



Monday, 25th November to 2nd December 2019

Celebrating Accessible  
South Dublin County

**‘Ceiliúradh na hInrochtaine i mBaile Átha Cliath Theas’**

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# Message from Mayor Vicki Casserly

“Cuireann sé ríméad orm Clár Chontae Átha Cliath Theas do Sheachtain Náisiúnta na hInrochtaineachta 2019 a chur os bhur gcomhair. Ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt do na gníomhaireachtaí agus na heagraíochtaí go léir a chomhoibriú le chéile chun an inrochtaineacht a cheiliúradh ar fud an Chontae. Mo bhuíochas libh.

Bunriachtanas is ea an rochtain uilíoch má tá faoi phobail bhríomhara leanúint orthu ag fás agus a bheith inmharthana. Tá Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas tiomanta don chomhionannas, don chuimsiú agus d’áiseanna agus seirbhísí a mbeidh teacht ag gach duine orthu a sholáthar.

Tá dúshlán ó thaobh daonra agus déimeagrafaice de roimh ár gContae, ach tá an Chomhairle trí bhíthin a foirne, a Comhairleoirí agus a grúpaí gaolmhara, tiomanta do chlár oibre na rochtana. I mo cháil dom mar Mhéara bhuail mé le líon áirithe grúpaí ar chás leo an inrochtaineacht agus tuigim a thábhachtaí is atá na hearnálacha deonacha agus pobail maidir le soláthar seirbhísí agus áiseanna, bunaithe ar chearta, a chur chun cinn.

Mholfainn do gach duine a bheith páirteach sna himeachtaí atá leagtha amach agus a gcion a dhéanamh ionas go n-éireoidh go seoigh le Seachtain Náisiúnta na hInrochtaineachta 2019”.

“I am delighted to introduce South Dublin County’s National Accessibility Week Programme 2019. I would like to acknowledge and thank all the agencies and organisations who have collaborated to celebrate accessibility throughout the County.

Universal access is essential for the continued growth and sustainability of vibrant communities. South Dublin County Council is strongly committed to equality, inclusion and providing facilities and services that are accessible to all.

I would encourage everyone to get involved in the planned activities and to help make National Accessibility Week 2019 a success”.



National Accessibility Week 2019 will take place from Monday, 25 November. The week-long campaign will coincide with International Day of Disabled Persons which occurs each year on the 3rd December. National Accessibility Week (led by local authorities across the country), is an important opportunity to encourage all people to focus on issues of accessibility and universal design.

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Monday, 25 November

### **Launch of National Accessibility Week by Mayor Vicki Casserly**

Mayor Vicki Casserly will officially open National Accessibility Week 2019 in the foyer of TU Dublin Tallaght Campus. Special guest, Professor David Fitzpatrick, President of TU Dublin will provide an overview of the recent access improvements achieved in the Tallaght campus. Light refreshments will be served. Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation will be provided.

Venue: TU Dublin, Tallaght Campus, Tallaght  
Time: 11.00 am to 1.00 pm  
Contact: Selina Bonnie, SDCC Disability Liaison,  
Access and Equality Officer  
Tel: 01 414 9041  
Email: [sbonnie@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:sbonnie@sdblincoco.ie)

Monday, 25 November

### **Sensory friendly time at Clondalkin library**

To make Clondalkin library a more welcoming place for people who may experience sensory difficulties, we will be reducing our lighting and minimising noise levels. All are welcome and you do not have to book a place in advance.

Venue: Clondalkin Library, Monastery Road, Clondalkin  
Time: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Contact: Emma McDonald  
Tel: 01 459 3315  
Email: [clondalkin@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:clondalkin@sdblincoco.ie)

### **TTRS – Touch, Type, Read, Spell Programme**

An award winning multi-sensory course designed for children with dyslexia and other learning difficulties. Booking is essential.

Venue: Ballyroan Library, Orchardstown Avenue, Rathfarnham  
Time: 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
Contact: Sile Coleman  
Tel: 01 494 1900  
Email: [ballyroan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:ballyroan@sdblincoco.ie)

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## Autism Awareness Talk

Learning how to communicate with, and meet the sensory access needs of, people with autism is an important part of becoming autism friendly. During National Accessibility Week, Fiona Hall, Psychotherapist will visit Clondalkin Library to give a talk on the most important first step of 'How to Deal with Your Child's Autism Diagnosis'.

Venue: Clondalkin Library, Monastery Road, Clondalkin

Time: 11.00 am to 12.00 pm

Contact: Emma McDonald

Tel: 01 459 3315

Email: [clondalkin@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:clondalkin@sdublincoco.ie)



Tuesday, 26 November

## Bedtime Storytime with an accessibility twist!

Children's storytime. All are welcome and you do not have to book a place in advance. Come dressed in your PJs ready for bed, bring your teddy or cuddly toy too. For children 3 - 5 years with parent or guardian. All welcome.

Venue: Palmerstown Library Digital Hub, Palmerstown Shopping Centre, Kennelsfort Road, Palmerstown

Time: 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Contact: Jennifer Wann

Tel: 01 467 8909

Email: [ptowndigihub@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:ptowndigihub@sdublincoco.ie)

Tuesday, 26 November

### **Accessible Community Transport Southside (ACTS) Information Stand**

Accessible Community Transport Southside (ACTS) is a Travel Club which provides door to door accessible transport for Club members who are wheelchair users, and persons who have mobility difficulties. The service is available across the Southside of Dublin, seven days a week. ACTS has been providing transport services to their members since 2002.

Venue: Level Three, The Square Town Centre,  
Tallaght, Dublin 24

Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Contact: Gerry O'Brien

Tel: 01 292 1573

Email: [info@actsltd.ie](mailto:info@actsltd.ie)

Tuesday, 26 November

### **Lucan Disability Action Group (LDAG) and Wheelchair Rugby Information Stand**

Disability Action Group is a wheelchair accessible transport service that provides affordable transportation to people with mobility issues in the West Dublin and the surrounding areas. LDAG have seven vehicles on the road Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm and one vehicle works from 9.00 am to 7.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. They also have two accessible vehicles for hire where the disabled passenger can safely remain in their wheelchair within the vehicle. The passenger provides qualified drivers for the hire period.

Wheelchair Rugby (also known as 'murderball') is designed for quadriplegics, or people with an upper and lower limb impairment. It is open to people of all ages and genders. If you can push a wheelchair then you can play! Come along to the information stand or contact [www.iwcrugby.com](http://www.iwcrugby.com) for further information.

Venue: Level Three, The Square Town Centre,  
Tallaght, Dublin 24

Time: 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Contact: John McCarthy

Tel: 01 457 4405

Email: [info@ldag.ie](mailto:info@ldag.ie)

Tuesday, 26 November

### **Storytime with an accessibility twist!**

Children's storytime. All are welcome and you do not have to book a place in advance.

Venue: Lucan Library, Newcastle Road, Lucan

Time: 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Contact: Liz Corry

Tel: 01 621 6422

Email: [lucan@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdublincoco.ie)

### **Storytime with an accessibility twist!**

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Venue: Ballyroan Library, Rathfarnham

Time: 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Contact: Sile Coleman

Tel: 01 494 1900

Email: [ballyroan@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:ballyroan@sdublincoco.ie)

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Contact: Librarian on duty

Tel: 01 462 0073

Email: [talib@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:talib@sdublincoco.ie)

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Email: lucan@sdblincoco.ie

Wednesday, 27 November

### **Inclusive Playspaces Seminar and Launch of Video**

The purpose of this seminar is to share what South Dublin County Council (SDCC) has learned about universal design over the past five years developing accessible, inclusive playspaces for children of all abilities. Councils have a variety of policy and legislative responsibilities with regard to providing accessible facilities and services to all disabled people. In order to meet these responsibilities and commitments South Dublin County Council developed a playspace design programme with accessibility as a core aim.

Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Vicki Casserly will open the seminar.

The keynote speaker will be David Coleman (Clinical Psychologist, TV and Radio Broadcaster, Author and Columnist). Presentations will also be made by Laurence Colleran, SDCC Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, and SDCC Chief Executive Daniel McLoughlin.

Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Tallaght  
Time: 9.30 am to 2.00 pm  
Contact: Selina Bonnie  
Tel: 01 414 9041  
Email: sbonnie@sdblincoco.ie



Wednesday, 27 November

### Visit Rathfarnham Castle

Enjoy a guided tour of Rathfarnham Castle. The Castle is fully accessible and Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation will be provided for the tour.

Rathfarnham Castle began life as the semi-fortified residence of the Archbishop-Chancellor of Ireland, Adam Loftus, in the late sixteenth century. It was transformed into a fashionable Georgian country villa by his descendants two hundred years later. For much of the twentieth century Rathfarnham Castle was an austere Jesuit residence before coming into State care.

Venue: Rathfarnham Castle, Rathfarnham, D14 K3T6.

Time: 12.00 pm

Contact: Guiding staff on duty

Tel: 01 493 9462

Email: [rathfarnhamcastle@opw.ie](mailto:rathfarnhamcastle@opw.ie)

Wednesday, 27 November

### Visit the Pearse Museum

Enjoy a guided tour of the Pearse Museum. The Museum offers a high level of accessibility (Halla Mhór is not wheelchair accessible), and Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation will be provided for the guided tour.

The Pearse Museum and Saint Enda's Park was where Patrick Pearse lived and ran his innovative Irish-speaking school, Scoil Éanna, between 1910 and 1916. Set in nearly fifty acres of beautiful parkland, the museum tells the story of Patrick Pearse and his brother William, both of whom were executed for their part in the 1916 Rising.

Venue: Pearse Museum and Saint Enda's Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham

Time: 3.00 PM to 4.00 pm

Contact: Guide on duty

Tel: 01 493 4208

Email: [pearsemuseum@opw.ie](mailto:pearsemuseum@opw.ie)

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Tel: 01 462 0073  
Email: talib@sdublincoco.ie



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### **Visit Stewarts Library and its accessible facilitated Book Club**

Stewarts Library's resources reflect the needs of anyone working with, studying or supporting people with Intellectual disability, as well as providing a real service to Stewarts service users.

The Library has a variety of specialised collections of materials that are used specifically by people with Intellectual Disabilities. Multisensory books called Bag Books (with a box of props for storytelling), Books beyond words, Story Sacks (for use with young children), Audio books and Braille books are available in the library.

Venue: Stewarts Library, Mill Lane,  
Palmerstown  
Time: 10.00 am to 11.00 am (Book Club)  
Contact: Siobhan McCrystal  
Tel: 01 651 8129  
Email: library@stewartscare.ie

Thursday, 28 November

## Disability Sports Expo

Curious about the world of disability sports? Well, come down to Tallaght Leisure Centre on Thursday, 28 November to try out a variety of sports such as Volleyball and seated Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball, Karate, Football for All and Blind Football. The 30-minute sessions are provided by qualified coaches from Volleyball Ireland, the FAI and IWA Sport. The event is open to both disabled and non-disabled people and we encourage any groups or individuals interested in attending to contact Lucy Cush, Sports Inclusion Disability Officer in the South Dublin County Sports Partnership.

### Disability Services - Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

| Time                | Court One                          | Court Two        |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 10.00 am - 10.30 am | Volleyball Group One               | Karate Group Two |
| 10.30 am - 11.00 am | Volleyball Group Two               | Karate Group One |
| 11.00 am - 11.45 am | Football for All Group One and Two |                  |

## Third Level Students / Members of the Public

| Time                | Court One             | Court Two |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 12.00 pm - 12.30 pm | Sitting Volleyball    |           |
| 12.30 pm - 1.00 pm  | Blind Football        |           |
| 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm   | Wheelchair Basketball |           |

Venue: Sports Hall, Tallaght Leisure Centre,  
Fortunestown Way, Tallaght

Time: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Contact: Lucy Cush

Tel: 086 796 4192

Email: [lcush@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lcush@sdblincoco.ie)

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Time: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Contact: Sile Coleman

Tel: 01 494 1900

Email: [ballyroan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:ballyroan@sdblincoco.ie)

Friday, 29 November

## Climbing for All

The Dublin Climbing Centre and South Dublin County Council are delighted to invite you to a series of Climbing for All sessions. The two inclusive sessions are designed around different abilities, skills, and needs, such as:

**Session One:** 12.00 pm - 1.00 pm suitable for people who are blind / visually impaired / deaf / hard of hearing (ISL Interpretation will be available)

**Session Two:** 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm suitable for people with Intellectual Disability and / or Autism

**To book a session** that matches your ability please visit our booking page on Eventbrite or email the Dublin Climbing Centre. Places are restricted to 10 to 12 people per session so advance booking is essential.

Venue: Dublin Climbing Centre, The Square Industrial Complex, Belgard Square North, Tallaght

Time: 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Booking through Eventbrite is essential

Tel: 01 558 2800

Email: [info@dublinclimbingcentre.ie](mailto:info@dublinclimbingcentre.ie)

Friday, 29 November

## Sensory friendly time at Lucan library

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Venue: Lucan Library, Newcastle Road, Lucan

Time: 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Contact: Liz Corry

Tel: 01 621 6422

Email: [lucan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdblincoco.ie)

Saturday, 30 November

## Accessible Ice Skating

All disabled people, including wheelchair users are welcome on the ice during Accessibility Skate. Pre-booking is essential so please contact the County Promotion Unit for further information.

Venue: Tallaght Stadium

Time: 11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Contact: CountyPromotionUnit

Tel: 01 414 9000

Email: [econdev@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:econdev@sdblincoco.ie)

Saturday, 30 November

### Human Library

Come and borrow a human “book” from Lucan Library and take the opportunity to engage in exciting one-on-one conversations around long-held fears, prejudices, myths, misconceptions, stereotypes and cultures. Take a seat, have a cuppa and have a conversation.

“Books” are borrowed for 30 minutes but time may be extended if no one is waiting.

Venue: Lucan Library, Lucan Shopping Centre, Newcastle Road, Lucan

Time: 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Contact: Sarah Elaine McHugh

Tel: 01 621 6422

Email: [sarahmchugh@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:sarahmchugh@sdublincoco.ie)

Saturday, 30 November

### Visit the Round Tower Visitor's Centre, Clondalkin

Enjoy a guided tour of the Round Tower Visitor's Centre. The Visitor's Centre experience offers a high level of accessibility, and Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation will be provided for the guided tour.

The Round Tower, Clondalkin was founded in the 7th century by St. Mochua and is one of only four remaining round towers in County Dublin. Thought to have been built around 790 AD, the tower stands at 27.5 metres high, still has its original cap and is thought to be the most slender of all the round towers in Ireland.

The Round Tower experience incorporates an interactive visitor centre, public gardens, café, terraced dining area, exhibition and gallery spaces and shop.

Venue: Round Tower Visitor's Centre, Old Nangor Road, Clondalkin

Time: 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Contact: Guide on duty

Tel: 01 555 4648

Email: [info@theroundtower.ie](mailto:info@theroundtower.ie)

# Additional Events and Exhibitions taking place during National Accessibility Week

## Cartoon Exhibition highlighting the often ironic side to accessibility

Johnny Connaughton is a freelance Graphic Designer and Cartoonist living in Dublin. He has worked in advertising agencies and design consultancies in Dublin, London and South East Asia. His cartoons on disability try to get across the situations and issues faced by people in a light-hearted way while still getting the message across. If it's funny you're quicker to read it and remember it! Our thanks to Spoke Out Magazine for the use of some images which were originally published in their magazine.

**Venue:** Round Tower Visitor's Centre, Old Nangor Road, Clondalkin  
**Date:** 25 November to 2 December 2019  
**Time:** Monday to Thursday 9.45 am to 6.00 pm  
Friday and Saturday 9.45 am to 6.00pm  
**Contact:** Selina Bonnie  
**Tel:** 01 414 9041  
**Email:** [sbonnie@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:sbonnie@sdblincoco.ie)

## Humans of Dublin Exhibition

Four years ago Peter Varga began taking photographs of Dublin residents and asking them to tell their stories. Since then his project, "Humans of Dublin" has become an online phenomenon. Peter has appeared on national media, worked with numerous charities and produced a bestselling book. As part of Lucan Library's Intercultural Festival Peter's portrait exhibition will be on display in the library until the end of December.

**Venue:** Lucan Library, Newcastle Road, Lucan  
**Time:** Monday to Thursday 9.45 am to 8.00 pm  
Friday and Saturday 9.45 am to 4.30pm  
**Contact:** Sarah Elaine McHugh  
**Tel:** 01 621 6422  
**Email:** [sarahmchugh@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:sarahmchugh@sdblincoco.ie)

## Frame Football Display Match

The FAI's Football for All Programme is dedicated to providing football to players who require the use of a walker style frame or players who feel they can compete more equally by using these frames. The game is played in 4v4 or 5v5 games by the basic rules of football with the use of the frame as an aid. The display match is open to any children who are frame users and who would like to come along and give it a try. They do not have to be part of the team or club.

Venue: Hermitage Park, Esker, Lucan  
Date: Saturday, 23 November  
Time: 11.00 am to 12.30 pm  
Contact: Lucy Cush  
Tel: 086 796 4192  
Email: [lcush@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lcush@sdblincoco.ie)

## DoubleTAKE Supported Arts studio

DoubleTAKE Supported Arts studio is a busy, vibrant studio, working with over 70 creative people from South Dublin and surrounding areas.

Venue: DoubleTAKE Art Studio, RuaRed South Dublin Arts Centre, Tallaght  
Time: Open all year round

## National Accessibility Week Book Display

Books from the library's extensive catalogue will be displayed. The South Dublin Libraries catalogue includes writing, from disabled and non-disabled academics and activists who work within a social policy rights-based mind-set.

Venue: County Hall, Tallaght  
Date: 25 November to 2 December 2019  
Time: Monday to Thursday 9.45 am to 8.00 pm  
Friday and Saturday 9.45 am to 4.30pm  
Contact: Librarian on duty  
Tel: 01 462 0073  
Email: [talib@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:talib@sdblincoco.ie)

## Can you see what I see? Exhibition

'Can You See What I See' is an exhibition that promotes living well with Dementia. It is a series of hand painted illustrations strongly informed by listening to people with Dementia, those who support them, their families, friends and medical professionals.

Venue: County Library, Tallaght  
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**South Dublin County Council has a Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer.** Selina Bonnie is available to help you with any questions you might have, or assistance you may require, in relation to the accessibility of information and services provided by the Council.

You can contact the Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer at:  
01 414 9041, Email: [sbonnie@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:sbonnie@sdblincoco.ie)  
Skype Id: selina.bonnie or ooVoo Id: accessiblesouthdublin