



### **About the Chief Executive's Report**

South Dublin County Council's Chief Executive's Report is presented to elected members at Council every month and details important achievements across our various departments whilst highlighting key statistics and images from events that took place that month.

The report also highlights major news pieces and puts a focus on an area of the Council that doesn't always get the attention it deserves.

# **Contents**





Highlights from Land Use Planning and Transportation.



22

### **Statistics Report**



25

Images of the Month



### **Features**

### 14 Reservoir Project

The sod was turned on flagship reservoir project for the Greater Dublin Area.

### 16 Tandy's Lane Park

The phased opening of Tandy's Lane Park within Adamstown is taking place.

### 18 Local Government Awards

The Council has been shortlisted in ten categories at the Excellence in Local Government Awards.

### 20 Council Focus

A look at climate action initiatives, the Dublin Climate Action Week and the Council's Active Travel plans.







### **National Bike Week**

National Bike Week runs this year from Sunday 13 September through to Saturday 18 September and we will have an exciting programme of events that will include something for everyone.

These include a family fun day outdoor popup cycle velodrome, a series of online events including bike yoga, a bike mechanic session, a beginners bike ride at Corkagh Park, cycle to work day and a bike to school day, as well as elected members of the Council cycling the Council's active travel routes.

If you cannot attend an event we would love you to participate in our Twitter campaign which runs throughout the week with the handle #BikeWeek and #YourCyclingAdventure.

More details on our programme for Bike Week are available on www.sdcc.ie.



### Templeogue Village

Work on improvements to Templeogue Village began at the start of the summer and include the opening of a new car park on Council owned lands to the rear of the village. This new car park will allow the existing car park on Riverside Way to be redeveloped for much needed new homes. On the main street, the scheme comprises traffic calming measures, as well as new street trees, benches and bike stands.

### City Edge Project Public Consultation

s part of a national strategy to regenerate and rejuvenate our cities and large towns while concentrating new housing and employment in existing urban areas, South Dublin County Council (SDCC) and Dublin City Council (DCC) have come together in a collaborative partnership and joint urban regeneration effort known as the City Edge Project.

As part of the work completed on this project to date, we have developed a comprehensive understanding of what is in this area today, as well as the opportunities and constraints. Informed by this we believe there is a sizeable opportunity to both support existing industry but also to reshape this important area and introduce opportunities for new homes and jobs. To help shape this framework plan, we will be running a non-statutory four week public consultation programme from 9 September 2021 to midnight 6 October 2021.

Display information and details on how to access live online events will be available to view in a Virtual Consultation Room and submissions will be invited via SDCC's Online Consultation Portal. Submissions will be the subject of a report to the Elected Members of SDCC and DCC, which will inform the project before it progresses to a more detailed framework plan.

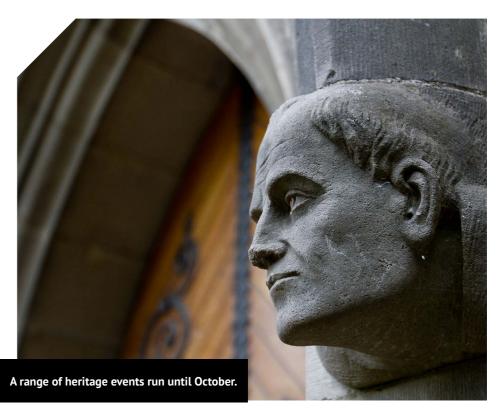


project opens on 9 September.

### Heritage Week

Every year, the Council prepare a list of summertime history and heritage events which coincide with National Heritage Week. Funding for these events is drawn from the County Heritage Plan budget and the event list is co-ordinated by our libraries.

This year's heritage events commenced in August and will run until October 2021, including workshops, Decade of Commemoration events and children-focused events. You can find details on every event on the Council's website at www.sdcc.ie.





#### Mobile Home Loan Scheme

South Dublin County Council is one of four local authorities who, in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, are piloting a new Caravan/Mobile Home Loans Scheme. In total €1 million has been made available under the pilot scheme with €300k provisionally allocated to this Council.

A maximum loan of €30k is available to eligible applicants and information was circulated to all residents of Traveller halting site bays. Following its launch in July 2021, over 30 expressions of interest have already been received ahead of the closing date of 10 September 2021, after which applications will be assessed and loans issued.



### **Housing Online**

As part of the ongoing roll-out of our new integrated housing system, tenants will be asked to register for the Council's new housing online (HOL) portal in the coming weeks. HOL will allow tenants to manage their tenancy online 24/7 from any device without having to wait to contact our customer service team during normal office hours. We will contact all Council tenants in phases with details on how to register.

### Successful Sports Partnership Disability Summer Camps

everal inspiring and focused sports inclusion focused camps were delivered across the County by our dedicated sports team aimed at children and teens with autism spectrum disorders and/or intellectual disabilities this summer.

These camps were designed to support inclusion by young people in various sporting activities and were delivered in partnership with Basketball Ireland, Wheelchair Basketball, the Football Association of Ireland, Dublin Lions Boxing Club, Leinster Rugby and Clondalkin Rugby Football Club.

Hundreds of children attended

camps at various locations over the summer with really positive parent and participant feedback. We will continue to explore further opportunities for such camps in future. Sports inclusion and increasing participation opportunities for all young people is a key focus of the work of the sports team and we are happy to work with support groups and any sports clubs interested in partnering on future programmes.

For more details on our activities to promote the inclusion of people with a disability in sport please contact the Council and our Sports Inclusion Officer by emailing info@sdublincoco.ie.



### **Creative Places Art Project**

Creative Places, a new art project being delivered in Mac Uilliam estate in Tallaght with funding from the Council and the Arts Council, looks to develop and sustain creative opportunities for residents of all ages. The project is targeted at areas without previous sustained arts investment to build local arts programmes and continues our estate management team's efforts to provide new and innovative supports.

For further information please contact our estate management team by emailing info@sdublincoco.ie.





#### Historian in Residence

Liz Gillis has been appointed as the South Dublin County Council Decade of Centenaries Historian in Residence for 2021. Liz has a degree in Modern Irish History and specialises in the Irish Revolutionary period. She is a lecturer at Champlain College Dublin and a researcher on The History Show on RTE Radio. She has also worked as a curator on the RTE 1916 Centenary Project, as a tour guide in Kilmainham Gaol, and as historical consultant on projects including the Custom House Visitor Centre and Hyatt Centric Liberties Hotel. Liz is currently working on a programme for autumn/winter 2021

If you have any family stories, memories, objects, photographs or ephemera relating to the 1913-1923 period, please get in touch with us on commemorations@sdublincoco.ie.

This initiative is supported by the Decade of Centenaries Programme from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



#### Revival of Live

Áras Chrónáin's Seó Beo Arís: The Revival of Live project, supported by the South Dublin County Arts Office and funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media was held in August. Ten music acts spread across five days brought back the invigorating effects of live music in an open-air setting. Further Revival of Live events took place in Lucan and Rathfarnham Castle.

### Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme

IA - Life Insurance Association Ireland - a professional educational and development association for the financial services industry, has been awarded €1,000 in recognition of the work undertaken to transform the shopfront design of its business premises. LIA of Kimmage Road West, Dublin 12 received €1,000 from South **Dublin County Council under** the Council's annual Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme. The award of Best Designed Shopfront was in addition to a grant received to part-fund the installation of an improved shopfront design.

The Shopfront Grant Scheme provides an opportunity for local businesses and retailers to preserve and enhance our villages. Winning the Best Designed Shopfront award as well as receiving the grant towards the improvement works shows that it makes sense for local businesses to apply for the Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme. A building's facade can make a big impact on the streetscape and how a shopfront looks matters to both the business owner and the local community.

The annual Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme provides grants for something as simple as painting, to replacing an entire shop front. Grants are available for a maximum of 50% of overall costs. Furthermore, a prize of €1,000 is awarded for the Best Designed Shopfront under the scheme.



### **Local Enterprise Office**

The South Dublin Local Enterprise Office has a range of online workshops and training sessions taking place. These include, Visual Storytelling, a workshop for businesses using video, graphics and photography, for social media and other marketing purposes, training in SEO and Google Ads and an introduction to starting your own business programme.

Places are limited so make sure to vitsit www.localenterprise.ie/ SouthDublin/Training-Events/ Online-Bookings to book your place now.





### €300k Have Your Sav Launching in Tallaght Cen-

he Tallaght Central area has been patiently waiting for the launch of the €300K Have Your Say initiative, which has been postponed since it was drawn from a hat at a Council meeting in February 2020. We are delighted to announce that €300k Have Your Say will now be launched for the Tallaght Central area on Wednesday 8 September. The submissions phase of the initiative will also open following the launch and remain open until Friday 8 October.

€300k Have Your Say is a participatory budgeting initiative that has been run by South Dublin County Council since 2017. The initiative allows residents to develop and

submit ideas for their local area. They then vote on the shortlisted ideas to identify the best winning projects that will be funded up to the value of €300,000. There are no age barriers to taking part and every proposal is welcome and treated with respect.

If you are a resident in the Tallaght Central area, we invite you to suggest ideas through either coming to your nearest workshop or simply online at the €300k Have Your Say website. This initiative provides the opportunity for you to bring your ideas for your community to life. More details and links to online workshops are available on www. sdcc.ie/en/have-your-say.



### **Register of Electors**

The Council is carrying out a bus shelter and social media campaign in September to raise awareness of the need to be on the Register of Electors.

To check if you are on the register, please visit www.voter.ie and enter your details. Those not registered can add themselves to the Supplement to the Register through the Voter.ie system with a verified MyGovID account. Voter.ie is a joint initiative involving the four Dublin local authorities. Forms can also be downloaded from www.sdcc.ie to register or amend details.

### **New Local Government** Jobs website launched

Working in local government gives you the chance to make a difference for your county, community and country. Wherever you work in local government, you can be sure your work will have a real impact. Now you can search for all jobs in local government across the country on the one website www. localgovernmentjobs.ie. The Human Resource Department of the Council has been actively involved in this initiative as we believe the value of working in local government is worth shouting about and we want to support the promotion of the local authority sector as an employer of choice.

We value our employees and want to support them to develop their careers. We offer flexible working arrangements, a positive work environment, training and development opportunities, a defined career path and the opportunity to make a difference. For job opportunities in South Dublin County Council as well as any other local authority, please visit the new website or keep updated on the Careers page of www.sdcc.ie.



### **Drowning Prevention Day**

County Hall was lit up in blue to mark #WorldDrowningPreventionDay on 25 July 2021. In Ireland in each of the last ten years, an average of 115 people lost their lives to drowning. July 25th has been declared World Drowning Prevention Day. A day to remember loved ones lost and to practice and raise awareness around water safety.



Check the Register

Register to Vote

**Edit Your Details** 

A voter registration awareness campaign is ongoing.







### Positive response to DURL

The EU funded DURL Project continues to make positive progress across all its actions, including calling to selected private houses to find domestic misconnections in the River Griffeen (SDCC) and Carrickmines (DLRCC) catchment areas. The Project has received an overwhelmingly positive response from householders, and residents associations, as the stormwater assessors have called to 1,200 houses since May 2021 and assessed the stormwater (rainwater) drainage at 99% of the houses contacted.

The DURL Stormwater Assessors will continue to work with householders to ensure pollution is no longer entering our watercourses and of the 120 misconnections identified to date 52% have already been repaired, and householders have committed to repairing the outstanding misconnections. This phenomenal support and co-operation from householders will significantly improve the local water quality and benefit biodiversity.



### **Clean Air Together Project**

Clean Air Together invites members of the public to measure Dublin's air quality. It is a citizen science project where 1,000 participants will record levels of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) pollution in their local area. It is a joint project between the EPA and An Taisce that aims to improve air quality in Dublin in the future. Simply visit www. cleanairtogether.ie by 22 September 2021 to apply to take part.

## Teenspace Programme delivers facilities at Collinstown Park

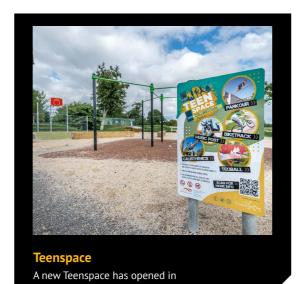
he Council's Teenspace programme is underway with ongoing consultation with teenagers in local areas and the delivery facilities within South Dublin County's public spaces.

The Teenspace programme is designed to provide teenagers with their own space within public spaces: well located in a high profile location, safe, well designed and pleasant; this space will support teenagers to meet with their peers, engage in unstructured activity and feel safe.

To date, the Council has delivered Teenspaces in Collinstown Park,

Tandy's Lane Park and with the recent calisthenics area opened at Tymon Park. A Teenspace is currently under construction at Ballycragh Park and consultation is underway at a number of other locations.

The Collinstown Park Teenspace opened to the public in July and is adjacent to the very popular playspace. It contains seating areas, a bicycle track, a basketball area and goal for informal games, Teqball and a calisthenics (keep fit) area. It will be augmented within the coming weeks with the addition of a parkour area.



Collinstown Park.

### Whitechurch Playspace

On Tuesday 27 July, the Deputy Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Councillor Laura Donaghy officially opened the playspace at the public open space at Whitechurch.

The Deputy Mayor paid tribute to the Whitechurch Residents Association, the local community, and the children of Whitechurch for their support of the playspace; their active engagement in the consultation process and acknowledged the ownership and care of the local community and the work of the Council staff in managing the project and maintaining the playspace.



# Sod Turned on Flagship Reservoir Project



he strategically important reservoir project in Saggart involves the construction of a new 100 million litre covered treated storage reservoir that will help to safeguard the water supply to homes and businesses in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA). The new state of the art reservoir will store 100 million litres of treated drinking water, the equivalent of 40 Olympic sized swimming pools supplied from Ballymore Eus-

tace Water treatment plant, Ireland's largest water treatment plant.

The construction of the new reservoir and associate pipelines is expected to be completed within three years. Coffey Construction Ireland Limited recently signed the contract to deliver this project on behalf of Irish Water.

The upgrade marks the first significant investment in the existing

#### Why build a new reservoir?

Today across the world and in Ireland we can see the impacts of climate change bringing long spells of warmer weather and warnings alongside the continued need to support housing, businesses and economic growth. The Eastern side of the country and the Greater Dublin Area's water network need to be more resilient to periods of high demand and we need to build future capacity into water system for all

This project is one of a number of critical steps in safeguarding Dublin's water supply to ensure it is capable of meeting current and future demand.

Saggart waterworks since it was built in the 1950's. The current waterworks will be replaced with a new reservoir that will provide treated drinking water storage, building resilience in the water infrastructure for the GDA and improving the security of supply for existing and future residential and commercial development.

Speaking at the sod turning for the Saggart reservoir project, Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Peter Kavanagh said, "The construction of this key piece of infrastructure demonstrates how Irish Water, working in partnership with South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council and along with Coffey Construction is delivering infrastructure that is critical for our communities and our economy.

The delivery of this project will support existing and future residential and commercial development in the Greater Dublin Area and I would like to wish Irish Water and the project team well as they embark on this important project that will help to build resilience in our water infrastructure for the longer term."



# Opening of Tandy's Lane Park



visitors.

andy's Lane Park has been designed to a high contemporary standard and quality that will enhance the identity of Adamstown and has been designed for all, from young to old, with a range of recreational opportunities that will invite users back for repeat visits.

The €5 million Tandy's Lane Park construction project, which received funding from the Department of

Housing, Local Government and Heritage's Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund, commenced in 2019 and is due for completion in October 2021. As several portions of the park were substantially complete, the Council decided to open these sections to support an Outdoor Summer in the Lucan area in 2021.

The park will provide formal and informal recreation facilities, such as

### Infrastructure Projects for Adamstown

A combined €15 million was allocated for the three projects by the then Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Funds (LIHAF) with South Dublin County Council providing the extra €5 million in funding for three significant infrastructure projects at the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone

The ambitious large-scale delivery of essential infrastructure in Adamstown consists of the construction of three separate projects: Airlie Park, Tandy's Lane Park and the successful LIHAF funding bid for financial support was linked to the delivery of 2,000 new homes within the Adamstown SDZ.

playing pitches, three interconnected playgrounds, and a fitness area alongside high quality soft and hard landscaping. The soft landscapes including the provision of wildflower meadows will provide a leisurely setting whilst also providing a pollinator-friendly environment.

The areas of Tandy's Lane Park that have been recently opened include extensive areas of footpaths with informal seating, surrounded by flower meadows and allowing views of the retained, mature hedgerows and woodland areas. The new park also includes newly planted areas with native and ornamental trees, including a newly planted orchard area. The larger of the playspaces is also open, with an adjacent picnic area and, further into the park, a parkour / teenage area is also available.

The phased opening of the park has been much welcomed locally with the playground and teenage areas getting plenty of use and providing hours of enjoyment for visitors to this new park. The remainder of the park will open later this year once the works are fully completed.



## Local Government Awards



Government Awards. The Council has been shortlisted for the following projects in these categories.

The redevelopment of Killinarden Park and new Green link in the Supporting Sustainable Communities category,

- South Dublin County Council Development Plan (CDP) Public Consultation in Best Practice in Community Engagement,
- Zooming through Lockdown in Health and Wellbeing,
- The Dodder Greenway in Supporting Tourism,
- Tallaght District Heating Network in Local Authority Innovation,
- Pollinator Action Plan 2021 -2025 in Sustainable Environment

#### Chambers Ireland

Chambers Ireland is Ireland's largest business organisation with a network of Chambers of Commerce in every major town and region in the country. They facilitate the growth and development of the Irish chamber network and enable the chambers in the network to effectively promote the long term development of their locality on behalf of their members as well as working towards creating a better environment for business by working with government and other stakeholders on key policy issues.

The annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards is now in its eighteenth

The Creative Studio as part of NCL (North Clondalkin Library) in Best Library Service,

Policy for Rightsizing and Allocation of Age Friendly Accommodation in Age Friendly Initiative,

- (SnaGÁCT) Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas in Festival of
- Grange Castle Pocket Park in Heritage and Built Environment.

The Local Government Awards, sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. Awards will be presented for Local Government Excellence across several different categories and one local authority will be awarded the overall

award and named Local Authority of the Year 2021.

The awards will be hosted via an online ceremony on Thursday 18 November 2021.







An exciting programme of events has been organised for Dublin Climate Action Week while the Council's Active Travel plans gather momentum.

South Dublin County Council has joined together with the other three Dublin local authorities, Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency, and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office to organise the first ever Dublin Climate Action Week which will take place from 13 to 19 September 2021.

During the week, a huge range of online and in-person events will demonstrate the local authorities' efforts, ambitions, and collaborative approach we are taking in addressing climate change. These include a panel discussion on tackling Climate Change in South Dublin County, a solar powered cinema screening of the climate film 2040 in Rathfarnham Castle Park, a free online workshop that will explain

how Sustainable Energy Communities can help South Dublin County citizens identify sustainable energy solutions in our homes, schools, businesses and communities and much more.

A new website has also been

launched at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie that includes all event information from across the four Dublin local authorities and resources such as curated lists of podcasts and books covering topics relating to climate change to help you explore the issue, understand it better and to inspire further interest and action in one of this generation's greatest challenges.

For more information on Dublin Climate Action Week or to view the full programme of events and to register for A Focus on

# Climate Action

events please visit www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie.

#### **Innovative Projects**

Dublin Climate Action Week is only one example of how South Dublin County Council is responding to climate change and delivering on targets set out in our Climate Change Action Plan. Projects such as the Tallaght District Heating Scheme and the LED street lighting programme demonstrate how we are committed to taking significant action to tackle climate change.

Particularly in the area of active travel, the Council has adopted an ambitious programme of work in Cycle South Dublin that reflects the increasing importance of making cycling a realistic and integral part of how people move around the County. It proposes a set of 57 projects that



will bring significant interconnectivity for pedestrians and cyclists across South Dublin County now and over the next eight years. This will enable the communities of South Dublin County to make realistic choices to walk or cycle to school/work and for leisure on a more regular basis. One of the many benefits of this will result in a significant contribution towards our climate and reducing our lifestyle carbon emissions.

Active travel is considered the most sustainable and low carbon form of getting from A to B. Increased use of active travel which will happen as we roll out more routes and increase interconnectivity for South Dublin County, will have massive lifecycle carbon emissions benefits.

Our plans for improved active travel in South Dublin County are committed to enabling communities to connect with the parks, woodlands, waterways and roads through active travel modes of transport. This helps develop pro-environment behaviours which include improved travel choices, energy use and waste. Making active travel options such as walking and cycling fun and accessible and empowering people to reduce their carbon footprint, generating cleaner air for all is at the forefront of what we aim to deliver to improve our environment through active travel.

We will continue to focus on the delivery of all active travel projects and in engaging citizens within our communities to take up walking and cycling as part of their daily lives. With some big projects, such as the Dodder Greenway, Lucan Canal Loop, Citywest to Rathfarnham, Grand Canal extension on the way, to name but a few, we will have every area covered in South Dublin County for realistic options on active travel.

### September Statistics Report

# Highlights



### Corporate Performance and Change Management

5,145
4,393
182,131
1,541,450
37,458



### **Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development**

LEO - Number of mentoring sessions	57
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5,328
Shopfront grants paid	8,081
Library visitors	27,616



### **Environment, Water and Climate Change**

Trees pruned	285
Kilometers of road swept monthly	1,015
Derelict site/dangerous buildings inspections	18
Litter - Fines Issued	21
Tonnes of waste collected – litter and illegal dumping	531
Tonnes of waste collected from street bins	41



#### Housing, Social and Community Development

itors to leisure centers	26,574 19
itors to leisure centers	26,574
tal housing needs assessed	6,837



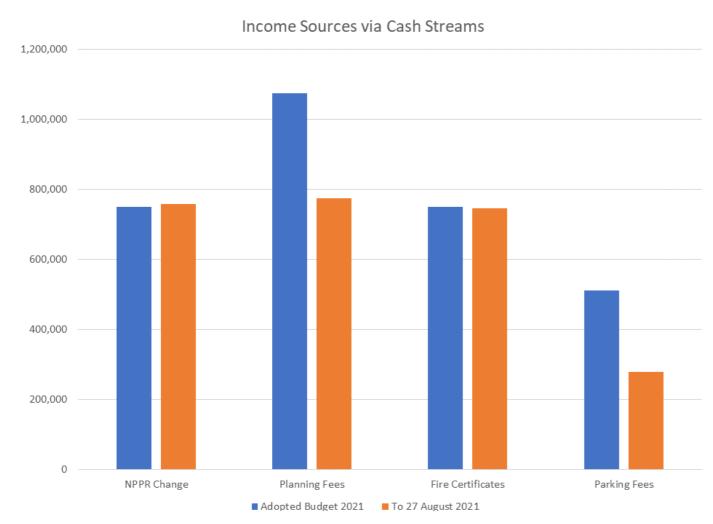
### Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Planning applications received - new housing units	237
Area of road repaired in m2	6,607
Planning enforcements initiated	18
Number of public lights in charge	30,282
Number of traffic lights repaired within 24 hours	46

You can view all statistics under the Statistics Report in the Manager's Report headed item of the monthly Council meeting.

### Finance

# Report



You can view the full Finance Report under the Manager's Report headed item of the monthly Council meeting agenda.

### Images of the

# Month

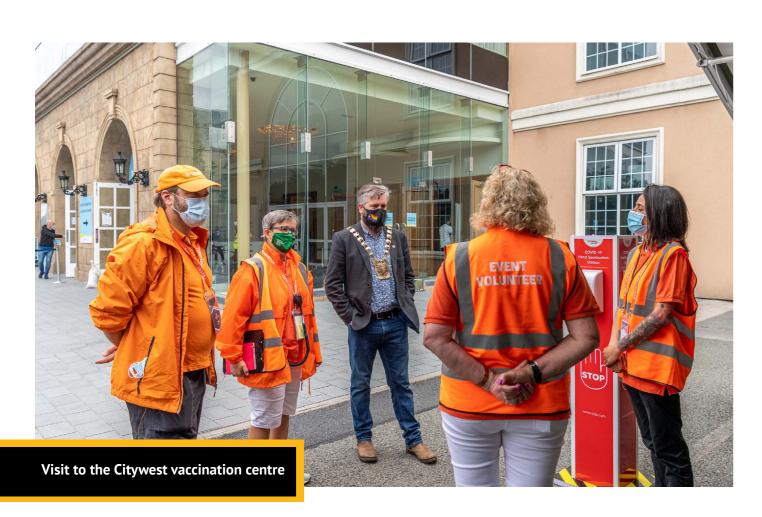






### Follow us on

# Social media







@sdublincoco



Southdublincoco



South Dublin County Council



