

South Dublin County today

A Newsletter from
South Dublin County Council
August 2008

New County Library Extension Opened

The new County Library in Tallaght opened on the 23rd April, 2008. This new library, one of the largest public libraries in the country, will along with the County Arts Centre and the Civic Theatre, create a vibrant cultural quarter in the Town Centre of Tallaght.



The new customer orientated library is a large more light filled building than the previous library, offering a double height building comprising an internal street which links the new upper plaza with the lower square dominated by County Hall. This new

library offers customers a large IT suite, with over one hundred PCs for people to use free of charge and a range of computer applications and information sources. Wi Fi with a facility to print from laptops is also available and a large digital training suite provides a range of training courses for all ages on a variety of IT skills including the Adobe Creative Suite. Customers of the library can now add credit to their library membership cards in order to streamline payment for printing and photocopying. A conference suite on the lower ground floor has video conference facilities and will offer an extensive range of cultural and learning events for local people.



South Dublin Libraries have offered access to digital books through their website for almost a year and a new Download Zone in the County Library allows customers to download their digital audio books to MP3 players via a seamless interface.



This library will act as a public living room for the community, with spaces to sit, read, reflect and interact with each other. A parent lounge beside the children's library allows parents to relax and read in close proximity to their children who can play, use computers or relax with

thousands of the best books available for young readers.

A teen zone, a local studies zone and a large library for adults make up the range of facilities to aid access to leisure, information, travel and educational possibilities for customers.



RFID technology in the new library facilitates express lending and returning kiosks on each level of the building using the latest technologies to allow customers a streamlined experience.

Corporate Logo Introduced

The new South Dublin County corporate logo is an abstract, stylised representation of the county's landscape and has been developed over the past six months with the expert advice and assistance of Zinc Design consultants.

It is inspired by the mountains, rivers and infrastructure located in the county and draws its inspiration from the heraldic shield of the county which was awarded to us on our coming into being in 1994.

The animation piece on the right represents how this developed. This modern and dynamic treatment reflects South Dublin County Council's management of the county's infrastructure, services and resources and its ongoing development of the county as a great place to work, live and visit. It provides a fresh and exciting platform from which to communicate our core messages in clear and persuasive ways.

The new logo will be phased in with the most high profile manifestations being introduced first, such as stationary, web pages etc. Other

uses such as signage and vehicle livery will be rolled out subsequently with all new and recently acquired vehicles being re-sprayed in the corporate colours with the new logo.



The new logo.

A Message from Mayor Marie Corr



IT is indeed a high honour to be elected Mayor of South Dublin County but especially to be elected the first woman mayor from Tallaght.

I hope that my term in office will in some way encourage the participation of more women in politics particularly from the areas of the county that are so under-represented due to low electoral turnout. I will highlight many of the issues that women consider as barriers to participation and try to address them.

I have the advantage of living in and representing a community that is close knit and supportive, full of volunteerism on the real issues that face communities.

In the spirit of participation I intend that many of the issues that create lack of social inclusion in terms of the

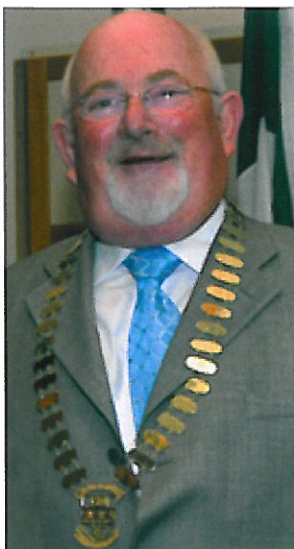
newer communities in the county will be addressed also – again leading to greater participation and understanding of the needs of many of our under-represented residents in the county. Tallaght and South Dublin County have an advantage over many other areas in that we have a richness and diversity of cultures that many other counties cannot boast about. We welcome this diversity with open arms and hearts and see it as an opportunity to learn and grow as a community. This diversity is an integral part of how South Dublin County Council operates and how the wider community benefits from our lead in terms of tolerance and ease with one another. There are many lessons to be learnt around the country at all levels from this.

Throughout the last 12 months South Dublin County Council continued its ambitious programme of works, following on the progress of previous years in improving quality of life for all who live, work and play in our County. I look forward to the many great new projects in the coming months such as:

- ♦ The opening of our superb new County Arts Centre
- ♦ The opening of the "Big Picture" Exhibition Centre
- ♦ The launch of our new Disability Access Implementation Plan
- ♦ The launch of the Council's Sustainable Energy Use Policy
- ♦ The Development of the County's Climate Change Strategy

I look forward to a busy year ahead and I welcome the opportunity to work closely with the County Manager Joe Horan and his staff, my fellow Councillors and the Community of South Dublin County in enhancing the quality of life for our residents and visitors during my time in office.

Deputy Mayor Guss O'Connell



First elected for the Lucan electoral area in 1991 and served in the first South Dublin Council from 1994 to 1999.

Elected in 2004 for the Palmerstown / Quarryvale/ Lucan area.

Member of Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee, Environment SPC and Arts/Culture SPC.

Chairperson of County Council Traveller Accommodation Committee. Director of County Enterprise Board and South Dublin Tourism Board. Member of Regional Health Forum, Eastern Region River Basin Water Quality Council and County Council Audit Committee.

Founder member and past secretary of the Liffey Valley Park Alliance. Also served as Secretary and Chairperson of his local Community Council and was the first Chairperson of the South Dublin Community Forum.



Billy Gogarty R.I.P.

The Mayor, Manager, Members and staff of South Dublin County Council would like to pay a special tribute to our recently deceased Mayor, colleague and good friend Billy Gogarty and extend our sympathies to the Gogarty family and in particular to Billy's wife Mary and his son Paul.

May he rest in peace

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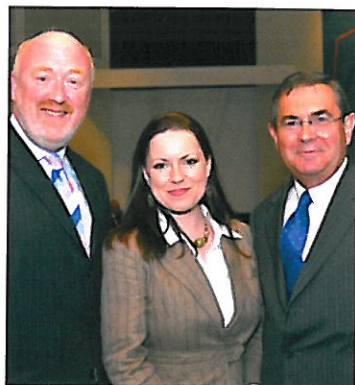
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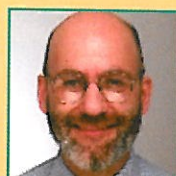
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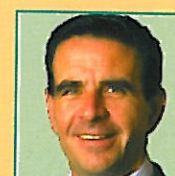
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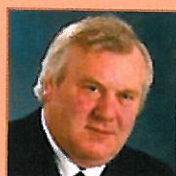
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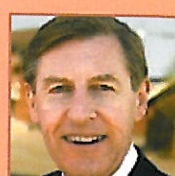
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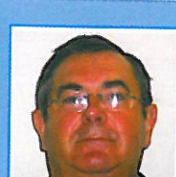
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CONNECTING YOU TO SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY



Joe Horan

County Manager

Excellent communications is a key component in the achievement by South Dublin County Council of its mission to deliver a quality service to its citizens and stakeholders. The changing

information needs of councillors, staff and citizens are being met internally through various important initiatives e.g. Council Meetings Application System (CMAS), the internal document management system (iDocs) and the spatial reference of data.

The Connect Communities Online Project, the redeveloped County Library and the development of the Big Picture Interactive Exhibition Centre will further enhance the accessibility to information for all the citizens of South Dublin County.

The development and expansion of communication policies will lead to better working relationships and the delivery of a better quality service to elected members, and a better public service for residents and users

I am committed to ensuring an excellent standard of services to the citizens of this County.



envisions a future where everyone in South Dublin County uses the Internet as an everyday tool to improve their quality of life and to develop opportunities for life long learning, leisure, personal and social development. Connect is a range of projects that have been implemented in South Dublin County. The combined impact of these projects working together will help achieve our objectives. We are currently implementing and developing a broad range of complimentary projects which include Connect Web, Connect School, Connect Centres and Connect Me.

The Big Picture

In September 2008 South Dublin County Council will open a new centre called The Big Picture. This will be an interactive exhibition facility at the newly completed Tallaght Cross development. Using the most up-to-date technology, this exhibition will display multimedia content and explain a wide range of plans, projects and social initiatives across the County while placing them in an overall policy context.

Log on to our website or blog for further details on the opening of the centre. www.southdublin.ie/connect

Connect I-Walks

Visitors to parks in south Dublin can now enjoy the company of a virtual guide thanks to an innovative new project by South Dublin County Council. The council has recently produced iWalks for three public parks in south Dublin - Corkagh Park, Griffeen Valley Park and Dodder Valley Park. These audio and video podcasts, produced in conjunction with the Parks Department and part financed by the NDS (National Disability Strategy), are available for download to MP3 players or iPods. The podcasts will increase the accessibility of parks to all members of the public while providing information required for the user to fully partake in the experience.

The iWalks offer a walking commentary as users listen to the podcast and follow a specified route through the parks during

which information regarding the parks origins, features and points of interest are narrated. These podcasts are available on the council's website www.southdublin.ie/connect or via the Parks Departments webpage <http://parks.southdublin.ie> for free.



A downloadable map and Connect iWalk symbols on the iWalk route have been put in place for Corkagh Park's iWalk and the maps and symbols for Griffeen and Dodder Valley Parks are being finalised.

New Language Skills Initiative for South Dublin County

ASIA
What language do you speak?

Hindi हिन्दी, Urdu اُردو, Arabic العربية, Urdu اُردو, Turkish Türkçe, Vietnamese Việt Nam, Russian Русский, Tamil தமிழ், Bengali বাংলা, Chinese 中文, Indonesian Bahasa Indonesia, Japanese 日本語

The end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st centuries has been called "the age of migration". As a consequence, many of the cities and towns throughout Ireland are becoming increasingly multicultural as the ethnic profile of many communities and workplaces begins to change and diversify. One of the High Level Goals of the National Action Plan for Social Inclusion and the National Development Plan 2007 - 2013 is to develop strategies aimed at achieving the integration of new comers to our society.

Integration is one of the most important challenges faced by South Dublin County Council over the next few years. One of the main objectives of the Council is to facilitate inter agency collaboration and initiatives to promote integration in the county.

The Council has a number of staff who can assist migrants who are experiencing language difficulties in accessing the services provided.

It is believed that this initiative will assist with any migrants who may require interpretative skills, especially if they have arrived recently or are isolated from people speaking the same language and it will help people conduct their business with the Council in an inclusive manner. It will provide information that is clear, timely, complete, accurate, available at defined points of contact, and meets the requirements of people with specific access/support needs.

The core aim of South Dublin County Council is to provide citizens with a highest quality service in an economic, efficient, effective and equitable manner.

EUROPE
What language do you speak?

German Deutsch, Dutch Nederlands, Irish Gaelic, Danish Dansk, Norwegian Norsk, Greek Ελληνικά, Spanish Español, Albanian Shqip, Bosnian Bosnian, French Français, Slovenian Slovenščina, Italian Italiano, Polish Polski, Czech Čeština, Slovak Slovenčina, Hungarian Magyar, Czech Česky

For further information please contact Maria Finn Social Inclusion Unit, South Dublin County Council Tel: 086 3803060 email: mfinn@sducouncil.ie

Languages that are available in-house include French, Portuguese, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Italian, Cantonese, Mandarin, German, Swedish, Tamil, Hindi, Telugu and Malayalan. For languages that we do not have available in-house we have access to a Translation Company.

SOUTH AMERICA
What language do you speak?

Dutch Nederlands, English English, Portuguese Português, Spanish Español, French Français

SOCIAL INCLUSION

Flowers Are Beautiful No Matter The Colour So Are People - Stephanie Ojo

www.southdublin.ie

AFRICA
What language do you speak?

French Français, Arabic العربية, Wolof, Bambara, Yoruba, Amharic, Swahili, English, Malagasy

Tallaght Town Centre



As the County Town and administrative capital of South County Dublin, Tallaght has emerged as a vibrant urban centre and is at the heart of community life and commercial activity in the county.

Recent developments in Tallaght have resulted in a significant physical transformation, in particular within the Town Centre area. Such progress has brought about a distinctive, modern, dynamic and compact urban centre. There is a strong European feel to the new Town Centre developments, in contrast to the previously car dominated landscape of earlier times.

Over €600 million has been expended in the Urban Renewal Scheme on the tax designated sites within the Town Centre. Tallaght today is one of Ireland's major urban centers with extensive commercial, residential, industrial and warehousing areas as well as having a broad range of social and civic facilities.

South Dublin County Council has been awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Irish Planning Institute for the Urban Renewal Scheme in Tallaght.



From left to right: Tony Keohane (Tesco Ireland), Paul Hogan (South Dublin County Council), Dara Larkin (South Dublin County Council), Joe Horan County Manager South Dublin County Council; John Gormley T.D. Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government; Andrew Hind President of the Irish Planning Institute.

Irish Website

South Dublin County Council are proud to present their new Irish website www.athcliaththeas.ie. On this website you can find general information regarding each department in the council, forms in Irish, contact customer care, check if you are on the register of electors, your housing application position etc. There is also a bilingual Irish department page where you can check Place names in both Irish and English and also general information such as Industrial Estates names in Irish and the Irish Language Scheme of South Dublin County Council.

For more information contact the Irish Officer at Gaeilge@sdublincoco.ie



www.athcliaththeas.ie á chur i láthair ag Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas. Is é seo an leagan Gaeilge dá suíomh gréasáin agus is mór ag an gComhairle é a bheith ar a cumas a leithéid a dhéanamh. Is féidir leat eolas ginearálta faoi gach rannóg sa chomhairle a fháil ar an suíomh gréasáin nua seo chomh maith le leagan Gaeilge d'fhoirmeacha, teagmháil a dhéanamh lenár nIonad Cúraim do Chustaiméirí, seiceáil an bhfuil tú ar chlár na dtoghthóirí, seiceáil cá seasann d'iarratas ar chóiríocht agus araile. Tá leathanach dátheangach air freisin ag rannóg na Gaeilge áit gur féidir leat logainmneacha a sheiceáil i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge agus freisin eolas ginearálta ar nós ainmneacha Gaeilge na nEastát Tithíochta agus Scéim Teanga Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas, a aimsiú.

Más mian leat a thuilleadh eolais a fháil déan teagmháil leis an Oifigeach Gaeilge ag an seoladh ríomhphoist:

Gaeilge@sdublincoco.ie

South Dublin County Councils Annual Community Awards

SOUTH Dublin County Councils Annual Community Awards were held on Friday 13th June 2008 in The Clarion Hotel, Liffey Valley, Lucan. Mayor Tony McDermott presented the Awards to a wide variety of community organisations and volunteers. Awards were presented to Community Groups, Sports & Recreation Groups, Individual Volunteerism, Community Centre and Connect Websites.

The Community Awards are about recognising and acknowledging in some way the work that is done within our communities, organisations and clubs where time is given freely, not for reward of any kind but for the satisfaction of helping others. This event is South Dublin County Council's way of recognising the

efforts of all people working in our communities and showing that their hard work does not go unnoticed. Without this contribution our communities and our county would be a much poorer place.

The Corporate Sector award recognises the contribution of the business community. Increasingly this sector has become involved in working with and assisting community organisations.

For many years companies have sponsored equipment and provided materials for groups active in the county. Their involvement has widened to cover the management and administration of community groups. They now not only support the activities of the group, but also

help in how they manage and provide their service.

Connect Website Awards acknowledge the hard work of centres and organisations who keep their Connect Websites informative, user friendly and up to date.

Every year the Mayor chooses an organisation to receive a special award. The recipient of the Mayor's Special Award 2008 was chosen by the late Mayor Councillor Billy Gogarty, who sadly passed away before being able to present this award to Scouting Ireland. Scouting in Ireland has been in existence for 100 years this year, and this award is to recognise the past 100 years of scouting in the country.

Mayor's Special Award - Scouting Ireland



From left to right: Eric O'Reilly, Liz Redmond, Damien O'Sullivan, Mayor Tony McDermott, Adrian Fitzgibbon and Sheila Duffy.

AWARD WINNERS

Mayors Special Award, **Scouting Ireland**; Overall Community Award, **Tallaght Youth Band**; First Runner Up Community Award, **Parishes of Ballyroan and Drumcree**; Second Runner Up Community Award, **Palmerstown Active Retirement Group**; Individual Volunteerism Award, **Vincent Brown / St. Andrews Resource Centre**; Corporate Sector Award, **Vivo / Associated Rewinds**; Overall Sports Award, **Peamount United Football Club**; Runner up Sports Award, **Hillview United Football Club**; Connect Best Overall Website, **Lughnasa Handball Team**; Connect Best Community Centre Website Award, **St. Kevins Family Resource Centre**; Best Connect Newcomer Award, **Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade**.

Building for a Creative Future - South Dublin County Arts Centre

THE new County Arts Centre which is located adjacent to the LUAS line is the most recent arrival to Tallaght's emerging cultural quarter. This initiative by South Dublin County Council represents an investment of almost €10 million in cultural facilities and is due to open in October 2008. The project, was commissioned by the Community Services Department and developed under the direction of Eddie Conroy, County Architect.

The addition of the arts centre in Tallaght will compliment existing cultural facilities such as the Civic Theatre, the recently extended County Library and the interactive information centre, The Big Picture.

Karen Phillips has been appointed Executive Director of the new County Arts Centre. Her remit is to develop the arts in South Dublin County through the support of professional exhibitions of art; by providing spaces for productions, exhibitions and process-based activities and by providing workspace for arts organisations and artists.



Ground Floor

Gallery 1, Gallery 2, 60 seat Performance Space, Art Workshop Room

Floor 1

Meeting room, 5 Music Rooms, Dance & Rehearsal Studio

Floor 2

3 Incubator Units, 2 Large Multimedia Rooms, Suite of studios for radio

Top Floor

6 Artist studio spaces



House Warming

An exhibition to mark the opening of the Arts Centre in Tallaght will include the artists Jesse Jones, Sean Lynch, Vera Klute, Beth O Hallorhan, Liam O Callaghan, Bea McMahon, and Clare Langan. The exhibition is curated by Ruairí Ó Cuív and Clíodhna Shaffrey and will be in the centre from October and November.

In Context 3

Artists, Jackie Sumell, Jennifer Walshe, Bik Van Der Pol, Cleary & Connolly will host open studios showing work in progress, alongside seminars and artists talks relating to the programme. In Context, South Dublin County Council's Per Cent for Art Programme, is one of the most ambitious and progressive local authority Public Art programmes in the country. The third phase of In Context is currently underway. It supports artistic ambition and active engagement with situation, community and place.

South Dublin County Council is the primary agency engaged in local arts development within the county of South Dublin. Our belief is that we can build for the future of the county by supporting the development of creative people and communities through the Arts. The new county arts centre is building for a creative future in South Dublin County.

For more information contact: <http://arts.southdublin.ie>



Art Bursary Award winners with Deputy Mayor Eamonn Maloney, County Manager Joe Horan, Pat Smith, Director of Services and Orla Scannell, Arts Officer.

Young people from Tallaght and New Orleans connect through artist's project

INTERNATIONALLY renowned artist Jackie Sumell has spent nearly 2 years working out of South Dublin County as part of South Dublin County Council's Public Art Programme, In Context 3. She is exploring similarities between seemingly polarized communities by using her commission to facilitate a cultural exchange between marginalized youth from New Orleans and Tallaght. This project is called A=AGHT, taken from the idea that the same sounds can be represented by entirely different spellings. NOLA=TALLAGHT (NOLA (New Orleans, Louisiana) and Tallaght (South Dublin County)). This serves as the concept for exploring sameness in seemingly different communities.

Young people aged 16 – 19 from New Orleans and Tallaght were invited to collaborate on the project in an attempt to identify and creatively resolve many of their shared concerns. The teenagers developed ideas for A=AGHT through creative workshops and an online exchange of ideas, exploring the social, cultural and historic issues that affect their lives. The participants gained a host of new skills and learned that creativity and collaboration make anything possible. A=AGHT is a place of creative resolve and a life changing experience for all involved. Visit www.AequalsAGHT.org to see projects and ideas in action.

South Dublin County Council, who commissioned the A=AGHT project through the In Context Public Art Programme, were delighted to recently welcome five young people from New Orleans. They joined participants from Tallaght in County Hall on 29th July to meet Deputy Mayor Guss O'Connell and to celebrate this unique project. Their trip was sponsored by youth support organizations in New Orleans and private individuals who were inspired by the potential of this innovative project. Local Dublin restaurants and businesses pitched in to provide lunches, dinners and activities for the young people during their visit. After their week in Dublin, 5 of the Tallaght teenagers joined the 5 visiting New Orleans at Cow House Studios in Co. Wexford, where they collaborated on creative projects which address issues of social concern. South Dublin County Arts Office is delighted by the additional support and partnerships which developed as a result of this innovative public art commission.

A=AGHT will also be exhibited this Autumn at the new County Arts Centre. For updates and information on all South Dublin County Arts Services please see <http://arts.southdublin.ie>



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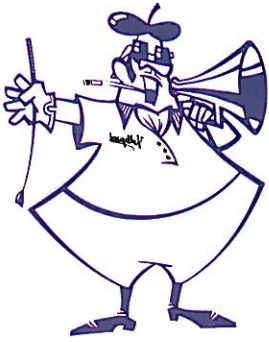
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Exchange students from New Orleans.



Art group from New Orleans with Deputy Mayor Eamonn Maloney and South Dublin County Councils Public Art Programme Co-ordinator, Rachel McAree (left).

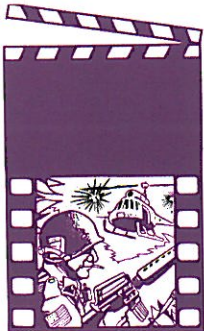


Tallaght Young Filmmakers 2008

The Arts Office is pleased to announce the establishment of Tallaght Young Filmmakers. The group, which will form officially in September 2008 were awarded funding by the Arts Council of Ireland under a new initiative called the Young Ensembles Scheme.

Tallaght Young Filmmakers formed from projects held in Killinarden Community School and Jobstown Community College, under the Film and Visual Arts Programme, which was initiated by South Dublin County Council's Arts Office. Young people in both schools worked with a number of experienced Irish filmmakers, Olivia Fitzsimons, Orla Russell Conway, and Brian Durnin, to learn more about the creative process of filmmaking. The students then scripted, acted, directed, filmed and helped to edit their own pieces.

The films each group have created have been screened to a wide public. Jobstown Community College created a horror film which was presented at their graduation ceremony. Killinarden Community School created a film entitled 'Johnny Splitz', which looks at the familiar story of teenage pregnancy and its effects in an unusual, entertaining and original way. The film was one of the first featured shorts as part of the launch of Dublin Community Television (DCTV) on Wednesday, July 16th in the New Theatre in Temple Bar. DCTV, is Ireland's only democratically-controlled and only advertising-free TV channel with broadcasting programmes made by, about and for Dublin communities.



The young people's enjoyment and the success of their film projects led them to attend masterclasses in filmmaking held by Cinemagic, an international film festival for young people based in Northern Ireland. Brought together by their interest in filmmaking, the groups from Killinarden and Jobstown decided while on the bus ride to the festival to start an after-school filmmaking group. With the assistance of Olivia Fitzsimons, Film and Visual Arts Coordinator for West Tallaght, and Victoria Durrer, Youth Arts Coordinator

for South Dublin County Council, the group applied for funding under the Arts Council of Ireland's Young Ensembles Scheme.



With the award they have received the groups will come together beginning in September 2008 and jointly decide the management structure of their group via the collaborative process of making a film. Meeting weekly in the Tallaght Library, they will work with a variety of professional filmmakers in developing the script, filming and editing of their film. In addition, the young people will also lead in conducting an evaluation of their experience in order to seek future funding and sustainability of their new initiative. They plan to host a panel discussion regarding filmmaking in Tallaght at the screening of their film in 2009.

Tallaght Young Filmmakers are supported by the Institute of Technology Tallaght, the RAPID Programme, Tallaght Partnership, DCTV, and South Dublin County Council's Arts Office and Library Services.

Victoria Durrer, the Youth Arts Co-ordinator, South Dublin County Council stated that 'It is a wonderful opportunity for these young people to be able to take the lead in establishing partnerships with professional filmmakers and filmmaking organisations to develop their own creativity and self-expression.'

NOISE

Keep an eye out for the Arts Office launch of NOISE, South Dublin's Youth Arts website at www.noisesouthdublin.com to see the films created by the group. 'Johnny Splitz' can also be viewed on DCTV's notice board on Sundays and Mondays and on NTL Digital Channel 802 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.