

Contae Átha Cliath Theas Inniu South Dublin County Today

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Summer 2021







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	IND

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

FF
IND
FF
SF
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	INE
Solidarity co-option	SO
Councillor Dermot Richardson	SF
Councillor Louise Dunne	SF
Councillor Baby Pereppadan	FG

Firhouse - Bohernabreena

Teach na Giúise - Bóthar na Bruíne

Councillor Suzanne McEneaney	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

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

Message from the Mayor

I was honoured to be chosen as Mayor and First Citizen of South Dublin County last summer to represent you during what has been a very challenging year for us all, one I hope none of us ever have to face the likes of again.

But through the challenges we have faced together, I believe what we have seen is that at the heart of South Dublin County is an exceptionally strong community spirit. Whether that is in Tallaght or Lucan, Clondalkin, Glenasmole, Rathcoole, Rathfarnham or any of the communities big and small that make up our wonderful County. I especially want to pay tribute to all those within our County who have worked on the frontline in the fight against COVID-19. The work they have done has been a shining light for all of us during this time and it is something that I believe we will remember for years to come.



Beyond COVID, while affordable housing remains an issue, the Council's plans for developments in Rathcoole, Killinarden and particularly in Clonburris where the Council is developing a new town,

should help ease some of that pressure. The investment the Council is making in opening new libraries in North Clondalkin and Castletymon and the ongoing works in Lucan for its new swimming pool will make a real difference to the lives of people in the area. As will our plans for increasing sustainable transport infrastructure through Cycle South Dublin. That is just a flavour of the transformative work that has been progressing in the Council over the past twelve months.

I wish the incoming Mayor all the best for the year ahead and I look forward to continuing to work on the Council for the people of this County.

Ed O' Brien

Mayor of South Dublin County Council

Teachtaireacht ón Méara atá ag dul as oifig

Ba mhór an onóir dom é a bheith roghnaithe i mo Mhéara agus i mo Chéad Saoránach ar Chomhairle Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas an samhradh seo caite le hionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar bhur son i mbliain a bhí an-dian orainn go léir, agus tá súil agam nach bhfeicfimid a leithéid de bhliain arís.

Ach tar éis dúinn tabhairt faoi na dúshláin seo le chéile, creidim gur léiríodh dúinn go bhfuil spiorad láidir i gcroílár an phobail i gContae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas. Tá an spiorad seo i dTamhlacht agus i Leamhcán, i gCluain Dolcáin, i nGleann na Smól, i Ráth Cúil, i Ráth Fearnáin agus in aon cheann de na pobail bheaga agus mhóra inár gContae iontach. Ba mhaith liom ómós ar leith a thabhairt dóibh siúd go léir sa Chontae a bhí ag obair sa líne thosaigh sa chath in aghaidh COVID-19. Is iontach an sampla dúinn go léir an obair atá déanta acu agus tá mé cinnte go mbeidh cuimhne againn orthu go ceann na mblianta fada. Seachas an COVID, cé go raibh fadhb na tithíochta inacmhainne ann, tá pleananna ag an gComhairle le haghaidh forbairtí i Ráth Cúil, i gCill an Ardáin agus go háirithe i gCluain Buiríosa mar a bhfuil baile nua á fhorbairt ag an gComhairle a chabhróidh linn an brú a laghdú. Déanfaidh infheistíocht na Comhairle i leabharlanna nua i gCluain Dolcáin Thuaidh agus i gCaisleán Tigh Motháin agus na hoibreacha atá ar bun i Leamhcán don linn snámha nua an-difríocht do shaol na ndaoine sa cheantar. Mar a dhéanfaidh na pleananna atá againn chun an bonneagar iompair inbhuanaithe a mhéadú trí Rothaíocht Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas. Níl anseo ach blaiseadh beag den obair chlaochlaitheach atá ar bun ag an gComhairle le dhá mhí dhéag anuas.

Guím gach rath ar an Méara nua don bhliain atá romhainn agus tá mé ag tnúth le leanúint ar aghaidh ag obair ar son phobal an Chontae ar an gComhairle.

Ed O' Brien

Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas

South Dublin County Council



South Dublin County Disability Advisory and Consultative Panel

The South Dublin County Disability Advisory and Consultative Panel (SDCDACP), is a joint initiative between South Dublin County Council (SDCC), and disabled people who live, work or study in the County. The Panel's function is to advise SDCC on key issues that are relevant to the lives and interests of disabled people in the County; and to have both an advisory role and a consultative role (as appropriate) to developments in the County that are led by the Council. All Panel members have a lived experience of disability and accessibility and are committed to ensuring that facilities, services and activities that the Council deliver are designed to be accessible by all members of our community, including disabled people.

In addition to their advisory and consultative responsibilities, each year the Panel hosts one thematic seminar / webinar, and participates in National Accessibility Week and Make Way Day. Currently, Panel meetings are held online through the use of Microsoft Teams and Irish Sign Language interpretation is provided for all meetings.

If you are a disabled person and live, work or study in South Dublin County, and would like to actively participate in the Disability Advisory and Consultative Panel please contact:

Selina Bonnie,

Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer, South Dublin County Council **Email:** sbonnie@sdublincoco.ie **Tel:** 01 414 9041 or **Mobile / Text:** 087 270 8918

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

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.



Check the Register

Register to Vote

Edit Your Details



Work progresses on 1,100 home initiatives

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD recently joined the Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Ed O'Brien, and South Dublin County Council Chief Executive Daniel McLoughlin, as work ramped up on South Dublin County Council's joint venture development of 1,034 homes at Kilcarbery in Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

The mixed tenure development, on 72.8 acres of council lands at Kilcarbery will include 310 social housing units or 30% of the development. The council has just completed an allocated 109 social homes immediately adjacent to this site.

Adwood Ltd, a consortium of established Dublin builders Adroit and Maplewood, will develop the site having been chosen on foot of a competitive process. South Dublin County Council will receive €38 million for the site which will be built out over four years including the 310 social housing units which will be delivered at competitive build rates averaging €166,000 per unit.

Acknowledging state support through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) of €2 million, the developer has also committed to delivering 50 homes at prices discounted to the market.

The 724 private homes include a comprehensive range of three and four-bed houses as well as one, two and three-bed apartments. The development also includes an 847 square metre community building which will be handed over to South Dublin County Council. A creche and retail unit will also be included as part of the development.

The Kilcarbery development is a significant part of the Council's €1 billion investment plan for building 4,500 new homes in the County in the coming years.

During his visit to South Dublin County, Minister O'Brien was also shown a new 'rightsizing' housing development at Whitestown Way, Tallaght. The development consists of 81 homes for older persons and is being delivered by Clúid Housing on council lands.

Rightsizing recognises that the needs of older persons are diverse and that few older people reside in a property that supports ageing in place. Rightsizing provides the opportunity for a better quality of life for older persons by offering them access to homes that will meet their evolving needs now and into the future.

Currently, South Dublin County Council has 365 homes designated for older persons with a further planned supply of more than 200 and several additional sites undergoing feasibility studies and concept design work.

Councillor Ed O'Brien, Mayor of South Dublin County, said, "I am very happy to see the progress being made on the delivery of these homes in South Dublin County. There is a real need to provide the right type of homes to people at the right stage of their lives and the developments we have seen today does just that."



South Dublin County Council awarded over €20 million for Sustainable Transport Plans

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has awarded South Dublin County Council €20,705,000 to spend on active travel, walking and cycling measures.

This is an increase from €8.9 million awarded in 2020 and will be used to deliver the Council's Cycle South Dublin programme of work.

South Dublin County Council's allocation was part of an announced total of €240 million awarded by the NTA to support sustainable transport projects across the country. This year's allocations have increased by just over €130 million as compared to last year's and will support the addition of 233 new projects to the NTA's investment programme in 2021.

The Council's plans to progress the Dodder Greenway received the highest allocation from the NTA to any local authority with \notin 7.2 million earmarked for the works.

Little Learners Library

Other areas funded included infrastructure upgrades to support the Safe to Schools Programme, permeability scheme for Balgaddy / Esker, works on the N81 Jobstown Junction, Monastery Road, Wellington Lane and more.





The mobile library service of South Dublin Libraries has been kept busy during the pandemic delivering books and other items to the most vulnerable members of the community. In March, we launched the Little Learners Library which aimed to promote our delivery service to children with additional needs. Part of this promotion included the delivery of "little libraries" to children which contained a book, some small tactile toys, a CD of soothing sounds and information on how to avail of our delivery service.

We delivered books and special toys from the TTT collection (Toys, Technology, Training) directly to homes in the South Dublin County Council area.

The TTT programme also includes talks, lectures and workshops free of charge which offers support and networking opportunities for parents, teachers and health care professionals.

Our libraries are now open to the public for browsing and borrowing but we still operate a delivery service to those who cannot make it to the library under normal circumstances.

If you would like more information about our delivery service to families with children with additional needs, please contact the mobile library service at **01 459 7834** or email **mobiles@sdublincoco.ie**

Al fresco dining in South Dublin



Hotels, cafes, restaurants, public houses or other tourism and hospitality businesses and attractions where food is sold for consumption on the premises can now apply for outdoor dining grants of up to \leq 4,000 to help transform their outdoor dining capacity ahead of the summer months.

South Dublin County Council is accepting applications for financial support under a new scheme for tourism and hospitality businesses in South Dublin County.

Aimed at assisting the sector increase their outdoor dining capacity, South Dublin County Council is encouraging local hospitality and tourism providers to apply for grant funding under Fáilte Ireland's new Outdoor Dining Enhancement Investment Scheme.

Grants of up to €4,000 are available under the scheme to support hospitality businesses with upgrading venues and public spaces and implementing weather-proofing solutions to facilitate year-round outdoor dining. Items covered under the scheme are outdoor tables, chairs, umbrellas, electric heaters, screen / windbreaks, plant stands and wooden platforms. Expenditure must be incurred between 1 April 2020 and 30 September 2021.

The scheme will provide for up to 75% of the ex-VAT cost of equipment purchased / installed with a maximum allowable contribution of up to \notin 4,000 per applicant.

Funding under the scheme is only available to existing businesses and all applicants will be required to comply with planning codes, legislative requirements, and other compliance requirements. If an applicant intends to place outdoor seating and accessories in a public space, they must first apply for a Section 254 licence by initially contacting the County Promotion Unit on 01-414 9000 or e-mail econdev@sdublincoco.ie who will work through the process with the applicant. No S.254 licence is required if the applicant is placing accessories within their own business premises.

The scheme is open for applications until 30 September 2021. Full terms and conditions are available on the application webpage by searching 'Outdoor Dining' on South Dublin County Council's website or by clicking here www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/enterprise/ business-support/outdoor-seating-and-accessories-scheme/







CE Report

Every month, except for August when Council meetings are on summer break, South Dublin County Council's Chief Executive's (CE) Report is presented to elected members and details important achievements across our various departments whilst highlighting key statistics and images from events that took place during 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.

If you want to know how we are developing South Dublin County then make sure to go **www.sdcc.ie** after each monthly Council meeting (which happens on the second Monday of the month), and download your copy of the report.

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 2021. By the end of the year, we hope to have hit these targets and more.



Environment, Water and Climate Change



Number of Trees Planted **2.500**



Number of **New** Playspaces, Teenspaces and Pitches



Climate Action Initiatives Under Climate Action Plan



Number of Environmental / Climate Action Awareness Sessions

Corporate Performance and Change Management



Customer Queries Received 84,000



Citizens Actively Engaged through consultations, surveys and so on 6,500



People on the Electoral Register 96% of Population



Elected Members Representations Received

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development



Number of Active Library Members



Number of Business Support Initiatives 30 £300,000



Number of **Jobs** created **6,300** or supported in Grangecastle Business Park **6,650**

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Number of Festivals and Tourism Events

Housing, Social and Community Development



Number of **Visitors** to Council **Leisure Facilities**

150,000



Amount of Planned Maintenance Expenditure €5,000,000



Number of **New** Housing Allocations



Number of participants on Council led Sports and Health and Wellbeing Initiatives

Land Use, Planning and Transportation



Amount of **New** and Upgraded Footpaths 55,000



Amount of New and Upgraded Cycle Paths **14,000**



Number of Public LED Lighting Upgrades completed



Village and District Centre Enhancement Schemes completed

Climate Change Update

Dublin's climate is changing, and this poses risks and challenges to everyone living in the region. Climatic trends facing South Dublin include flooding, more extreme weather events and reduced air quality. To address these concerns, South Dublin County Council published our first Climate Change Action Plan in 2019. Since the plan was published in May 2019, the Council has been working on a variety of projects to deliver many of 130 actions across 5 key areas.



Decarbonisation Zone

Firstly, what is it? A decarbonisation zone is an area in the County, where we will deliver a range of climate mitigation strategies and adaptation measures. Our aim is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 7% each year to 2030 in accordance with national climate action targets.

We are currently identifying where in South Dublin the zone will be located. We will have a plan to deliver a range of projects which will benefit the community, the area and the climate, by the end of the year.

We will engage with all stakeholders from the area to develop and create the decarbonisation zone in South Dublin.

Dublin Climate Action Week

The first ever Dublin Climate Action Week will take place from 13 - 19 September 2021. South Dublin County Council will be working with the other Dublin Local Authorities and partners to deliver a range of events throughout the week to showcase Dublin's climate action progress to its citizens and demonstrate the leadership role of the four local authorities in conjunction with other partners.

Please keep an eye out for more information on the week on the South Dublin County Council webpage, **www.sdublincoco.ie**

If you are interested in the issues or would like to be kept up to date, why not sign up for our Climate Change Newsletter. Please send your contact details to **climatechange@sdublincoco.ie.** You can read more about the plan on the Council website, **www.sdcc.ie.**

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Sustainable Energy Communities

The residential sector accounts for a quarter of the energy used in Ireland and is responsible for a quarter of the energy related (CO_2) emissions.

The Council is working with partners to deliver the Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) programme which supports communities in the County use less energy by identifying sustainable energy solutions in our homes, businesses and communities.





Pollinator Action Plan

South Dublin County Council are delighted to launch our Pollinator Action Plan. The Plan is based on the All Ireland Pollinator Plan which outlines 30 actions local authorities can take to help pollinators. The Plan is the Council's commitment to promoting habitats for pollinators in this county and addressing the rapid decline in our bee populations. Currently in Ireland one third of our bee species are threatened with extinction. This is because we have drastically reduced the amount of food (flowers) and safe nesting sites in our landscapes. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is about all of us, from farmers to local authorities, to schools, community groups and businesses, coming together to try to create an Ireland where pollinators can survive and thrive. For many years South Dublin County Council have been taking actions to support pollinators on public land. We have also been working with local community groups, residents' associations and schools to help raise awareness of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. To better support these efforts and to better promote the work being undertaken, we have developed the SDCC Pollinator Plan and committed to carrying out a range of focused actions. SDCC is committed to playing its role in making Ireland a place where pollinators can survive and thrive.

Bulb planting

As part of our commitment to meet the objectives set out in the Council's Climate Change Action Plan, **Biodiversity Plan and Pollinator Action** Plan, 290,000 bulbs were planted throughout the county in autumn 2020, 85% of the bulb mix are pollinator pollinator friendly bulbs such as Tulips, Cammasia and Alliums. Daffodils mark the locations of the pollinator bulbs and reduces the likelihood of mowing the spring bulbs as they come up in April / May. Daffodil planting allows long grass, wildflowers / dandelions, and so on to grow, which act as habitat hubs, food sources and ecological corridors for bees and other pollinators.



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Innovation Quarter Tallaght

The South Dublin County Council lands north of Belgard Square North have, since 2018, been subject of a masterplan study and a series of resulting projects. These projects include recent Part 8 approvals for affordable rental apartments, a new Urban Plaza and linear park and Tallaght Innovation Centre.

Delivery of infrastructure to support these schemes include the new Cookstown-Belgard link road, which is nearing completion, and the Tallaght District Heating network. In conjunction with these developments a bespoke identity for this new urban district has been developed. The new quarter will be IQ Tallaght or Innovation Quarter Tallaght, an address which will distinguish these exciting new developments. The strategic development of IQ Tallaght will provide key links from Cookstown to Tallaght Town Centre, as well as key links between the hospital and the Airton extension.

The proposed overall development has a budget of approximately €50 million. Construction on the various projects are due to commence in late 2021.





Gaeilge le Chéile Átha Cliath Theas

Trí Chéim Shimplí : Gaeilge a úsáid Gach Lá, Gach Áit, le Gach Duine

Three easy steps : Use Irish Every day, Everywhere, with Everyone.

Conas atá tú? (KU-NISS A-THAW 2?) How are you? Go raibh maith agat. (GUH REV MOH A-GUT) Thank you. Slán! (SLAWN!) Goodbye!

What is 'Gaeilge le Chéile'?

"Simply what we hope to achieve is that more Irish will be heard and seen in our communities through creating and encouraging more opportunities to use Irish every day in our lives, starting with the easy step of using 'Go raibh maith agat' and 'Slán' Every day, Everywhere, with Everyone". Brian Ó Gáibhín, Áras Chrónáin, Cluain Dolcáin.

Cad is brí le 'Gaeilge le Chéile'?

"Go bunúsach táimid ag iarraidh go mbeidh níos mó Gaeilge le cloisteáil agus le feiceáil sa cheantar tríd níos mó deiseanna a chruthú agus a spreagadh chun an Ghaeilge a úsáid gach lá, ag tosú le rud simplí ar nós 'Go raibh maith agat' agus 'Slán' a úsáid Gach lá, Gach áit le Gach duine. Brian Ó Gáibhín, Áras Chrónáin,Cluain Dolcáin.







Celebrating PRIDE



Each June, South Dublin County Council promotes visibility and inclusiveness by flying the Pride flag over County Hall Tallaght and Civic Offices in Clondalkin. However, Pride is not just something to celebrate one month a year and SDCC are committed to change, visibility and diversity all year round.

2021 has been a busy year so far for South Dublin County Council's LGBTQ+ Staff Network. March saw a third collaboration with Dublin City Council LGBT+ Network to celebrate International Transgender Day of Visibility. This positive and empowering webinar saw Trans colleagues from DCC and TU Dublin make wonderful contributions about the experiences and challenges facing Trans people in the workplace.

South Dublin is now home to a new community centred LGBT+ group, supported by South Dublin County Council's Social Inclusion Unit. In the words of member and local councillor Alan Edge, "The network is about bringing people together, building a sense of community and providing a safe space for LGBT+ people to network and socialise and to give them a real voice on a County level on issues concerning them. Above all, it's hoped that the Network will reach people for whom coming out may present additional challenges, such as asylum seekers, Travellers, disabled people and older LGBT+ people and provide support for them." For information and how to get involved, join South Dublin LGBT+ Network on Facebook.

South Dublin Libraries are supporting Pride this year by hosting pop-up Pride spaces in branches throughout the month of June. These spaces will feature LGBTQ+ books, movies and informational material on supports available to the community. For more information and to find out how to join your local library, follow South Dublin Libraries on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

2020 saw the first ever "Digital Dublin Pride" and Dublin Pride 2021 will similarly take place online. Last year saw South Dublin County Council staff sending video messages of support as part of the virtual Pride parade, and this year promises to be even bigger and better than before!

As part of this year's Pride events, members of South Dublin's LGBTQ+ community will appear on posters at various bus stops across the county during June. This campaign features out and proud members of the community and showcases some of South Dublin's bestknown landmarks!

For more on this and everything happening at this year's Pride, check out **www.dublinpride.ie**



€300k Have Your Say

South Dublin County Council is bringing the next edition of €300k Have Your Say to Tallaght Central.

Last year's event was postponed due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 edition will now see Tallaght Central get their chance to decide on exciting projects for their area.

€300K Have Your Say is a local democratic process, which facilitates citizens in a local community to directly decide how to spend a portion of the public budget in their area. It gives people the direct power to determine how to spend up to €300,000 to improve their community by asking them to suggest projects and then vote on which ones they would like to see funded through a public ballot.

In 2017, South Dublin County Council became the first local authority in the state to adopt participatory budgeting through its pilot programme in the Lucan Electoral Area. This was followed up with the 2018 version in Clondalkin and in 2019 with Firhouse Bohernabreena, €300k Have Your Say was also shortlisted at the Europe wide 'Innovation in Politics' award ceremony in Vienna, Austria in 2018. Since 2017, €300k Have Your Say has secured funding for a wide variety of projects ranging from a heritage trail app for Clondalkin to nature trail signage along the river Dodder, an intergenerational outdoor space in Glenasmole, the new playground in Waterstown Park and a Safety and Inclusivity Study of public spaces in North Clondalkin.

Tallaght Central will soon have its say for how €300,000 will be spent in the area. Keep an eye on our social media channels and **www.sdcc.ie** for updates!





1 - 18 JUNE

exploring

Exciting Events for children and young people happening this June as part of

GOOD

31 MAY - 1 JUNE



Candlelit Tales invites local 5th class schools to take part in Cruthú where pupils will create a world, become a character, discover your tribe and build a legacy. What world will you create? How will you overcome the ultimate threat? Will your story stand the test of time?

Play

Anna Newell Theatre Adventures presents GROOVE. A chilled out adventure for children with complex needs, full of harmony singing and immersive video. Presented offsite for the pupils and staff of a local school in South County Dublin.

interactive



Ready, Steady, SHOW! is The Civic's ongoing programme of work for children and young people, across both LIVE and DIGITAL platforms. The key focus for RSS! is PLAY & STORYTELLING.

With Thanks to the ongoing support of South Dublin County Council and The Arts Council.



