

# Contae Átha Cliath Theas Inniu **South Dublin County Today**

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# South Dublin County Council Elected Members

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## Party Abbreviations

<b>Cllr</b>	Councillor
<b>FF</b>	Fianna Fáil
<b>FG</b>	Fine Gael
<b>I4C</b>	Independents 4 Change
<b>PBP</b>	People Before Profit Alliance
<b>SF</b>	Sinn Féin
<b>LAB</b>	The Labour Party
<b>IND</b>	Independent
<b>Green</b>	The Green Party
<b>SOL</b>	Solidarity - The Left Alternative
<b>RENUA</b>	RENUA Ireland
<b>SD</b>	Social Democrats



Elected Members Map



Cllr Paul Gogarty

## Front Page image

South Dublin County's Cultural Quarter:  
County Hall, County Library, Rua Red  
Arts Centre and The Civic Theatre.

# Meet your Mayor Cllr Paul Gogarty

Dear South Dublin citizen,

As I reach the end of a wonderfully inspiring term as Mayor, I would like to thank all the individuals and groups I've met throughout the County for the many warm welcomes I've received and the personal stories you have shared.

The economic situation may be improving but it has not reached everyone. Our Council, like others, faces a challenge to ensure that all our citizens have a roof over their heads and a secure home environment. At the same time we need to focus on the provision of the facilities and infrastructure that lead to happy, well-balanced communities. Mental health is another huge issue which the Council is working on alongside other agencies and we cannot afford to lose focus or forget that everyone has value and that some people need to be nurtured more than others at different stages of their lives.

South Dublin County Council provides a range of services and during my term I

have focused particularly on a number of themes. One is 'a healthier county - mind, body, spirit' and I've tried to promote positive things in our communities and link people with the many projects run by or assisted by our Council, in conjunction with the many community and voluntary groups throughout South and South West Dublin. Whether its sports, the arts, or other creative endeavours, there's a wealth of activities on our doorstep for people of all ages.

I've also focused on sustainability and energy self-sufficiency and was delighted that the council has focused on renewable energy projects, solar PV, insulation work in its housing stock and public utilities and is also at an advanced stage in rolling out electric vehicle charging points. As a greener county we can save money for everyone and create new jobs.

In relation to employment issues I've been a huge supporter of the work carried out by our Local Enterprise Office, in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber.

The prospects are better than they have been for many years and South Dublin is ideally located as a centre for exporting businesses, IT providers and service industries.

The last area I have focused on is in public participation, trying to ensure our Council engages more directly with its citizens and gives them a meaningful input. I've been an advocate for live webcasts of Council meetings and oversaw the second year of the "€300K- Have Your Say" participatory budgeting process. I've also sat down with many groups representing young people, older citizens, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, parents and educators, all aimed at enhancing the public voice.

Thanks for making my tenure as Mayor fulfilling and meaningful.

All the best,

**Paul Gogarty**

Mayor of South Dublin County Council

A Shaoránach Átha Cliath Theas,

De réir mar a thagaim go deireadh mo thréimhse thar a bheith spreagúil mar Mhéara, ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine agus grúpa a casadh orm ar fud an chontae, as an bhfáilte mhór a cuireadh romham go mion minic agus as na scéalta pearsanta a atá roinnte agaibh.

Cé go bhfuil biseach ag teacht ar chúrsaí eacnamaíochta, ní dheachaigh sé chomh fada le gach duine. Tá dúshlán mór roimh ár gComhairle, amhail Comhairlí eile, chun cinnte a dhéanamh de go bhfuil díon os cionn gach saoránach agus go bhfuil timpeallacht baile slán sábháilte acu. Ag an am céanna, ní mór dúinn díriú ar shaoráidí agus ar bhonneagar a chur ar fáil ar a mbíonn pobail sona sásta stuama mar thoradh orthu. Is fadhb mhór eile í meabhairshláinte ar a bhfuil an Chomhairle ag obair in éineacht le gníomhaireachtaí eile agus ní féidir linn gan díriú ná dearmad a dhéanamh go bhfuil luach le gach duine agus gur gá roinnt daoine a chothú níos mó ná daoine eile ag céimeanna éagsúla dá saol.

Cuireann Comhairle Átha Cliath Theas réimse seirbhísí ar fáil agus le linn mo thréimhse chuir mé béim faoi leith ar roinnt téamaí. Áirítear ann 'contae níos

sláintiúla - intinn, corp, spiorad' agus rinne mé iarracht rudaí dearfacha a chur chun cinn inár bpobail agus daoine a cheangal leis na tionscadail go leor a reáchtáilann ár gComhairle nó lena gcuideíonn sí, i gcomhar leis an réimse grúpaí pobail agus deonacha ar fud Átha Cliath Theas agus Átha Cliath Thiar Theas. Cé acu an spórt, na healaíona, nó saothair chruthaitheacha eile, tá neart gníomhaíochtaí ar leac an dorais againn d'óg agus d'aosta.

Tá béim curtha agam freisin ar inbhuanaitheacht agus ar neamhspleáchas fuinnimh agus bhí lúcháir orm go bhfuil béim curtha ag an gcomhairle ar thionscadail fuinneamh in-athnuaite, ar chumhacht ghrianfhótavoltach, obair inslithe ina cuid stoc tithíochta agus fóntas poiblí agus tá rolladh amach pointí athluchtaithe do charranna leictreacha beagnach i gcrích aici. Mar chontae níos glaise is féidir linn airgead a shábháil do gach duine agus níos mó post a chruthú.

Maidir le cúrsaí fostaíochta, thug mé tacaíocht mhór den obair a dhéanann ár nOifig Fiontair Áitiúil, in éineacht le Comhlachas Átha Cliath Theas. Tá deiseanna níos fearr ann anois ná mar a bhí le roinnt mhaith blianta agus ní fhéadfadh

Áth Cliath Theas bheith in áit níos fearr mar ionad le gnóthaí, soláthraithe TF agus an tionscal seirbhíse a easpórtáil.

Is é an réimse deireanach a bhfuil aird dírithe agam air ná rannpháirtíocht phoiblí, agus ar iarracht a dhéanamh go bhfuil ár gComhairle ag plé níos díri lena cuid saoránach agus go dtugtar ionchur fiúntach dóibh. Bhí mé i bhfách le craoladh gréasáin beo a dhéanamh ar chruinnithe Comhairle agus rinne mé maoirseacht ar an dara bliain den bpróiseas maidir le buiséadú rannpháirtíochta "€300k - Bíodh do Rá Agat". Shuigh mé síos le go leor grúpaí ar son daoine óga, saoránaigh níos sine, daoine atá faoi mhíchumas, mionlaigh eitnigh, tuismitheoirí agus oideachasóirí, agus é mar sprioc agam guth an phobail a fheabhsú.

Is libhse an contae agus tá luach le bhur nguth. Ar aghaidh libh agus bígí páirteach ann. Coinnigh foireann na Comhairle agus na hionadaithe tofa ar a bhfaichill!

Go raibh maith agaibh as mo théarma mar Mhéara a dhéanamh sásúil fiúntach.

Go n-éirí libh,

**Paul Gogarty**

Méara Chomhairle Átha Cliath Theas



SDCC's Ballymount Depot

## Storm Emma

*From the time Met Eireann issued a Red Alert weather warning for Storm Emma, over 200 members of Council staff were involved on the ground in dealing with the immediate preparations, response and clean-up for the severe weather event.*

Once the warning was in place, South Dublin County Council mobilised its Severe Weather Assessment Team, a core group made up of senior management, communications, roads and environment, water and climate change staff, to analyse and coordinate the Council's response across the entire county.

The Council's Severe Weather Assessment Team also played a key role in the Eastern Region Emergency Response co-ordination group. This group is a joined up co-ordination to

emergencies of first responders in the Greater Dublin Region, such as local authorities, the HSE, Gardai Síochána and the Fire Brigade.

Throughout the severe weather period, South Dublin County Council road crews worked on a rolling shift basis of eight hours per shift, meaning that Council staff were continuously in operation or on emergency standby 24 hours a day. During this time, we estimate that the Council covered over 7,000 kilometres of road. Over the course of a 24-hour period, that meant that our crews dropped 80 tonnes of salt and grit per day!

In rural areas of the county, road crews tackled snowdrifts as high as seven feet while our crews were vital in clearing the way for emergency services through extremely treacherous conditions.

To give an idea of the situations the Council encountered, our staff helped transport an organ for donation from Tallaght Hospital to the M50 and on to the Mater Hospital and we were also able to get the roads clear for a wedding to take place on Monday.

Our county is a vital hub for food distribution companies in Ireland and we gave further priority to ensuring that they were able to make their deliveries to supermarkets and shops

As well as the Council's Roads crews, South Dublin County Council Public Realm staff were deployed in urban centres and villages to focus on footpath clearance and gritting. The Council's Drainage crews were on constant standby in case of local flooding. Our Homeless section organised the availability of night and day shelters and

the Council's outreach team were active throughout in locating and bringing rough sleepers inside.

The Council handled nearly three thousand requests and queries from the public through our customer care team and out of hours service.

But we also saw numerous cases of community spirit throughout the county as citizens rallied to clear streets, dig out ambulances and fire engines, check on their neighbours and work together.

The Chief Executive, Mr Daniel McLoughlin, wishes to extend his deep appreciation to all the staff, citizens and volunteers in South Dublin County who worked tirelessly during this extreme weather event.



Some of SDCC's outdoor crew working through Storm Emma.

## Parks Opening

The main Council Parks including Corkagh Park, Dodder Valley Linear Park, Griffeen Valley Park, Rathcoole Park, Sean Walsh Park and Tymon Park are open from **10am – 8pm for the month of May**; the closing time will be extended to **9pm for the months of June, July and August**.



Tymon Park

## €300k Have Your Say

*Participatory Budgeting is a local democratic process which facilitates citizens in a local community to directly decide how to spend a portion of a public budget in their area. It gives people direct power to determine spending priorities to improve their own community in a fully inclusive process. It is empowering, civic minded and fun. It is also educational, fair and transparent. The initiative in South Dublin County was possible through the endeavours, drive and vision of the Council's elected members.*

The aim of this process is to make budgeting more transparent and accessible and to open up participation to people who would never have been involved before, it gives people real power to make decisions.

Examples of projects that could benefit from Participatory Budgeting include local improvements to parks, open spaces, community and sports facilities, play spaces and environmental initiatives.

For 2018, an amount of €300,000 has been allocated for the Clondalkin Electoral Area (Clondalkin, Newcastle and Rathcoole). Residents, through a combination of locally facilitated workshops and an online consultation portal <https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/> were invited to submit their spending proposals for this extra budget.

These proposals and suggestions were assessed during the month of April and the selected ideas were costed by the participatory budgeting steering committee and then put to the elected members at the May Council Meeting. The final shortlist was presented to the public on the [www.sdcc.ie/haveyoursay](http://www.sdcc.ie/haveyoursay) in May.

The public then voted for their priorities up to the value of €300,000. Following the closure of the voting period, the proposals that receive the highest vote, with a combined value of €300,000, will be chosen to proceed to completion by the end of 2019.



Mayor Paul Gogarty, Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council and Frances Fitzgerald, TD at the launch event for €300k Have Your Say at The Round Tower – Brú Chrónáin, Clondalkin on 8th March.



# Conscious Cup Campaign

*With effect from Monday 5th February, as part of the Conscious Cup Campaign, Café CoCo, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght is incentivising all customers by offering a 10c discount when they bring their own reusable cup.*

The central focus points of the conscious cup campaign are to encourage individuals to switch to reusable cups and to persuade coffee shops to accept the reusable cups and offer a reward to those customers, be it a monetary discount or extra loyalty points / stamps.

There are a number of cafes within the County who have engaged in the Conscious Cup Campaign, which is supported by the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Management Office, and SDCC encourages all cafes to engage in this campaign.



## Feedback

We hope you have enjoyed reading this latest edition of South Dublin County Today and welcome your comments.

To be in with a chance to win a €100 **One 4 All** gift voucher, let us know what you think and return the slip below to:

**South Dublin County Council,  
County Hall,  
Tallaght,  
Dublin 24,  
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Or email your comments to **[communications@sdbulincoco.ie](mailto:communications@sdbulincoco.ie)** by **5pm on 31st August 2018**. The winner will be chosen at random and notified by email.

Please tell us what type of stories and features you would like to see in future issues of South Dublin County Today:

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# 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 2018, here are some examples.



## Corporate Performance and Change Management

Customer Care Queries processed	95,000
Telephone calls answered	170,000
<b>Web pages opened on Council websites</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>
Social Media Followers across Council platforms	50,000



## Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Business Support Grants spend	€415,000
Grange Castle jobs sustained	4,411
<b>Library visitors</b>	<b>850,000</b>
Visitors to the Civic Theatre and Rua Red	596,000



## Environment, Water and Climate Change

<b>Grass cut</b>	<b>6,300 hectares</b>
Trees pruned	2,400
Trees planted	1,000
Park land maintained	1,750 hectares
Playing pitches provided/maintained	162
Playgrounds provided/maintained	44
No. of bring banks provided	74
No. of green flag schools	134
Km. of roads swept monthly	930



## Housing, Social and Community Development

Total Housing Stock	9,500
No. of disabled persons grants	150
Housing maintenance requests completed	16,500
No. of community grants issued	110
No. of sports programme participants	84,000
No. of community events participants	100,000
<b>Visitors to leisure facilities</b>	<b>500,000</b>
No. of Local Festivals supported	10



## Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Planning granted new houses - applications (units)	2,000
Area of footpath repaired in metres squared (m2)	82,000
<b>Area of road repaired in m2</b>	<b>125,000</b>
No. of public lights in charge	29,000

## Breakdown on Budget 2018

Total Expenditure

**€232,431,300**



Council  
Expenditure  
per Citizen -  
**€555**

## Sources of Income Budget 2018/ 'Where we get our money from'



Total Income

**€232,431,300**

Commercial Rate and PEL	€123,099,200
Local Property Tax	€5,431,700
Grants	€56,653,700
Fees & Charges	€6,651,700
Other	€40,594,900

## Stay in the safety zone this summer.

*From early May and right through until autumn, we generally see an increase in motorcyclists and cyclists taking advantage of the longer evenings for their long and sometimes large group journeys, and as the weather gets finer, this is an active time for pedestrians and joggers who themselves also take advantage of the fresh mornings and longer evenings to go for a stroll or a jog.*

There is also an increase in agricultural vehicles, camper vans and tourists on the roads during this time, and within housing estates and in build-up areas, we see a lot more vulnerable people out and about, such as young children who are on this school holidays for the summer, so with all this additional 'seasonal' activity on the road, it's a good time for us all to be more aware of the risks and how to avoid them.

Cycling is a great leisurely pastime and one which helps keep us active and healthy, however, it's also one of the more prominent killer factors on the roads. Six cyclists have been killed on Ireland's roads already this year, which is an increase in last year's figures. Various promotional campaigns were launched between the Road Safety Authority, An Garda Síochána and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, and supported by South Dublin County Council of course, to help raise

awareness among drivers and cyclists themselves about how to cycle and allow a person to cycle in a safe and appropriate manner. The 'Minimum Passing Distance' was introduced ahead of the May Bank Holiday weekend ensures drivers must allow a safe passing distance of up to 1.5m while overtaking a cyclist on the road.

There is also an onus on cyclists themselves to ensure that they too are obeying the rules of the road and being considerate and courteous to others. All too often we hear of the 'us and them' argument between some drivers and some cyclists, and the very simple fact is, if we all obeyed the rules of the road and drove or rode where and how we are expected and permitted to, many of these issues wouldn't occur, sadly however, not everyone shares the 'Sharing the Road' concept, which of course is the safe option!

If you are taking to the road over the summer, whether it's out for a leisurely walk, cycle, a run or a nice long drive, always have safety and the four 'C's in mind; Care, Caution, Courtesy and Consideration. Always wear a seatbelt which travelling in a vehicle, and ensure all your passengers do so too. Watch out for vulnerable road users, pedestrians as you approach junctions or bends, drive within the speed limit and to the conditions of the road, allow extra time for your journeys, and above all, never speed or drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

All these rules and regulations, advice and guidelines tend to put a dampener on many people's journeys, but in reality, if you step outside your safety zones, you may end up regretting sticking to the rules in the first place!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



## New Community Sports Development Officer appointed

*Ian Farrell has recently joined the South Dublin County Partnership team as a Community Sports Development Officer.*

His role will be to work with communities in the North and West Clondalkin and West Tallaght areas where funding was received from Sport Ireland to develop Community Sports Hubs. Ian will work with schools, clubs

and community groups to identify gaps and help to promote increased participation in sport and healthy physical activity across the communities in these areas. Ian comes from a sports development role in Dublin City Council and has previously worked in the school sports centres in Killinarden and Collinstown. He can be contacted at [ifarrell@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:ifarrell@sdublincoco.ie)



**sdcsp.ie**  
**South Dublin County Sports Partnership**

# Dublin's Outdoors- Your summer adventure starts here!

*'Dublin's Outdoors' celebrates the beauty of the rivers, mountains and parks of South Dublin County. Whether its hiking up the Dublin Mountains, rafting down the River Liffey or walking along the Canal, Dublin's Outdoors promises something for everyone.*

The Dublin Mountains is a wonderful place to start, just 13km from the city centre, it is a playground for all, both young and old and all levels of fitness. The Mountains can be explored and enjoyed through a number of different activities, such as horse riding at the mountain's foothills, forest adventures, or through guided tours. Wildlife lovers will also leave impressed, as there are a variety of animals to spot such as red squirrels, deer and badgers. With camping, walking trails and orienteering on offer, discovering the Dublin Mountains is the perfect way to escape the hustle of the city centre and reconnect with nature.

One of the Dublin Mountain's most unique offerings and a must see is Montpelier Hill, also known as the Hellfire Club. Well known in Irish history, the Hellfire Club is the name given to the ruined but surprisingly intact building atop the mountain.

## Enjoying water sports in South Dublin County



The Hellfire Club, Montpelier Hill

Aside from the Dublin Mountains, it is easy to enjoy South Dublin County's outdoor recreational activities, along the River Liffey and canal, and in the small towns and villages. The Grand Canal Way is a wonderful way to discover the area, both urban and rural, as it was originally designed to connect the city centre westwards through the midlands with the River Shannon. In South Dublin County, 8.5 kilometres of the walkway can be enjoyed between the 3rd Lock at Inchicore in Dublin and the 12th Lock at Lucan, South Dublin County.

The route boasts leisure facilities such as fishing points, boating and berthing areas, as well as seating. Wildlife habitats have been maintained and developed, and there is signage along the route detailing the history of the area as well as information on the flora and fauna.

For even more adventure, look towards the River Liffey, which stretches from Palmerstown on the edge of the city centre to Lucan on the boundary of Co. Kildare. In addition to the riverside walks, there are also options to raft, canoe and kayak on the famous river. With a number of different service providers, there is a vast range of ways to enjoy the Liffey, from guided heritage trips available on the water, to the world-famous Liffey Descent.

If you prefer land based activities, why not escape to nature and explore a huge variety of parks and beautifully manicured gardens throughout South Dublin County. Popular parks, for both young and old, include Corkagh Park, Griffeen Valley Park, Tymon Park and Rathfarnham Castle Park.

Find all you need to explore South Dublin County with the Dublin's Outdoors website and be sure to keep up to date with all events and activities via Dublin's Outdoors' social media accounts. Dublin's Outdoors encourages you to share your moments on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



# Schools Cross Country Programme

*South Dublin County Council's Sports Office offer primary schools the opportunity to participate in a South Dublin County Cross Country Race Series from February to May each year. The programme is purely based on participation and fun and provides an excellent opportunity for children of all levels to get involved. This year has been exceptional with 72 schools participating which amounted to 3,200 children running locally each month.*

## Finals Day:

Every child that participated in the race series to date gets to compete regardless of their placing along the way. Finals day was held in Corkagh Park on 17th May with approx. 3,500 children in attendance. This day is a celebration of the effort that has been made throughout the series. As mentioned the event is about participation however, we do recognise the amazing individual performances of race winners in the local events – these athletes get to run

against each other in the champions race, and the overall winner of their particular class race, to be crowned as the third class Girls champion in South Dublin etc. Finals day was staffed by a team of over 70 South Dublin County Council employees led by the Sports and Recreation Officers. Their enthusiasm and willingness to work as a team ensured that the Sports and Recreation Officers were able to run such a successful and efficient event. It most certainly is a highlight on South Dublin County Council's calendar and would not have been possible without their support.

## Paralympic Races:

This has been a new addition to the programme over the past three years. Pupils that have a physical disability should not be left behind in the class room when 50 others are getting to represent their school. This year saw more schools engaging in these races, with the Paralympics section being represented in each area.

The Schools Cross Country series is about getting children active and enjoying athletics. Schools engage with the series 100%, and offer training before and after school and the pupils take it on themselves during some of their lunch breaks. The demand for this race series starts in September with schools contacting us to see if it is on in February.



Schools Cross Country Final

# Flavours of South Dublin Food Festival

*This free food and cultural festival will showcase the wide variety of ethnic and cultural groups living and working within South Dublin County Council area through food, entertainment and a craft village.*

The Flavours of South Dublin Food Festival is scheduled to take place in Rathfarnham Castle Park on Sunday 24 June from 11.00 am – 6.00 pm. This unique food festival will showcase the very best cuisine from the locality, and aims to highlight the diversity and vibrancy of the food culture in the county. This is the second year of the festival, it is free to attend and guarantees to be a great day out for the whole family.

Visitors and locals alike are encouraged to come along and try some of the gourmet cuisine and delectable tastes. The festival will feature flavours from around the



Rathfarnham Castle Park

world, from traditional Irish fare, to Asian dishes, with something to suit all tastes.

**Rathfarnham Castle Park**  
Sunday 24 June 2018

# Events

## Crúinniú na nÓg

Saturday 23rd June

Details will be available after the 28th of May



Creative Ireland South Dublin will present a programme of events for Crúinniú na nÓg, Ireland's new national cultural day for children, on Saturday 23rd June, in libraries and other venues across the county. Events include storytelling, coding, lego workshops, theatre and music. Further details will be available after the 28th of May on the [creativeireland.ie/cruinniú](http://creativeireland.ie/cruinniú) website and on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).

# Promoting responsible urban horse ownership and horse welfare in South Dublin County.

*Down through the years the horse has maintained considerable popularity as a recreational animal in Dublin. One of the outcomes of this continuing popularity has been an increase in the number of people seeking to keep horses in South Dublin County Council's area. However and unfortunately, without following proper guidelines and regulations, the care and housing of horses kept in South Dublin County has often been substandard, which has led to devastating consequences for the welfare of the horses involved.*

In order to keep a horse in South Dublin County, you must hold a "Horse Licence" and a valid "Horse Passport". But that's not where the responsibilities end! Those who keep horses must also source or provide a suitable premises in which to house the horse. Stabling a horse in a front or rear garden is not deemed a suitable location and is not permitted. When considering a suitable location, you must take into account the size of the building, whether it is big enough to keep the number of horses proposed to be kept, and does it have suitable lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness. Often, a lack of attention to housing and hygiene has resulted in problems such as odour and the breeding of flies and vermin which have been the subject of complaints made by residents the council. So you'll have to find a way to remove and dispose of manure and other offensive material in an appropriate manner as soon as possible to avoid causing a nuisance to your neighbours. Please be aware that the spread of infectious or contagious disease among horses is also a concern when all reasonable precautions are not taken.

There are also rules and regulations for horse location premises – these must be registered, so anyone who is the owner/person in charge of any premises in which horses or other equines, such as donkeys and ponies for example are kept, must register their premises with the Department for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. This provides the department a full



picture of where horses are located, so that it can alert owners quickly in the event of a contagious disease outbreak, quickly implement disease control measures and also give advice on appropriate precautionary, containment and control measures as soon as possible. Registration is through the local Department's Regional Offices. Application forms on which to register may be obtained from the Department's regional offices or from the Department's Animal Health Division, tel. **01 607 2466** or from the Department's website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/animalhealthwelfare/animalwelfare/registrationofpremisesanimals/registrationofhorsepremises>

But the responsibilities don't end there. An adequate supply of potable (drinking) water must be constantly available, along with a supply of wholesome food. Where the horse is not at grass, food stored in a dry, secure and suitable place, and bedding material must also be provided. If the horse is kept at grass, the keeper of the horse must ensure that adequate pasture and shelter is maintained at all times. And of course, you must ensure the horse is adequately exercised and rested and

visited at regular intervals. Those who are responsible for keeping a horse must ensure that sufficient care is taken of the horse, as well as veterinary care.

This is not an exhaustive list of the responsibilities for keeping a horse, but just gives you an idea of the items you must take into account when keeping a horse in South Dublin County. A full list including the relevant bye-laws is available on the Council's website here <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/animal-welfare/horses/>

## Stray Horses

Straying horses are a hazard on the road, can cause damage to public and private property, and are a public liability issue. There are also issues relating to their welfare and there are often cases of cruelty and neglect associated with stray horses.

Stray Horses can be seized by South Dublin County Council under the Control of Horses Act 1996 for some of the following reasons: If horses are found wandering on public land, if horses cause danger to property or persons (public safety), if horses cause a nuisance, if they are stabled in a front or rear garden or if the horse is known to be unlicensed.

To make a complaint or to report a stray horse, you can call into South Dublin County Council's head office in Tallaght or contact the office by phoning **(01) 414 9000**. In the case of an emergency only, please contact your local Garda Station:

## Emergency only

Tallaght	<b>(01) 666 6000</b>
Ronanstown	<b>(01) 666 7700</b>
Clondalkin	<b>(01) 666 7700</b>
Lucan	<b>(01) 666 7300</b>
Rathcoole	<b>(01) 666 7900</b>
Rathfarnham	<b>(01) 666 6500</b>
Terenure	<b>(01) 666 6400</b>

You may also e-mail [info@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:info@sdublincoco.ie) or use our Online **Customer Care Contact Form**.

# Your new household recycling list

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## Rigid Plastics



Plastic Drink Bottles



Plastic Cleaning Bottles



Butter, Yoghurt & Salad Tubs



Fruit & Veg Trays



Plastic Milk Cartons



Soap or Shampoo Bottles

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## Tins & Cans



Soup Cans



Pet Food Cans



Drink Cans



Food Cans

**Clean,  
Dry and  
Loose**

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## Paper & Cardboard



Letters and Brochures



Cardboard Boxes (Flat)



Egg Boxes



Toilet and Kitchen Roll



Newspapers



Tetra Pak Juice or Milk Cartons

## SDCC Contact Details

*We aim to provide high-quality services for all members of the public and access to information is a very important part of this process. There are many ways to contact us:*

**You can call to one of our two offices.** They are located at County Hall, Town Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 YNN5 and Civic Offices, Ninth Lock Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, D22 E9X5. There you can talk to one of our Customer Care Staff on a variety of topics. The Customer Care Counters are open from 9am - 5pm (4.30pm on Fri)

If you have a planning query, or want to check planning applications, you can visit the Council's Planning Counter at County Hall in Tallaght. The Planning Counter is open 9am to 4pm Mon to Fri.

The Council operates two Cash Offices, to take housing rent and other payments. The Cash Office in County Hall, Tallaght is open 9am to 4pm (3.30pm on Fri) and our Cash Office in Civic Centre, Clondalkin is open 9am to 3.30pm Mon to Fri.

The Housing Counter in County Hall, Tallaght is open 9am - 12.30pm and 1.45pm to 5pm (4.30pm on Fri) whilst the Homeless Services in Tallaght are open 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm

**Fix Your Street:** The online portal FixYourStreet.ie can be used to report issues regarding any of the following type of enquiries:

Graffiti  
Leaks and Drainage  
Litter and Illegal Dumping  
Road or Path Defects

**Via the Website:** You can log a query via the Customer Care online form under the *Contact Us* section on our [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie). Remember, a wide range of facilities and services can be accessed by visiting our site. Or you could simply e-mail us at [info@sdbublincoco.ie](mailto:info@sdbublincoco.ie)

In the event of an emergency please contact our **emergency / out of hours number at 01 457 4907.**

If you require information or wish to report an issue with water supply, water quality or waste water, please contact Irish Water directly on 1890 278 278.

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# ONLY FOOLS and 3 COURSES

**DINING INVITATION**

**Join us** for the dinner event of the year, which combines fine food and comedy action, served up **ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES** style.

Marlene and Boycie are hosting a Gala Dinner, but will things go to plan with **Del, Rodney** and **Uncle Albert** ("during the war") on the guest list.

Will Raquel put in an appearance and sing? **Surely not after the last time?!**

An evening of chaos and mayhem with an extra large portion of comedy is the order of the night. Expect a **BIG FUN NIGHT OUT** in a friendly party atmosphere with some of the finest comedy actors in the land, professionally produced to the highest standards with your enjoyment at the top of the menu.

**CUSHTY.**

This is a Tribute Show

**Civic Theatre**

**Monday 11th June 7.00pm**  
**Tuesday 12th June 7.00pm**  
**Wednesday 13th June 7.00pm**

**Belgard Square East Dublin** [www.comedy-dining.co.uk](http://www.comedy-dining.co.uk)

**Civic Theatre 2018 Panto**  
Featuring an All-Star Cast

# Jack and the Beanstalk

**Fee - Fi - Fo - Fum**  
**Come to the Civic for the best Christmas Fun!**

The Civic Theatre are excited and proud to present our first professional panto production. 'Jack & The Beanstalk', Dublin's most hilarious panto, will feature an all-star cast. This magical giant of a panto is a spectacular treat for all ages.



**STARRING SORCHA FURLONG (ORLA IN FAIR CITY) AS THE EVIL BARONESS!**

Produced & directed by Rob Murphy (Cheerios Panto/ Civic Theatre Summer Camp)

**December 12-30**  
For times see [www.civictheatre.ie](http://www.civictheatre.ie)

**ON SALE NOW**

**TICKETS €16/14**

**FAMILY TICKET €55 (2 ADULTS + 2 KIDS)**

# What's on in Rua Red Summer 2018



## Exhibitions

### Democracia

*Rua Red Gallery, 27 April to 23 June 2018*

From 27 April to 23 June 2018, artistic collective DEMOCRACIA (Pablo España and Iván López) will premier their expansive new operatic work ORDER at Rua Red Gallery, Dublin. Based in Madrid, DEMOCRACIA collaborate on large-scale interventions, politicising spaces and situations through the apparatus of propaganda. Filmed between Dublin, Houston and London, ORDER moves between out-of-town shopping malls, open-carry demonstrations and lavish dinners, to present in its melodrama the historic antagonisms of the oppressors and the oppressed.

Presented as film and installation, ORDER is a three part opera that seeks to radically critique the conventions and injustices of capitalism. The artwork presents in its

three acts - Eat the Rich/Kill the Poor; Konsumentenchor; and Dinner at the Dorchester - dramatised analogues of our reality through carefully engineered interventions in public and private spaces.

### Land / Sea / Signal

*20 July - 14 September 2018*

Alan Butler, Gregory Chatonsky, John Gerrard, Nicolas Sassoon, Santa France  
Curated by Nora O Murchú

From overhead satellites to underwater sea cables — network infrastructures and algorithmic software systems are as ubiquitous as they are invisible. Today's internet infrastructures are complex adaptive systems; they encompass data centres, software protocols, mineral mines and assembly line workers; connecting the flow of information beaming from satellites to the smartphones in our hands.

The artists in this exhibition bring about a new understanding of infrastructure and its materiality's. They connect to geography, protocols, economic markets and communication grids, building a discursive space of practice that aims to move beyond critical concerns of these issues to move toward the imagination and speculation of the potentialities of what infrastructure could be.

### Film Screening

*They Live | John Carpenter*

*14 Jun, 7pm - 8.30pm*

Rated R, €5 per person

Nada (Roddy Piper), a wanderer without meaning in his life, discovers a pair of sunglasses capable of showing the world the way it truly is.

As he walks the streets of Los Angeles, Nada notices that both the media and the government are comprised of subliminal messages meant to keep the population subdued, and that most of the social elite are skull-faced aliens bent on world domination. With this shocking discovery, Nada fights to free humanity from the mind-controlling aliens.

## Art Class

### Art Trolley

*(3 - 7 yrs and 8 - 12yrs)*

Term 3: 14 Apr - 19 May

Every Sat. 10.30am - 11.30am

€30: 6 week term / €5 drop in

In Art Trolley Term 3 children will take part in art activities linked to the exhibitions. As well as being creative children will learn about contemporary art and the themes behind the exhibitions. Parent/guardian must stay with child for the younger group.

## Events

The Red Line Book Festival is a celebration of all things literary. It provides a programme of events and workshops aimed to attract culturally curious audiences of all ages and interests from both the local and wider

community. The initiative is funded by South Dublin County Council and managed by South Dublin Libraries and Arts.

This year the festival will run from 8th - 14th October with the launch date on

Saturday 8th of September. Save these dates and get involved in a great festival!

[www.redlinebookfestival.ie](http://www.redlinebookfestival.ie) and

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

We look forward to seeing you at Red Line Book Festival 2018!



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