

WELCOME TO DÚN LAOGHAIRE TOWN

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THIS MONTH IN DUN LAOGHAIRE we are buzzing with festive cheer! Our town's Christmas Festival features an Alpine Skate Trail, Santa at the Maritime Museum, a vintage carousel funfair and the Myrtle Square Christmas market. Visitors can join activities like the DLBA Window Competition, win festive prizes or enjoy performances such as Phil Coulter at the Pavilion Theatre and the School of Rock's End of Season Show. New businesses like 'Enigma: The Enchanted Shop' and The Foundry boutique add to our town's vibrancy this Christmas.

In community updates, locals celebrated a successful Santa Parade and a new scenic cycling route to Bray is under discussion. New outdoor showers have been completed at the Forty Foot for our brave sea swimmers! The iconic 46A bus service transitions to the E2, marking the end of an era. The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is already planning for 2025, while businesses can access shopfront improvement grants and join workshops to maximize the festival's benefits. Dún Laoghaire remains a hub of holiday magic and community spirit, come and join in!



Santa and the Cathaoirleach enjoy the chronicle

Your chance to win one of five free TICKETS FOR ICE-SKATING

Dublin's first ice skating trail, the **Alpine Skate Trail**, opened in Dún Laoghaire on November 1st! There is an ice skating trail and a separate practice ice rink. It is located at the harbour in Dún Laoghaire and can be easily accessed by the DART.

5 tickets are up for grabs!

Check out page 5 for more details on how to enter!



The unique Christmas Gift – Win one of 5 Gift Cards from Goat Boat Tours

Goat Boats Tours is Dublin's Number One Boat Tour. The boat tours depart from Dún Laoghaire harbour and will take you to some of the most beautiful and serene parts of the bay where you can take in the stunning views and soak up the atmosphere.

Check out inside, page 3, for more details!

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Stunning New Mural on Convent Lane

The tongue twister 'she sells seashells' is the subject of the mural recently completed along the bin stores on Convent Lane. Great work Jenny Cleary.

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@jennycleary.art



dun_l_choral Lovely ♡

myfoodhugs Wow, that is fab 😍



Santa Parade a big success!

Santa with his little helpers, men on stilts, The New Brass Band, and Tidy Town volunteers spread the holiday cheer and Christmas tunes across the streets of Dun Laoghaire. What a fantastic way to kick off the Christmas season! [See more](#)

Why not volunteer some of your time for



For more info see dltidytowns.com



Grand Stand Sports is RSI Sports Retailer of 2024!

This great achievement reflects the hard work and dedication our Patrick Street star business put into serving their loyal customers every day.



TIPS FOR CARING FOR YOUR PET During The Christmas Season - KELLY VET

- Avoid toxic foods:** Keep chocolate, onions, grapes and alcohol in an area that pets cannot reach.
- Watch decorations:** Keep tinsel, ornaments, and lights out of reach and always turn off lights when you're not around to prevent choking or electrical hazards.
- Holiday Plants:** Poinsettias, mistletoe and holly are toxic to pets.
- Secure gifts and wrapping paper:** small items like ribbons or bows can be a choking hazard. After presents are opened tidy all the wrappings away to avoid ingestion.
- Provide a quiet space:** Holidays can be overwhelming for pets - ensure they have a calm retreat.

From everyone at Kelly Veterinary Clinic, have a safe and joyful Christmas with your pets!





Competition – A unique Christmas Gift – Win one of 5 Gift Cards from Goat Boat Tours

Jump on board the **Billy Goat**, the Goat Boat Tours state of the art tour boat, to experience some of the incredible biodiversity that the area has to offer, from jellyfish to grey and harbour seals, sea birds, and if lucky, harbour porpoises and dolphins.

How to be in with a chance to win a gift card?

It's simple, just email the name of the **Goat Boat Tour's boat** to info@goatboat.ie

New scenic cycling route might be possible between Dún Laoghaire and Bray

As Bray Harbour walk opens, Steven Matthews TD, talks about possible connection between Dún Laoghaire and Bray and alternative scenic cycling route and walkaway. [Learn more](#)



Unusual Car Accident in our town centre

Many locals commented on the traffic accident at the George's Street junction earlier in November. Fortunately no one was injured.

Good Bye to 46A – a Legendary Bus Lane



The 46A was immortalised in the song "Summer in Dublin" by Bagatelle, a classic Irish folk-rock song that vividly captures moments and feelings of Dublin life. The 46A route has historical ties to the Dublin United Tramways (DUT), the company that operated the city's tram system from the late 19th to mid-20th century. Many modern bus routes in Dublin, including the 46A, trace their origins to the tram lines run by DUT. The 46A will be replaced by a new service named the E2. [Learn more](#)

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EVENTS

All the links are clickable in our online version



DECEMBER 2024

WALTERS
SANTA'S GROTTTO

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER
2 - 4PM
AT WALTERS
FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS AT WALTERS

November
Thursday 28th 7:30pm Hayley Kavanagh Quartet
Friday 29th 9:30pm Sidewinder
Saturday 30th 3:30pm Chris Comhail & Friends
9:30pm The Moogies

December
Sunday 1st 7pm The Trinity College Choir
Thursday 5th 7:30pm The Tenters Quintet
Friday 6th 9:30pm Big Digger
Saturday 7th 3:30pm Blue Bossa & Sue Porter / 9:30pm J Rayge
Thursday 12th 7:30pm Dashi Jazz Quartet
Friday 13th 9:30pm Look Sharp
Saturday 14th 4pm Ben Prevo / 9:30pm Travelling Band
Thursday 19th 7:30pm Surprise Jazz Performer To Be Announced
Friday 20th 9:30pm Sharp Shooters
Saturday 21st 3:30pm Tenters / 9:30pm Sidewinder
Monday 23rd 9:30pm Big Digger
Tuesday 24th 3:30 - 5:30pm Chris Comhail-mas eve

Ticketed Events
December 8th The Metabollix
December 14th The Muddy River Band
December 21st The Muglins
December 31st Buffalo Soul

Jazz with The Lounge Quintet every Sunday 4 - 6:30pm

Tickets available via our website & eventbrite

December at the Eblana



MONDAYS 7.30PM TO 23/12
Open Mic Night with Jack's Music Club
- Impromptu electric and acoustic songs featuring superb local talent.

TUESDAYS
Pool and Texas Hold 'em
Members Card Night

WEDNESDAYS - 7.30PM
Chess

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
Dun Laoghaire Guitar Night 9
Featuring classical guitarist Pat Coldrick and a group called Jazz In The Round featuring jazz guitarist Tommy Halferty
Book Tickets

THURSDAY 19TH 7.30PM
Traditional Dixieland Jazz - The monthly jazz session with dancing at its best.

SATURDAY 21ST 7.30PM
EBLANA SESSIONS traditional music Seisiùn

For more info see eblanaclub.ie

Calling 13 - 18 year olds!

SCHOOL OF ROCK

End of Season Show



School of Rock is proud to announce their End of Season Show **12.30pm - 5pm on 15th of December in The Purty Kitchen**. The day will feature:

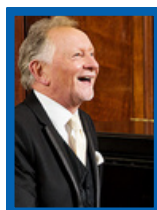
- Taylor Swift vs Ed Sheeran
- Rock 'n' Grohl
- Best of the 2020s
- Taylor Swift
- Fleetwood Mac
- Punk

FREE ENTRY!



Enjoy music and good company at

Phil Coulter in the Pavilion Theatre



Phil Coulter, legendary musician, composer and producer who has spent sixty years at the top of his game, returns with his brand new show LEGACY.

Sun 15 Dec, 8pm

Book Tickets

Christmas Market
HANDMADE GIFTS | FOOD | DRINKS
VINTAGE CLOTHING
SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER
4 - 10PM | FREE ENTRY



CHRISTMAS

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Competition – Your chance to one of five free TICKETS FOR ICE-SKATING

Dún Laoghaire introduces Dublin's first **Alpine Skate Trail** this festive season, offering a unique ice-skating experience at the harbour. Open from November 1, 2024, to January 12, 2025, the 300-metre trail features winding paths and straightaways, surrounded by alpine-style trees and twinkling lights. The venue is easily accessible via the DART, and free parking is offered on-site. Early Bird tickets are currently on sale at a discounted rate.

To win the tickets tell us **'What's new about the ice skating experience in Dun Laoghaire this year?'** via email to eoin@darganinstitute.ie



Christmas Schedule for Dún Laoghaire Town

- **Alpine Ice Skating** – 1st November to Mid January
- **Santa at the National Maritime Museum** – November 23rd to December 23rd
- **Christmas in the People's Park festival** – December 5th to 7th
- **Vintage Carousel Funfair** – 14th Dec to 5th Jan
- **New Year's Eve Fireworks Display** – 8pm December 31st



Families can WIN FREE CHRISTMAS SWAGS in local shops

In association with the DLBA participating shops are offering the opportunity to win free Santa hats and other Christmas 'swags', here's how:

- Take a walk around Dun Laoghaire Town and look for the poster on the shop (see the pic)
- Count the number of Santa hats in the shop window
- Get in the shop, say the correct number of the hats and get your free swag!

DLBA's Christmas Market in Myrtle Square

DLBA's Winterfest craft and food market will be on Myrtle Square every weekend up to New Year's Eve. It will showcase local food and crafts and enrich your Dun Laoghaire Christmas Festival experience.

Be sure to stop by!



KIDS! – CUT THIS OUT AND DROP AT THE SANTA'S LETTER BOX

It's outside Moran Park House



 *Dear Santa!*

MY NAME IS _____

I AM _____ YEARS OLD

I LIVE IN _____

THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN: nice naughty

THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTS YOU BROUGHT ME LAST YEAR

THIS YEAR I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE:

LOVE YOU, SANTA! YOUR FRIEND,

_____ *Happy Holidays!*

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DID YOU KNOW.....

- Ruth in The Little Wooden Peg celebrates 5 Christmases here.
- Richard in Frewen and Aylward celebrates 50 Christmases there.
- Tierney's celebrates 75 Christmases In Dun Laoghaire town. 🎄

The Little Wooden Peg



Blue Economy Entrepreneurship Event in Dun Laoghaire

This workshop is aimed at the young adults (18-35) considering starting a business venture linked to the sea or coasts. The workshop is taking place from 3rd to 5th December at the Commissioners of Irish Lights HQ in Dun Laoghaire. If interested, please send an email to dan.maher@nuaventure.com

Welcome to Enigma: The Enchanted Shop!

We are thrilled to announce that Enigma: The Enchanted Shop has recently opened its doors in George's Street in Dun Laoghaire!

As you wander through their magical space, we invite you to reconnect with your inner child. In a world that often feels serious, finding moments of joy and wonder is essential. Their shop is designed to be a sanctuary where you can escape into a realm of imagination.

Explore their curated selection and find the perfect gift or a delightful treat for yourself.

17 George's Street Lower, Dún Laoghaire, A96 EV96

Opening hours
Tuesday to Saturday 10:00-17:30
and Sunday 12:00- 16:00

www.enigmashop.ie



NEW BUSINESS ALERT: The Foundry

Opening The Foundry boutique is a dream come true for Chloe! Creating The Foundry boutique is about more than just the clothes; it's about curating a space where women feel confident, inspired, and empowered. Chloe is thrilled to bring her passion for style and creativity to life in Dun Laoghaire, sharing her love for putting together unique, stylish outfits and giving a personal experience to each customer.

 **72 Convent Rd, Dún Laoghaire, A96 VIK2**



Get involved WINDOW COMPETITION Call to local businesses

The DLBA are running a free competition for families and children designed to bring the footfall to your shop!

- Sign up to participate at dlba.ie, it's free.
- Display 3 Santa hats in the shop window.
- Use other items that will be provided to you by DLBA for giveaway.





DLR Sports Partnership Announced Opening of the New Outdoor Showers at the Forty Foot

DLR Sports Partnership enhances sea swimming experience with new outdoor showers at Forty Foot bathing area to facilitate the ever-increasing number of people that enjoy a sea swim at this location. [Learn more](#)



Business Training: Networking on LinkedIn

Learn how to network on LinkedIn with DLR LEO. Suited to business owners who are looking to build their network and reconnect with other professionals (B2B networking).

[Book your spot.](#)



DLR CoCo: Tips for an Eco-Friendly Festive Season

Christmas is traditionally a time of celebration. However, the season can also lead to increased consumption and waste which impacts on our environment. This year, why not make your festivities more sustainable? Check out DLR CoCo's 12 tips to help you celebrate an eco-friendlier Green Christmas.

[Learn more](#)



DLR CoCo: ANSEO 2025 - Help In Choosing The Next Canvas Needed!

DLR CoCo is looking for walls for their 2025 Street Art programme! Help the county council to select locations for the project in 2025.

[Learn more](#)



DLR CoCo: Safer Streets With the New Speed Limit

DLR CoCo introduced new speed limit byelaws across Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, with the implementation of a 30km/h speed limit in the majority of residential areas, as well as town and village centres. [Learn more](#)



Shop Front Improvement Grants

DLR CoCo established the Shop Front Improvement Scheme to support the improvement of the overall appearance of commercial properties that front onto public streets within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Business owners carrying out shopfront improvements may be eligible for a grant of 50 per cent of the cost (before VAT) of the works, subject to a maximum grant of €5,000 per premises.

If you would like to speak to someone in Economic Development about an application for Shop Front Improvement Funding, you can contact: EconomicDev@dlrcoco.ie



FANTASTIC TURNOUT AT THE WORKSHOP 2 for the Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival

Workshop 2 for the DLBA Dun Laoghaire Christmas Festival went well.

17 attendees turned up in person (including a number of students from Stillorgan College looking to help with the online coverage of the Christmas Festival) and 10 businesses joined via Zoom. They heard an outline of the benefits of the DLBA membership. Then Lisa Brown, acting head of DLR LEO, outlined the supports available to local businesses from the LEO. Finally Eoin and Nada Pupovac, the team behind **DunLaoghaireTown.ie**, outlined how local businesses can get the most from the Christmas Festival programme.



All the slides and free templates covered in the workshop are now available to use, including more details on the DLBA Window Competition. [Learn more](#)

The Dargan Hub's walking tour of Dun Laoghaire's super Murals

Over the past number of years murals have helped reinvigorate our town. Each month the Chronicle features the latest work completed in our town, bringing colour and vibrancy to our streets.

So why not embark on an artistic journey with Dún Laoghaire Anseo, where the essence of our beautiful seaside town comes to life through a vibrant showcase of contemporary street art!



Great office space

For more info see darganinstitute.ie /[dargan-hub](https://www.instagram.com/dargan-hub)

St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Working Hard Behind the Scenes

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in Dun Laoghaire is tirelessly working to ensure a memorable and successful event in March next year. With many moving parts and a dedicated team, we're committed to orchestrating a vibrant celebration that brings our community together. From coordinating with local performers to ensuring safety measures are in place, every detail is meticulously planned to deliver a parade that reflects the spirit and pride of Dun Laoghaire. Dargan Hub proudly supports the parade with the digital comms through dunlaoghairatown.ie



[Download the map](#)

DO YOU HAVE LOCAL NEWS TO SHARE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE?



Let us know!

If you have Dún Laoghaire related news you would like us to share please contact me eoin@darganinstitute.ie

