

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

Summer 2017

Samhradh 2017



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Party Abbreviations

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

Front Page image

The new Centenary Plaza and Breaking Emmets Block Sculpture at Grange Road in Rathfarnham which was officially opened on 28th April this year.

This innovative project is the joint effort of South Dublin County Council, The National Transportation Authority (who provided funding), Ireland 2016 Office, The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with the cooperation of The Office of Public Works (Pearse Museum).

Meet your Mayor Cllr Paul Gogarty

Cllr Paul Gogarty was first elected as a Green Party representative for the Lucan Electoral Area in 1999. He resigned his Council seat in 2002 upon election to Dáil Éireann and served as a TD for Dublin Mid West until 2011. Paul was subsequently re-elected to the Council in 2014 as an independent.

Originally from Palmerstown and now living in Lucan (with strong family connections to both), Paul is married to local woman Heidi. They have three children aged 10, eight and five.

Paul is a graduate of DIT where he studied Journalism and he worked in this area for over 10 years before becoming a TD. He is also interested in music and released an album under the stage name 'His Sweet Surprise' in 2013.

Paul is a former Chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education and Skills from 2007 to 2010 and during this period worked to protect educational investment at a time of severe recession. He is also recognised for his work in protecting the scenic Liffey Valley amenity area. Paul is



Cllr Paul Gogarty

currently a member of the Dublin Mid Leinster Regional Health Forum, the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (also on Cycling sub-committee) and the Joint Policing Committee (member of the Drugs sub-committee).

Speaking at the annual meeting this year, Mayor Gogarty committed to building on the work of his predecessors in areas such as participatory democracy, housing and social justice. He also introduced a number of key themes for his term of office, namely "A Healthy County - Mind, Body, Community Spirit", "A Sustainable County - Energy Efficient and Energy Self-Sufficient", and "A Listening County".

"I want to highlight the best of what is already in our County and promote the positive work that the Council and many volunteers and organisations are already doing. It is only by bringing people and ideas together that we can maximise outcomes for the citizens who live in South Dublin. I will be pushing the Council to deliver, but equally I will be asking what more can people do to help make their County a happier and healthier place. There are already so many people doing fantastic work and this needs to be highlighted," he stated.

Would you like to contact South Dublin County Council?

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. Remember, a wide range of facilities and services can be accessed by visiting our site. Or you could simply e-mail us at info@sdublincoco.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.



South Dublin Schools Cross Country Finals Day

Schools Cross Country Programme

South Dublin County Council's Sports Office in partnership with South Dublin County Partnership 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 68 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 sun blazed Corkagh Park on 11th May with approximately 3000 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 3rd

class Girls champion in South Dublin etc.

Finals day was staffed by a team of over 70 South Dublin County Council employees, most of which were new to the organisation, led by the Sports and Recreation Officers. Their enthusiasm and willingness to work as a team ensured that we were able to run such a successful and efficient event.

Paralympic Races:

This has been a new addition to the programme over the past two 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 and we had three separate race categories on Finals Day. The pupils in these races were hugely supported by the energetic crowds around.

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 is it on in February.**

The Round Tower, Clondalkin – Brú Chrónáin

Clondalkin Round Tower is about 1,000 years old. It was built in the centre of an early medieval monastery, which was originally founded by St Crónán Mo-Chua in the late 600s or early 700s.

No one knows for certain why round towers were built or what they were used for. But most likely, they were mainly used as bell towers.

The tower is 27.5 metres high and just four metres wide at the bottom. Like others around the country, Clondalkin Round Tower has a raised doorway and four windows at the top, which face towards the four compass points: north, south, east and west.

Inside there were once six floors, which were all connected with ladders. There are now five floors, and the original openings for the door and windows all survive.

Visit the exhibition at the Round Tower, Clondalkin to discover

more about the Round Tower and Clondalkin's medieval heritage! Suitable for all ages, the interactive multimedia exhibition tells the story of over 1,000 years of Clondalkin's history and heritage. The exhibition delves into Clondalkin's medieval origins from the foundation of St Crónán Mo-Chua's monastery to revealing intriguing clues to the town's Viking past.

There is lots to see and do, touch and feel, including an exciting multiscreen animated film experience where visitors can experience a whirlwind Tower's eye view of the dramatic and colourful history of Clondalkin.

Discover what life was like in Clondalkin during the 1800s, when the visitor centre buildings were originally constructed. Find out what makes the round towers of Ireland unique, and have your say about what you think makes them so special. Have a go at building your own Round Tower,



The
Round Tower
Clondalkin
Brú Chrónáin

dress up in costume and imagine what Clondalkin was like in days gone by.

Admission to the exhibition is free! Combine your visit with a trip to the Happy Pear café and food store. The bright and airy café also boasts a sprawling outdoor terrace area - the perfect vantage point to enjoy the beautifully landscaped gardens and Round Tower.





[Weston Aerodrome](#)



[Grange Castle Site Notice](#)

Consultation Portal

As part of the Council's commitment to active communication and engagement with our citizens, we continue to take advantage of the Council's Online Consultation Portal.

The portal is located at consult.sdublincoco.ie and provides members of the public with information on all of the Council's public consultations. Members

of the public can make submissions and observations on a range of future Council plans and projects.

At the time of going to press the following schemes were on the portal. This list changes as new schemes come on board so do keep an eye on the Consultation Portal so you can have your say on the future growth of our County.

Public Consultation

Public Consultation Part 8 for Grange Castle Conservation and Park

Closing Date: 05/09/17

Public Consultation

Weston Aerodrome - Review of Land Use Planning Framework

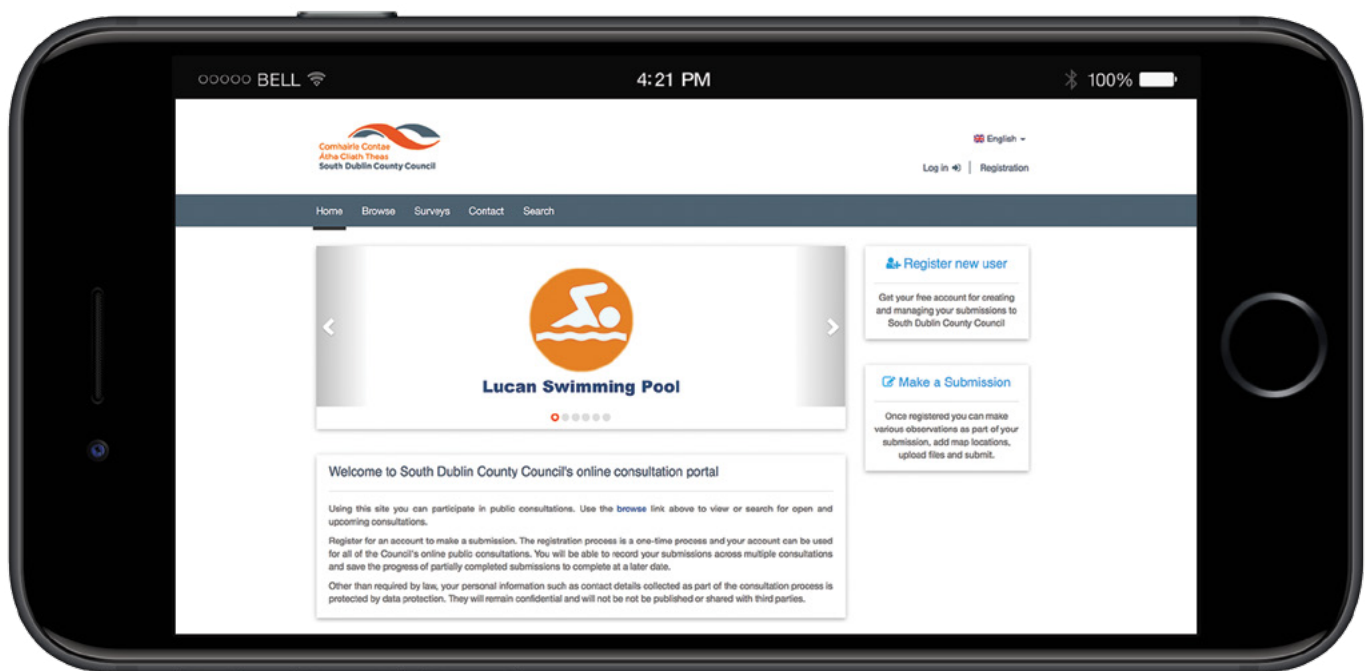
Closing Date: 24/08/17

Public Consultation

Part 8 - Lucan Swimming Pool Griffioen Valley Park

Closing Date: 28/08/17

[Online Consultation Portal Homepage](#)



South Dublin County Council launches six new GoCar car sharing bases

South Dublin County Council and car - sharing firm GoCar have jointly launched six new on street bases for a car sharing rental service which allows users to hire a car for as little as one hour for an all in cost that includes fuel, tax, insurance and maintenance.

Car Sharing is aimed at everyone from the urban dweller, to the one car family, the SME start up to the large corporations!

Car sharing is the perfect addition for the modern on-the-go lifestyle and works effectively when combined with other public transport options such as buses, trains and trams along with taxis or for that once off necessary journey.

The location of the six new bases in the County are as follows:

Lucan	Opposite Topaz, beside Bus Stop
Tallaght Village	Old Greenhills Road
Templeogue Village	Behind Hollingsworth Cycles
Palmerstown Village	Outside Ulster Bank
Rathfarnham Village	Village Court
Rathcoole Village	Opposite Bank Of Ireland

The implementation of this scheme is in response to the success of the car - sharing initiative with Dublin City Council, which has seen increased demand from residents and businesses since GoCar was launched in 2008.

Official Opening of Willsbrook Cycle Track

Willsbrook Road Phase 3B Cycle Scheme is part of the overall Willsbrook Road Cycle Improvement Scheme which runs from the Fonthill Road to Griffeen Road - a total length of 2.5km, and also includes Phases 1, 2, 3 and 3A.

Phase 1 was completed successfully in December 2015, it involved works that led to the alteration of the Griffeen Way / Griffeen Rd Roundabout and Castle Road / Willsbrook Rd Roundabout to make them pedestrian and cyclist friendly.

Phase 2 involved the alteration of the roundabout at Elmbrook Avenue / Willsbrook Road Junction; installation of zebra crossings on all four arms of the roundabout; junction treatments for all junctions on Willsbrook Road between Castle Road and Elmbrook Avenue; new shared footpath / cycle track on the northern side of Willsbrook Road between Castle Road and Elmbrook Avenue; new shared footpath / cycle track on the east side of Elmbrook Avenue between Willsbrook Road and Esker Lane; junction treatment of the Esker Lane / Elmbrook Avenue Junction; and other various road markings.

Phase 3 involved the upgrade of cycle and pedestrian facilities at Willsbrook Rd / Outer Ring Road (R136) junction and was completed in January 2017.

Planned works on Phase 3A will deliver an the upgrade of pedestrian and cycle facilities between the junctions of Willsbrook Road and Saint Andrews, and the Mount Bellew/ Willsbrook Roundabout with the ultimate objective of providing a standard and safe cycle link between Phase 2 and Phase 3 and complete the installation of a cycle link from Willsbrook Road to the newly installed cycle track in Willsbrook Park through pedestrian access gate on Willsbrook Road.

Construction of Phase 3A is scheduled to be completed in five months' time.

Phase 3B was officially launched in June and involved the upgrade of pedestrian and cycle facilities through Willsbrook

Park to enhance connectivity between the South and North Lucan across the N4. This scheme provides that crucial and safe link across the N4.

All of the works on the various phases completed to date have been well received as evidenced by the increase of pedestrians and cyclists using the roundabouts and shared footpaths / cycle tracks and the upgraded junction at Willsbrook Rd / Outer Ring Road. Traffic flow at the upgraded Willsbrook Road / Outer Ring Road junction has also improved as evidenced by the reduction of queues, especially on the Willsbrook arm of the junction. This is achieving modal shift by providing road users with a viable alternative.

Official Opening of Willsbrook Cycle Track



Delivery of Services



Corporate Performance and Change Management

Customer Care Queries	90,209
Telephone calls answered	182,499
Fix your Street queries	6,000
Web pages opened	2,536,814
Social Media Followers	15,789



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

LEO jobs supported	41.5
LEO training participants	710
Business Support Grants Spend	€203,747
Library visitors	994,914
Library items borrowed	1,039,222
Library Wi-Fi users	63,060
Arts events hosted	53
Visitors Civic Theatre	178,835
Visitors Rua Red	144,775



Environment, Water and Climate Change

Grass cut	6,181.47 hectares
Trees pruned	1,616
Trees planted	426
Hectares of park land maintained	1,750
Playing pitches provided/maintained	163
Playgrounds provided/maintained	29
No. of bring banks provided	74
No. of green flag schools	131
Km. of roads swept monthly	925



Housing, Social and Community Development

Total Housing Stock	9,124
No. of housing grants approved	202
Housing maintenance requests completed	13,201
No. of community grants issued	110
No. of sports programmes	1,612
No. of sports programme participants	83,489
No. of community events	322
No. of community events participants	63,019
Visitors to leisure facilities	565,983
No. of Local Festivals supported	9



Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Planning granted new houses - applications	65
Planning granted new houses - applications (units)	905
Area of footpath repaired in m ²	38,722
No. of public lights	29,269
No. of public lights repaired	8,097
Traffic lights repaired	1,001

Breakdown on Budget 2017

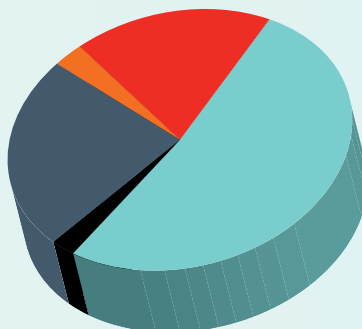
Total Expenditure

€227,992,900



Council
Expenditure
per Citizen -
€818

Sources of Income Budget 2017/ 'Where we get our money from'



Total Income

€227,992,900

Commercial Rate	€118,704,400
Local Property Tax	€5,425,600
Grants	€55,154,100
Fees & Charges	€6,605,400
Other	€42,103,400

Let's Play!

Over the past few years there has been a growing awareness across local communities about the benefits of play for children's physical and mental health and wellbeing. South Dublin County Council believes that by providing playspaces where children live, rather

than only in parks, it encourages children to spend more time outdoors, offers increased opportunities for physical activity and increases contact with their friends and neighbours. It also offers residents a focal point in the community to meet with their neighbours

and be part of their community.

The Council has recently opened a number of new playspaces as part of its Five Year Playspace Programme including Kingswood, Kilnamanagh, Avonbeg, and Quarryvale. The input of all

the local councillors has been crucial to this programme as they are keenly aware of the role of play in creating healthy communities. There are another eight playspaces to be built across Tallaght before the current programme ends.



Quarryvale - 13th April



Kilnamanagh - 4th May



Kingswood - 26th May

District Heating comes to Tallaght

South Dublin County Council, a strong performer in energy efficiency and renewable generation, is set to meet its 2020 targets in carbon reduction. Now the Council, in partnership with City of Dublin Energy Management Agency, is leading a project to develop Dublin city's first public district-heating network. With 14 partners across five EU states, the 'HeatNet' project will link Tallaght Hospital to the County Hall complex to form the core of a district-heating network which when operational is expected to save the Council almost 9,000 tonnes of CO2 per year – the equivalent of taking 1,700 cars off the road.

District- heating utilises waste-heat from sources such as electricity generation through a network of insulated pipes typically providing space heating and hot water to residential and commercial buildings far more sustainably and

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North-West Europe
HeatNet NWE
European Regional Development Fund

economically than traditional methods using individual gas or oil boilers. A Combined Heat and Power plant will generate heat and electricity for both Council and Hospital reducing costs and carbon and guaranteeing energy resilience into the future. There will be ongoing potential for energy savings for other businesses and buildings in the area as the heating network rolls out and Tallaght becomes a model for Community energy and a decarbonised town centre.

As heat, electricity and energy storage are integrated in the project to achieve an overall smart energy system,

opportunities for innovation and Tech start-ups will follow. This research and development will reinforce the Tallaght Smart Grid Test Bed- a partnership between the Council, Micro-electricity Generation Association, Enterprise Ireland and ITT / DIT colleges - dedicated to involving communities in decarbonising and balancing the Grid through local generation and trading of renewable energy.

(Heatnet will run until 2020 and will receive European Regional Development Funding through the INTERREG North West Europe programme)



A Ringbuoy

A Stolen Ringbuoy – A Stolen Life

There is an average of 11 drownings per month, this figure is based on the annual average of 137 drownings per year in the ten years up to and including 2014

Further lives will be lost if people continue to interfere with ringbuoys that are located beside waterways currently being enjoyed by citizens countywide.

The council wishes to highlight its concerns regarding vandalism and theft of these lifesaving devices which if missing when required, could easily result in a drowning when a person falls into water and is unable to rescue themselves without assistance.

Irish Water Safety introduced a specific colour code for the ringbuoy, rope and box in order to enhance visibility and to reduce vulnerability to theft and damage however this abuse continues. The eighteen inch throwing and retrieving ringbuoy, maintained by South Dublin County

Council, is compact and light in design, allowing it to be thrown to the casualty in the water. It can be quickly retrieved and re-thrown. The standard drill for throwing ringbuoys forms a primary part of early water safety instruction in classes run by Irish Water Safety and now in Primary schools under the Primary Aquatic Water Safety programme.

For more information on how to use a ringbuoy see the quick reference guide here: "IWS Ringbuoy Leaflet" at www.iws.ie/guides-page.html

OR

Watch the video here: youtu.be/fUufdYyCAoO

Get others to help you and call 112 or 999 for emergency services.

Gardai have convicted members of the public for interfering with and damaging lifesaving equipment but this is of little comfort to a person drowning and in need of assistance.

Green Dog Walkers

The Green Dog Walkers Programme is an initiative in the fight against dog litter. It is a community led programme supported by South Dublin County Council.

The programme is a positive, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling. How to get involved:

- Become a Green Dog Walkers volunteer
- Sign the Green Dog Walkers pledge
- Receive an armband and green dog bone with bags

Green Dog Walkers commit to:

1. Always clean up after your dog.
2. Wear the Green Dog Walker Armband.
3. Carry extra dog waste bags.
4. Be happy to be approached to 'lend' a bag to those without.
5. Carry the Green Dog Walker Bone when walking your dog.

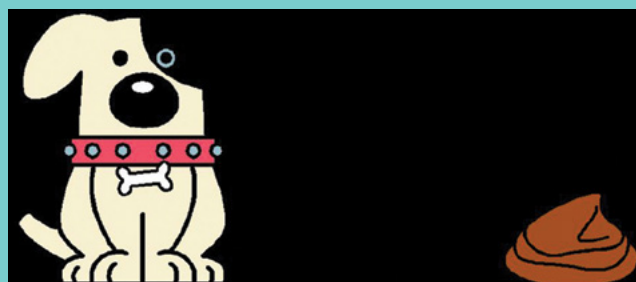
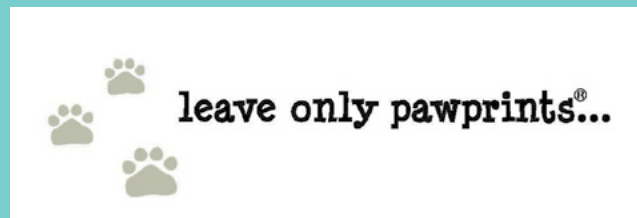
Wearing the armband and / or carrying the green dog bone acts as a reminder to others to clean up after their dog.

To receive a pledge form, an armband and a green dog bone containing free dog litter bags, contact Environmental Awareness at 01 4149000. Alternatively, you can fill in the pledge form on www.sdcc.ie and send it to Environmental Awareness, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 to receive your green armband and green bone containing free dog litter bags.

That's all you need to do to help remove dog litter from neighborhood parks and streets.

COMMUNITY GROUPS CAN HELP TOO. If you are a member of a community group or association and you would like to become involved in promoting this programme contact www.sdcc.ie for details on how you can help.

Green Dog Walkers



THINK BEFORE YOU THROW IT OUT! Before putting waste in any bin, can you...



Fix it
Before you bin it, can you repair it?



Flog it
Does it have value, if so can you sell it?
www.donedeal.ie
www.ebay.com
www.gumtree.ie



Donate it
Give reusable items to family & friends. You can also donate them to charity or place them on www.freetradeireland.ie

Visit the only Free Banks in the country!



Give old clothes a good home and recycle your glass at your nearest bring bank. It's FREE!



Freetrade Ireland is a unique public service allowing you to pass on and pick-up items free of charge. www.freetradeireland.ie

Avoid wasting food!



Prevent food waste by careful planning and cooking the correct amounts for you and your family. More info at www.stopfoodwaste.ie



Blue box it
Keep an eye out for the blue battery box in all shops selling batteries.



Upcycle it
Before you bin it, could it be used for something else?

How to prevent waste in your home, save money and help the environment

Waste prevention is an important aspect of household management from a budgetary and environmental point of view, and is the preferred waste management option. You can eliminate the need to handle, transport, treat and dispose of waste simply by not generating it. You can also reduce environmental impact and cut costs.

To prevent waste and conserve natural resources in your home check out these helpful hints below and keep an eye on www.sdcc.ie for more information on upcoming events such as Reuse Month (October 2017) and European Waste Reduction Week (November 2017) for more helpful hints on waste prevention.

How to lighten your Recycling Bin



- Leaving packaging in the shop if allowed, e.g. shoe boxes.
- To reduce weight ensure that used food containers are clean and dry.
- Choose goods in refillable packaging such as detergents & coffee.
- Look for goods with less packaging.
- Follow the list of recyclable materials accepted by your waste collection company (they will provide you with a list).
- Invest in a refillable water bottle, coffee cup & lunch box to reduce waste when you are on the move.
- Look out for compostable & recycling symbols on packaging.
- Place a NO JUNK MAIL sticker on your letter box.

How to lighten your Brown Bin



- A home garden composter is an easy way to get rid of garden waste, eggshells/boxes, fruit, vegetables & teabags. For more go to www.stopfoodwaste.ie or www.brownbin.ie.
- Make sure fruit and veg is stored correctly so you get time to eat it.
- Check the use-by date before purchasing to ensure you will have time to eat it before it goes out of date.
- Keep all dairy products in the fridge to preserve them as long as possible.
- *Use up leftovers to make another recipe, or as tomorrow's lunch!
- When shopping try to make a list of what you need and stick to it!
- Use your freezer - it's your ally in preventing food waste.
- Use newspapers to line your kitchen caddy or compostable bin liners which are widely available to buy (regular biodegradable bin bags are not suitable).
- No dairy, bread or meat products should go into your home garden composter.

* Note: Food safety guidance should be followed when storing and preparing food

Strategic Plan for Sports and Recreation in South Dublin County 2017-2022

South Dublin County Sports Partnership (SDCSP), of which South Dublin County Council is an integral part, is launching a Strategic Plan for the development of sport and physical recreation in the county for the period 2017-2022. The plan highlights the main areas the Sports Partnership will look to support community participation in sport and recreation. This includes the training of coaches, teachers, community leaders; the organisation of events and programmes; the development of facilities and the provision of support services to groups to help address increased participation, especially of the less active.

The plan will be launched in September by the new Mayor of South Dublin County Cllr. Paul Gogarty and by John Treacy, Chief Executive of Sport Ireland.

SDCSP will be offering an extensive list of training opportunities this Autumn which will include:

- Child Protection (Safeguarding)
- Sports First Aid
- Sports Science (concussion management, nutrition, managing injury, performance analysis etc.)
- Disability Inclusion
- Club support (Planning, Public Relations, fundraising)
- Coaching Children
- Community Walk Leader – for community groups, club / school walk groups
- Sports Leadership – for teenagers

For details on the dates, times and locations of these training sessions please contact the SDCSP office please phone 01 4149000 (extension 2678) or email info@sdccsp.ie

Community Programmes

SDCSP will be looking to organise or support a wide range of community activity programmes, specifically targeting sectors of the community

where participation is lower. These include programmes with older aged, lone parents, asylum seekers, Travellers, the unemployed, people with a disability, those with substance abuse and other groups as identified. We would welcome hearing from organisations that work with these and other target groups to see how we can cooperate. For more information or to discuss please email info@sdccsp.ie.

The Daily Mile

Last Spring SDCSP launched a new free initiative in local primary schools called The Daily Mile. The idea, as the name suggests, is to get children to jog or walk a mile a day. Schools are invited to contact the Sports Partnership to register their interest and all participating schools will receive free pedometers. For more information contact the Sports Partnership office by email at info@sdccsp.ie

The Daily Mile



LEO South Dublin and Brexit

Since the UK referendum vote to leave the European Union in June 2016, Local Enterprise Office (LEO) South Dublin together with organisations including South Dublin Chamber, Enterprise Ireland, Intertrade Ireland, the Irish Exporters Association and other state agencies have been building a portfolio of supports to help Irish businesses to prepare for the possible impacts of Brexit.

Local Enterprise Office South Dublin is the 'first-stop-shop' for micro and small businesses in South Dublin and Colm Ward, Head of Enterprise with LEO South Dublin said:

"While the detail of Brexit is still very uncertain, all businesses in South Dublin need to look at their readiness for impacts from currency, customs and trade issues that may emerge. Businesses can improve their competitiveness and take advantage of available LEO supports to ensure that they are in a strong position to deal with these challenges."

The supports available from LEO South Dublin include:

- **Brexit SME Scorecard:** An online tool where micro and smaller businesses can self-diagnose their readiness for Brexit.
- **Lean Business Programme:** Aimed at creating more value for customers with fewer resources, resulting in more competitive and efficient small businesses.
- **Priming and Business Expansion Grants:** Direct financial support for microenterprises engaging in manufacturing, innovation, exporting and / or creating employment
- **Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters Grant:** A business development grant of up to €2,500 for micro enterprises to explore and develop new market opportunities.
- **Training and mentoring supports** to assist local businesses to capacity build.

For more details please see www.localenterprise.ie/southdublin or call your Local Enterprise Office on 01-4149000.

Work Songs: Call for Interest from South Dublin County businesses and workplaces

Do you work in a bakery, a tech company, a hospital or garage? If your business had a work song what would it be?

Visual Artist Fiona Dowling and Composer George Higgs are calling for five South Dublin County businesses and workplaces to collaborate on Work Songs. The artists will revisit the traditional genre of work-songs and explore the contemporary relevance of singing at work across a range of South Dublin businesses and places of work. They will design a work-song for each of the chosen businesses in collaboration with the staff

and management. The work-songs will be performed and filmed in the workplace itself and in a concert hall or theatre, at a later stage.

The artists will bring music into the workplace, highlighting the working rhythms of the County. The workplace together with the artists will explore the possibilities and potential of work-songs in the modern world as they co-create their song. Will songs in the workplace enhance productivity? Draw people together? Lift workers' spirits?

Time commitment:

Up until December 2018 there will be two short meetings (one with Human Resources and one with staff), two days of observation and conversations (with minimal disruption to the working day), one workshop, six rehearsals and two performances.

Benefits: In recent years, TV programmes such as The Choir and competitions such as Workplace Choir of the Year have brought the workplace song into the spotlight. Recent research has detailed the manifest benefits of singing to

workers' morale, cohesion, reduced stress levels, as well as improved productivity.

Interested in getting involved? Download more information below and email Fiona Dowling and George Higgs at southdublinworksongs@gmail.com to register our interest.

South Dublin County History and Heritage 2017



History and Heritage Brochure Cover

South Dublin Libraries is delighted to present History and Heritage 2017 - a county-wide programme of heritage events which runs throughout the summer.

The programme includes events for all the family, including the ever popular heritage walks of South Dublin County's Villages. If you fancy getting out into the countryside, there are guided walks at Bohernabreena Reservoir, or you can head to Massy's Woods and learn all about the fascinating history of this estate. Visit the fantastic interactive exhibition at the new interpretive centre at The Round Tower Clondalkin, and immerse yourself in the world of monks and Vikings!

The events will also include talks, exhibitions, living history workshops, storytelling and much more. Explore the heritage of South Dublin County

this summer with this FREE events programme. There really is something for everyone!

Some highlights include:

Tallaght Village Heritage Walk (meet at the County Library, Tallaght) on Tuesday 15th August at 7:00 pm. *All welcome.*

Massy's Woods Heritage Walk (meet at the Hellfire Club Carpark, Killakee Road, Rathfarnham) on Thursday 17th August at 11:00 am. *All welcome.*

The Viking Experience at Áras Chrónáin, Clondalkin on Saturday 26th August from 12:00 - 5:00 pm. *All welcome.* (Hosted by Clondalkin Round Tower Heritage Group)

For the full programme of events, please see tiny.cc/SDHeritage

August and September at Rua Red

Exhibitions

The Core Project

Rua Red Gallery, 19th August – 23rd September
Launch 19th August at 2pm

'The Core Project' exhibition is a large-scale installation featuring over 150 videos from participants across the globe, filmed live answering a question that they have not previously seen. By withholding the question, artist Matthew Nevin removes the participant's ability to prepare, producing a series of natural and behavioural nuances within an international cultural context. This exhibition is one part of an ongoing, multifaceted, visual art project Nevin has been developing since 2010.

Workshops

Café Drawing Sessions

Every Wednesday
11am – 12pm, Free class

Ever wanted to give drawing a go? Or maybe you are a budding artist looking for like-minded people to draw with? Pop in for our free drawing session. Materials provided.



Workshops (cntd)

Art Trolley Term 5

Saturday 2nd September – 7th October
€30 for 6-week term / €5 drop in, 3 - 10 yrs.

Children will explore the galleries, be creative, and have fun with their imagination on this popular six-week term of classes. Facilitated by artist Nessa Finnegan, materials provided.

Culture Night 2017

Friday 22nd September

Join us for tours of the exhibition at 6pm. A screening from Tallaght Young Film Makers at 6pm and special early bird children's workshops at 3pm and 4pm.

The Red Line Book Festival 11th – 15th October 2017 – Save the Date!



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. With some 40 events organised for the 2017

festival, a selection of home-grown and international talent will be presented.

Showcasing the best of Irish writing, Dermot Bolger will chat with special guests on Readers Day. Coordinating this year's literary strand is Vanessa Fox O'Loughlin (also known as crime writer Sam Blake). She has gathered an exciting group of writers to entertain with talks and workshops. The festival will continue to have a strong theatrical strand and an exciting schools programme

featuring a special visit from Laureate na nÓg, PJ Lynch.

Further details on the festival can be found at www.redlinebookfestival.com.

We look forward to seeing you at Red Line Book Festival 2017!



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