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November is set to be a lively month in Dún Laoghair Town, filled with news, festivities, and community events.

In terms of local news, Tánaiste Micheál Martin announced new berthage arrangements for Inshore Patrol Vessels, supporting the town's Naval Service. The Tidy Towns team celebrated recent achievements, while a new mural and Cuala's latest sports victory add to our local pride.

The Christmas Festival will bring excitement with New Year's Eve fireworks, a bustling event lineup, and the return of ice skating. The Comedy Festival is offering ticket giveaways, and there will be special performances by the Dún Laoghair Choral Society and gatherings at the Eblana Club.

For local businesses, Dargan Hub hosts a second workshop on 'Getting the most from the Dún Laoghair Christmas Festival' and the DLBA encourages participation in a festive window display competition.

DLR CoCo also shares updates on fraudulent QR codes at parking pay stations, a Trading Online Voucher webinar, Shop Front Improvement Grants, and more.

Finally, the Dargan Hub is proud to be on the organising committee for the 2025 St. Patrick's Day parade in Dun Laoghair. With our strong digital footprint through DunLaoghairTown.ie and thousands of followers across Facebook, X, and Instagram, we're committed to amplifying the reach and success of this iconic event.



Win Free Tickets For the Dún Laoghair Comedy Festival!

The Dún Laoghair Comedy Festival is back for its **third year** and bigger, better, and funnier than ever. The festival features over 50 comedians performing 26 unique and hilarious shows. They'll perform in various venues across Dún Laoghair from **November 7th to 10th**. The diverse lineup brings together a mix of local & international comedians, both well-established & soon-to-be, in one of Ireland's biggest comedy festivals.

Win free tickets!

See inside for details




Comhairle Contae County Council



New Year's Fireworks Spectacular planned for Dún Laoghair

As part of the plan of Dublin's New Year's Festival to expand the reach of the event they are staging satellite events as Dún Laoghair and Howth. For more see our dedicated section on the Dún Laoghair Christmas Festival inside.

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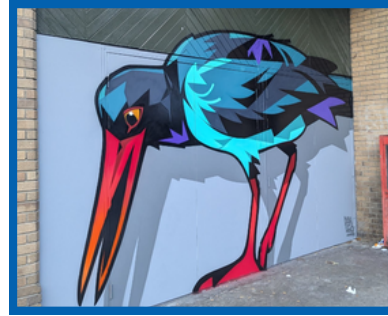


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New Mural at Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre a big hit

Thanks to an artist Dan Leo, our town is now brightened up with a new, fantastic mural. We caught him in the creative process and admired the final product!



WOW AMAZING WORK AND I LOVE THE COLOURS - ENIGMA SHOP



FANTASTIC! IT BRIGHTENS UP A DULL DIRTY CORNER IN OUR TOWN - FRANKIE



Recognition for Eblana Club's President Tom Byrne

Congratulations Eblana Club's long serving President Tom Byrne, whose outstanding service to the Club was recognised with the unveiling of a plaque in their garden earlier in October. Also on the day Vice-President, Robin Furlong, planted a tree in memory of all the past members of the Club.



cilr_lettie_mc_carthy Congratulations Tom

Why not volunteer some of your time for



For more info see dltidytowns.com



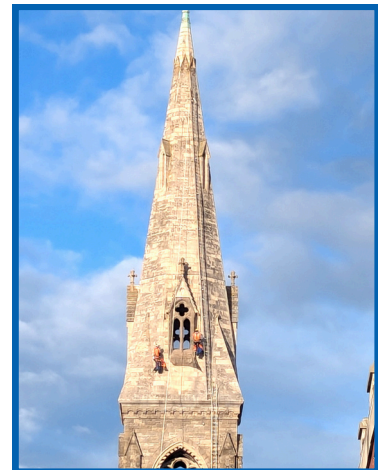
Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns won two awards at the DLR Tidy District Awards Ceremony, the first award was for the Best Town/Village with a population of 9001 and above. The second award was a special award for the most improved group. Congratulations!

Tánaiste announces new berthage arrangements for Inshore Patrol Vessels in Dun-Laoghaire

Tánaiste and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin, has instructed officials to enter into discussions with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to secure berthage space in Dún Laoghaire harbour.

Following today's announcement, the Department of Defence will engage with the County Council to agree on terms for the use of Carlisle Pier over the short term. A detailed business case is currently being developed by the Defence Forces for the longer term Naval Service presence on the East Coast.

Source - Afloat.ie



Not a job for the faint hearted! Many locals have commented online about the work being done by steeplejacks to repair St. Michael's church tower which is approximately 180 feet high.





Cuala Victorious in the All-Ireland Football Championship

Local club Cuala claimed their first ever Dublin Senior Football Championship title! Congratulations to all the players and the management team, your dedication and hard work have paid off, what an achievement!



Maurice O'Loughlin, well known local publican of Lockies in our town, passed away peacefully in September. He will be missed by family, friends and loyal customers.



**Volunteers meet
Saturdays 10:30 and
Tuesday 14:00 St.
Michael's Square**



Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns calendar 2025 is now on sale in JJ Darbovan, Frewen and Aylward and other outlets in Dun Laoghaire. It is also available on Saturday mornings at St. Michael's Square.

Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns celebrates a successful year



This month Dun Laoghaire Tidy Towns (DLTT) held an event in the Eblana Club honoring the journey since its 2020 restart, inspired by local community members Betty Coffey, Mary O'Keefe, and Brian Flynn. Beginning with ten dedicated volunteers, DLTT steadily grew, establishing Green, Blue, and Recycling teams, and partnering with Dun Laoghaire County Council.

Transformative milestones included the involvement of Transition Year students and the 2023 addition of the "Eblana guys" (International Protection Applicants), swelling volunteer numbers and making DLTT a visible force in the community. Partnering with DLCRA also mobilised resident street clean-ups. DLTT's efforts earned two Tidy District awards: Best Town/Village (population 9001+) and Most Improved Group, recognising the group's unique scale and remarkable progress, attributed significantly to by the Eblana Avenue volunteers. The get together in the Eblana Club celebrated these accomplishments and the community spirit fueling them.



CHRISTMAS

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New Year's Eve Fireworks Spectacular

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Fáilte Ireland are thrilled to announce a dazzling fireworks display at Dún Laoghaire Harbour as part of the New Year's Festival Dublin programme. Taking place on New Year's Eve at 8pm, the skies above Dublin will come alive with a synchronised fireworks show set to music. As a key event in Fáilte Ireland's Winter in Dublin programme, the New Year's Festival plays a vital role in attracting visitors and stimulating the local economy. There will be free entry the display with viewing from Sandycove to Dún Laoghaire Town. Source - nyfdublin.com



Elaine Dalton

plenty of time to get home. Get the kids to bed and relax and ring in the new year. Sounds good to me



Christmas in the Park

Billed as Dublin's newest live music Christmas market, People's Park will be transformed from December 5th to 7th into a family-friendly music festival. The 3 days of events will offer a perfect blend of live music, cozy winter stalls, and festive madness! Picture yourself wrapped in your warmest scarf, wandering through twinkling lights, hot cocoa in hand, while outdoor live bands in Dún Laoghaire fill the air with Christmas classics.

For tickets see christmasinthepark.ie



Christmas Schedule for Dún Laoghaire Town

- **Santa Arrival** - 12 pm (noon) on 23rd November
- **Ice Skating** - 1st November to Mid January
- **Santa at the National Maritime Museum** - November 23rd to December 23rd
- **Christmas in the Park festival** - December 5th to 7th
- **New Year's Eve Fireworks Display** - 8pm December 31st

CALLING LOCAL BUSINESSES!



The Dun Laoghaire Business Association (DLBA) organised a fantastic Christmas Festival initiative last year: decorating shop windows with festive white doodles throughout the main shopping areas with a competition to win ice skating tickets.

This year we will be working with participating businesses with a simpler competition for families and children, **count the number of Santa Hats in the window** and go into the shop to claim a free Santa Hat if you have the right number of hats! It is free for local businesses to participate, just jot down your interest on the form in the Latest news section and we will be in touch dlba.ie

A Special visit with Santa



A firm favourite with families will be running every weekend from November 23rd until December 23rd with Santa back at the National Maritime Museum. Each group will have 10 minutes to chat with the Big Man and each child will receive a special gift. There's a post box here as well, so don't forget to bring your wish list and post it. To book tickets see mariner.ie

Alpine skating trail is coming to Dún Laoghaire this Christmas



Ice skating is set to return to Dun Laoghaire this festive season and it's bringing a brand new experience, the Alpine Skate Trail will be coming to Dublin for the first time. It's set to open on November 1 and continue through to January 12 2025.

Tickets - iceskating.ie



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EVENTS

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DÚN LAOGHAIRE COMEDY FESTIVAL



Win free tickets!

Dylan Moran, Emma Doran, Ardal O'Hanlon, and Enya Martin are some of the many house-hold names coming to our sea-kissed town for the **third Comedy Festival**. For a show that's bang for your buck, catch six headliner acts performing in our ALL-STAR show, including names such as David McSavage and Al Porter.

There are a number of shows suitable for children such as Improvised Stories from Lebanon's funny storyteller, Raffi Feghali, Burkey's Bingo Family Show, and Science Magic, Messy Mayhem. to make your booking see dunlaoghaircomedyfestival.ie

How to Win The Tickets? IT'S SIMPLE, is this the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Comedy Festival?, email answers to laugh@comedyclub.ie

Dún Laoghaire Choral Society perform Brahms - A German Requiem

Under John Doyle's direction, accompanied by the Dun Laoghaire Consort, soprano Aisling Kenny and baritone Eoin Foran will join in a concert starting with Mendelssohn's 'String Symphony No. 3', written at age 12. The highlight is Brahms' 'Ein deutsches Requiem', Op. 45, a unique, non-doctrinal requiem offering hope and solace for all, inspired by personal loss and first performed in 1869.

Church of the Assumption, Castle Street Dalkey on Sunday, 17 Nov 2024 16:00 - 17:30

For tickets see dlcs.ie



Enjoy music and good company at

For more info see eblanaclub.ie

Concert to thank the keepers of the People's Park, Dún Laoghaire

Come join us for an evening of great music to thank the keepers of The People's Park Dún Laoghaire while raising money for 'Operation Childlife'.

Get ready to experience a night like no other filled with music and good craic.

Date: Sun Nov 03 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Walters Dún Laoghaire, 68 George's Street Upper

All ticket proceeds go to Operation Childlife, For tickets see walterspub.ie

November at the Eblana Club

Mondays 7.30pm - Open Mic Night with Jack's Music Club - Impromptu electric and acoustic songs featuring superb local talent.

Friday 8th 7.00pm - Al Porter - A Real Piece of Work In Progress, part of the Dún Laoghaire Comedy Festival.

Thursday 14th 7.30pm - "Are we burning our children's future" a talk by Fergal Costello on our addiction to fossil fuels.

Saturday 16th 7.30pm - EBLANA SESSIONS traditional music Seisiùn

Thursday 21 7.30pm - Book launch SOME GHOSTS FROM DÚN LAOGHAIRE'S PAST - from King Laoghaire to Ronnie Drew based on 200 years of the Eblana Lodge in Dún Laoghaire - Free Entry

Thursday 28th Doors open at 7.30pm - Traditional Dixieland Jazz - The monthly jazz session with dancing at its best.

Table Quiz in aid of RNLI Dún Laoghaire



Join RNLI on Tuesday 12th November at 8 pm at the Royal St. George Yacht Club for a night of Table Quiz and help them raise much needed funds.

€80 Per Table to include Light Supper

To Book Phone: (01) 280 1811



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WORKSHOP 2 for local businesses – Getting the most from the Dún Laoghaire Christmas Festival

The Dargan Hub's second workshop for the Christmas Festival is tailored to help local businesses create impactful Christmas campaigns that drive sales and encourage the community to buy local. We will look at ways to craft a compelling Christmas marketing campaign that resonates with customers.

Date: Tuesday 19th November

Time: 10 am – 11 am

Location: Dargan Hub (Co-working space above the Bank of Ireland) and Zoom

[RSVP](#)



Featured Business: Grandstand Sports

Grandstand Sports on Patrick Street are an independent, family-run business that are dedicated to providing personalised service and expert advice.

Their commitment to excellence led them to open a dedicated tennis shop right across the road from their main store. This expansion allows them to focus on becoming your go-to Tennis Specialist while enhancing their main shop's offerings for other sports enthusiasts.

Address: 106 Patrick St

Website: grandstandsports.ie



All Irish Christmas shopping bonanza – The Irish Pop-up Collective

The Irish Pop Up Collective are excited to announce the date for our All Irish Christmas shopping bonanza event. With over 65 brands and businesses exhibiting, this show promises to be the best free indoor festive gifting event in Ireland. The show is the ideal opportunity to meet the Irish makers, meet our community of innovative entrepreneurs and buy unique gifts from sustainable Irish brands. Everything from designer clothing & accessories, skincare & beauty, art ceramics & home interiors, kids clothing books & toys, food and drink.



Join your shop in the Christmas window competition, it's free, see dlba.ie

Boosting Your Brand: ChatGPT for Social Media – 12th Nov

DLR LEO are running a workshop to enhance your business' social media presence by harnessing the power of Chat GPT and integrating it into your social media strategies.

To register see

localenterprise.ie/DLR/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/



CHRISTMAS POP-UP

THE ROYAL MARINE HOTEL
DUN LAOGHAIRE, DUBLIN

SUNDAY
8TH DECEMBER 2024
10AM-7PM
FREE ENTRY

@IRISHPOPUPCOLLECTIVE





Promoting participation, inclusion and coordination in sport

The welcome return of the DLR Sports Partnership newsletter has been a great success! Currently, they have over 2400 digital downloads per edition on average from their website. They distribute over 750 physical copies between all dlr Libraries, Councillors, dlr Leisure Centres and dlr County Hall. They have grown their email database from scratch with the rejuvenated newsletter and they are closing in on 1000 subscribers. Pop over to their website to sign up - dlrsportspartnership.ie



Trading Online Voucher Webinar

An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher Scheme helps small businesses trade online to boost their sales and reach new markets. This scheme is a matched-funding opportunity with up to €2,500 available.

Date: 05/11/2024

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Locations: Online Via Zoom

Book Tickets: localenterprise.ie/DLR/Training-Events/Online-Bookings



MODOS training for Businesses

Most Irish businesses know that sustainability and circular economy are crucial to their success and even survival in the mid to long term. However, time pressures, resource constraints and lack of expertise makes this an uphill battle for small to medium businesses. DLR CoCo's MODOS Circular Economy Training Programme for SMEs is designed to help businesses kick-start their sustainable journey.

Date: Friday, November 8

Time: 9:30am - 12pm

Location: Online

For more information contact - envaware@dlrcoco.ie



Fraudulent QR Codes on Parking Pay and Display

The Council have been made aware of a scam involving fraudulent QR Codes being placed on parking meters.

If you are using pay & display parking, please visit payzone.ie to pay for your parking online. The scam works by sticking a fraudulent QR code over the valid QR code on the machine.



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:

Breda Faughey, 01 2047083, EconomicDev@dlrcoco.ie



Did you know?

Since 2016 the Dargan Hub (formerly Digital Dun Laoghaire) has:

1. Run the DunLaoghaireTown.ie website and associated social media accounts. We have leveraged that online presence to bring municipal events such as the Christmas Festival, Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Coastival to a wide audience.
2. According to Eventbrite statistics, we have delivered over 50 events for the town and its business community.
3. Helped incubate companies in the green and digital sectors in our hub above Bank of Ireland.
4. Is named after engineer William Dargan who brought Ireland's first railway to our town in 1834.

Our hub features at .ie Digital Champions event

Our hub's Eoin Costello was invited to speak at the national .ie Digital Champions event in Athlone about the work our Dargan Hub in Dun Laoghaire does. We term our Dargan Hub a 'Digital Growth Hub'.

As we seek to build the social capital within localities to empower them to navigate the big changes facing our country, Eoin outlined our belief that we need a new entity, such as 'Digital Growth Hubs' at the grassroots level on high street in towns across Ireland.



Congratulations to our hub members Revere Energy – Winners of 'Best Company to Work For' at the DLR Chamber Annual Awards

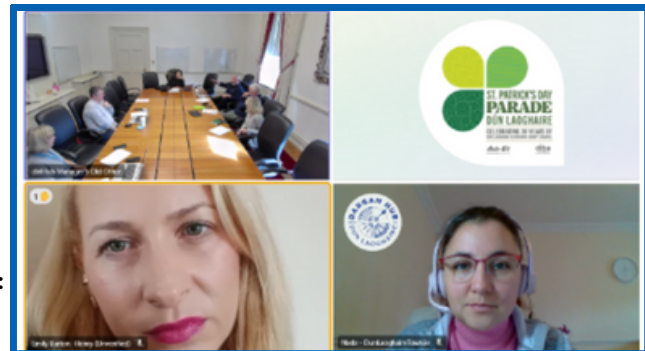


Saint Patrick's Day Parade Steering Group up and running

Chaired by Councillor Lorraine Hall the steering group met early in October and are planning for 2025.

For last year's Parade the Dargan Hub delivered:

- **Participating Groups:** Targeted Number: 20; Final Number: 50
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade Page Views:** 15.8K
- **Social Media Live Posting Campaign:**
 - Post Views: 240.1K
 - Engagement: 10.2K



Dargan Hub's Historic Walking Tour of Dún Laoghaire

Did you know there are over 31 sites of historic interest in our town! For example Moran Park House was the site of the first commercial use of wireless aboard a floating vessel when Marconi transmitted signals of the results of the Kingstown Regatta in July 1898.

As part of our work in attracting footfall to Dún Laoghaire we compiled a popular map which can be downloaded here – www.dunlaoghairetown.ie



NEWS TO SHARE? LET US KNOW!

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

