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South Dublin County Council Elected Members



Clondalkin

Cluain Dolcáin

Councillor Trevor Gilligan	FF
Councillor Shirley O' Hara	FG
Councillor Kenneth Egan	FG
Councillor Francis Timmons	IND
Councillor William Joseph Carey	SF
Councillor Peter Kavanagh	IND
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin	SD

Rathfarnham - Templeogue

Ráth Fearnáin - Teach Mealóg

Councillor Carly Bailey	SD
Councillor Yvonne Collins	FF
Councillor Lynn McCrave	FG
Councillor Pamela Kearns	LAB
Councillor Ronan McMahon	IND
Councillor David McManus	FG
Councillor Laura Donaghy	Green

Tallaght Central

Tamhlact An Lár

Councillor Kieran Mahon	SOL
Councillor Charlie O'Connor	FF
Councillor Mick Duff	IND
Councillor Teresa Costello	FF
Councillor Cathal King	SF
Councillor Liam Sinclair	IND

Lucan

Leamhcán

Councillor Ed O'Brien	FF
Councillor Vicki Casserly	FG
Councillor Liona O'Toole	IND
Councillor Paul Gogarty	IND
Councillor Joanna Tuffy	LAB

Tallaght South

Tamhlact Theas

Councillor Patrick Pearse Holohan	IND
Councillor Leah Whelan	SOL
Councillor Dermot Richardson	SF
Councillor Louise Dunne	SF
Councillor Baby Pereppadan	FG

Firhouse - Bohernabreena

Teach na Giúise - Bóthar na Bruíne

Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade	Green
Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan	FF
Councillor Brian Lawlor	FG
Councillor Emma Murphy	FF
Councillor Alan Edge	IND

Palmerstown - Fonthill

Baile Phámar - Cnoc an Fhuaráin

Councillor Guss O' Connell	IND
Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh	SF
Councillor Madeleine Johansson	PBP
Councillor Alan Hayes	IND
Councillor Shane Moynihan	FF



Party abbreviations

Clr	Councillor
PBP	People Before Profit Alliance
SOL	Solidarity
FF	Fianna Fáil
SF	Sinn Féin
SD	Social Democrats
FG	Fine Gael
LAB	The Labour Party
IND	Independent
Green	The Green Party

Message from the Mayor

A chairde, it is an incredible honour to write these words to you as Mayor and First Citizen of our county. I was born and raised in Clondalkin, and I have immense pride in my hometown and in the community we have here in South Dublin County. During the past year we have re-emerged from a pandemic-stricken world, but we should always remember those we lost and keep those who suffered during COVID-19 in our thoughts.

Like my esteemed predecessor, Cllr. Ed O'Brien, I would like to express my gratitude and the gratitude of the Council to the doctors, nurses, firefighters, gardaí, paramedics and every other frontline worker who kept us safe during the pandemic. I also wish to thank the volunteers throughout our county, who instil a spirit of community in South Dublin, not just through crises such as COVID-19 and the horrendous war in Ukraine, but all the time. Without their volunteerism, we would not have the South Dublin we know and love, and I am eternally grateful for all of them.

As well as the pandemic, South Dublin County Council has spent the last year working on problems and solutions relating to housing, the climate and biodiversity emergency, personal safety and security, human rights and equality, and much more. SDCC has an ambitious programme of works aimed at making South Dublin the best county in which to live, work or spend a short time visiting. I am indebted to Danny McLoughlin, the CEO of the County Council, and his team of directors and their staff for the work they have done this year, and for the work they will do in the future.

I am also grateful to my fellow Councillors on South Dublin County Council, who put their trust in me to elect me as Mayor. We have worked together in a spirit of co-operation to deliver a Development Plan and an annual budget that are fair, responsible, and ambitious.



Above all else, I am indebted to you, the citizens of South Dublin. Every county councillor serves you directly, and I hope you are satisfied with our efforts to improve your lives.

I wish the next person to hold this position the very best of luck, and I trust that we can continue to work well together in the spirit of co-operation and collaboration for the benefit of everyone in South Dublin.

Peter Kavanagh

Mayor, South Dublin County Council

Teachtaireacht ón Méara atá ag dul as oifig

A chairde Gael, is mór an onóir domsa an fháilte seo a scríobh mar Mhéara agus mar Chéad Saoránach an Chontae. Rugadh agus tógadh mise i gCluain Dolcáin, agus tá an-bhród agam as mo dhúiche féin agus as an bpobal a chónaíonn anseo i gContae Átha Cliath Theas. Le linn na bliana atá imithe romhainn, thángthamar amach arís ó dhomhain na paidéime. Ach ní mór dúinn iad siúd a chailleadar agus na teaghlaigh uile atá ag mothú lorg dá bharr a choimeád inár gcumhnní.

Mar aon le mo réamhtheachtaí uasal, an Comh. Ed O'Brien, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas, agus buíochas an chontae ar fad, a chur in iúl do na dochtúirí, altraí, comhraiceoirí doiteán, gardaí, paraimhíochaineoirí agus gach éinne eile a choimeád slán muid le linn na paidéime. Ba mhian go mór liom buíochas ar leith a ghabháil leis na saorálaithe ar fad sa Chontae. Bíonn na foirne deonacha seo ag obair go tréan lá i ndiaidh lae chun tacú lenár bpobail, ní amháin le linn na paidéime COVID-19 nó an cogadh uafásach san Úcráin, ach gach seachtain, gach mí. Ní bheadh Contae Átha Cliath Theas mar atá sé gan spiorad an saorálaíochais agus táimid uile go mór faoi chomaoín acu ar fad.

Mar aon le géarchéim na Cóivide, chaith an Comhairle Contae an bhliain ag plé fadhbanna agus réitithe ar thithíocht, ar an ngéarchéim aeráide agus bithéagsúlachta, ar shábháltacht phearsanta, ar chearta daonna agus comhionannas, agus go leor eile. Tá clár uaillmhianach

d'uibreacha ag an gComhairle Contae chun Átha Cliath Theas a fhorbairt mar an gcontae is fear in Éirinn le marachtáil ann, le gnó a dhéanamh ann nó le seal a chaitheamh ann. Táim an-bhuíoch as Danny McLoughlin, príomhfheidhmeannach an Chomhairle, agus a chuid stiúrthóirí agus an meitheal oibre ar fad as an obair atá déanta acu i mbliana agus atá le déanamh amach anseo.

Táim buíoch chomh maith as mo chomhbhádóirí ar an gComhairle Contae, a chuir muinín ionamsa bheith mar Mhéara orthu. D'oibríomar le chéile go hiontach sa bhliain atá imithe ar Phlean Forbartha agus ar bhuiséad a bhí cothrom, freagracht agus uaillmhianach.

Thar cheann éinne éile, ba mhaith liom mo chuid buíochais a léiriú daoibhse, saoránaigh Átha Cliath Theas. Tá gach uile Comhairleoir Contae freagracht daoibhse agus daoibhse amháin, agus tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh sásta leis an obair a dhéanann Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas ar bhur son.

Guím gach rath ar an Méara nua don bhliain atá romhainn agus tá súil agam go leanfaidh spiorad na comhoibrithe ar aghaidh son gach éinne sa Chontae.

Peter Kavanagh

Méara, Chomhairle Contae
Átha Cliath Theas

Online Citizens Planning Portal to be launched

SDCC Planning Portal

South Dublin County Council is preparing to launch a new Citizen's Planning Portal which aims to modernise the viewing of planning applications and processing and administration of third-party submissions. This new Citizen's Planning Portal will give members of the public the option to submit observations and associated payment on all relevant planning applications online. Observations can be made within five weeks of a Planning Application being received by the Planning Authority on this system.

This Planning Portal will become active on www.sdcc.ie during the summer and will replace the current planning application search / viewer at Applications | South Dublin County Council (sdublincoco.ie).



E-Planning Project

Implementation of the new Citizen's Planning Portal is an integral step in South Dublin County Council's move to provide of a full ePlanning system.

At present, it is not possible for members of the public, developers or agents to make planning applications online to South Dublin County Council. This means that applications, including associated documents such as maps, drawings and newspaper notices must be submitted in hard copy to the Planning Department.

South Dublin County Council is currently engaging with the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) to progress the implementation of the national online ePlanning system, through which planning applications will be submitted. Once fully rolled out, ePlanning will provide an online option for the public to engage with the planning system, in addition to the existing paper based system.

When implemented, the ePlanning system will improve efficiency in the statutory planning process and deliver on the government strategy to move more public services online. Information will be more readily available to the public, as files can be made available for viewing online more quickly than paper files. There will also be cost and environmental savings for applicants, from reduced use of paper and ink.

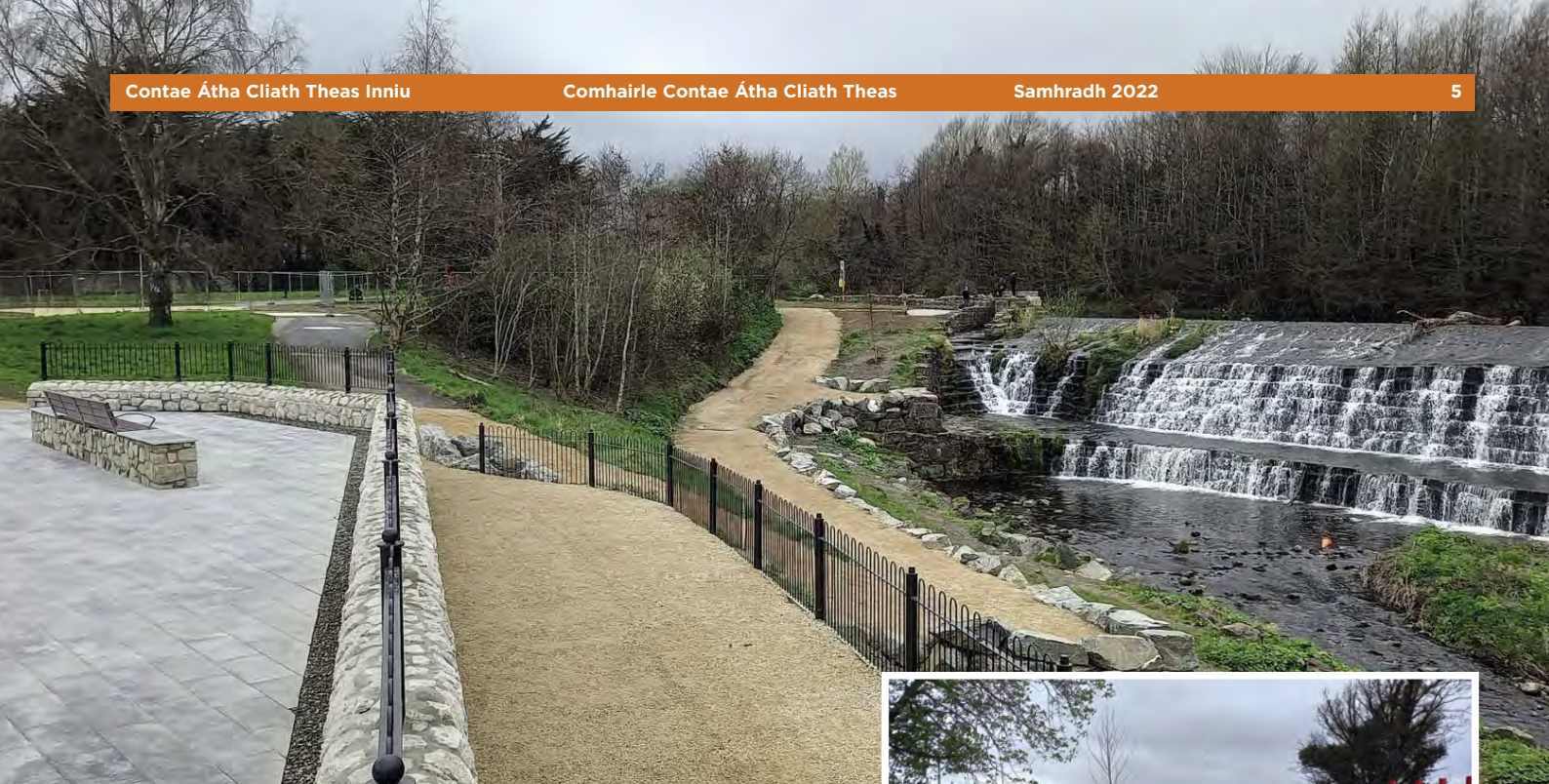
Council meetings to be webcast!

The Council meeting held on Monday, 11 April marked the first meeting webcast live to the public.

Anyone wishing to view a Council meeting live can log in from the Council meetings page on www.sdcc.ie and watch along. Video cameras at our Council meetings will capture the live information and send it to a central server, which in turn sends it to anyone that would like to view the meeting.

The service allows greater access to Council proceedings, and decisions and eliminates barriers that prevent some people from attending meetings. Should you miss a meeting, or would like to view a section of the meeting again, the Council microsite will contain archived Council meetings and access to any document or presentation displayed during the webcast. The archives allow you to view the meeting at your leisure and, through the use of the index points, allow you to jump to specific agenda points. Archived versions are available within 48 hours of broadcast. They remain online for twelve months. Through the webcasting of full Council meetings, we hope to promote transparency, understanding and participation in local democracy. Meetings are streamed in high definition and work on all mobile devices.





Dodder Greenway Route

We are delighted to announce the completion of the next phase of the Dodder Greenway which takes in the section in Dodder Valley linear Park from the City Weir in Firhouse to the Cherryfield entrance at Firhouse Road and also Knocklyon Road. The works began in June 2021 and finished on time for opening to the public in April.

For more information on the Dodder Greenway Route please visit <https://bit.ly/39708uO>



Rainbow Crossing

South Dublin County Council's Traffic Section have installed its' first rainbow pedestrian crossing in Clondalkin Village outside Tesco.

Join our team

We're hiring.

South Dublin County Council tries to attract and retain talented and motivated people, from diverse backgrounds and experiences, who will take pride in their work and make a positive difference to the lives of citizens in South Dublin County.

By working as a staff member at South Dublin County Council you will be making your contribution to this county's development as the best possible place in which to live, work and do business. As a staff member, you will be given a range of opportunities to positively engage with citizens, businesses and communities to make a positive impact upon their daily lives.

Employees are provided with opportunities to learn, develop and grow through staff mobility and career development, a comprehensive training and development programme and the provision of financial assistance to staff undertaking further education.

The Council recognises the importance of work life balance and supports family friendly initiatives such as flexi-time, work-sharing, paid maternity leave (and the newly introduced paternity leave) as well as generous annual leave allowances. There are Crèche facilities on site, a subsidised canteen and free staff parking.

The well-being of employees is a priority for the Council so we provide free annual health checks, flu inoculation, eyesight testing, a confidential Staff Welfare Service, and a range of ongoing health and well-being initiatives throughout the year. Employees can join the Staff Social Club, Credit Union, Golf Society, Hill-Walking Club, LGBTQ+ Staff Network and take part in the numerous social events organised. Staff may also avail of tax saver schemes such as cycle to work and a bus or Luas travel pass.

Keep an eye on job opportunities on our dedicated careers portal www.sdccjobs.ie

The Local Authority Home Loan

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) is a Government backed mortgage for first time buyers or other eligible applicants through local authorities. The scheme is for the purchase of new or second-hand residential properties and for self-builds up to a maximum value of €320,000 in South Dublin. It also includes the purchase of homes through State schemes such as the Tenant Purchase and Affordable Housing Schemes. Single applicants must have an annual gross income of not more than €65,000 and joint applicants must have an annual gross income of not more than €75,000.

The "Fresh Start" principle means that people who are divorced or separated and have no interest in the family home, or who have undergone personal insolvency or bankruptcy arrangement or proceedings or other legal process, will also be eligible to apply.



Climate Action Update

Dublin's climate is changing, and this poses risks and challenges to everyone living in the region. Climatic trends facing South Dublin include more frequent extreme weather events such as prolonged dry spells, powerful storms and flooding.

To address these concerns, South Dublin County Council published our first Climate Change Action Plan in 2019. There are 130 actions across five key areas in the plan which sees the Council working on a wide variety of projects and initiatives (both long and short term) which aim to address not only own emissions but those of wider society.



Dublin Climate Action Week 2022

Dublin Climate Action Week will take place again in 2022 from 12 to 17 September.

Climate Action Week will feature a range of interesting events which will inform and educate the citizens of South Dublin on the issues of climate change as well as showcasing Dublin's climate action progress and demonstrating the leadership role of the four local authorities and collaboration with other partners.

South Dublin County Council is delighted to be working with the other Dublin Local Authorities and our mutual partners to deliver a range of events throughout the week. The full programme will be launched in early August.

For more information on the week please visit www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie and on the South Dublin County Council webpage www.sdublincoco.ie.

Keep up-to-date on what your local authority is doing tackle climate change

Through our Climate Change Action Plan, South Dublin County Council is working hard to reduce the impact of the Council's buildings, operations and social housing on the climate.

We are keen to keep citizens of the county informed on our progress, on other climate related issues and to help people on their own climate journey.

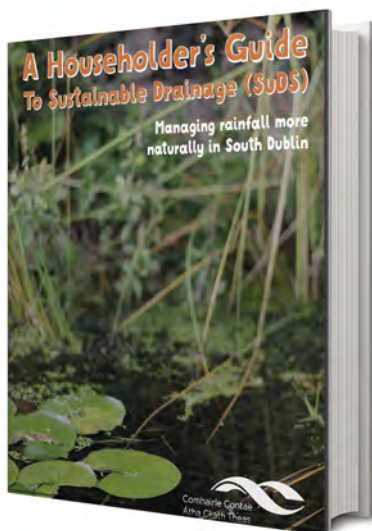
The South Dublin Climate Newsletter gives updates on progress being made under the different themes of the Climate Change Newsletter.

You can register to receive the newsletter by emailing climatechange@sdublincoco.ie

To view previous editions of the newsletter visit www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/climate-change/climate-change-newsletter/

Social Media: Follow South Dublin County Council social media pages. Climate News and events are always promoted on these pages.

The Climate Team are also working on a South Dublin website dedicated to climate action.



SuDS Householders guide

South Dublin County Council recently launched a new Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Benefits of SuDS for you include reducing flood risk through managing rainfall around your home, bringing nature and wildlife closer to you and providing an attractive amenity for you to enjoy.

The guide provides householders with examples of SuDS at home including water butts that collect rainfall for later use, installing your own raingarden, replacing your driveway with grass paving instead of tarmac, or putting a green roof on a new extension.

This all happens as SuDS manage rainfall in a way that mimics nature. SuDS also address the issues with traditional surface water drainage, helping to reduce flood risk in South Dublin.

The new guide is available to download from the council's website at www.sdcc.ie.

Where **your money** will go...

Your local property tax and commercial rates will help us to meet many of our targets and improve our services for 2022. By the end of the year, we hope to have hit these targets and more.

Total expenditure

€281,713,700

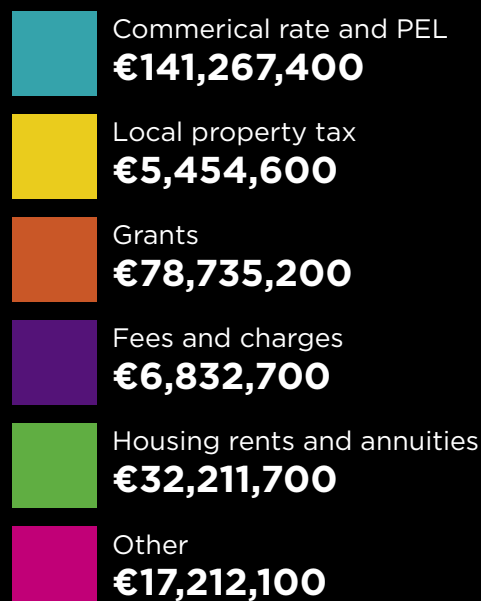
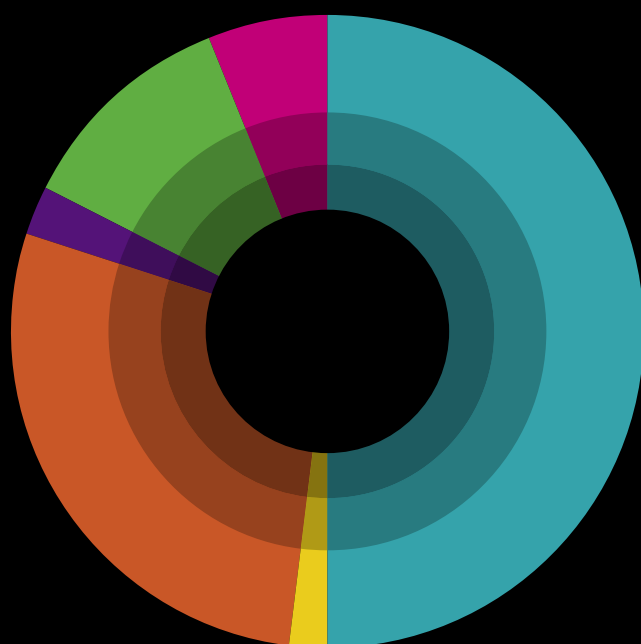
Total income

€281,713,700



Council expenditure per Citizen

€1,011



Environment, water and climate change



Number of **trees** planted

3,000



Climate action initiatives under climate action plan

125



Number of **new** playspaces, teenspaces and pitches

12



Number of **environmental / climate action** awareness sessions

200

Corporate performance and change management



Customer queries received

84,552



Citizens actively engaged through consultation portal, €300k Have Your Say and so on

10,000



People on the electoral register

194,077



Members reps (matters raised by elected members) received

10,744

Economic, enterprise and tourism development



Number of active library members

33,000



Number of business support Initiatives

40

Expenditure

€400,000



Number of jobs created or supported in Grangecastle business park

7,750



Number of festivals And tourism events

6

Housing, social and community development



Number of visitors to council leisure facilities

450,000



Amount of planned maintenance expenditure

€5,000,000



Number of new housing allocations

650



Number of participants on council led sports and health and wellbeing initiatives

130,000

Land use, planning and transportation



Amount of new and upgraded footpaths

108,500



Amount of new and upgraded cycle paths

41,500



Number of public LED lighting upgrades completed

1,700



Village and district centre enhancement schemes completed

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Innovation Centre

South Dublin County Council has turned the sod on a new state of the art Innovation Centre in Tallaght, Dublin.

The Minister of State for Planning and Local Government, Peter Burke TD, joined the Council in Tallaght in March to mark the beginning of this exciting Council-led initiative.

The Innovation Centre is set to be completed in 2023 and will be a four storey 2,980msq building of significant architectural merit that provides three floors of flexible office accommodation to support start-up enterprises. The Innovation Centre can accommodate up to 60 businesses and within the building, there will be a public area on the ground floor with town hall space and a café, complete with co-working space and lettable offices in various sizes on the upper floors of the building, with the Innovation Centre fronting directly onto a new urban plaza.

A €14 million project, the development is strategically located on Council owned land in the Cookstown regeneration area of Tallaght Town Centre. The Innovation Centre is one part of a new urban district called Innovation Quarter Tallaght that is being developed by the Council that also includes a new Affordable Housing Scheme, Innovation Square, as well as the Tallaght District Heating network.

The delivery of the Innovation Centre will also compliment current investment of over €80 million in infrastructure projects underway in Tallaght, such as the delivery of



a new Heritage Centre, the completion of Tallaght Stadium bringing it to 10,000-seater capacity and a major public realm enhancement programme for Tallaght Town Centre.

The Innovation Centre will play a significant role in developing start-up enterprises and contributing to the Dublin economy, providing cutting edge facilities, a range of start-up programmes, including training, mentoring, funding supports and skills development, wherein the longer-term, this new facility will support the creation of over 700 jobs, which will be worth €80 million to the economy.

AWS Think Big Space

South Dublin County Council (SDCC), through South Dublin Libraries, launched the AWS Think Big Space in Tallaght, in collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS), in April.



The AWS Think Big Space is a new educational lab located beside the Tallaght Luas stop, which aims to inspire an interest in science, technology, engineering, arts and maths. It provides a dedicated space for students, educators and communities to explore innovative and imaginative ideas through interactive hands-on technical education. AWS has opened AWS Think Big Spaces across the world, however, this is the first AWS Think Big Space to launch in Europe.

South Dublin Libraries and AWS will host an innovative programme of events in the AWS Think Big Space. Events will take place every month and feature Creative Hut Robotics workshops and virtual reality (VR) workshops. The VR workshops will introduce students to the technology behind VR as well providing a hands-on experience and the chance to see VR in action. In the Creative Hut robotics workshops, students will have the opportunity to collaborate and create amazing robots, take on challenges and get an introduction to robotics technology. Students and teachers will be encouraged to "Think Big" by using their creativity and imagination as they explore the technologies on offer. The programme will support interactive hands-on learning and will be available for 4th class to 6th class primary school groups, and 1st year to 4th year secondary school groups.

Jackie Fox receives Freedom of South Dublin County

Jackie Fox, a Tallaght woman who has tirelessly campaigned against bullying has recently received the Honorary Freedom of South Dublin County.

Jackie received the award in a ceremony in County Hall, Tallaght on Friday, 6 May.

Elected members of South Dublin County Council agreed in December 2021 to honour Jackie in recognition of her campaigning for legislation to make online bullying a crime and its passage into law as 'Coco's Law' and in honour of her daughter, Nicole.

The Honorary Freedom of the County is the highest civic honour that can be bestowed upon an individual by South Dublin County Council.

It is reserved for those who have made exceptional or unique contributions to the common good or to persons who have made outstanding contributions to South Dublin County.

The Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, said at the event:

"Jackie suffered the worst loss imaginable. No parent, in their worst nightmares, can imagine the heartache and emptiness that comes from losing a child. Jackie's daughter Nicole was taken from her doting mother through the vile and terrible actions of her peers.

When Nicole lost her life, Jackie was devastated. Her baby, her Coco, taken away"



He added: "Laws don't get written overnight, and Jackie had a long road to travel between 2018 and 2020. A long road of living through the heartbreak over and over to tell her story. She never wavered."

President Michael D. Higgins signed Coco's Law into effect on the 28 December 2020, and Jackie continues to visit schools across the country to raise awareness about suicide and bullying.

Parks opening hours for Summer 2022



The following is the list of the regional and larger parks in South Dublin County. The parks will open from 10am – 8pm for the months of May and September. The closing time will be extended to 9pm for the months of June, July and August.

- Corkagh Park
- Dodder Valley Park
- Griffeen Valley Park
- Rathcoole Park
- Sean Walsh Park
- Tymon Park
- Waterstown Park
- Rathfarnham Castle Park

For further information on our Parks opening hours and maps please visit

www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/parks/

Be Summer Ready

This campaign is part of the Government of Ireland initiative to provide information to the general public on issues which may affect them during the summer months in Ireland. The campaign complements a long standing and very successful “Be Winter Ready” public information campaign.

During the summer months, Ireland’s waterways and beaches become very popular. More people visit the countryside, engage in outdoor pursuits, visit family farms or take holidays abroad. With these activities there are associated risks and this booklet provides information on these. In addition, people die in Ireland in drowning accidents, farm accidents, on our roads or succumb to summer related illnesses.

We advise people to familiarise themselves with the information in this campaign.

To view or download the booklet please visit www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/9e76d-be-summer-ready/



Mayor officially launches Tallaght Heritage Trail App

The addition of Tallaght to the South Dublin County Heritage Trail App was officially launched by the Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Peter Kavanagh at St. Maelruain’s Church in March.

The idea for the app originated from the €300k Have Your Say Participatory Budgeting consultative process for the Clondalkin Electoral Area, where members of the public were asked to suggest funding ideas for their area and then vote on a shortlist of agreed projects.

Tallaght is the second village trail to be added to the app with 19 individual heritage points of interest in and around the village. The combination of image, text and audio for each point of interest makes the experience both immersive and engaging for the user, bringing the social and cultural history to life. The fully interactive and user-friendly app is available in Irish, English, French and German, and by using Android or Apple maps directs users to

nearby places of interest. The app is free to download to mobile phones and tablets by searching South Dublin County Heritage Trail.

The Council continues to work to realise the tourism potential of the County by enhancing the physical infrastructure necessary to facilitate both recovery and growth of tourism throughout the County and celebrate the variety of cultural heritage assets found here.



Local Enterprise Office

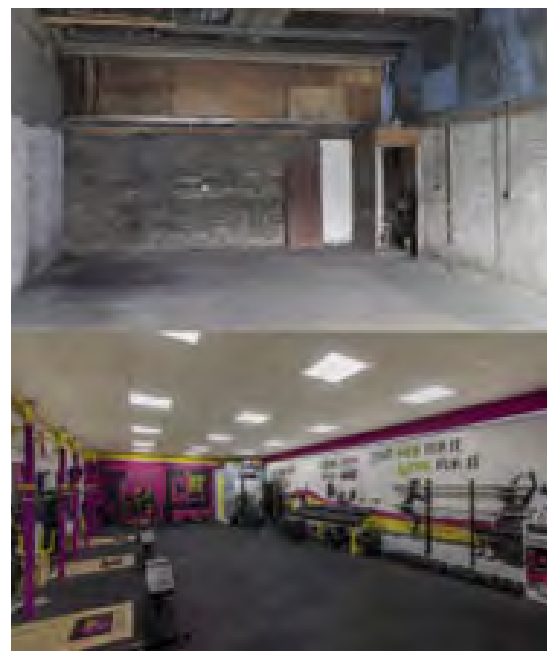


Green for Micro

The Green for Micro programme aims to help prepare small businesses for the low carbon, more resource efficient economy of the future. This is a **free** programme, available to companies with up to ten employees. Find out more www.localenterprise.ie/SouthDublin/Financial-Supports/Green-For-Micro/

Business Support Funds

There are four funds specifically designed to address key issues for businesses in the South Dublin County Council area. Three of the funds support physical works and are aimed at encouraging occupiers to improve the investment potential of industrial estates or units in which they are resident. One of the funds is specifically aimed at supporting existing small-scale businesses and start-up businesses utilising previously vacant units. More information available here: www.localenterprise.ie/SouthDublin/Enterprise-Development/Business-Support-Fund/



Local Enterprise Office Supports:

**Have a business idea? Recently started a business?
or Are you an established local business?**

Local Enterprise Office South Dublin is one of 31 dedicated teams across the Local Authority network in Ireland. It is for people interested in starting up a new business or already in business including entrepreneurs, early stage promoters and small businesses looking to expand.

We offer a range of training, financial grants and supports, along with a business advice service to help you with starting and growing your business.

Visit localenterprise.ie/southdublin or contact us via email at info@leo.sdublincoco.ie or telephone: 01 414 9215 for further information.


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Housing online

Our housing repairs service has moved online for tenants to access our maintenance services at a time that suits them best – removing the need to contact us by phone.

This means that our tenants can:

- Submit a maintenance request at any time of day or night without calling us,
- Let us know the dates and times they are available for a call-out,
- See what has been reported and when it will be resolved.

All Council tenants have received letters to register for their Housing Online account and a step-by-step guide is available at www.sdcc.ie/housingonline.

Anybody looking for more information on registering for this service should email hol@sdblincoco.ie for assistance.

We will be still available by phone but only to deal with emergency queries and to help those who require support with their maintenance queries.

Value your vote!

Check the Register of Electors at www.voter.ie to make sure you are registered to vote and that your details are correct. Have you or are you turning 18? It's time to register to vote!

Details of Eligibility to Register are available on www.sdcc.ie



☒ Check the Register

☒ Register to Vote

☒ Edit Your Details

Five reasons why voting is important

- 1 It gives you a say on important issues that affect you – from roads and recycling to education and climate change, to housing and employment.
- 2 Elections can be called at short notice – if you don't register in time, you may not be able to vote.
- 3 It gives you the choice to vote for your local and national representatives, if you don't vote, other people get to choose who represents you
- 4 If you don't vote, other people will make the vote and make the decision for you.
- 5 Important social issues are decided by voters in a referendum, it is important that your voice is heard through your vote.

Every Vote Counts!

South Dublin Libraries are delighted to launch our membership drive

South Dublin Libraries are delighted to launch our membership drive "Here for you in 2022 and beyond".

We want to let all the citizens living, working, or studying in the South Dublin County Council area, who we are and what we do!

Your library card is your passport to events, social groups, seminars, workshops, talks, clubs, STEAM, storytime, books, digital resources and so much more. We have eight branch libraries and two brand new mobile libraries that service all of South Dublin. Your South Dublin Library card also gives you the freedom to use any library in Ireland and to take advantage of the incredible national catalogue of over 12 million resources.

All items are free to borrow and if you are visiting other places in Ireland, you can borrow a book and then leave it back to us and we will return it safely to its home. Our range of services and events is ever expanding with music gigs, Irish language events STEAM, career and business start up talks to name but a few. We also provide a vast array of online resources which include language classes, downloadable books and over 3,000 magazines and periodicals. We have PCs, WIFI and 3D printers all free to use.



We're here for you with libraries in **Ballyroan, Castletymon, Clondalkin, North Clondalkin, Lucan, Palmerstown, Tallaght** and mobile libraries serving **South Dublin County**.



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Palmerstown Library Hub

Palmerstown Library Hub is delighted to announce Saturday opening in May & June 2022 for Summer Fun.

Don't miss out!



**Coming to you -
Palmerstown Little Library on Saturdays!**

Saturday 7th May	10am Superhero Party and face painting	2pm 3D printing workshop for ages 8-12 years
Saturday 14th May	10am Arts and Crafts for ages 6-10 years	3pm Storytime for ages 3-5 years
Saturday 21st May	11.30am Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO workshop for ages 8-12 years	3pm Arts and Crafts for ages 2-4 years
Saturday 28th May	11.30am Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO workshop for ages 8-12 years	3pm Storytime for ages 3-5 years
Saturday 11th June	10am Baby Rhyme Time for ages 0-3 years	2pm-3.30pm Dr. Brain Fun-Believable Science Show
Saturday 18th June	10am Arts and Crafts for ages 6-10 years	3pm Storytime for ages 3-5 years
Saturday 25th June	11am-12.30pm National Reptile Zoo Visit	3pm Baby Rhyme Time for ages 0-3 years

To book a place for any of the events above please contact Palmerstown Library Hub at 01 467 8909 or email ptowndigihub@sducoco.ie

Our flexible spaces allow people to meet, have discussions, or just read the newspapers. There is something for everyone and our highly trained staff are always on hand to help and advice. South Dublin Libraries are also excited to announce that we will be piloting Saturday opening in the Palmerstown Library Hub - the Palmerstown Little Library on Saturdays will run through May and June with children's events taking place in the mornings and again in the afternoons.

We will be reaching out into the community across the county to let everyone know that we are "Here For You".

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