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Message from An Cathaoirleach

Welcome to this Spring Edition of the dIr Times which covers the adoption of the Council's new Corporate Plan 2020-2024. This new plan sets out a vision for how we want to work as a Local Authority over the next five years. It places emphasis on enriching the quality of life in our communities, pushing forward environmental protection and climate action, drives our local authority to deliver excellent public service, and aims to support and foster a resilient local economy.

There are a number of upcoming events and initiatives this Spring, among them our annual Enterprise Week for existing and aspiring local businesses running between 2 and 6 March, as well the upcoming second round of the dIr Grants Scheme 2020 which offers financial support and assistance to local based initiatives. More information on both these really worthwhile initiatives inside.

CLLR. SHAY BRENNAN



Message from the dIr Chief Executive

The County Development Plan is one of the most significant documents any Council produces. It sets out, not just the physical development plan for the county, but also the key objectives that all contribute towards creating a place that enables growth and sustains the county. As citizens of the county you all have a role in shaping the place in which you live, or indeed where you do business and the consultation process enables you to "have your say". We have just opened the consultation for the current Development Plan. The entire process to produce the plan takes 98 weeks and it determines how the county will grow and develop for the following ten years – in our case this will be 2022 to 2028.

Your view matters. Each view is a unique perspective on how development needs to take place. This is your chance to join us in future proofing our county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and I look forward to wide and varying views being inputted into the decision making process.

PHILOMENA POOLE

CoCo Markets

PEOPLE'S PARK
Park Road, Dún Laoghaire

WHEN: Every Sunday
TIME: 11am – 4pm

MARLAY PARK
Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

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



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Water and Drainage: 1850 278 278
[24 hours]

Dangerous Structures & Places: 01 677 8844
[after 5pm + weekends]

Transportation: 01 677 8844
[after 5pm + weekends]

Homeless Persons: 1800 724 724
[after hours services]

Your dIr parks



BLACKROCK PARK

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

CABINTEELY PARK

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

DEER PARK

TIME: Open Access

FERNHILL PARK & GARDENS

TIME: 9am - 6pm

KILBOGGET PARK

TIME: Open Access

KILLINEY HILL PARK

TIME: Open Access

MARLAY PARK

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

PEOPLE'S PARK

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

SHANGANAGH PARK

TIME: Open Access

Recycling information



BALLYOGAN RECYCLING

Ballyogan Road

TELEPHONE: 01 291 3600
TIME: Mon – Fri 8.30am to 5.30pm
Sat 9.30am to 5.30pm | Sun/Bank Hols 10.30am to 5.30pm.
CLOSED: Christmas Eve – St. Stephen's Day, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday.

EDEN PARK RECYCLING

Summerhill Road, Glashule

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

SHANGANAGH RECYCLING CENTRE

Cemetery Car Park, Shankill

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

Your dIr libraries



dIr LEXICON

Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire
TEL: 01 280 1147

TIME: Mon – Thur 9.30am – 8pm
Fri to Sat 9.30am – 5pm | Sun 12noon – 4pm

BLACKROCK

Blackrock Town Hall,
Main Street

TEL: 01 288 8117

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

CABINTEELY*

Old Bray Road, Cabinteely

TEL: 01 285 5363

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat* 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm

DALKEY

Castle Street, Dalkey

TEL: 01 285 5317

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 1.15pm – 8pm

DEANSGRANGE

Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange

TEL: 01 285 0860

TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm

DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road,
Dundrum

TEL: 01 298 5000

TIMES: Mon, Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm

SHANKILL*

Library Road, Shankill

TEL: 01 282 3081

TIME: Mon, Wed, Fri* & Sat* 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm | Tue & Thur 2pm – 8pm

STILLORGAN

St. Laurence's Park,
Stillorgan

TEL: 01 288 9655

TIME: Mon 10am – 5pm | Tue to Thur 10am – 8pm | Fri & Sat 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm

* Libraries with an asterisk are open either Friday or Saturday – please contact for further details.

- The dIr Lexlcon is open on Sundays 12noon – 4pm

- On Bank Holiday weekends, all libraries are closed Saturday, Sunday & Monday.



A plan for all our futures

Creating a progressive and vibrant County that is attractive, inclusive and accessible for everyone.

Councillors in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council recently adopted a new Corporate Plan for 2020-2024. The Plan was developed following extensive consultation in 2019 with the public, community groups, local citizen interest organisations, business groups, Council staff, Councillors and other stakeholders. The aim was to gather as wide a view as possible on what aspirations people had for their County.

Following this consultation period, the Corporate Plan was drafted and developed, taking on board existing council plans, public consultation views and relevant legislation. The Plan is much more than just another Council document; it provides a strategic framework for the Council's vision for the County, its goals for the next five years and the core values which will guide the Council's work over the lifetime of the Plan.

The Vision for the County is **"A progressive and vibrant County that is attractive, inclusive and accessible."**

The following themes emerged as priorities over the course of the consultation period informing the specific Corporate Goals of the Council.

- Enriching quality of life through vibrant communities, housing and amenities
- A leader in environmental protection and climate action
- Embracing change and delivering excellent public service
- Supporting and fostering a resilient local economy

The eight specific Corporate Goals that the Council has adopted are aimed at enhancing quality of life and maximising opportunity in the County and we will achieve these corporate goals by working and collaborating effectively in tandem with our vision for the County.

CORPORATE GOALS

1. **Showing leadership in protecting the environment through education and in how we work.**
2. **Facilitate the development of a variety of housing options enabling improved choice, that drives quality of life for all.**
3. **Enhance people's lives through access to sustainable travel choices across our network of communities.**
4. **Provide quality community, recreational, sporting and cultural opportunities for all who live, work and visit the County.**
5. **Enhance the vitality of our town and villages while preserving our natural and built heritage.**
6. **Engage with businesses to support their presence and growth in the County.**
7. **Promote equality and human rights by implementing the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.**
8. **Optimise human, financial and physical resources to deliver accessible customer focused quality services.**

Delivering on our corporate priorities will give everyone in our communities, irrespective of age or ability, the opportunity to live life to the full; connecting, participating and experiencing wellbeing.

This Corporate Plan is your plan, informed by you and your aspirations for your County. It is available to read and download online at www.dlrcoco.ie/corporateplan2020 at local libraries and Council offices.

County Development Plan 2022-2028



We would like to thank all the individuals and groups who have made submissions as part of the pre-draft consultation phase held in January and February. Many thanks also to everyone who visited us at our open days held throughout the County.

Your next opportunity for public involvement in the Plan making process will be in late 2020 and early 2021 when you as members of the public will have a chance to make a submission on the draft Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan. We have embarked on the process of reviewing the current Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2016-2022, and preparing a new County Development Plan (CDP) that will shape the future growth of the County for the period of 2022 – 2028.

The Development Plan is part of hierarchy of spatial plans and the County Development Plan must be consistent with the higher level Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Eastern and Midland Region and also with the National Planning Framework (NPF).

The County Development Plan review began on 3rd January 2020 and the process, which must be followed in the making of a new County Development Plan, will take almost two years culminating in the adoption of a new County Development Plan late in 2021, with the Plan coming into force early 2022. The Plan kicked off with an 8-week public consultation phase which included 6 open days being held across the County. Staff from the Development plan team were available to answer any queries and to advise on how to make a submission during that 8-week period which ended on 28 February 2020.

A “Have your say” document was prepared and whilst the initial pre-draft period for making a submission is now closed, the document, which is available at www.dlrcoco.ie provides a good overview of both the Development Plan process and what has been happening in the County since the adoption of the last plan back in 2016.

Check our website for updates throughout the year.



Gary McConville

Administrative Officer
Planning Department

What do you do?

I have worked for dlrc for 19 years and I currently work in the Planning Section. Previous to this I worked in Housing as well as Culture, Community Development and Amenities. I started my career in the public service with Dublin Corporation, working in the Motor Tax section.

What is your typical work day like?

My role is varied as I am currently working across multiple projects such as administrative support for the County Development Plan Team as they prepare a new County Development Plan for 2022-2028. I am involved in a major planning transformation project within the Planning Department which will involve upgrading the APAS planning application system and implementing a new on-line document management system. This will enable us to modernise the way we work into the future and prepare the way for E-Planning so that ultimately customers will be able to make planning applications on-line.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

I am working across multiple projects so it is always a balancing act in order to manage them all!

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

It is an exciting time for us and our citizens as we are in the early stages of developing the new County Development Plan for 2022-2028. This process is a collaborative one and takes over two years to complete. We are looking forward to meeting and talking to our citizens about their views and how collectively we can shape the future of our County. There has been considerable growth and change in the County since the adoption of the Development Plan 2016-2022 and we will continue to build on that over the lifetime of the next plan.

Calling All Green Schools Reduce and Conserve



Environmental Awareness are currently visiting schools throughout dlr to complete the Green Schools Flag assessments and so far we have seen some great work in local schools relating to litter and waste reduction, energy and water conservation, sustainable travel, biodiversity and marine education.

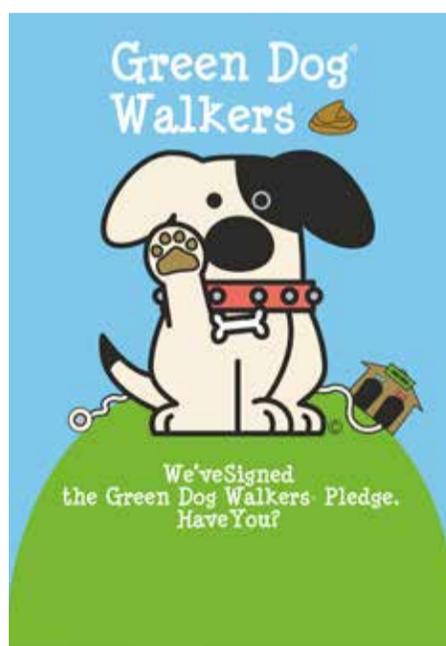
Any school wishing to apply for a new flag in 2020, are invited to contact the Council to arrange this visit before Friday, 27 March 2020.

The Green-Schools programme is facilitated locally by dlr County Council staff, in conjunction with An Taisce. Currently, dlr has 112 schools registered with the programme. The programme is designed to promote and acknowledge whole school action for the environment. Schools undertake long term projects on environmental issues such as waste and litter management, energy, water, sustainable transport, biodiversity and global citizenship.

Green Dog Walkers Take the Pledge

The Green Dog Walkers (GDW) scheme is a non-confrontational and friendly initiative to prevent dog fouling. Local residents are invited to help get the message out that dog foul litter is socially unacceptable. The scheme asks dog owners to make the following pledge to clean up after their dog, carry extra dog waste bags and be happy to be approached to 'lend' a dog waste bag to those without.

Anyone can take the pledge to be a Green Dog Walker by signing the Green Dog Walkers Form and returning it to the Council. Registration forms can be obtained directly from www.dlrcoco.ie or by contacting the Council by email (info@dlrcoco.ie) or phone 01-2054700. Once registered, you will receive a complimentary 'doggie bone' bag dispenser, a roll of bags and information leaflet. The scheme is also available to local residents' associations, community groups and Tidy Towns/Tidy Districts committees.



Tidy Districts 2020

dlr's annual Tidy Districts Competition recognises and rewards the efforts made by residents' associations and tidy towns groups to enhance their local environment.

While the competition is primarily an anti-litter and anti-graffiti competition, it has evolved over the last 28 years and now also recognises climate change projects.

For more information and an application form, please visit the dlr website or contact the Council. The closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm on 29 May 2020.



Cycle Parking

Would you like to see more cycle parking in your area?

We are seeking suggestions for locations to provide more cycle parking stands on public areas around the County to add to the existing 1200+ cycle stands.

Suggested locations should be emailed to cycling@dlrcoco.ie

Tidy Schools Competition

The Tidy Schools Competition is open to all primary schools within dlr. As part of the Tidy Schools initiative, participating schools are judged not only on their cleanliness but also their floral displays, initiatives to support wildlife, litter and waste education and links with their local community to maintain a clean environment.

The closing date for the competition is the 3rd of April 2020 and the winning school will be announced at the awards ceremony on 14 May 2020.

For more information, please contact us at info@dlrcoco.ie

Enterprise Week with dlr Leo



Enterprise Week is happening again this year from 2 to 6 March with over 20 fantastic business events in dlr. Following on from past successes we are bringing in experts to deliver practical workshops on; leadership, raising investment, tendering, pricing, sales, and lots more.

One of the highlights will undoubtedly be the session on Thursday, 5 March with internationally renowned Speaker, BBC TV Presenter, and expert on what makes humans 'tick', David Meade. Having worked with some of the World's biggest brands including Facebook, Google, Harvard University, Microsoft, Deloitte, Saatchi & Saatchi to name a few, this exceptional energetic, fun and engaging speaker is not to be missed.

In keeping with our strategy to help dlr businesses become more efficient and profitable, we are running a not to be missed workshop on how to become a LEAN business.

The week will be rounded off with a session from LIFT Ireland, who will talk about how to build positive leadership in an effective and simple way. This will be followed by a walk on Killiney Hill which will give a chance to chat, share stories and network.

With over 800 people attending the events last year, the annual Enterprise Week events are always very popular, so make sure to book early – full details are available at www.enterpriseweekdlr.ie

Is your business eligible for a Ratepayers Support Grant?



The Ratepayers Support Grant is in place to support local business and if your 2020 Rates Bill is €21,019 or less you are eligible. There is no need to apply for the grant. If you pay in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, it will be applied automatically to your rate account. See www.dlrcoco.ie/ratesgrant for the Terms and Conditions.

In 2019, dlr LEO approved over €1 million in grant funding in the following categories:



Showcasing dlr Entrepreneurs



Daniel Nugent and Sacha Cahill

Ambr Eyewear was co-founded by Daniel Nugent and Sacha Cahill. Set up in 2017 and based in Dún Laoghaire, Ambr Eyewear provides fashionable well-designed 'blue light blocking' glasses for use with screens.

Due to their jobs in technology the founders spent significant time working on screens which was resulting in eye-strain and poor sleep quality. When they researched the causes and possible solutions they found that there was very little on the market so they decided to design their own.

Over the last two years, the business has grown significantly with the brand selling glasses to almost 80 countries through its website ambreyewear.com. They have also secured listings with Brown Thomas, Retail in Motion and had a very successful Christmas pop-up store on Wicklow Street.

Throughout this period Ambr EyeWear consistently engaged with the Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown Local Enterprise Office receiving support in a number of ways. **They received assistance with funding for salary support as well as support to attend International Trade Fairs. which enabled them to support their brand internationally. When they needed to upgrade their website they used funding available through the Local Enterprise Office's Trading Online Voucher scheme.**

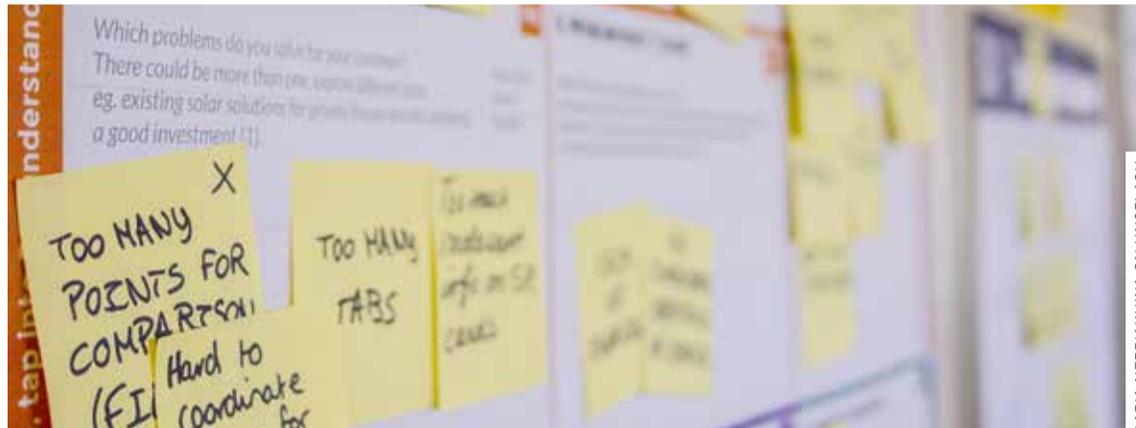
Daniel applied to Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur 2019 competition and won the County's Best Business Start up Category and the business was also the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County winner in the National Enterprise Awards 2019. The prizes from both competitions provided further investment in the business.

Daniel said *"we were delighted with the support we received from our Local Enterprise Office and would recommend any new start-up to check them out"*.

Going forward, the couple hope to expand its online business throughout Europe with German, Spanish and French websites. They've also secured a deal with a Dubai-based distributor.

It's been quick growth for this exciting local start-up, and they are definitely one to watch for the future.

Lean Business Tools for business impact



In our efforts to support companies located in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, we are providing training and consultancy in using Lean Business tools. The Lean methodology is globally proven to make a significant difference to companies across the globe and their use can often mean the difference between success and failure.

Companies that engage in Lean typically experience increase productivity, attract and retain the best staff and understand how to make their business more profitable and competitive. By way of evidence an independent review of one of Ireland's leading Lean Business programs found that companies engaged in their Lean programme experienced productivity gains of up 20%, sales up by 40%, delivery adherence were up by 43%, product & service quality were up by 30% and any employment increased by 11%.

Lean business has evolved from its origins in Japanese manufacturing systems and we are delighted that it is a key driver of success for companies in dlr that include; Phonovation, Adams & Butler, Monsoon Consulting, Airtel ATN and The Wordwell Group. Find out how Lean business principles transformed these companies, and how you can start applying Lean to your business at www.leadnrl.ie

Pop Up Shop Profile



The staff of the Economic Development Unit supports and fosters economic growth by engaging with businesses from all sectors to support their presence across the county.

As part of this remit, the Unit operates a pop-up shop in Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre which is available to local artists and craftspeople to rent on a weekly basis. With its high profile location facing out onto George's Street Upper, the shop is always in high demand and is currently almost booked out for 2020.

Over the last two years, the shop has given over fifty artisans the opportunity to showcase their products in a commercial retail setting.

One of the Pop-Up Shop's recent tenants, Mary Van Son, spoke to us about her experience.

"As a small business owner, there's no other way that I would be able to access such a high profile location. The pop-up shop is a brilliant way for people to showcase their work. It has allowed me to build up a whole new customer network. I've got to know lots of the other occupants of the shop. This week for instance I was running low on stock, so the next person in was able to drop some of her goods in this week and they're on show – I've built up some great relationships with other sellers. One of the best things about the shop is how excited people are about who's going to be the next person in. There are people who will pop in every week, and there's a lovely social element to it. People drop in for a chat and there's a sense of community about the shop."



Shopfront Improvement Scheme

Shops on the streets of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's towns and villages can avail of dlr's Shopfront Improvement Scheme. The aim of the scheme is to enhance the streetscape with shop fronts that are more attractive for shoppers, residents, visitors and businesses.

dlr can fund 50% of the improvements up to a max of €5,000. Terms and conditions apply and staff in the Economic Development can guide applicants through the process.

Please call us on 01 204 7083 or visit www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Financial-Supports/Shop-Front-Improvement/

Biju, located at 97 Lower George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, availed of dlr's Shopfront Improvement Scheme. Established in 2019 by Devora Edwards, Biju sells lingerie, nightwear, swimwear and loungewear.

Competition

Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival 26th – 29th March 2020

Would you like to win tickets to the **Mountains to Sea 2020** festival? We have 4 pairs of tickets to giveaway and you can choose one of the following events: Rollickin' Rhymes with Michael Rosen, The Beekeeper of Aleppo with Christy Lefteri & Sorcha Pollak, Murder most Foul Jane Casey, Catherine Ryan Howard & Sinéad Crowley or An evening with Paul Muldoon & Lisa Lambe.

All you have to do is sign up to receive dlr times by email. Log on to www.dlrcoco.ie/mountainstoseacomp and enter your details by Thursday, 19th March. The lucky winners will be notified on Friday, 20 March 2020.

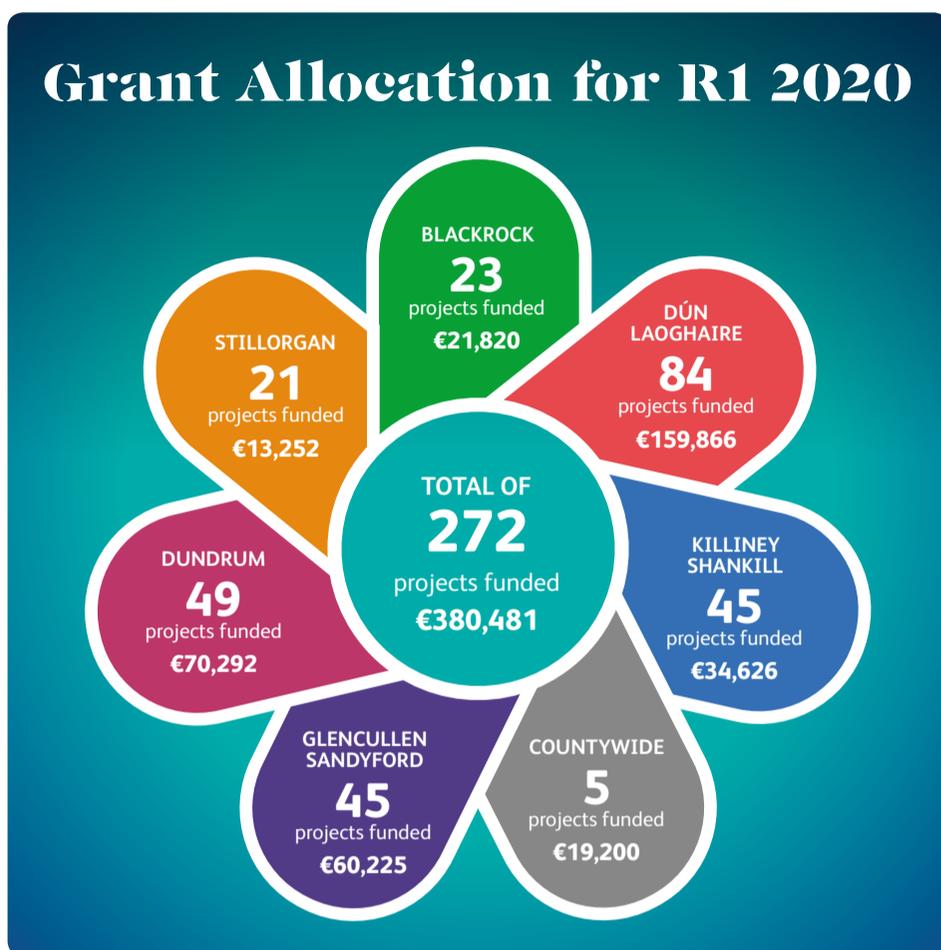
dlr Grants 2020

Each year the Council operates its dlr Grants Scheme. The Scheme is designed to provide financial support and assistance to local based initiatives that promote community development and social inclusion. It also enables growth and development of local sports, arts and environmental organisations as well as developing collaborative local enterprise with business area promotion grants. The diversity of these grants is a vital funding stream for a broad spectrum of local groups and since 2014 the Council has awarded almost €4 million through the dlr Grants Scheme.

The Scheme for 2020 was adopted by Councillors at the December Council meeting and provided for a total of €380,481, co-funding 272 projects and initiatives all across the county. This funding is assisting grassroots groups to enhance their local areas in a wide variety of ways, whether its undertaking community or environmental project work, providing sports equipment or supporting a local arts collective, enabling citizens to engage positively in the community.

Grants are available twice a year with Round 2 of the 2020 Scheme grants commencing now, opening for applications to our online portal from 6 March to 3 April. Grants Scheme information meetings will take place across the county and will be advertised in local newspapers, the Public Participation Network as well as the Council website and its social media channels.

Apply online at www.dlrcoco.ie/grants and help make a difference to your local community.



Dún Laoghaire Harbour to welcome 22 Cruise Ships

Dún Laoghaire Harbour prepares for a bumper year of cruise ships and overseas visitors this summer. The port is preparing to welcome its largest contingent to date with 22 cruise ships and over 40,000 passengers and crew. These ships will bring a welcome revenue of over €300,000 in berthing fees to the local authority. In order to improve the visitor experience dlr have moved the landing point for guests to a more central point in the harbour at the Carlisle Pier. The town and hinterlands will see an increase of visitor numbers as guests now arriving in the harbour will immediately see the town from their arrival point and local ambassadors will be on hand to welcome and guide guests.

The summer kicks off in May with the first of five calls from one of the largest cruise operators in the world, Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL). Norwegian Star will make her first visit to Dún Laoghaire, and will have 4,000 passengers and crew. The summer of 2021 will see almost double the number of ships and visitors with 38 calls and over 90,000 passengers and crew. The local authority will see a boost in revenue of over €800,000.

Harbour operations will be running on full capacity to manage the influx of calls to the harbour and will welcome the trial run in advance of a busier year in 2021.

Find your niche for the afterlife



As Deansgrange Cemetery reaches capacity for burials dlr are pleased to announce the completion of its first Columbarium Walls. Niches are now available for purchase from the Cemetery Office in Deansgrange.

A columbarium wall contains 180 niches of which each is capable of holding two bespoke medium-sized caskets of cremated remains. These caskets are provided by the Cemetery Office to the family or Funeral Director on booking.

Our dedicated cemetery staff can assist you if you have any queries, please contact the Cemetery Office in Deansgrange at 01 289 3416 or by e-mail cemeteries@dlrcoco.ie

Mountains to Sea 2020

All tickets for the 2020 Festival are now on sale. This year's Festival takes place from 26 to 29 March, and our theme is The State of Us.



Through poetry, novels and non-fiction events, M2C 2020 brings you an entertaining programme of conversations, featuring some of our best-known and loved authors including all the way from the USA, Curtis Sittenfeld, along with Mary Cregan for a discussion of her hugely popular book *The Scar*. James Shapiro joins us to explore Shakespeare in America and the Bard's enduring ability to shed light on human nature. We have rich pickings where novels are concerned with splendid new tales to explore from Anne Enright, Colum McCann, Louise Doughty, Christy Lefteri and Niall Williams.

Poetry, as always, plays a starring role and this year's Lyric Note welcomes Lemn Sissay, Danny Diamond and Tom French, the Octavia Poetry Collective, Nidhi Zak, Peggy Seeger and Jackie Kay, along with Paul Muldoon and Enda Wyley. New voices Rachel Mann and Ned Denny share the stage with Shine Strong 2020 judge Tom McCarthy. We'll also have readings from our shortlisted Shine Strong and Irish Times Poetry Now poets.

Our non-fiction strand Present Tense starts on March 6th with events celebrating International Women's Day with two exceptional voices, Darina Allen, one of Ireland's food writers and the heroic Vicky Phelan, fearless advocate for women's health.

We reflect on the twin populist explosions that occurred in 2016 in Britain and the US.

Politics on both sides of the Atlantic continually feed news cycles with the same mixture of apprehension and disbelief, painting portraits of extremely polarised countries. This year, we explore the meaning of this polarisation and how it is reflected elsewhere, close to home in Northern Ireland and as far away as India and Pakistan as well as in Palestine and Israel. Expect to hear fascinating insights from Raja Shehadeh, Nimesh Shukla and Kavita Puri, Fintan O'Toole and Brigid Laffan, Malachi O'Doherty, newcomer Claire Hanna of the SDLP, Clare Daly MEP and Peadar King. We are delighted to welcome Rebecca Solnit who writes with cerebral ferocity about everything from her knowledge of human culture, literature, politics, environment, myth and the act of writing.

Our Schools and Families Programme includes the legendary Michael Rosen who pays us a visit this year, as We're going on a Bear Hunt celebrates its 30th birthday. We welcome Shane Hegarty, Patricia Forde, dlr Writer in Residence, Sadhbh Devlin and Chris Judge who will visit schools, surprise and delight and encourage younger readers to craft tales of their own.

Join us, we look forward to welcoming you!

For more details on events and booking information, pick up the main Festival brochure in your local dlr Library or various venues around the County, or download a copy from the Festival website at www.mountaintosea.ie

What's On Event Guide

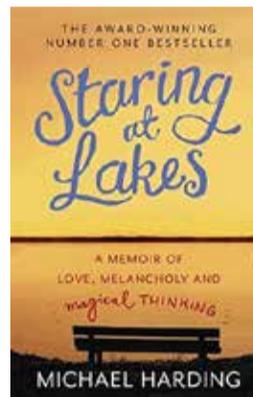
For more details on what's happening in your local dlr Library, pick up a copy of our current What's On Guide or go online at www.libraries.dlrcoco.ie



Bealtaine 2020

Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which uniquely celebrates the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is run by Age & Opportunity, the national organisation that promotes active and engaged living as we get older.

dlr Libraries are once again participating in the Bealtaine Festival during May. We've got a wide range of events, talks and workshops lined up. We hope you'll find something to enjoy and engage with.



The Bealtaine Bookclub choice for 2020 is Michael Harding's *Staring at Lakes*. We have multiple copies available in our dlr Libraries book set collection.

www.libraries.dlrcoco.ie/find-and-renew/book-choices/book-sets

Please email librarybib@dlrcoco.ie to request a copy or a number of copies for your bookclub.

Spring into Heritage 2020



The dlr Spring into Heritage programme of Free Guided Tours and Talks will run from 9th March to 3rd May 2020.

Highlights this Spring include the James Joyce Museum, National Maritime Museum, Cabinteely House, Marlay House, the Oratory, Fernhill Gardens and Dalkey Castle.

Spring Talks will centre around local history, climate change and sports.

All tours and talks are free, schools and group booking is essential. Contact: dlrheritageevents@dlrcoco.ie

Dublin One City One Book 2020 Events



Christine Dwyer Hickey

dlr Libraries are pleased to participate in this year's Dublin One City One Book organised by Dublin City Council during April every year. This year's book is Tatty by Christine Dwyer Hickey.

The following events will take place:

Turning Ideas into Books:

Wednesday 8 April at 6.30pm.
Deansgrange Library, Clonkeen Drive, Deansgrange.
Free event. Booking essential on www.eventbrite.ie

Christine Dwyer Hickey and Martina Devlin discuss the inspiration and research behind Tatty and Christine's latest book The Narrow Land.

All the Words I Know for Drunk: Topsy, twisted, merry, out of your tree, high as a kite. Locked, legless, langer-oos....

Wednesday 15 April at 7.00pm.
Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire. Free event. Booking essential on www.eventbrite.ie

Christine Dwyer Hickey talks to Martina Devlin about the theme of alcoholism in Tatty, the impact of alcoholism on children in general and how families are marked for life by it.

Poetry, childhood, and Tatty.

Saturday 18 April at 3.00pm.
Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire. Free event.
Booking essential on www.eventbrite.ie

Tatty explores the emotional intensity and turbulence of childhood. Poets Eithne Hand (first collection in 2020), James Harpur (The White Silhouette, 2019) and Liz Quirke (The Road, Slowly, 2018) will delve into different aspects of this evocative period, from the magic of being a toddler to the complexity of adolescence, same-sex families, boarding school and first love.



Musician in Residence Programme 2020

Keep an eye out for the dlr Musicians in Residence Concert Programme which kicks off in May. There will be three residencies over the year and a series of concerts in the Studio, dlr Lexlcon.

Organised by dlr Arts Office, the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Musician-in-Residence scheme is jointly funded by the Arts Council, and managed by Music Network. It provides opportunities for musicians to develop and showcase new work, and gives audiences an opportunity to hear some exciting new music.

All concert details and updates will be detailed on the Arts Office webpage www.dlrcoco.ie/arts under the Music section.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain Na Gaeilge (Irish Language Week) is an international Irish language festival and one of the biggest celebrations of our native language and culture that takes place each year in Ireland and in many other countries.



The festival (1-17 March) gives an opportunity to everyone to enjoy Irish, whether you are a fluent speaker, learner or have cúpla focal, with a calendar of entertaining and fun events for every type of interest and every age group.

In dlr libraries look out for events for children and families, from Scéalaíocht as Gaeilge to a talk on using Irish at home to our monthly Grúpa Spraoi sa Lexlcon meeting on 7 March. Remember we also have regular events as Gaeilge running throughout the year, Irish language book clubs for adults in Dalkey library and a children's book club as Gaeilge in dlr Lexlcon, coffee mornings as Gaeilge in Lexlcon and Ciorcal Comhrá in Stillorgan library.

Irish is for everyone, Seachtain Na Gaeilge is for everyone – Bígí Linn! Bain Triail Aisti – Surprise Yourself!

www.events.dlrcoco.ie/event/seachtain-na-gaeilge

Sallynoggin College of Further Education

8 hour painting challenge

Calling all art enthusiasts (or anyone who would like to see art students sweat!)

The great S.C.F.E. painting challenge takes place in dlr Lexlcon on Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April.

Numbered easels will be set up in various locations throughout the Library. Each student is given a number and a canvas. They then have to find their easel and have 8 hours over two days to paint either an internal or external view. At the end of the competition each painting is photographed and put on the S.C.F.E. Facebook page so the public can vote for their favourite.

Winners will be announced at the opening of the S.C.F.E. end of year art and photography exhibition which will take place in dlr Lexlcon from 11 – 17 May.



EXHIBITIONS AT dlr LEXICON



Jennifer Johnston with sons Patrick and Malachi and daughters Sarah and Lucy and grandson at launch of Jennifer Johnston at 90.

Jennifer Johnston at 90

dlr Lexlcon Level 5 until 31 March 2020

On 25 January, a large gathering of family and friends joined Jennifer Johnston to celebrate her 90th birthday with this exhibition on her life and work. In 2019, she donated nearly 2,000 of her books to dlr Libraries. The book collection includes numerous translations of her novels and signed gifts received by many fellow writers, dramatists and artists and now forms part of the Irish Author Collection at dlr Lexlcon.

On Monday 23 March, join Geraldine Plunkett for a performance of *Waiting* by Jennifer Johnston, directed by Caroline Fitzgerald. This event is free and booking is via www.eventbrite.ie

What in the World: 50 Countries 50 Stories

dlr Lexlcon Level 3 from 16 – 30 March 2020

KMF Productions, Irish Aid and RTÉ present *What in the World?* The very popular TV series has been presented by Peadar King and filmed in over 50 countries across Africa, Asia and the Americas since 2004.

Telling the compelling stories of fifty people, the exhibition features photographs and quotations from people featured in the documentaries along with a montage of footage from the series. It coincides with the publication of presenter Peadar King's book *War, Suffering and the Struggle for Human Rights* which he will discuss with Clare Daly MEP at Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival on 28 March 2020.



EVENTS

Mindreading 2020 presents Vaccines in Ireland – facts, fears & fictions

Thursday 2 April 2020 at 6pm. Tickets on www.eventbrite.ie

We invite you to join us as we launch *History of Vaccines in Ireland*, a public exhibition curated by RCPI Heritage Centre that looks at the rich history of vaccination in Ireland. The launch will be followed by a public lecture, with discussion between Prof Geraldine Meaney (UCD), Dr Donal Brennan (UCD) and Dr David Grimes (DCU), discussing public representations and imaginaries of medicine, from 19th century reactions to the smallpox vaccine to the controversy of recent years around the HPV vaccine.

WHAT'S ON IN THE MUNICIPAL GALLERY IN dlr LEXICON

Our Colours: artworks from the dlr County Collection

Until 31 March, 2020

This exhibition features a range of diverse work from the Collection and includes several recent additions. It is the first time that these artworks will be exhibited together.

Many of the artists represented in the exhibition have connections to the County, living or coming from here. The Collection also includes works purchased from younger artists, recent graduates or from degree shows.

Work by Imogen Stuart, Carey Clarke, Maeve McCarthy, Lee Welch, Paul Hallahan, Fiona Hackett, Clifford Collie, Alison Kay and Kate McDonagh, amongst others, will be on show.

Graphic Studio 60th Anniversary



Ruth O'Donnell

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of Graphic Studio Dublin in 2020, Studio Members associated with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and IADT have been invited to exhibit in the Municipal Gallery dlr Lexicon. Established in 1960, Graphic Studio Dublin is Ireland's largest and oldest Printmaking Studio, supporting over 70 Studio Members along with other Irish and international artists.

Both exhibitions are accompanied by a Learning Programme which includes talks, guided tours and a range of workshops for all ages; as well as our regular Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tours, and the Open Arts Studios for kids and adults.

Further information www.dlrcoco.ie/arts or 01 236 2759.

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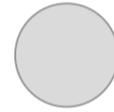


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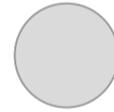
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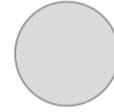


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