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## Message from An Cathaoirleach



Welcome to the latest edition of the dlr Times. The arrival of Spring heralds several events and initiatives planned for the next few months. This edition provides information on the Línite na Farrage installation in Blackrock Park and highlights the threats posed by climate change and the impact that rising sea levels will have on our communities.

You can also find information on Active Travel, Bike Week and Sports Summer Events and why not try out the new Boules Courts in Kilbogget and Marlay Park.

You can read about Coastival 2023, a new weeklong festival in Dún Laoghaire which coincides with the Volvo Dún Laoghaire Regatta in July and will include a wide range of free events and activities.

Congratulations to all at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on their recent CIE Award of Excellence.

Cruise Ships will also be returning to Dún Laoghaire again this year and you can find their schedule of arrival inside. There are also grants available to help you improve your shop front and there is also funding for business organisations in business area promotion.

**CLLR. MARY HANAFIN**

## CoCo Markets

**PEOPLE'S PARK & DLR  
LEXICON**, Dún Laoghaire  
Sunday 11am-4pm

**MARLAY PARK**  
Rathfarnham, Dublin 16

Saturday 10am-4pm & Sunday 11am-4pm



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[after 5pm + weekends]  
**Homeless Persons:** 1800 724 724  
[after hours services]  
**Irish Water:** 1850 278 278  
[24 hours]

## Your dlr parks



### BLACKROCK PARK

TIME: Open Access

### 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 dlr libraries



### dlr Lexlcon

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 – 5pm.

### DUNDRUM

Upper Churchtown Road,  
Dundrum

TEL: 01 298 5000

TIME: 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

Unit J (First Floor), Stillorgan  
Shopping Centre

TEL: 01 288 9655

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

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

\*\* Libraries with *My Open Library*  
service which offers extended hours  
to library members outside normal  
opening hours, from 8am to 10pm,  
7 days a week. Contact library staff  
for details on how to register.

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

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

We are committed to ensuring your voice is heard  
when it comes to the decisions that affect you & your  
neighbourhood in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Our consultation and engagement platform

[dlrcoco.ie/haveyoursay](http://dlrcoco.ie/haveyoursay) allows you to have your say and  
tell us what your priorities and concerns are for the County.





# Línte na Farraiige

## at the Martello Tower, Blackrock

**Línte na Farraiige (Lines of the Sea) was launched earlier this Spring at the Martello Tower, Blackrock and will run until May. The light installation is designed by Finnish artists, Pekka Niittyvirta and Timo Aho and consists of a solar powered, horizontal LED line of light, showing the future risks of rising seas and storm surges, in the year 2100 and under a high-risk scenario, where ice loss from Antarctica is greater than expected.**

The installation demonstrates the need to collectively reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and adapt together to protect our coastlines and communities from the effects of climate change. The installation is based on future predictions from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report AR6, and historic storm surge data in Dublin Bay.

This location has been chosen for the installation, as it speaks to a number of climate issues:

- the potential impact of climate change and sea level rise on our public amenities and public transport,
- the role that our heritage sites play in reminding us to preserve the past and protect the future, and
- the importance of our parks and green spaces, in enhancing green infrastructure and active travel.

Línte na Farraiige is a recipient of the inaugural Creative Climate Action fund, an initiative from the Creative Ireland Programme, in collaboration with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications that supports creative, cultural and artistic projects that build awareness around climate change and empower citizens to make meaningful behavioural transformations.

Línte na Farraiige is a collaborative project, with a team including Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, scientists based at Trinity College Dublin, Maynooth University, University College Cork, the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office, Wexford County Council, Galway City Council, Fingal County Council, the Marine Institute, the National Monuments Service, Irish creators and artists.

Scan the QR code to find out more:





## A message from Chief Executive, Frank Curran

It has been a busy start to 2023 and I continue to work closely with our senior management team and local councillors on the wide range of service areas and strategic priorities.

We recently launched *Línte Na Farraige* at the Martello Tower in Blackrock and our aim is to highlight the future risks of rising seas and storm surges on the coastline. It demonstrates the need to collectively reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and protect our coastlines and communities from the effects of climate change. We published our progress report on our Climate Change Action Plan and in addition, we will launch the Climate Action Fund which will allow us to work with local groups to build low carbon communities, focusing on themes such as energy, travel, food & waste, recycling and local climate action.

The NTA have granted Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council €25m in funding and this will allow us to progress over 50 Active Travel projects this year which will create a better network across the county. Bike Week is back in May and we will have several events running across the county. We also adopted our Road Safety Plan for the next 8 years and our focus is to reduce the number of collisions in the County with a safe system approach to road safety management.

In Housing, construction continues at Shanganagh Castle Estate on social, cost rental and affordable homes with first units available from next year. Ballyogan Square, Moyola Court and the Coastguard Cottages are all due for completion this year. Our total social housing delivery for 2023 is projected to be 627 homes.

“ We are continuing to work on plans for a National Water Sports Campus in partnership with Irish Sailing & Diving Ireland and we opened new Boules Courts in Marley and Kilbogget Park. ”

Myrtle Square will be completed by September and will be the new public space in the heart of Dún Laoghaire town. The space will include 66 trees which will contribute to clean air in the town and will provide a destination point and attractive space for locals and visitors to linger and relax.

As part of a community woodland project, 4,000 trees have been planted in Fernhill Park & Gardens and we completed the universal accessible entrance at Killiney Hill Park.

We are continuing to work on plans for a National Water Sports Campus in partnership with Irish Sailing & Diving Ireland and we opened new Boules Courts in Marley and Kilbogget Park. dlr Sports Partnership and Active Cities Teams have several events planned outdoors this Summer. Look out for “Map My Park” which will offer you the opportunity to become more active in our parks.

The dlr Age Well Expo will take place in June and will showcase the many Age-Friendly activities, support services and organisations operating in the county as well as hosting well-being talks, cookery, exercise and creativity demonstrations on the day.

In Cherrywood 948 homes have been completed, 943 are currently under construction with a further 1,088 homes the subject of live planning applications. Three Parks have been fully completed and are due to open this year. There are 80 students now in the first primary school and four LUAS stops are now in place.

On the Tourism front, 90 Cruise Liners and over 150,000 guests and crews will stop off at Dún Laoghaire this year. We also have Coastival coming up in July which celebrates the maritime heritage of Dún Laoghaire and will coincide with Ireland’s largest Regatta. We are also in the process of preparing our Tourism Strategy for the years ahead.

Work on the draft Dundrum Local Area Plan is progressing well and there are on-going assessments including an Area Based Transport Assessment & Environmental Assessments. Public display of the draft plan will take place later this year.

Work will start on the Glenamuck Distributor Road Scheme in June and the Blackglan Road Project will be completed in Q2.

Construction work will start at Coliemore Harbour, Dalkey in September to install rock anchors and stabilise the bedrock supporting access to the southern pier. The completion of the first phase of the Dún Laoghaire Baths project will start around the end of May with the construction of a new accessibility ramp to the lower deck of the site.

Arts & Libraries have plenty of events organised over the Spring and Summer months and I hope that you and your family will enjoy the best the county has to offer, including some sunshine!

**FRANK CURRAN**

## Apply now to improve your shopfront!

If you're thinking of sprucing up your shopfront, check out details of our Shop Front Improvement Scheme. You might be eligible for a grant of up to €5,000 to cover 50% of the cost.

It's available to independent businesses in the county's towns and villages whose premises faces onto a public street – you'll find all the details here: [dlrcoco.submit.com/show/48](http://dlrcoco.submit.com/show/48)



## Dun Laoghaire Harbour Cruise Programme 2023

Beginning in April and running over the summer until October the harbour will welcome over 90 vessels and over 150,000 guests and crew. Find out more at [www.dlrcoco.ie/cruise2023](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/cruise2023)

## Celebrating James Joyce

Earlier this year we celebrated Joyce's birthday and the 101st anniversary of the publication of Ulysses at the dlr Lexicon. Over 100 people attended this free event which was opened by Councillor Mary Hanafin, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

This celebration was also an opportunity to welcome Alice Ryan as the Curator/ Manger of the new management company Joyce Tower Museum CLG. In collaboration with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Joyce Tower & Heritage Centre along with pieces from the Joyce Collection are now in new hands to ensure that the Tower's future as a key local heritage attraction is secure. The highly regarded Friends of Joyce Tower volunteer group were recognised for their great work.



## Lifeguards required for Sandycove, Seapoint, Killiney Beaches & Dún Laoghaire Baths

dlr are looking for beach lifeguards at Sandycove, Seapoint, Killiney Beaches and the newly opened Dún Laoghaire Baths this Summer between June 1st and September 15th.

We welcome applications from both new and experienced lifeguards as we look forward to the summer ahead.

Please email [careers@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:careers@dlrcoco.ie) for further information.

**dlr**  
**Grants**  
**2023**

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**CALLING ALL BUSINESS GROUPS**

Funding available for **BUSINESS AREA PROMOTION**

Find more information and apply at [dlrcoco.ie/grants](http://dlrcoco.ie/grants)

Applications should be in by Friday 19 May



## Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre win Award of Excellence

Congratulations to Margaret Dunne & her team at Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre on their recent CIE Award of Excellence. The Living History Experience at Dalkey Castle scored 93.4% from guest surveys taken after the visit and verified independently.

When visiting Dalkey Castles resident actors from the Deilg Inis Theatre Company bring the stories of the castle alive in a unique and entertaining way.

Book a tour at the castle [www.dalkeycastle.com](http://www.dalkeycastle.com)

## Active Cities

Active Cities Dublin initiative is well under way in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, with several projects in progress across our parks. The new Boules Courts in Marley and Kilbogget Park are now open. “Map My Park” is another project which will increase access and the opportunity for all to become more active in our parks. This project will help to guide people on their walking/running routes with new signposting and upgraded maps, across five parks (Shanganagh, Kilbogget, Cabinteely, Clonmore and Loreto). Keep an eye out on social media and on our website for updates on all Active Cities projects. [www.dlrsportspartnership.ie](http://www.dlrsportspartnership.ie)



## dlr Sports Team Outdoor Summer Programmes



dlr Sports Team are busy rolling out various sports programmes in primary and secondary schools around the county. Our outdoor summer programmes get under way in May and run until September with a variety of activities including dancing, yoga by the sea, open water swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, roller skating and much more.

Scan the QR codes below to visit our website or our Eventbrite page for more information.

For further queries please contact [kmalone@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:kmalone@dlrcoco.ie) or [lcallan@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:lcallan@dlrcoco.ie)

Sports Partnership Eventbrite



Sports Partnership Website



## SportsAbility Open Evening 24 May 2023

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership are inviting disability groups and clubs within Dún Laoghaire Rathdown to showcase what activities they provide for people with a disability.

It will give people with a disability and their families an opportunity to access information and the opportunity to speak directly with inclusive clubs.

[www.dlrsportspartnership.ie](http://www.dlrsportspartnership.ie)

## dlr staff profile



**Angela Monahan**  
ACTIVE CITIES OFFICER

### What do you have for breakfast?

Usually, some form of oats with fruit. The fancy overnight ones when I'm organised or good old porridge with milk, and a coffee of course.

### What do you do?

I am the new Active Cities Dublin Officer. My plan is to increase opportunities for people across the community, of all ages and abilities to become more active, with a focus on those who are least active or sedentary. My job is to work with all the other Active Cities Officers in Dublin to make it a more active city.

### What are your hobbies?

I love being active. I've recently “hung up the boots” as a Gaelic football player, I don't want to embarrass the young ones on the pitch anymore. I'm now training in the gym, going on hikes and walks, threatening to get back running and I have also taken to golf (but only when the weather is warmer!)

### What is your typical work day like?

My work day can vary, depending on what projects I am working on. If I am in the office I am sending or responding to emails, making phone calls, updating spreadsheets, working on applications for funding, reading up on various strategic or developmental plans or completing CPD courses and asking lots of questions.

If I am out of office, you could find me in a park checking maps and completing site visits for existing or potential resources/facilities, supporting other members of the Sports Partnership team in various programmes/initiatives which could be within a school, park, or sports hall. I am often attending meetings with organisations or individuals for reporting, planning and collaboration.

### What is the most difficult part of your job?

Getting to know the different departments and organisations and how they work, as I am new to dlr and to the area. This is a big part of my job as I am trying to build relationships to work together with many of these groups. It is also one of the nicest parts of my job as I get to meet so many different groups and individuals along the way.

### What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Since starting in October, I have found the most rewarding part to be the people and their positivity to what we do within the Sports Partnership and what I am trying to do as part of the project. They see the importance of living a healthy and active life and are aware of how this is something that needs to be continually developed. I think later down the line the rewarding part will be seeing an increase in the activity levels of the population and seeing the facilities, resources and opportunities being used and people taking ownership of their own activity levels and this becoming the “norm” as part of their daily lives.

### Favourite place to visit?

I love travelling and seeing different places, experiencing various cultures and I have been very lucky to have lots of opportunities to do so. But I would have to say, heading back up home to Tyrone is my favourite! Getting to spend more time with my family and friends and not forgetting Mummy's Sunday Roast!

## Living Streets

Dún Laoghaire

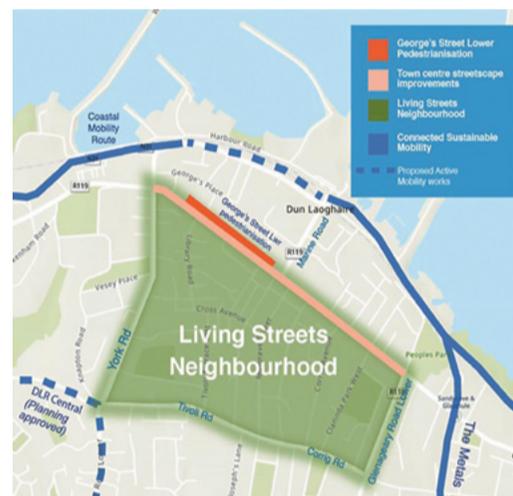
Help us shape the streets and spaces of Dún Laoghaire town. Take part in the 'Living Streets Dún Laoghaire' consultation happening this spring/summer.

Living Streets Dún Laoghaire is a new scheme involving sustainable mobility and public realm improvements. It aims to make our local streets safer and greener, our communities more connected, and to keep our economy vibrant.



### Town Centre and Street Upgrades

The project proposes to add improved planting, seating and landscaping throughout the length of the main street and side streets. This will improve the look and feel of the town, and create a safe, welcoming, and vibrant environment. It includes pedestrianisation of George Street Lower (between Patrick Street and Myrtle Square) to enhance the attractiveness of this area as a destination and its economic vibrancy.



### Living Streets Neighbourhood

This involves placing bollards on two to four streets within the area that is flanked by York Road, Tivoli Road, Corrig Road, Glenageary Road Lower, and George's Street. These 'modal filters' would deter rat-running (traffic cutting through the area), however, it would not prevent residents, businesses, visitors and services from accessing destination points. The resultant quieter roads, coupled with enhanced planting, will create a more inviting place to be in and to move around on foot, bike, or wheels. It will build towards the creation of a network of well-planned spaces that are safe, attractive, and accessible for all users and uses.

### Sustainable Mobility Improvements

A safer walking environment will be promoted through the reduction of traffic, increased pedestrian crossings, traffic calming measures, increased footpath widths and quality and accessibility improvements. Town access will be maintained for bus and rail users through appropriate bus stop positioning, good walkways between travel options and bike parking near bus stops and train stations. Additionally, linkages between walking and cycling infrastructure such as the Coastal Mobility Route, the Metals and 'dlr Central' will be developed. Signposting, wayfinding and car parking options will be made clearer to support accessibility for those who need to drive.

### Why is the project happening?

Currently, 59% of Monkstown-bound traffic in Dún Laoghaire is through-traffic and almost 50% of car trips to the town are within a 1km radius. This contributes to congestion causing emissions, noise and air pollution, as well as safety issues with an increased risk of pedestrian accidents in the area particularly among elderly and school children. Residents have been advocating for action to deter through-traffic to combat these issues and to make it safer and easier to walk, cycle and use public transport in the area.

The 'Summer Streets' pilot that was implemented from July to September 2021 has paved the way for the Living Streets proposal. This pilot was conducted after 70% of people engaged in consultation said they wanted to see pedestrianisation trialled. An evaluation post-pilot showed positive improvements across all criteria including safety, environment, accessibility, social inclusion and physical activity. During the pilot, footfall to the town increased by up to 16%, there was a 61% increase in walking reported by residents and pedestrians and in terms of changes to travel, 14% of residents reported

cycling as a result of Summer Streets. At the end of the trial, a survey with 1,210 respondents showed a majority wanted the scheme implemented permanently, with many calling for a more encompassing makeover for the town.

Living Streets will contribute to the achievement of our 'County Development Plan' (2022-2028) vision which is to "embrace inclusiveness, champion quality of life through healthy placemaking; grow and attract a diverse innovative economy; and deliver this in a manner that enhances our environment for future generations". Additionally, the project supports our national climate action efforts as one of 35 "Pathfinder" projects which are high-impact, local sustainable transport and public space initiatives supported by the government for rapid delivery nationwide by 2025. This feeds into our national climate policy goal for a 50% reduction in transport emissions by 2030 and for walking, cycling and public transport to account for 50% of all journeys.

We invite everyone to take part in this forthcoming consultation. To keep up to date on the progress of the project or engagement options, visit [dlrcoco.ie](http://dlrcoco.ie).

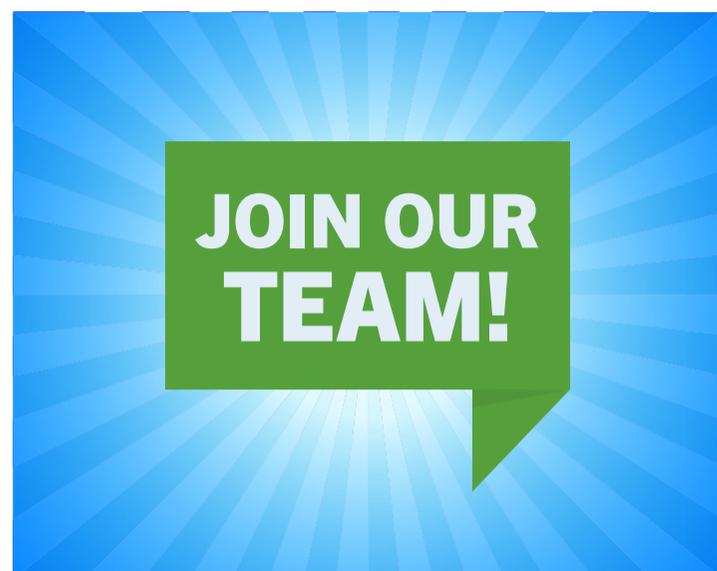


Living Streets Blackrock Village is a public realm improvement project which aims to enhance the attractiveness, liveability, connectivity and economic vibrancy of Blackrock Village. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is applying for Part 8 Planning Permission for this project.

Stay informed and have your say through public consultation happening for this project including webinars, feedback sessions, and an online survey. This Consultation will go live in Spring

Visit: [www.dlrcoco.citizenspace.com](http://www.dlrcoco.citizenspace.com)





### Join our Team at dlr

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is your workplace of choice if you are energetic, creative and target driven. Avail of excellent career opportunities across our administrative, professional, creative, technical and general services. Achieve the best possible work life balance and our superb IT facilities will enable you to benefit from remote working opportunities. Learn, develop and grow through

our staff mobility policies and structured paths to career development. Take part in our lively social scene with activities ranging from sports to arts & culture to our on-site well-being programme. You will find a dynamic, friendly working environment in our local area offices on the Luas line in Ballyogan and Dundrum, while our headquarters at County Hall are a stone's throw from the Dart Station.

Located between the mountains and the sea with superb transport links and a necklace of small villages on your doorstep, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council provides a wide range of services to citizens, businesses and visitors to the County. Broaden your horizons and extend your experience while playing your part in delivering our challenging and exciting work programmes.

Find out more at [dlrcoco.ie/joinourteam](https://dlrcoco.ie/joinourteam)



### Spring into Heritage Guided Tours and Walks

10 April – 07 May

Find out more at [events.dlrcoco.ie](https://events.dlrcoco.ie)



### Coastival 2023 – Celebrate Dún Laoghaire

Join us this July to celebrate the maritime heritage of Dún Laoghaire. This new week-long festival will coincide with the Volvo Dún Laoghaire Regatta and we have lots of exciting events taking place over 1-9 July.

We will have maritime movies on the green and live music in various locations in the town. In addition, there will be boat cruises and boat trips, heritage tours and a family fun day at the dlr Lexlcon Library. You will also be able to try sailing, kayaking and paddleboarding. We look forward to welcoming you this July to Dún Laoghaire to experience all we have on offer! Keep up to date on our social accounts or on [dlrcoco.ie](https://dlrcoco.ie)



### Get Ready to Bike

Bike week on 13 – 21 May



Bike Week is an annual event celebrating cycling and its benefits while promoting sustainable transportation. Whether you want to get back to cycling, use your bike more, or give cycling a go, Bike Week has something for everyone.

Cycling is an enjoyable, versatile, and accessible activity that benefits people of all ages and abilities. From improving our mental and physical well-being to reducing our carbon footprints through sustainable transportation, cycling can help us develop a healthy lifestyle.

More information will be available later this Spring on our website and via our social accounts.

### Road Safety Plan 2022 – 2030

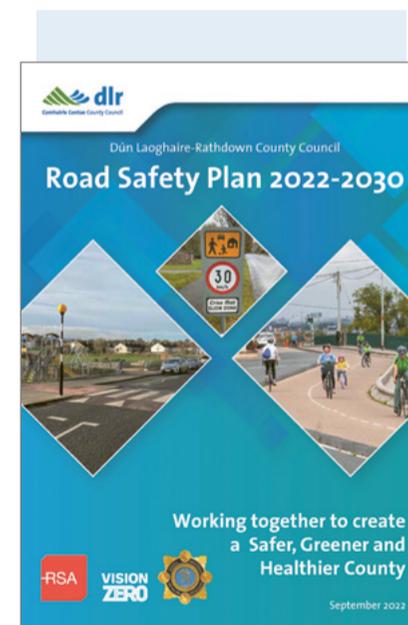
#### Reducing the number of collisions in the County

dlr has adopted its Road Safety Plan 2022 to 2030 and our focus is to reduce the high number of collisions on roads in the County. Currently about 70% of fatal and serious collisions involve pedestrians and cyclists.

Our Road Safety Plan 2022 to 2030 focuses on a holistic Safe System approach to road safety management. There are four safe systems priority intervention areas: safe roads & roadsides, safe speeds, safe road use and safe and healthy modes of travel.

Central to reducing collision numbers will be a strong focus on improved urban design for vulnerable road users and reducing traffic speeds on the road network.

Read the full plan at [dlrcoco.ie/roadsafety2030](https://dlrcoco.ie/roadsafety2030)



## dlr Lexlcon | EXHIBITIONS



### Blot's Most Marvellous Historical Guide to Printing Books

13 May – 30 June, Level 4

The National Print Museum's exhibition travels to the Lexicon. This exhibition and book project introduces young (and not so young!) audiences to the history of book making and a story of printing in Ireland.

The affable George Thomas 'Blot' Dickson, an eighteenth-century printer's apprentice, brings the visitor on a colourful journey, describing the evolution of bookmaking, its processes and its impacts. Dr Angela Griffith of Trinity College Dublin, an expert in history of the Irish printed image,

is the author and curator. One of the country's exciting illustrators, Jennifer Farley, has visualised George's story for the page and for the exhibition space. The creative and symbiotic partnerships between writer, illustrator and printer will be traced in a dynamic way for the reader and the visitor.

More exhibitions between April and June include Gerald Dawe, EU 50, Dublin Camera Club, PPAI and our ever-changing, in-house exhibitions on Level 5.

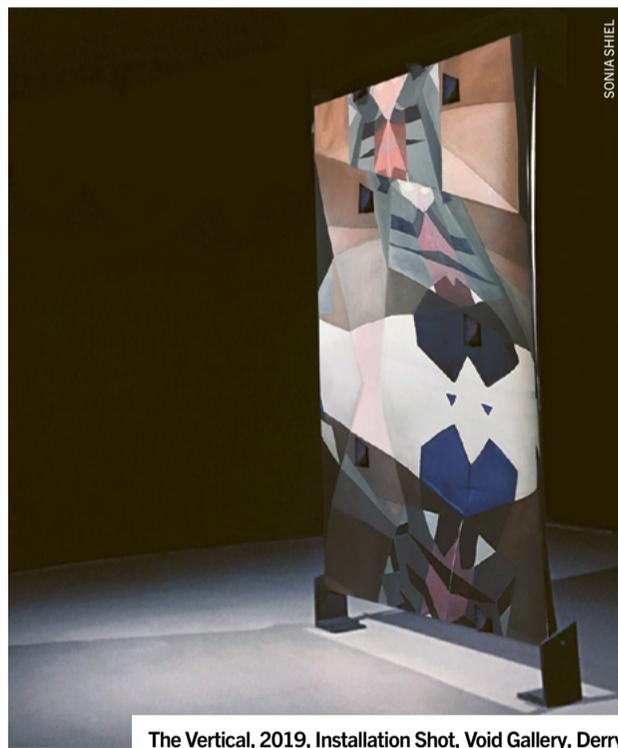
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### Beyond the Studio

An exhibition of UCD Parity Studios Artists in Residence

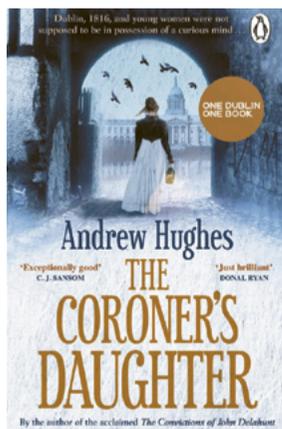
24 March – 28 May,  
Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexlcon

Beyond the Studio celebrates artistic investigations of selected artists from the UCD Parity Studios Artists in Residence. The exhibition includes new and recent works by Sarah Browne, Rhona Byrne, Lorna Donlon, Emma Finucane, Maria McKinney, Michael McLoughlin, Meadhbh O'Connor, Rosie O'Reilly, Sonia Shiel. Established in 2011, UCD Parity Studios brings artists and academics together to explore current and prospective research through the lens of artistic practices.



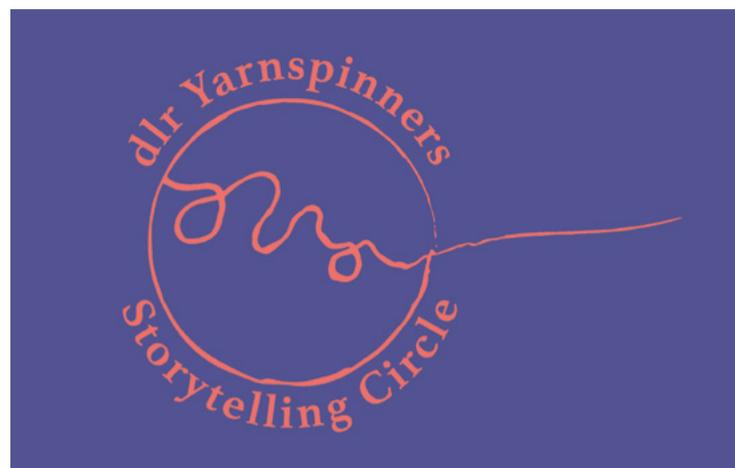
The Vertical, 2019, Installation Shot, Void Gallery, Derry

## dlr Libraries | APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



### One Dublin, One Book

One Dublin, One Book is an annual initiative from Dublin City Libraries, which aims to encourage everyone in Dublin to read a designated book connected with our capital city during the month of April. *The Coroner's Daughter* by Andrew Hughes is the chosen title for April 2023. We'd like to get as many book clubs as possible reading this title during April. If you're interested in getting multiple copies of the book for your reading group within dlr, please email [librarybib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:librarybib@dlrcoco.ie). Keep an eye on the official One Dublin, One Book website [onedublinonebook.ie](http://onedublinonebook.ie) for more events across the capital during April.



### dlr Yarnspinnners

dlr Lexlcon is delighted to announce a new monthly Yarnspinning Story Circle for adults. This is aimed at gathering together people who are interested in listening to and sharing stories. The group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in dlr Lexlcon. The first meeting took place in February.

No booking required. Tea/coffee available from 6.00pm. (\*no meeting in July or August)

Yarnspinning from 6.30-7.30pm

- **Wed 19 April** Storyteller Helen Hutchinson leads the circle
- **Wed 17 May** Storyteller Jack Lynch leads the circle
- **Wed 21 June** Storyteller Colin Urwin leads the circle

Please feel free to join our dlr Yarnspinnners mailing list: [libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie)

### Studio Saturdays



We are delighted to continue our Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays in dlr Lexlcon. These Saturdays host a variety of workshops tailored to children with additional needs/neurodivergence.

One adult guardian is required to attend with a child/children and can feel free to join in the fun. dlr Libraries will also have an area set up with a selection of sensory toys and equipment. Should children need time to self-regulate, there will be space and time to do so. To book for any of these sessions, or to join our mailing list for neurodivergent events, email: [libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie)

Save the dates for upcoming Studio Saturdays!

- **Sat 15 April:** Playful Yoga with Lydia Sasse
- **Sat 20 May:** event details tbc
- **Sat 24 June:** event details tbc

### dlr Libraries | EVENTS FOR EASTER



## Easter-themed Sticker graphics bunnies, chickens and eggs

Sat 1 April, 1.30-4.30pm, dlr Lexlcon Lab, Level 3

- Ages 10yrs+ (accompanied by parent/guardian)
- Booking required, email [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie)

Working from templates, children can edit Easter-themed characters such as rabbits, chickens and eggs which will then be printed as stickers.

## Easter Crafts with Library Staff

Wed 5 April, 3.00-4.00pm, Cabinteely Library

- Ages 4-7 yrs (accompanied by parent/guardian)
- Booking required, email [cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie) or phone (01) 285 5363

Get ready for Easter with fun crafts in Cabinteely Library! Join library staff in this Spring Event.



## dlr Lexlcon Lab Programme

This programme of events continues throughout April and May with events for dlr Schools, Adults and Children. Celebrate Technology Week with sessions for schools on 3D printing, pixels and coding your own bracelet. Workshops are suitable for different class groups. Contact dlr Lexlcon staff for more information on dates, times and ages. Places are limited and booking is required.

We will run two 3D printing workshops for adults in April. Attendees must be able to attend both sessions. For more information on these workshops and to enquire about booking, email [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie)

## Spring into Storytime

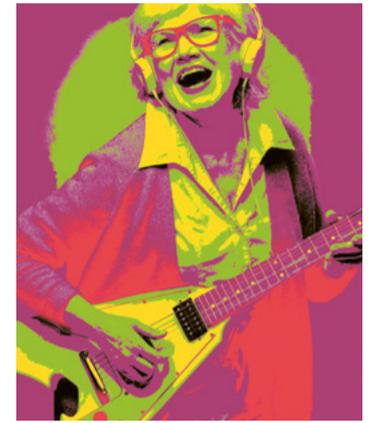


Spring into Storytime with dlr Libraries during the month of April, where we will be hosting storytime and craft sessions, both in-person and online! Spring into Storytime is one of the 4 main strands of the national Right to Read programme, which aims to promote reading and literacy resources for people of all ages with a special emphasis on reading development for children through Storytime sessions. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more details.

### dlr Libraries | MAY HIGHLIGHTS

## Bealtaine Festival

Bealtaine Festival takes place across Ireland each year throughout the month of May. Each year, our programme of events for Bealtaine seeks to celebrate and inspire creativity in older age. Keep an eye on dlr Libraries website, or sign up to our fortnightly ebulletin to hear about our upcoming events for Bealtaine and beyond. Events are programmed by dlr Libraries, dlr Arts Office and dlr Age-Friendly Programme.



## Calling all readers!

Author David Parks  
in conversation with  
Mary Burnham

Wed 31 May, 7.00pm,  
Studio, dlr Lexlcon

- Refreshments in INK café from 7.00pm.
- Booking required via Eventbrite.

All welcome. Come along to discuss two of David Parks' books: *A run in the park* and *The Light of Amsterdam*. As well as the books, we will also discuss reading and writing with Belfast author David in conversation with our online book club facilitator Mary Burnham.



## Biodiversity events for Schools

We're celebrating Biodiversity Week throughout May in the Lexlcon Lab with events for dlr schools. Students can attend a workshop about life in our oceans on 3 and 22 May, with hands-on inspection of real specimens, or attend a Squid Investigation workshop on 31 May! Both sessions are suitable for 4th-6th class.

Join Paddy from Beewise on 15 May and take a look at how busy a beehive really is! Paddy will talk to children about bees and how important they are to our environment and show them a virtual and observational hive.

For more information on these events and to book, teachers should email [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie)

## dlr Libraries | JUNE HIGHLIGHTS



### dlr Cruinniú na nÓg 2023

Saturday 10 June

Join us at dlr Lexlcon, Dún Laoghaire and the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, Ballyogan on Saturday 10 June for the annual national Day of Creativity for Children. Across the County, we will be celebrating Cruinniú na nÓg with a vibrant programme of live, outdoor events that will let everyone celebrate their creativity!

dlr Libraries will be launching our Summer Stars 2023 reading adventure on the day as well as launching a new Scéal Trail in the grounds of dlr Lexlcon.

We are delighted to host an immersive dance and music experience with and for children with complex needs. Dance artist Jess Rowell is currently working with children attending Carmona School and they are developing a new experience that will take place in dlr Lexlcon as part of the national day of celebrations.

All events are free, with pre-booking required for some workshops, and registration on the day for others. Pick up a brochure with a full listing of events in early May.

All dlr Cruinniú 2023 events are supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

### Summer Stars 2023

dlr Libraries are delighted to announce that our annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children will take place in all dlr Library branches again over the summer holidays. The programme runs from 14 June to 31 August and will be launched as part of Cruinniú na nÓg on 10 June in dlr Lexlcon.

Summer Stars is a free, exciting reading-based programme for all children. We are encouraging all children to join in and to participate in our range of storytelling and other fun activities during the summer holidays. Each child is invited to register for the adventure at their local dlr library and enjoy reading many books during the summer months.

All participants will be given a Summer Stars Reading Card to record and track their progress and a library reward stamp will be added to their reading card at the library with each book read. Children will be encouraged to continue reading, helped by rewards and incentives along the way. At the end of the adventure, all children who participate are invited to attend an awards ceremony where they will be presented with their own Summer Stars Certificate. Each dlr Library will host Summer Stars events over the summer holidays, so keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more updates! For additional fun reading activities, please visit the main Summer Stars website [summerstars.ie](http://summerstars.ie)



Previous dlr Open Exhibition

### dlr Open Exhibition

22 June—3 September, Municipal Gallery, dlr Lexlcon

The dlr Open showcases artists connected to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County. This varied and exciting exhibition will feature work by emerging and established artists who have studied in, are originally from, or are living or working in the County. The work will be selected by an invited curator. The application process will be announced in May so don't miss your chance to see your work hanging on the walls of the dlr Municipal Gallery.

### Art of Reading with Wendy Erskine

Thurs, 29 June, 7.00pm, Studio, dlr Lexlcon

Register your interest to be in the audience by emailing [libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie)

dlr Book Club members, save the date! As part of the Laureate for Irish Fiction's monthly book club The Art of Reading, we are delighted to host the Laureate Colm Tóibín, as he chats with Wendy Erskine about her book *Dance Move*.

More information on the Art of Reading Book Club can be found on the [librariesireland.ie](http://librariesireland.ie) website.



### Musicians-in-Residence



Eamonn Sweeney, Aoife Doyle, Cárthach MacCraith. May Music Day, dlr Lexlcon, 2022.

The Arts Office will provide the opportunity for three Musicians in Residence in 2023. The first one will take place from mid-April and run through to June, with a public performance taking place at the end.

Now in its 9th year, the Scheme provides musicians with space and time to create new work, develop their skills, collaborate with other artists and showcase their music. It is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and is managed by Music Network. Keep an eye on our website and social channels for regular updates and details of the concerts.

### dlr Libraries: Our resources and services

To find out more about all of our events as well as Clubs and Groups, our ASC [Accessible Services Collection], Reader Pens, Acorn Tablets, Home Energy Saving Kits, Book Sets and all of our online resources, call in and chat to a member of staff, visit our website [here](#), sign up for our fortnightly ebulletin [here](#) and follow us on social media.

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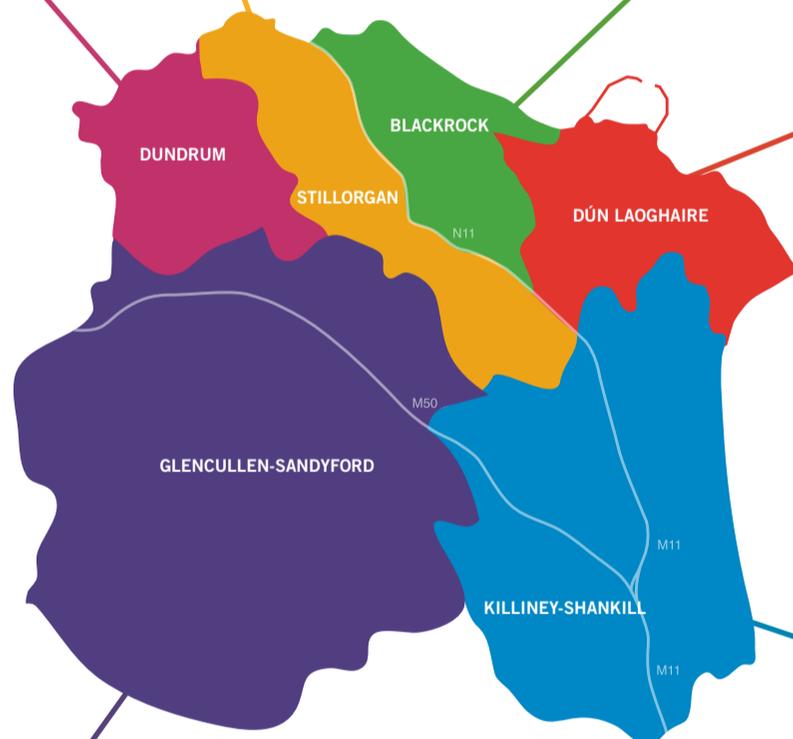
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