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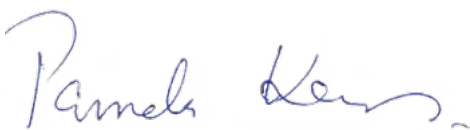
Mayor's Message

Dear Resident,

I would like to begin by wishing you, your family and friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas period. And to all those who have recently arrived in the country I extend my warmest wishes and welcome to our county. This newsletter is an opportunity for SDCC to update you on some of the amazing work that has been taking place to make our county the best place to work, live, raise a family and do business.

I was delighted to recently attend the Chambers Ireland awards where your council won the overall council of the year award. A fitting tribute to our CE and all our amazing staff both at executive level, administration and frontline, it is a truly deserved accolade for all their work on your behalf. I know next year will bring even more exciting projects that will have you, the citizens of the county's best interest at its heart.

I am very proud to be your mayor and will continue to do my best for you all. On behalf of me and all my Councillor colleagues I want to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy and peaceful New Year.



Cllr Pamela Kearns
Mayor, SDCC

An Comhairleoir, Pamela Kearns
Méara, CCÁCT

A Chónaitheoir, a chara,

I dtosach, is mian liom Nollaig faoi shonas is faoi shíocháin a ghuí ort féin, ar do mhuintir is ar do chairde. Agus dóibh sin atá nuathagtha chuig an tír, beirimse beannachtaí agus fearaim fáilte romhaibh chuig an gcontae. Is deis í an nuachtlitir seo do Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas an t-eolas is déanaí a thabhairt duit maidir lena raibh idir lámha againn lena chinntiú gurb í an contae seo againne an áit is fearr le hoibriú, cónaí a dhéanamh, clann a thógáil agus gnó a dhéanamh ann.

B'ábhar lúcháire dom freastal ar bhronnadh ghradaim Chumann Chomhlachais Tráchtála na hÉireann le déanaí, toisc gur bhuaigh an chomhairle seo gradam foriomlán 'comhairle na bliana'. Ómós cuí atá ann dár bPríomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin agus dár bhfoireann iontach, ag leibhéal feidhmiúcháin, leibhéal riaracháin agus leibhéal na foirne tosaigh. Is onóir breá tuillte é seo do gach duine a bhíonn ag oibriú ar son do phobail. Tá a fhios agam go bhfeicfidimid, ar an mbliain seo chugainn, níos mó tionscadal iontach a bheas dírithe go hiomlán ar leas shaoránaigh an chontae seo.

Is ábhar mórtais dom gur mise an méara agus leanfaidh mé de bheith ag déanamh mo dhíchill i gcónaí daoibh go léir. Thar mo cheann féin, agus thar cheann mo chuid comh-Chomhairleoirí ar fad, is mian liom Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi shonas agus faoi shíocháin a ghuí oraibh go léir.

Roll out of Solar powered compactor bins across SDCC



The Public Realm Section is progressing the initial phase of the smart solar-powered compactor litter bins rollout, prioritising large urban centres of Tallaght, Clondalkin, Lucan and Rathfarnham.

Once complete the council will operate 102 smart solar powered compactor litter bins at an overall investment of €490,000 (€4,800/bin).

The new bins compact the deposited waste within the unit allowing for the overall bin collection capacity in the villages served to increase by over 300%. This will help prevent overflowing bins, reduce the frequency of collections and, where possible, provide opportunities to reduce street furniture clutter to improve accessibility for all. The use of real time data from the in-built smart technology allows for further optimisation of the service, helping the council achieve its climate

action targets. Careful consideration has been given to the branding of the bins with the inclusion of images of well-known SDCC local landmarks and amenities to help create a sense of civic pride and community identity.

The council currently maintains in excess of 700 public accessible bins across the county. Due to the cost of investment, the smart solar-powered compactor litter bins will be considered for high-footfall areas such as town and village centres, main streets, and busy park entrances where frequent waste collection is demonstrated through usage/collection data. Subsequent phases will be prioritised and progressed across the remaining urban centres.





SDCC Named Local Authority of the Year 2025



SDCC is delighted to share it won the Local Authority of the Year Award at the 2025 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards on 27 November.

The 22nd annual awards ceremony hosted by Chambers Ireland, in association with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and sponsored by Ørsted, showcases and celebrates the best of local government in Ireland and

this prestigious recognition celebrates SDCC's commitment to making the county a better place for everyone—by listening, acting, and leading with purpose.

Receiving the award, Chief Executive of SDCC, Colm Ward said; “this award is more than a trophy—it’s a testament to the dedication of our staff, councillors and partners who work every day to create opportunity for all and to deliver quality services and projects for our

citizens, communities and businesses. We're proud to be recognised for our proactive, positive approach and our drive to make meaningful impact."

SDCC also took home top honours in two categories:

- **Sustainable Environment & Biodiversity:** *Balancing Green and Growth:* Delivering Sustainable Development and Protecting Biodiversity—showcasing our commitment to protecting nature while supporting sustainable development.
- **Communications & Marketing:** *International Protection: Fact and Fiction*—demonstrating our leadership in clear, accessible communication that empowers and informs our diverse communities.

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Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr. Pamela Kearns added her congratulations on the night, saying; “Congratulations to Colm, all our administration and frontline staff and of course our councillors who work tirelessly for all our citizens. Our focus is always on solutions, on moving forward, and on shining a light on what’s possible. This award recognises not just our achievements, but our commitment to being a Council that listens, acts, and inspires.”

SDCC were shortlisted in 10 categories overall, taking home top honours in three, reflecting the breadth and impact of our work. The other projects shortlisted were:

- **Age Friendly Initiative:** *Ballyroan:* A Dementia-Inclusive, Age Friendly Community
- **Diversity & Inclusion:** Reaching for Gender Equality in Local Government
- **Health & Wellbeing:** South Dublin County Council Junior Safety Forum
- **Heritage and Built Environment:** *Ely Arch:* Heritage Conservation Through Public Realm Design
- **Local Authority Innovation:** Clonburris Delivery Model – Strategic Innovation for Sustainable Growth
- **Promoting Economic Development:** Work IQ, Innovation Centre for Technology and Enterprise Growth
- **Supporting Sustainable Communities:** Connecting Communities Through the Regeneration of West Tallaght Parks

SDCC are very grateful for this recognition, and we thank all our citizens, communities, councillors, businesses and partners for ongoing support and engagement. Together, we’re shaping a brighter future.



Node 81 Sculpture Installation

The installation of a new sculpture titled 'Node 81 - a point becomes a line, a line becomes a way' by Liam O'Callaghan has been completed on the Glenview Roundabout on the approach road to Tallaght on the N81.

As with all great art, the sculpture has generated and excited public comment even at the installation stage. Now that its installation is fully complete and the sculpture has been able to bed in, the artist's vision is more clearly realised. The site was chosen to mark a prominent gateway into Tallaght and the new sculpture is designed to suit its location, ensuring the beautiful views to the mountains are framed and not obstructed and clearly marking this entry to the county town. The sculpture is dynamic, changing shape and colour according to the viewers perception as one travels along the N81. Despite being a large object, the sculpture appears lightweight, with cheerful colours reflecting the vitality and drive of people in South Dublin.

The artist's brief was drafted by SDCC with Visual Artists Ireland. References, suggestions and contributions from the public and from community groups regarding artworks for the N81 that were received during the consultation for the Landscape Improvement Scheme were included in the artists' brief, to which artists were invited to submit responses. The tender was awarded to Liam O'Callaghan and Mark Clare.

The artist's response to the brief included the following description:

"This large-scale, contemporary sculpture reflects both the Gothic spiked roofline of the 8th century St.Maelruain's church to more contemporary developments of the 1970s and 1980s to the present day. The lines of the sculpture also reflect an interlinked network of streets, which hold a community connected by many points, this in turn mirroring the function of a roundabout and the purpose of the N81 itself. Networks are brought to life by those that engage with and live within them. This process is reflected the artwork."

The sculpture was created by Liam O'Callaghan. Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates and Austen Landscape Architects carried out the planning and design work at the N81 and construction work was carried out by Clonmel Enterprises Ltd.





Tymon Park and Corkagh Park: New Facilities and Improvements

Tymon Park Centre

Tymon Park Centre has recently opened at Tymon Park, the occasion marked by an official opening by the Mayor of South Dublin, Councillor Pamela Kearns, on 28 October 2025. Adjacent to the Wellington Road entrance, this new multi-functional community space is a welcome new addition to the park; enabled by an investment of over €3m by SDCC.

The building is designed to make the best of its parkland setting, with a south facing terrace overlooking the lake. The new building is adaptable to a variety of purposes and provides a medium-sized, multi-functional community space; which is divided by a partition into 2 smaller, self-contained rooms as required; the Park House Café with indoor and outdoor seating (that can also provide spill out space from the multi-functional community space) and an outdoor terrace. Cotter & Naessens Architects designed and project managed the construction stage with James Oliver Hearty & Sons Ltd. managing the construction on site. The landscape plan for the proposed facility ensures the building is integrated into the parkland setting; the maintenance route has been re-aligned; upgrading the walking route and pedestrian entrance to the park with improved pedestrian / wheelchair access and as well as providing cycle parking. The project also enhances the pollinator planting within the area, with a green roof to integrate the facility

into the park landscape, providing an improved ecological habitat and helping to reduce flood risk with sustainable drainage.

Éala, a local food and catering company, have been granted a licence to operate the Park House Café and manage the meeting room bookings. SDCC look forward to working with them in managing this significant new facility at Tymon Park. The coffee shop is open since October, serving food and drinks to park visitors at this wonderful location and the Tymon Park Centre meeting space will be available for booking shortly. Once the system goes live it can be booked at this address... so watch this space!!

<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/community/community-centres/>







“Local food and catering companies have been granted licences to operate the Park House Cafés at both Tymon and Corkagh”

Corkagh Hub and the Park House Café

Corkagh Park Regeneration works are also drawing near completion, with the significant completion of SDCC's Park House Café at the new Corkagh Hub in the centre of the park. The Mayor of South Dublin, Councillor Pamela Kearns, marked the completion of the building construction by cutting a ribbon at the Hub on 7 November 2025.

Istimewa Limited have been granted a licence to operate Corkagh's Park House Café at this location; and are currently preparing the coffee shop for full public opening. SDCC wish them well in their venture and look forward to working with them.

Corkagh Hub also contains a multi-use events space with a stage and hard-standing area; soft-landscaping with formal seating areas; picnic areas; amenity lawn; mounds; incidental play areas; and planting.

As Corkagh Park is a historic landscape, careful attention was paid where the works involved excavations. Archaeological works were completed

as part of the enabling works and this work concentrated on the centre of the park as there are two archaeological monuments at that location (a Castle and a Moated Site). There is little evidence of them above ground (Corkagh Park Demesne House and Farm Buildings were built in the same area during a later period). However, archaeological investigations were required to avoid impacting on anything that might remain under the ground. While no evidence of either monument was found, some of the foundations of the old house were uncovered and recorded.

This project was funded by SDCC's 3-year capital budget, with a budget of €5m to fund the new Corkagh Hub, and other planned enhancements in the park including the Fairy Woodland Trail with new play features; seating and a pedestrian link from the lakes as well as the upgrade of the car parks and entrances at St. John's Wood car park, Green Isle car park and Outer Ring Road. Further enhancements planned for the park as part of this phase of the works include new signage and branding, which will be installed in the coming months.



Recruitment update

2025 has been a busy and rewarding year for our recruitment team in SDCC.

From January through October, we had:

63 recruitment campaigns
2,304 applications received
124 days of interviews
736 candidates interviewed

The results?

194 new team members
105 internal promotions

What's new?

SDCC was the first local authority to launch a Civil Engineering Apprenticeship in May. This 3-year programme blends academic learning with real experience, leading to a Level 7 Bachelor of Engineering. We received 76 applications and welcomed our first two apprentices in August.

We will expand our Apprenticeship Programme in the near future to include craft grades.

Nurturing talent

Eight local government graduates continue to work and develop with SDCC.

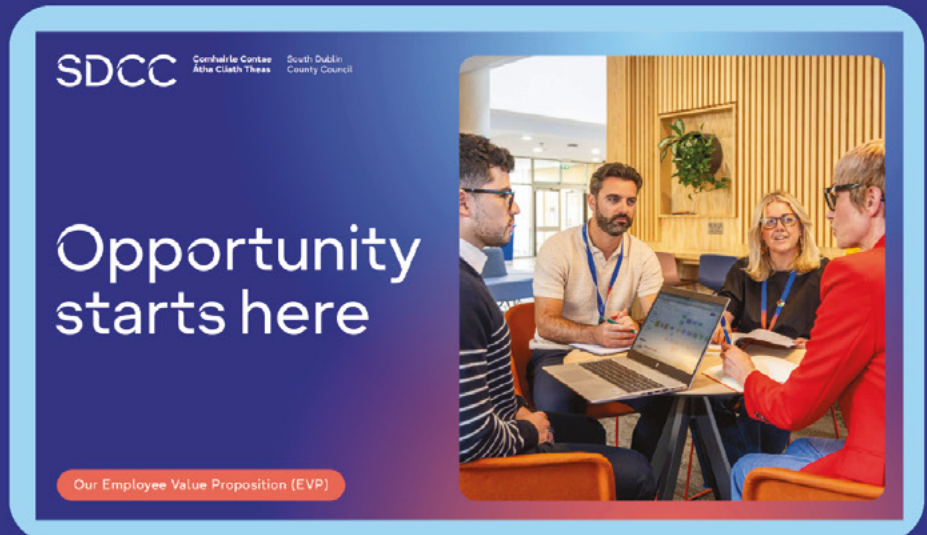
In June, we welcomed 54 college students for summer placements. The students supported service delivery across the organisation, while gaining invaluable hands-on experience.

We have kept our strong links with third level institutions this year, including TU Dublin (Tallaght Campus), Dublin City University and University College Dublin. Both paid and unpaid placements were facilitated in 2025 across areas like ICT, planning, local enterprise and landscape architecture.

We have attended various local careers events to promote SDCC as an employer of choice including those organised by Intreo and SDCC's Integration Team.

Local jobs with rewarding careers

Learn more about life at SDCC and the type of job opportunities we offer by reading our Employee Value Proposition here:



Join us and make a real impact

Sign up for job alerts and follow us on social media:



Visit sdccjobs.ie



Be Winter Ready

Severe weather challenges all of us. Activities that we take for granted can become difficult or even hazardous when severe weather occurs. However, by taking some simple steps you can reduce the impact of such events.

SDCC's Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) meets in advance of all storms on foot of any Met Éireann Weather Warnings received. The SWAT is made up of senior staff from across the organisation. The purpose of the meeting is to assess the readiness of the council to deal with the upcoming storm and severe weather events and put in place preventative actions as required. South Dublin County Council has under the Major Emergency Management Framework, the following plans:

- Major Emergency Plan
- Flood Emergency Plan,
- Severe Weather Plan, and
- Rest Centre Plan

The protocols for Severe Weather are contained in the plans, and being actioned upon receipt of weather warnings from Met Éireann, are as follows:

Status Yellow: Be Aware - A general notification email is sent to relevant staff across the organisation- inspections of key infrastructure and equipment carried out by relevant departments.

Status Orange: Be Prepared - Triggers a meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) comprised of senior management across all departments, who discuss the issues particular to that weather event and agree the appropriate response/ action from each department.

Status Red: Take Action - this should be a comparatively rare event and implies that recipients take action to protect themselves and/or their properties. The SWAT team is now a Crisis Management Team and meets as often as necessary - hourly, twice daily, etc., depending on dynamics of the weather event, possibly over the conference call facilities. National and Regional Emergency offices are likely also being updated via teleconference at this stage to facilitate inter agency cooperation between the LA, HSE and AGS.

The 2025-2026 Winter Maintenance Plan includes information on the seven gritting routes and also on salt barns and the locations and availability of salt bins. The seven gritting routes and the associated gritting truck can also have a snow plough attached if this is required, information on the routes are available at [this link](#). The Council has seven gritting trucks and seven snow ploughs.

South Dublin County Council will continue to provide information to citizens through weather events on all available social media including our website www.sdcc.ie

The national winter ready website also has very useful information and can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/?referrer=>

<https://twitter.com/sdublincoco>

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthDublinCountyCouncil>

You can also follow the below **Twitter** accounts to stay updated:

- [@emergencyE](#)
- [@DubFireBrigade](#)
- [@ESBNetworks](#)
- [@MetEireann](#)
- [@gardainfo](#)
- [@GardaTraffic](#)
- [@IrishWater](#)
- [@IWCare](#)
- [@opwireland](#)

This winter-ready booklet produced by the Office of Emergency Planning (OEP) gives information on being prepared, providing practical advice for coping during episodes of severe weather, as well as giving contact details of organisations and agencies that can provide guidance and assistance. The main message is simple - be prepared, stay safe and know where to find help should you need it.

Download the 2025 / 26 booklet on this page or find out more at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/?referrer=>



Ballymount Civic Amenity – Christmas and New Year 2025 / 2026 Opening Hours

Mon 22nd December	9am – 5pm	Mon 29th December	9am – 5pm
Tues 23rd December	9am – 5pm	Tues 30th December	9am – 5pm
Wed 24th December	9am – 3pm	Wed 31st December	9am – 3pm
Thurs 25th December	Closed	Thurs 1st January	Closed
Fri 26th December	Closed	Fri 2nd January	9am – 5pm
Sat 27th December	9am - 5.30pm	Sat 3rd January	9am - 5.30pm
Sun 28th December	9.30am - 5pm	Sun 4th January	9.30am – 5pm

TRADFEST 2026

IN SOUTH DUBLIN

21-25 January 2026



Mike Hanrahan & Eleanor Shanley Live at Áras Chrónáin 8:30pm, Jan 21



Brian Kennedy Live at St Maelruins Church 8:00pm, Jan 22



Frankie Gavin Trio Live at Áras Chrónáin 8:30pm, Jan 22



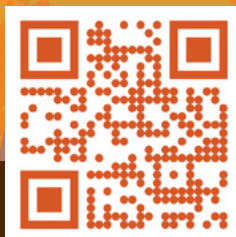
Liam Ó Maonlaí Live at St Maelruins Church 8:00pm, Jan 23



Lei Featuring Sibeal, Niadh & Roisin Ni Chasaide Live at Áras Chrónáin 1:00 pm, Jan 24



Louise Mulcahy Live at Rathfarnham Castle 4:00 pm, Jan 24



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Did you know you can access webcasts of our live council meetings, view archived council meetings from the last few months and access any documents or presentations associated with the webcasts.

The full Council Meeting takes place on the second Monday of every month and can be viewed through our website at this link:

[Council Meetings - SDCC](#)



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DIFFERENT MINDS, SHARED SPACES PODCAST

**A podcast series from SDCC Libraries,
Different Minds, Shared Spaces celebrates neurodiversity in all its forms.**

Each episode features engaging conversations with individuals, advocates, and experts who share their lived experiences, insights, and practical advice on a wide range of neurodivergent conditions -from autism and ADHD to dyslexia, dyspraxia, and more.

Available on all podcast platforms



SDCC continues to deliver on climate action in 2025



In 2025, SDCC continued to deliver significant climate action across the county, advancing projects that reduce emissions, build resilience, and support more sustainable communities. A wide range of departments contributed to this progress, reflecting SDCC's commitment to embedding climate action across all areas of local government.

Decarbonising SDCC Buildings:

Major strides were made in reducing the carbon footprint of council-owned buildings. Contracts were awarded for new Energy Performance Contract (EPC) across six of SDCC's highest energy-use buildings and for the installation of Solar PV systems on SDCC buildings. Once completed, these projects will substantially cut energy consumption.

Expanding Active Travel Infrastructure:

A key focus in 2025 was continued investment in Active Travel. Over the year, more than 3.6 km of new and upgraded cycle lanes were delivered across South Dublin. These projects make walking and cycling safer and more accessible, supporting healthier lifestyles while reducing dependence on private cars.

Rosemount District Centre Enhancement Scheme:

In August, the Rosemount District Centre Enhancement Scheme officially opened. This scheme has brought numerous benefits to the Rosemount area with upgrades such as reducing car priority, improving active travel capabilities, improved environmental resilience and the reuse of materials such as wind turbine blades. The project has already delivered significant benefits for residents, creating a safer, greener, and more attractive public space.

Raising Awareness: “Losing the Thread” Documentary Launched:

SDCC also took action to support behavioural change and public awareness. In October, the Dublin Local Authorities

launched *Losing the Thread: The Cost of Fast Fashion* at the Lighthouse Cinema. This documentary highlights the climate and environmental impacts of the fast fashion industry, encouraging viewers to rethink consumption habits and consider more sustainable choices. The documentary can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/xpN-3fGmtiU>.

Community Climate Action Programme

2025 has seen the continued delivery of the Community Climate Action Programme by SDCC. €1.169 million of funding has been awarded to community organisations to undertake climate action that has local impact. The programme is a key component of SDCC’s response to climate change.

The funding is supporting the creation of warmer community spaces and solar powered electricity, while also facilitating active travel. Other projects have focussed on green community spaces, or reducing the waste of resources like water, food, and electronics.

With continued funding from the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, a second round of the programme closes for applications on 22 December 2025. Taken together, the two rounds of the programme is creating a community of climate action across South Dublin.

Communicating Climate Action

The Mayor of South Dublin, Councillor Pamela Kearns launched the new SDCC Climate Action Storymap in October 2025.

The Climate Action Storymap aims to tell the story of how SDCC is delivering climate action both spatially and interactively. It connects climate action directly to local communities, showcasing initiatives and impacts across the county. The intention is to keep communities up to date on what is happening around them with the hope that it inspires additional action by showing what is possible. Above all, we want to continue to evolve how we communicate climate action, looking to add interactive elements to the experience.

Our response to climate change requires action from the entire local authority, and the Climate Action Storymap showcases

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relevant work that is happening across the various SDCC departments. The Storymap provides updates on our progress towards achieving the 4 targets and the 129 actions in our Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, and forms one of our key communication channels, alongside our Annual Reports and updates on our key areas of work, both provided at www.sdcc.ie/climateaction.

The Climate Action Storymap will continue to develop over time and is available at www.sdcc.ie/climateaction, we would like to hear from you about how we could improve it. If you would like to provide feedback, please be in touch with us at climatechange@sdblincoco.ie

Visit www.sdcc.ie/climateaction to keep up to date on how SDCC delivering climate action.



Tree Recycling Locations

SDCC has arranged for Christmas Tree recycling at the following locations from Friday 2 January to Monday 12 January 2026.

This service is free and intended for domestic household trees only, with a limit of one tree per household / vehicle.

Signage will be placed at each location to indicate it as an official recycling point. For more details and to find a location near you, please visit www.sdcc.ie.

Tymon Park

- Limekiln Road Car Park
- Tymon North Road Car Park

Dodder Valley Park/Firhouse Road

- Car Park Opposite Woodlawn Estate

Rathfarnham Castle Park

- Car Park
- Oldbawn Church Car Park

Lucan

- Beechpark Open Space
- Sarsfield Park open space
- Griffeen Valley Park - Hayden's Lane car park
- Foxborough open space

Palmerstown

- Glenaulin Park
- Woodfarm Acres

Clondalkin

- Corkagh – Green Isle Road car park
- Corkagh – St Johns car park
- Collinstown Park
- Foxdene Open Space
- Quarryvale Park





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Christmas @ SDCC Libraries

Family Time at Your Library is back this December!

Throughout the month, libraries will host events and activities to encourage families to read and share stories together. From Christmas storytimes, craft workshops, Santa science workshops and Lego challenges, there are plenty of activities for families with children of all ages. These Family Time at Your Library activities promote the enjoyment of reading, introduce families to children's books and digital collections, and support the Right to Read programme's goal of fostering a family-based approach to reading.

Contact your local library for details of family events and activities this December.

January 2026

Firstival

January 12th – 17th 2026

Following its hugely successful debut in 2025, Firstival is back—and bigger than ever—for an unforgettable week of creativity, inspiration, and fresh experiences to kick off 2026!

This dynamic programme invites adults of all ages to try something completely new, discover hidden talents, and start the year with a burst of energy. Whether you're looking to spark your creativity, meet new people, or simply shake up your routine, Firstival has something to excite and inspire you.

What's on for 2026?

Get hands-on with **terrarium crafting**, create bold textures through **needle punching**, or step into the rhythm with joyful **dance sessions** designed for beginners and enthusiasts alike. Treat yourself to a fun and relaxed **paint-and-prosecco** evening, or dive into a captivating cultural experience with **Joomchi**, the traditional Korean art of handmade paper.

With vibrant workshops and experiences in the warm and friendly surrounds of your local library, Firstival 2026 promises a feel-good start to the year!



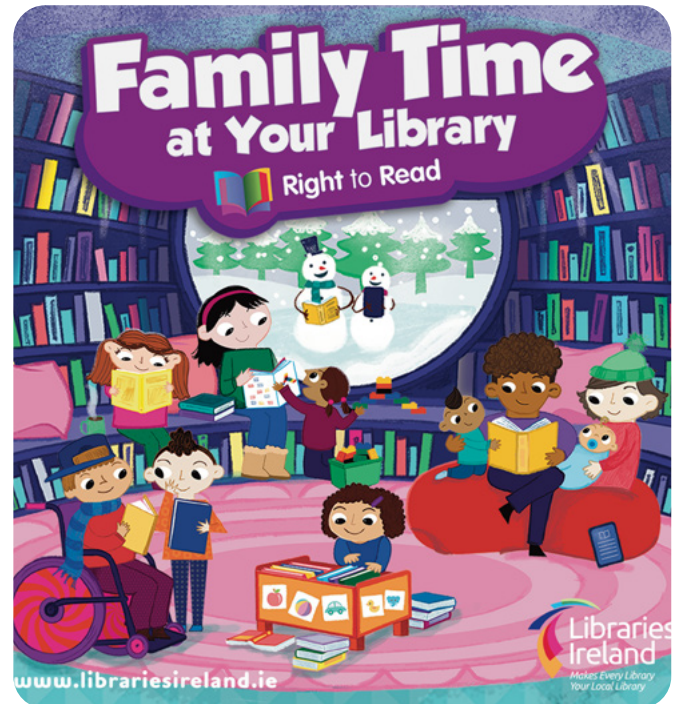
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Whether you're neurodivergent yourself, supporting someone who is, or simply curious to learn, this series offers a warm and inclusive space to raise awareness, deepen understanding, and celebrate every kind of mind.

There are 10 episodes in the series, featuring guests who talk about topics such as dyspraxia, dyslexia, ADHD, autism, PDA, and more — including a special Red Line Book Festival episode on the book *Wired Our Own Way*. Each conversation shines a light on real lived experiences and helps give a platform to voices from our neurodivergent community.

We want to make our library talks more accessible and easier to enjoy. While we continue to host events in our libraries, our podcast selection now gives you the



freedom to listen anytime, anywhere — dip in or out whenever it fits your day.

The series is also a great way for us to highlight the many events, supports, and resources available across SDCC Libraries, helping listeners find even more ways to connect, learn, and get involved. By sharing these stories and resources in an open and welcoming way, we are showing SDCC's commitment to inclusion — making sure our libraries and services feel accessible and inviting for everyone. Different Minds, Shared Spaces is available on all good podcast platforms.

For details of all events, follow SDCC Libraries on Facebook and Instagram or find out more details on sdcc.ie

South Dublin County Council Elected Members

Party abbreviations

Cllr	Councillor
PBP	People Before Profit Alliance
SOL	Solidarity
FF	Fianna Fáil
SF	Sinn Féin
SD	Social Democrats
FG	Fine Gael
LAB	The Labour Party
IFP	Irish Freedom Party
IND	Independent
Green	The Green Party
II	Independent Ireland

Cluain Dolcáin Clondalkin

Councillor Francis Timmons	IND
Councillor William Joseph Carey	SF
Councillor Darragh Adelaide	PBP
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin	SD
Councillor Shirley O’ Hara	FG
Councillor Linda DeCourcy	II
Councillor Trevor Gilligan	FF

Ráth Fearnáin - Teach Mealóg Rathfarnham – Templeogue

Councillor Pamela Kearns	LAB
Councillor Ronan McMahon	IND
Councillor Paddy Cosgrave	LAB
Councillor Justin Sinnott	SD
Councillor Lynn McCrave	FG
Councillor Yvonne Collins	FF
Councillor David McManus	FG

Tamhlacht Theas Tallaght South

Councillor Patrick Pearse Holohan	IND
Councillor Kay Keane	PBP
Councillor Dermot Richardson	IND
Councillor Louise Dunne	SF
Councillor Baby Pereppadan	FG

Tamhlacht An Lár Tallaght Central

Councillor Dean Donnelly	IND
Councillor Britto Pereppadan	FG
Councillor Mick Duff	IND
Councillor Niamh Whelan	SF
Councillor Adam Smyth	FF
Councillor Jess Spear	PBP

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Councillor Alan Hayes	IND
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Councillor Madeleine Johansson	PBP



Christmas Opening Hours

2025 / 2026

Dear Customers,

The Planning Counter will **close on** Wednesday 24th December 2025 at 12pm and will **reopen on** Friday 2nd January 2026 at 9.00am.

The Cash Office in the Tallaght and Clondalkin Offices will **close on** Wednesday 24th December 2025 at 11am. **Cash Offices** in Tallaght and Clondalkin will **reopen on** Friday 2nd January 2026 (9am Tallaght/10am Clondalkin)

The Libraries will **close on** Tuesday 23rd December 2025 at 8.00pm and will **reopen on** Friday 2nd January 2026 at 9.45am.

County Hall, Tallaght and **Clondalkin Civic Centre** will **close on** Wednesday 24 December 2025 at 12pm and will **reopen on** Friday 2 January 2026 at 9.00am

Please note that **Our phonelines** will **close on** Wednesday 24th December 2025 at 12pm. **Phonelines** will **reopen on** Friday 2nd January 2026 at 9am

In case of Emergency contact our **Out of Hours Number: 01 4574907**



Wishing all of our customers a very
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