 2024 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going on a weekly and monthly basis.
- **FFA** – Walking Football in St Joseph's AFC, Sallynoggin.
- **Club Mark:** Granada FC awarded Club Mark. On-going contact meetings with registered clubs to complete applications in order to achieve the award.
- **Coach Ed** – PDP 2 course delivered for Mt Merrion. 7v7 Workshop for Lakelands FC, 40

coaches in total. Calander of courses for region 2 in 2024 developed.

- **Child Welfare** – Courses planned for Safeguarding 1 for Dundrum FC, Granada FC and Dalkey United in May.
- **Girls ETP Weekly sessions** – Talent ID ongoing in DLR & region 2. 28 U-13 girls attending.
- **Social Inclusion** – 20 IPA adults playing football one day a week.
- **Futsal In the Yard** – Four schools involved, 600 boys and girls from 5th, 6th & 7th Class.
- **Primary 5s** – Over 40 DLR schools took part, 800 boys and girls played over four days in early March.
 - **Disney Playmakers** – Clubs taking part, Rosemount/Mulvey, Lakelands and United Girls.
 - Two School-Club links planned with Cabinteely FC/OLGC Johnstown and Park Celtic FC/St Brigid's GNS, Foxrock.
 - **Personal Development** – Both Development Officers began new Sport Ireland Coaching Development Level 7 award. The course continues until May 2024.
 - **Summer Soccer Schools** – Three clubs planned to host in summer 2024.
 - **Football Pathways Consultation** meetings with DLR Clubs Monday March 25th, Wayside Celtic FC. All clubs contacted and registered.

Leinster Cricket:

- Sessions have held for Ballinteer GNS 2nd and 3rd class. Sessions have commenced and will completed after Easter in Kill of the Grange, Harolds BNS Dalkey, Johnstown GNS and Johnstown BNS.
- A teacher training program was held in St, Columbus school and was attended by 10 teachers from 6 different schools in the area.
- A meeting was held between CL, DLR Cricket club and DLRCC to discuss repair work to the pitch in Shanganagh Park.
- We are working with a group from Dalkey to start a junior club as previously indicated. We have now agreed a venue in Ballyogan where a coach training course will be run, date as yet to be confirmed, we have assurances from the group that at least 10 people will take part in the course.