

# South Dublin County today

A Newsletter from  
South Dublin County Council  
December 2008

## Special Olympics Ireland celebrate 30 Years Changing Lives

A VERY special event took place on Sunday the 28th of September 2008 in Clondalkin Leisure Centre, hosted by Mayor Marie Corr and South Dublin County Council celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Special Olympics in Ireland.

Special Olympics Ireland commemorated and thanked all communities for their support during the last three decades under the theme 30 Years Changing Lives. Across Ireland, local government, religious groups, schools, sports organisations and other local agencies partook in this very special occasion by hosting events in their local community making the day as participatory and inclusive as possible for everyone in the locality.



Mayor Marie Corr, Mary Davis and George Hook enjoy the parade with other participants.

Since its inception in 1978 the Special Olympics Ireland has played a very important role in the lives of so many families involved in the programme. Among the many achievements of the organisation the transformative power of Special Olympics as the single most powerful vehicle for changing attitudes and promoting acceptance for those with an intellectual disability is one of their greatest.

Joining the staff and representatives of South Dublin County Council to celebrate this special milestone was Mr George Hook, and most importantly representatives of 19 Special Olympic clubs in the county, their leaders and the many volunteers from around South Dublin County.

The opening ceremony comprised of the lighting of the Olympic flame followed by a fantastic gymnastics display

performed by South Dublin Sports Club. Other activities included bouncy castles, face painters, live performance by Superfly and an assortment of fun and games for all.

Special Olympics Ireland is an organisation with 11,000 athletes participating in 12 sports in 409 clubs supported by 18,000 volunteers across the island of Ireland, week in week out. This makes Special Olympics Ireland one of Ireland's largest community and voluntary organisations and reaches 33% of the 34,000 people with intellectual disabilities in Ireland. In addition to providing sports training and competition, Special Olympics Ireland also incorporates the Athlete Leadership Programme (ALPs), the Family Support Programme, Healthy Athlete and Volunteer Programme to name but a few.

A spokesperson for Special Olympics Ireland said South Dublin County Council's contribution to the success of Special Olympics has never gone unnoticed. For 30 years Special Olympics Ireland's aim has been to provide more sports opportunities for people with a learning disability in their own communities. This has been largely achieved thanks to the dedication and support of the communities, volunteers, coaches and partners nationwide.

Under the Special Olympics Ireland Strategy 2008-2011, the organisation aims to grow the participation at local level and ensure that quality programmes are available in every community to all athletes, as well as potential athletes, volunteers, coaches and families. By 2011 Special Olympics Ireland will have engaged with more people with a learning disability so that they have the opportunity to play a full role in their own community.

South Dublin County Council is pleased to assist the Special Olympics over the years and looks forward to continued co-operation with all our athletes and their families throughout the coming years. For more information please contact:

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Participants enjoying the events in Clondalkin Sports & Leisure Centre.



## Message from the Mayor



*I would like to take this opportunity on my own behalf and my fellow councillors to wish all those living in, working in and visiting South Dublin County a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. We have marked some spectacular achievements by many residents in the County this year. I'm sure 2009 will be equally if not more successful.*

*For many people this time of the year is a time to reflect and to take the time out to do the things we don't often get time to do. The message of Peace is something that is synonymous with the Christmas season.*

**Marie Corr, Mayor**



## Message from the Manager



*On behalf of the Management Team and the Staff of South Dublin County Council I would like to wish all our customers and citizens a Very Happy, Peaceful and Healthy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.*

*I wish to assure you that the Council will continue its total commitment to providing excellent levels of front line customer service in the year ahead and to working with partner agencies to improve the quality of life for our citizens.*

**Joe Horan, County Manager**

## "Amazing Peace"

By Dr. Maya Angelou

Thunder rumbles in the mountain passes  
And lightning rattles the eaves of our houses.  
Flood waters await us in our avenues

Snow falls upon snow, falls upon snow to avalanche  
Over unprotected villages  
The sky slips low and grey and threatening

We question ourselves  
What have we done to so affront nature?  
We worry God,

Are you there? Are you there really?  
Does the covenant you made with us still hold?

Into the climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters  
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells of hope  
And signing carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air  
The world is encouraged to come away from rancor  
Come the way of friendship

Is it the Glad Season  
Thunder ebbs to silence and lightning sleeps quietly in the corner.  
Flood waters recede into memory  
Snow becomes a yielding cushion to aid us  
As we make our way to higher ground.

Hope is born again in the faces of children  
It rides on the shoulders of our aged as they walk into their sunsets  
Hope spreads around the earth. Brightening all things  
Even hate which crouches breeding in dark corridors

In our joy, we think we hear a whisper.  
At first it is too soft. Then only half heard  
We listen carefully as it gathers strength.

We hear a sweetness  
The word is Peace  
It is loud now. It is louder  
Louder than the explosion of bombs.

We tremble at the sound. We are thrilled by its presence  
It is what we have hungered for.

Not just the absence of war. But true Peace  
A harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies  
Security for our beloveds and their beloveds.

We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas  
We beckon this good season to wait a while with us.  
We, Baptist and Buddhist, Methodist and Muslim, say come Peace  
Come and fill us and our world with your majesty  
We, the Jew and the Jainist, the Catholic and the Confucian  
Implore you to stay a while with us.  
So we may learn by your shimmering light  
How to look beyond complexion and see community.

It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time

On this platform of peace we can create a language  
To translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other.

At this Holy Instant we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ  
Into the great religions of the world  
We Jubilate the precious advent of trust  
We shout with glorious tongues at the coming of hope  
All the earth's tribes loosen their voices  
To celebrate the promise of Peace.

We, Angels and Mortal's Believers and Non-Believers  
Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.  
Peace. We look at our world and speak the word aloud  
Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves  
And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation

Peace, My Brother, Peace, My Sister  
Peace. My Soul



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# The Higher Education Grants Scheme

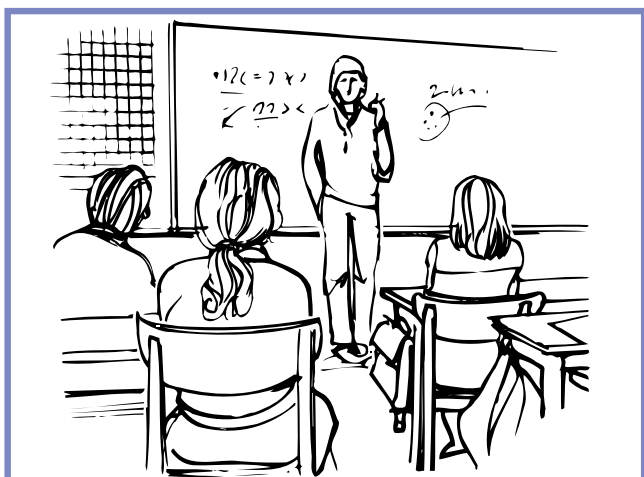
South Dublin County Council operates a scheme of Higher Education Grants (on behalf of the Department of Education & Science) in respect of approved full time third level education courses at both postgraduate and undergraduate levels.

Grants are available for approved courses at universities and certain other educational institutions within Ireland and other EU countries. South Dublin County Council deals with degree and post-graduate courses while the VEC deals with Certificate (cert), Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) & Diploma Courses. Courses in private colleges and part-time courses are not covered under the terms of the Department of Education Higher Education

The Higher Education Grants Scheme is generally issued by the Department of Education & Science in mid June / early July each year and is formally "approved" by the Council at the next possible Council meeting. Once the Scheme has been approved advertisements are placed in the local press inviting applications.

Generally speaking the grant scheme applies to students who:

- are entering approved courses for the first time, are eligible for grants where they satisfy the relevant conditions as to means, age, academia, residence, and nationality.
- are a mature student, who in the academic year in question is either entering in order to complete an approved course at undergraduate level for the first time or re-entering in order to pursue or complete an approved course at postgraduate level for the first time or already hold a postgraduate qualification and are re-entering to progress to a further postgraduate course which represents progression. (In order to be considered a mature student, you need to be at least 23 years of age on January 1 of the year you enter your chosen course).
- Have attended but not successfully completed an approved course and are returning following a break of at least 5 years in order to pursue an approved course at the same level in the academic year in question. In this instance, you will be considered a Second Chance Student



**Means:** Grants are awarded in accordance with the means test set out in the Scheme, that is, your income must be below a certain level. This is referred to as "reckonable income" in the Scheme.

**Age:** Students must be at least 17 years of age on January 1 of the year following application, except in the case of a "mature student".

**Residence:** Students, parents or guardians or you yourself if you are an independent mature candidate, must have been ordinarily resident in the South Dublin Area on 1st October of the year prior to entry to course.

**Nationality:** Students must hold E.U. Nationality; or have Official Refugee Status; or have been granted Humanitarian Leave to Remain in the State (prior to the Immigration Act 1999); or be a person in respect of whom the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform has granted permission to remain following a determination not to make a deportation order; or have permission to remain in the State by virtue of marriage to an Irish national residing in the State, or be the child of such person, not having EU nationality; or have permission to remain in the State by virtue of marriage to a national of another EU Member State who is residing in the State and who is or has been employed, or self-employed, in the State, or be the child of such a person, not having EU nationality; or be nationals of a member country of the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.

**Value of Grant:** The amount of grant awarded can vary from fees only to full fees and full maintenance. The value of the grants for fees (including Registration Fee) and maintenance are set down annually by the Department of Education and Science. The rates of grants payable under the current scheme are as follows:

## Rates

	Non-Adjacent Rate (living more than 24 klms from college)	Adjacent Rate
Full Maintenance	€3,420	€1,370
Part maintenance (75%)	€2,565	€1,030
Part maintenance (50%)	€1,710	€685
Part maintenance (25%)	€855	€345

There are also special rates of maintenance grants payable for disadvantaged students.

Grants are paid in three installments to coincide with academic terms generally in October, January and at Easter.

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## *The Big Picture – The Future of South Dublin*

The Big Picture, a new multi-media permanent public exhibition space in Tallaght Town Centre which will bring the future of South Dublin County to life in a visual and engaging manner to inform, stimulate and then capture the participant's / audience's views as an integral part of the exhibition.

This facility will bring the emerging city character of Tallaght to life, by digitally building a picture of new developments proposed and under construction and superimposing these images onto the existing streetscape to give a unique view of the future form of the county town.

It will also serve to showcase the many Council initiatives underway or proposed across all areas of the county and bring these to life in an engaging, visually attractive and interactive way. The exhibition area will serve to bring information in a unique form to a wide audience ranging from the citizen, student, tourist, community and business groups.

The first of its kind, the Big Picture aims to create a new type of communication through the visual, creative and learning process.

The overall aim of the Big Picture is to encourage people to have an opinion on the issues directly affecting them and to afford them the opportunity to voice their views through this new method of engagement.

Combining the new Arts Centre, the new County Library and The Big Picture a trail of knowledge and discovery is being created by South Dublin County Council that surpasses any platform of communication currently on offer from any other local authority in the country.

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## **Community Alive in the New County Library Tallaght**



Mayor Marie Corr at the 'Community Alive' event.

Community Alive took place in the County Library, Tallaght during the month of October and comprised of a series of events with helpful information and practical workshops on how to get involved in your Community. The event which was free of charge was open to everyone in the County. The workshops provided information on how to set up a group, to organize and run a committee, information to assist community groups and individuals to set up their own website and to explore local facilities and amenities.

The South Dublin County Volunteer Centre and several Community Groups were present with information stands on various community initiatives. Launching the event in the Digital suite at the County Library the Mayor Marie Corr said "This is a great opportunity to get practical information on how to get involved in your Community. Getting involved in Community events gives you an opportunity to meet your neighbours and improve your area. I strongly recommend everyone to get involved – you might surprise yourself, its good fun"

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## *SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY HAUNTED THIS HALLOWEEN!*

**T**HIS October Bank Holiday weekend, Tallaght and the Dublin Mountains came alive with magical, spooky fun for all the family in the shape of Hallowfest 2008! Celebrations kicked off on Sunday 26th October in Library Square Tallaght with fire jugglers, lion dancers, African drummers, samba dancers and Halloween characters with lots of colour and variety provided by children in their many assorted costumes.



Novelty Halloween ghouls provided face painting in Tallaght County Library and Leisureplex and The Hallowfest Ghostbus hosted a session of tinglingly terrifying ghost stories - a fantastically frightening experience not to be forgotten.

The Intercultural Halloween Parade left Library Square Tallaght at 5pm on an exciting march to Tallaght Institute of Technology where the day ended in an amazing fireworks extravaganza, lighting up the skies of South Dublin County.

Bank Holiday Monday saw a ghostly family Treasure Hunt which visited the enchanting and mysterious Hell-Fire Club site in the Dublin Mountains. A free park n ride facility, operated from South Dublin County Council to the Hell-Fire Club making the day as easy and fun as possible. In



addition to this facility there was also a free shuttle bus system looping from Killakee, Cruagh Woods and Pine Forest car parks surrounding the Hell-Fire Club so that ease of transport was assured and people were left to enjoy their day. Check out [www.hallowfest.ie](http://www.hallowfest.ie) for more details and make sure to make a date for your diary for Hallowfest 2009.





# Oidhreacht — Our Heritage

## 9th Annual Photographic Competition & Exhibition 2008

**M**AYOR Marie Corr opened the annual Oidhreacht Heritage Photographic competition at County Library Tallaght on the 21st October. The competition is now in its 9th year and each year has seen it grow and continue to succeed and flourish. Over these nine years the library has collected a rich array of photographs depicting the life, lore and heritage of the County, thanks to all the people who took the time and effort to capture an image and enter it into the competition.



This year was a little different as all submissions were digital. This we hoped would encourage more people, especially those who may not have thought about entering a photo competition before, to enter. We received over 240 photos – the biggest entry ever in the history of the competition. We also wanted to take advantage of the latest technologies available here in the County Library so that the photos could reach more people. This was also a huge success and the Flickr Oidhreacht webpage, which can be found under the local studies tab on [www.southdublinlibraries.ie/local\\_studies/Oidhreacht 2008](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/local_studies/Oidhreacht_2008) and which was set up to host the competition entries has received almost 12,000 hits so far. Digital submissions have made it easier to display the images in the library on the flat screen panels. So without looking back, digital is most definitely the way forward.

The judges this year were photographers Michael Lavelle and Petr Parizek and South Dublin County Council's Heritage Officer, Rosaleen Dwyer. They had a particularly difficult task evaluating a greater number of photographs and also a greater quality of images.

The winning photos are displayed in the seminar room in County Library and all of the photos entered for the competition are displayed as a slideshow on the flat screen panels throughout the library.

### Under 18s Category

**Highly Commended** — Alex Kenny for "Escaping Sunlight" (Certificate)

**3rd Prize** — Conor Spain for "Can We Play Too!" (Cheque and certificate)

**2nd Prize** — Oliver Mulcahy for "Church in Flower" (Cheque and certificate)

**1st Prize** — Jennifer Kemple for "Heavenly View from Hellfire Club" (Apple iPod Classic and certificate)

### Adult Category

#### Highly Commended

Andrew McDonnell for "The Rockbrook Fox" (Certificate)

David Soanes for "Lift-Off" (Certificate)

Eleanor Ruddy for "Ballyboden Sheer Determination" (Certificate)

Deirdre Byrne for "I Did It!!" (Certificate)

**3rd Prize** — David Ryan for "Tied Up in Tallaght" (Cheque and certificate)

**2nd Prize** — Rae D'Cruz for "Luazing!" (Cheque and certificate)



Congratulations to all the winners of the Oidhreacht Photographic competition. Mayor Marie Corr is pictured here with some of the winners



## ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

In order to be able to vote a person's name must be entered on the **Register of Electors** (Register) for the area in which they ordinarily reside. South Dublin County Council is required to prepare and publish a Register every year. It comes into force on 15th February and is used for all subsequent elections and referendum held within the following 12 months.

Before a person can be included on the Register they must satisfy certain criteria relating to age, residence and citizenship.

**Age:** A person must be at least 18 years of age on the day the Register comes into force (15th February). All residents of the state aged 18 and upwards are entitled to be on the Register.

**Residence:** A person must be ordinarily resident at the address they wish to be registered on 1st September preceding the coming into force of the register. A person can only be registered at one address.

**Citizenship:** A person's citizenship determines the type of election at which they are entitled to vote. The law relating to citizenship is governed by the Irish Nationality & Citizen Acts 1956-2004 for which the Department of Justice Equality & Law Reform is responsible. The right to vote is as follows:

**Irish Citizens** may vote at every election and referendum.

**British Citizens** may vote at Dáil, European and Local elections. (D)

**Other EU Citizens** may vote in European and Local elections. (E)

**Non-EU** Citizens may vote at Local Elections only. (L)

During the course of each year South Dublin County Council engages a team of Inspectors to carry out house-to-house enquiries for the purpose of preparing the Draft Register. This involves delivering registration forms (RFA) to each household, as well as collecting information from residents on their doorsteps. The Draft Register is published on 1st November and is made available to the public for inspection at local Post Offices, Libraries, Garda Stations and the Council's Civic Offices. It is also available to check on line on [www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie) and [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie). Errors or omissions discovered / identified between the period **1st November to 25th November** are notified to the Council so that they may be corrected. The *Live Register* is published on 1st February and comes into effect on 15th February.

Anyone who misses the November deadline may apply to go on the **Supplement to the Register**, which is always published prior to an election / referendum. An application (RFA2) for entry on the supplement must be witnessed by a member of the Garda Síochána and must be received by the Council at least 15 working days before polling day to be considered for that election.

Anyone already on the register but having moved residence from one constituency to another or to another local electoral area can apply for entry to the supplement at the new address by completing a Change of Address form (RFA3). This application must be signed and stamped at a Garda station.

*There are certain categories of individuals who are permitted to vote by post. These are called Postal Voters and include:*

- Full-time members of the Defence Forces who normally live in military barracks.
- Irish Diplomats posted abroad and their spouses.
- Members of the Garda Síochána
- Persons unable to go to a polling station due to a physical illness or disability.
- Persons whose occupations are likely to prevent them from attending a polling station on election day, including full-time students registered at home but attending college elsewhere in the state.
- Persons unable to vote at their polling station due to circumstances of their detention in a prison pursuant to an order of a court

Special Voters, persons with a physical illness or disability living in hospitals, nursing homes or similar institutions may be entitled to vote at these locations. The illness or disability must prevent them from attending the polling station in person. On polling day a special Presiding Officer accompanied by a Garda delivers a ballot paper to the individual.

Copies of the register are made available to elected public representatives and election candidates. However, it is an offence to use details on the full register for anything other than electoral or other statutory purpose.

An Edited Register of Electors is also prepared and published. This register contains the names and addresses of persons who have indicated that they wish their details to be made available for a purpose other than electoral or statutory eg direct marketing use by a commercial or other organisation.

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## New County Arts Centre . . . *A place for possibility . . .*

**RED** is the new flagship County arts centre development located adjacent to the Tallaght Luas stop and County Hall where we hope to offer the chance for anyone to participate in the arts – simply by being in the building. Whether you come to see a new work, join in with a dance class or have a cup of coffee we want to provide the best experience possible.

**RED** overlooks the Tallaght Luas stop and is a key element of South Dublin County Council's strategy for the development of the arts across South Dublin County and is committed to providing a diverse, high quality and innovative arts programme. Combined under one roof, this multiple purpose arts resource aims to connect and communicate with you, our audience by being a unique driver for wide public access to the arts. This means providing excellent productions, facilities and activities for everyone. Through time we hope to play a significant role within the cultural life of South Dublin and grow as a vibrant creative hub for Ireland and beyond by attracting national and international artists to perform and exhibit at the centre.

**RED** consists of two galleries (including a 'white cube') and a 60 seat performance space. The centre has an art workshop room, five music rooms, two multi media rooms, and a dance rehearsal studio. The programme covers visual arts, digital arts, music, dance, film, theatre, talks and educational events. It provides networking opportunities, a range of organised events, artist studios and incubation offices for creative organisations including our anchor tenant Tallaght Community Arts.

The centre is due to be officially opened on the 5th February 2009 by the Minister Martin Cullen T.D. from the Department of Arts Sports and Tourism. During the weekend from 6th – 8th February, **RED** will open its doors to allow visitors the chance to tour the building and become involved and participate in the wide variety of free workshops and events planned. The exhibition House Warming will mark the official opening of the centre and present work by artists Jesse Jones, John Jones, Vera Klute, Clare Langan, Sean Lynch, Bea McMahon, Liam O'Callaghan and Beth O'Halloran.



A=AGHT — project, model in progress.



'Colourful style closeup' by Kyle Madigan.

However, the public are welcome to a sneak preview of the galleries in December with the exhibition 'In Context 3' South Dublin County Council's Per Cent for Art Programme 2006 – 2009. The exhibition will look at the context of the residency commissions involving all art disciplines and the active engagement with situation, community and place.

**RED's** facilities include an assortment of rooms that are available for private hire and events. For small meetings and presentations you can use our quiet and comfortable Meeting Room or alternatively for larger events the Performance Space and Galleries are available. Whatever your event, we have a range of audio-visual equipment and expertise to show your presentation or event off to its best advantage. All events are catered for by our Café.



**RED** is not just about exhibitions and theatre. It is also a place to make art. In fact, lots of visitors will use our Art Room every week to create and learn. Choose from a fantastic range of courses, led by friendly, experienced and supportive tutors. All our courses are designed for beginners unless we let you know otherwise. Just bring yourself – all materials are included in the classes. We also have two multi-media rooms as resources for digital scanning, image manipulation and printing. The digital suite also has Apple computers running a range of graphics, film and music applications. All these facilities and workshops are available at low cost.

## IN CONTEXT 3, South Dublin County's Public Art Programme 2006-2009

### Autumn Programme at RED

Exciting new work from the In Context 3 programme will be on show at **RED**, the new County Arts Centre from November 25th – January 18th. Seven artists were commissioned by In Context 3, South Dublin County Council's Public Art Programme, to make new work in the context of South Dublin County. The exhibitions and events at **RED** this Autumn highlight the range of creativity and innovation which emerged during this two year programme. The In Context 3 exhibitions are also a great chance to see some of **RED's** amazing facilities in advance of the official opening next year. This Autumn Programme features exhibitions on the ground floor including the two wonderful gallery spaces and the Art Room. All exhibitions and events from the In Context 3 programme are free and everyone is very welcome.

The artists, Dermot Bolger, Connolly and Cleary, Jackie Sumell, Jennifer Walshe and Bik van der Pol, were inspired by the people and places, stories and situations they encountered during their time in South Dublin. They used a variety of media to explore their ideas, including photography, film, sound, poetry, installation and digital media work.

**Cleary and Connolly** Anne Cleary & Denis Connolly will project films onto the gallery walls from their City Loops project, a collection of films and voices which feature the journeys and memories of South Dublin residents.

**Dermot Bolger** launches his new anthology of poetry 'Day and Night' which includes contributions from emerging South Dublin writers. Posters of Dermot's poetry from will also be displayed at **RED**.

**Grúpat – Jennifer Walshe** worked with the Grúpat sound collective to install an intriguing playhouse in the gallery. Visitors can enter to experience sounds and secrets from the Glenasmole Valley in the South Dublin Mountains.

**Jackie Sumell** has created an architectural model of **A=AGHT**, a virtual world which reflects the values of the young people from Tallaght and New Orleans who collaborated on the project. [www.AequalsAGHT.org](http://www.AequalsAGHT.org)

Prints by **Bik van der Pol** comment on urban planning, focussing on the development of Tallaght Stadium. The prints are free for visitors to take away!

### Public Talks

A series of free artist's talks and events will provide insights to the discoveries and processes behind the work on show.

### Schools Education Programme

A gallery education specialist will bring primary school classes on a guided, discussion based tour of work in galleries, followed by workshop in Art Room. Artwork from the In Context 3 Outreach and Education programme will also

be on display in the Art Room, featuring hand made postcards exchanged by children from four South Dublin primary schools.

**Free Admission – All are welcome**

Exhibition Dates: November 25th – January 18th

Exhibition open from Tuesday - Saturday

Closed on Sundays and Mondays

**Opening Times:** Tuesday - Saturday 11.00 am - 6.00 pm

Please see website for details of all exhibitions and events and Christmas opening times: <http://incontext.southdublin.ie/>

For information on all South Dublin County Arts Services please see: <http://arts.southdublin.ie>

*In Context 3, South Dublin County Council's Per Cent for Art Programme, is funded by the NRA and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.*

South Dublin County's young people are  
making a lot of **NOISE** these days and the  
message is about art and creativity

Within South Dublin County, young people are leading many arts initiatives that include filmmaking, photography, broadcasting, music, art and youth theatre. Young musicians are hosting musical events in Youth Cafés in Ronanstown and Rock Cafés in



Quarryvale Community and Leisure Centre while young painters are celebrating their communities producing murals and artwork with artist John Carpenter.

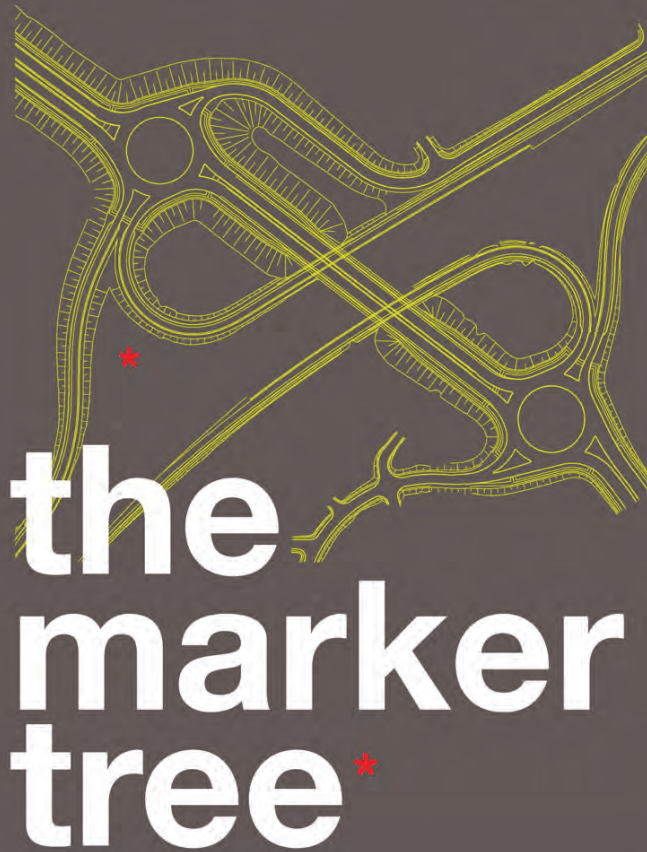
During the month of October, young bands from South Dublin County competed in **NOISE** Concert '08 at the Civic Theatre on October, 5th, 12th, 19th, and 28th, for a South Dublin County Council sponsored award to support their further development in the music industry. Youth interested in photography participated in a competition co-sponsored by CANON, the Evening Herald's HQ Magazine, and South Dublin County Council's Arts Office. Photographs were submitted via the **NOISE** site's Projects page, an interactive space on the site where young people can get involved in various creative projects actually online. [www.noisesouthdublin.com](http://www.noisesouthdublin.com)

The **NOISE** South Dublin website which features the work of the County's creative youth was launched on October 28th in South Dublin County Council's new **Big Picture** space, an interactive Exhibition Centre where visual and relevant multimedia content is exhibited for public interaction. The first of its kind, the **Big Picture** aims to create a new medium of communication through the visual, creative and learning processes.

Victoria Durrer, Youth Arts Coordinator for South Dublin County Council says, "Having served as South Dublin County's new Youth Arts Coordinator for less than a year, I feel privileged to be a part of a group of people that not only get to witness such a breadth of creativity, but also have a chance to support it."

Please visit the website at [www.noisesouthdublin.com](http://www.noisesouthdublin.com)





## The Marker Tree by artist Andreas Kopp, is a major new public artwork commissioned through In Context 3, South Dublin County Council's Per Cent for Art Scheme 2006-2009.

The design of The Marker Tree combines the natural form of a tree with shapes and surfaces associated with industrial process and production. The sculpture has a steel trunk and branches, with brightly coloured steel 'cushions' in place of leaf clusters. The colours of the leaf 'cushions' came from the fluorescent marker pens used by the artist in his original drawings: red, yellow, pink, green and blue. The Marker Tree will change appearance from day to night, as the playful colours seen in daytime give way to soft lights scattered throughout the tree at night.

As a commonly shared signpost this sculpture will mark the daily journeys of commuters and residents, becoming a landmark with personal associations and memories for each person who passes. As artist Andreas Kopp says:

"The Marker Tree will not just be a modern, smart looking piece of contemporary art, a landmark for South Dublin, but can be used by passers by as a place to project wishes, intentions or just to-do-lists. The sculpture can be seen in many different ways, as something natural or industrial, as a landmark or a lighthouse, playful or serious. It is open to interpretation for all who pass by."

### John McLoughlin, Roads Department

The Marker Tree was commissioned by South Dublin County Council through the In Context 3 Per Cent for Art Programme, which is funded by the NRA and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

### The Kingswood Interchange connecting the N7

The Kingswood Interchange connecting the N7 Naas Road and the Outer Ring Road provides transport connections to vital orbital corridors linking communities and businesses, promoting social and employment opportunities in the wider national community and the principal towns of Lucan, Clondalkin and Tallaght in South Dublin County. The creation of new transport routes is an important element of the overall transportation strategy in the Greater Dublin area aimed at linking local centres of population and employment whilst relieving the pressure on the existing road network.

### Mayor Marie Corr, South Dublin County Council

"I am delighted to introduce you to The Marker Tree by Andreas Kopp, a new piece of public art for South Dublin County. This imaginative sculpture will act as a distinctive gateway to the county, seen from close and far, by day and night, by drivers, visitors and residents. The Marker Tree is a highly visible landmark which combines ideas of rural and urban symbols which are key to the identity of the county"



Design draft of The Marker Tree in situ  
Installation of sculpture by January 2009

\***Marker Tree location:** Kingswood Interchange on the N7, Fabricated by Ferrum, Berlin, [www.ferrum-lasercut.de](http://www.ferrum-lasercut.de)

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For more information on South Dublin County Council's Public Art Programme, please see <http://incontext.southdublin.ie>

For updates and information on all South Dublin County Arts Services please see: <http://arts.southdublin.ie>

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## SOUTH DUBLIN CHILDREN'S SERVICES

### Who is the South Dublin Children's Services Committee?

**S**OUTH Dublin Children's Services Committee (SDCSC) was established under the auspices of the County Development Board in June 2007. Its membership is drawn from a number of key areas. These areas include the Local Authority, the HSE, Educational services such as the National Education Welfare Board (NEWB), National Educational Psychological Services (NEPS) and the County Dublin VEC, Local Gardai, Juvenile and Community Liaison Officers and Probation services, non-statutory services and local Partnership, and Community Development Initiative (CDI)

### Overall vision

*"Children and Families enjoy a life which is fulfilling in every aspect"*

Objectives to ensure this vision can be implemented:

- All Children have the key skills needed to engage successfully in the education system on entry to primary school
- Every child achieves their learning potential through the school system and other learning opportunities
- Children are physically and emotionally safe in their homes, families and community
- Children engage positively in their community through the provision of quality play, sport and recreational facilities
- Children develop to their full potential in their family and wider community, enabled by effective family and child supports
- All children and families have the opportunity to actively participate in improving their communities and services
- Systems, structures and data collection processes are in place to enable agencies and practitioners to work collaboratively to identify and address children's needs

- Children and families receive quality supports in a planned, integrated and supportive manner

The above statements express the vision and the objectives of the South Dublin Children's Services Committee.

The role of the Children's Services Committee is to foster a commitment to integrated service design and provision by all organisations working with children and families in the South Dublin County. This should lead to Children and Families receiving all the services they need in an appropriate and timely manner.

In order to achieve the vision of children and families enjoying a life which is fulfilling in every aspect the committee have developed a number of objectives around 6 specific areas of:

- (1) Education, Training and Learning
- (2) Safety and Security
- (3) Child welfare, child protection and family support
- (4) Participation
- (5) Interagency case work
- (6) Communications, Data and Planning

Work plans, designed to implement a series of actions to meet the objectives have been developed and work has just begun on implementation.


A number of projects will be initiated in the coming months and we will bring you news of these projects as they swing into action.

We have developed a website which you can access at [www.southdublinchildren.ie](http://www.southdublinchildren.ie). This website has three main areas and will bring news to Children, Teens and Adults of services in South Dublin.

An important area of the website which is still being developed is a Service directory which details a huge range of services from Education, Health, Family support, Housing and National Help lines. Take a look and let us know what you think. If you are a service provider who would like to see your service on the site please email [mdonohoe@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:mdonohoe@sdublincoco.ie) or call 014149351

**Maria Donohoe**  
Children's Services Coordinator





## **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2010-2016**

### **SHAPING OUR FUTURE Pre-Draft Public Consultation**

If you think you know what needs to be done to improve the places where we live, work, shop, and play, why not share your thoughts with us, and together we can plan to make it happen. Now is your chance to have an input into how the Council plans for the future of the County.

The main document for the regulation and control of development in the County is the Development Plan.

**IT'S YOUR FUTURE - HAVE YOUR SAY - WE NEED YOUR VIEWS**



The new South Dublin County Development Plan must provide for:

- better places to live
- housing with supporting facilities for a diverse range of people
- well-planned new developments and improvements to existing areas
- a sustainable rural environment

### A LIVING PLACE

## SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Pre-Draft Public Consultation

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
2010-2016

Preparation of the new County Development Plan starts on  
November 4th 2008

The County Development Plan sets the framework for the sustainable physical development of the county. This stage focuses on the strategic or “big picture” planning issues facing our County. There will be further stages for you to contribute over the next two years.

The key challenge is to provide choice and quality of life while adapting to climate change. The four main topic areas are: A Living Place; A Connected Place; A Busy Place and A Protected Place.

Your input is important to ensure that the new plan reflects your aspirations and your concerns.

Further information

on the County Development Plan is available on the County Council website [www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie) and in public consultation notices.

### A PROTECTED PLACE

- conserving our ancient sites, older buildings and built amenities
- ensuring all our valued sites are protected
- managing change in a sensitive way

A Strategic Environmental Statement must also be carried out to ensure high level protection of the environment.







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### A CONNECTED PLACE

- supporting every day living and working in a cleaner, greener environment
- getting around by public transport, cycling and walking
  - managing water efficiently
- conserving natural resources by reducing, reusing and recycling
  - conserving energy and facilitating renewable energy

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### A BUSY PLACE

- supporting job creation
  - promoting attractive and varied places to shop
  - supporting the development of the knowledge economy
- creating the environment for enterprise, investment and expansion
  - facilitating Information Communications Technology (ICT)

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PLEASE SEND YOUR VIEWS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE NEW SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO:-

**Tony Shanahan Administration Officer, Planning Department, South Dublin County Council, Po Box 4122, County Hall Tallaght, Dublin 24. Telephone 01-4149000 ext 2323**

or

Email to [devplan@sdbulincoco.ie](mailto:devplan@sdbulincoco.ie) or online at [www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie)

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And should be received not late than

**4pm on the 8th January 2009**

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## SHAPING OUR FUTURE – We want your views

### How should the County be developed in the Future?

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in a place –

- Where families with children, older people, single people and couples, all live in comfortable homes that suit their own particular needs?
- Where streets are comfortable to walk and safe for play?
- Where you can buy most of the things you need each day within a short distance of where you live?
- Where regular and frequent buses or light rail services within easy reach of your home bring you quickly to a shopping centre where most of your other shopping needs can be met?
- Where you can travel to work locally on foot or by bicycle, or take a convenient bus or train to a nearby or more distant place of work?
- Where cars are only needed occasionally for longer journeys or at weekends?
- Where you can eat out and have an evening or weekend drink with friends in a convivial local restaurant or pub?
- Where you can walk or sit in a nearby park in harmony with nature, or play sport in a local park or indoor sports centre?

If you think you know what needs to be done to improve the places where we live, work, shop, and play, why not share your thoughts with us, and together we can plan to make it happen. Now is your chance to have an input into how the Council plans for the future of the County.

The main document for the regulation and control of development in the County is the Development Plan.

A new plan must be made every 6 years and takes 99 weeks to prepare. The plan contains policies for land use and for development control within the County boundaries which must be considered by the Planning Authority when it exercises control. The objectives of the Plan should be achieved over the 6 year period.

It is important that every person living and working within the

county boundary is part of the process of preparing the next Development Plan. Therefore the public will be consulted at all three stages. We are currently in the 1st stage and are actively encouraging members of the public to participate in the public consultation by submitting their views on the existing Development Plan and what should be incorporated into the new County Development Plan. The public will also be involved at the draft plan stage and if applicable at the amended draft plan stage.

Further details, advertisements and information will appear in the press, on the Council website and in local libraries over the next two years and your views will again be sought at stages 2 and 3 of the process.

*Your help is required to shape our future; submit your views.*

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## Beautiful South Dublin County Awards 2008

The Mayor of South Dublin County Marie Corr presented the awards in the Beautiful South Dublin County / Átha Cliath Theas go Deas competition on 1st October in the Tower Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. The overall winner of the Beautiful South Dublin County Awards 2008 was Castle Park Residence Association, Clondalkin.

The Mayor congratulated all those who entered the competition. She said "you all make a difference to the place you live and work in and whilst doing so you are creating a sense of pride in your community and a greener, cleaner and more sustainable environment for all".

Eanna Ni Lamhna, President of An Taisce, contributor to the Mooney radio programme and author of numerous books was the guest speaker at the event. Eanna was delighted to see such a high level of interest in the environment in South Dublin County and applauded everyone who took part in the competition. She said "I am thrilled to see such a variety of entries in the competition this year. It is great to see so many people carrying out positive environmental actions and promoting biodiversity in their local area". Eanna also remarked that she was "delighted to see so many people integrating environmental management systems into their efforts like composting, water butts, bird baths, bug hotels and even reusing materials like old wheelbarrows".

The Beautiful South Dublin County competition is about creating a cleaner, greener and more sustainable County for all. This year there were over one hundred and twenty entries in categories ranging from Community Environment Initiative, Local Green Heroes, Junior Environmental Initiative to Residential Associations and Best Street.

**For further information contact Sorcha O'Brien, Environmental Awareness Officer, 01 414 9000 or [sorchaobrien@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:sorchaobrien@sdblincoco.ie)**



Director of Environmental Services Philomena Poole, Castle Park Residents' Association, Mayor Marie Corr, South Dublin County Council and Eanna Ní Lamhna, President of An Taisce.

### Beautiful South Dublin County Competition Winners 2008

#### CATEGORY

#### COMMUNITY & INDIVIDUAL

CATEGORY	NAME AND CONTACT
Community Environment Initiative	Runner-up Clondalkin Addiction Support Programme
Community Environment Initiative Village	Winner Greenhills Community Garden Initiative, Greenhills
Junior Environment Initiative	Winner Lucan Village
Local Green Heroes	Winner The Little Monsters, Tallaght
	Winner Bill Hayes, Whitechurch Green Initiative

#### COMMERCIAL

Shop Front	Winner Newlands Garden Centre - Clondalkin
Pub Front	Winner An Poitin Still, Rathcoole
Hotel/Guest House	Winner Clarion Hotel, Liffey Valley Lucan
Industrial Unit	Winner PWA International Ltd, Naas Road

#### RESIDENTIAL

Best Apartments	Runner-up Jobstown Village Square, Tallaght
Best Apartments 1-100	Winner Brookview Parade, Tallaght
1-100	Runner-up Liscarne Court, Clondalkin
101-200	Winner Monastery Rise Estate, Clondalkin
101-200	Runner-up Floraville Estate, Clondalkin
201-300	Winner Sarsfield Park, Lucan
201-300	Runner-up Monastery Estate, Clondalkin
301+	Winner Castle Park and Castle Lawns, Tallaght
301+	Runner-up Muckross Estate, Perrystown & Manor Estate, Greenhills
Best Street	Winner Castle Park, Clondalkin
Best Garden	Winner The Crescent Kew Park, Lucan
Best Garden	Runner-up No 2 Whitechurch Walk, Rathfarnham, Mr and Mrs Whyte
Floral Display	Winner 36 Kew Park Crescent, Lucan, Sally O' Mahony
Overall Winner	Winner Killinarden Estate Environmental Group, Tallaght
	Winner Castle Park, Clondalkin



# Attention first time buyers

Great opportunities for first time buyers in Palmerstown, Clondalkin, Lucan, and Tallaght!

## WHY RENT WHEN YOU COULD BUY YOUR OWN HOME?

*How can I buy an affordable home in the South Dublin area?*

### TO QUALIFY YOU MUST:

1. be a first time buyer (certain exceptions may apply e.g. if you are divorced);
2. earn, as a guide, between €25,000 and €58,000 as a single applicant or up to €75,000 combined income if applying with someone else;
3. be employed for a minimum of six months or self employed for at least two years;
4. have savings to cover a minimum deposit of 3% of the purchase price of the property; and
5. become an owner occupier.

You will be required to finance the purchase of these affordable homes by way of a mortgage from either Bank of Ireland, EBS, First Active, KBC HomeLoans, Ulster Bank and Haven Mortgages.

To view these properties visit

[www.propertypath.ie](http://www.propertypath.ie) or [www.affordablehome.ie](http://www.affordablehome.ie)

**To find out if you are eligible contact  
The Property Path Office at 01 414 9092**

[www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie) for all your information needs

With our support affordable homes range from:

**Lucan** 2 bed homes from 228k  
3 bed homes from 268k

**Palmerstown** 2 bed homes from 239k

**Clondalkin** 1 bed home from 201k

**Tallaght** 1 bed home from 177k  
2 bed home from 273k

## South Dublin County Council launches Ireland's first underground glass bring bank at Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght

Underground bring banks are a common feature in European cities and South Dublin County Council is proud to be the first local authority in Ireland to install an assessable to all underground bring bank. The opening on the newly installed Equinord underground bring bank is lower than the standard bring bank and therefore accessible to wheelchair users. These new underground bring banks look similar to a litter bin, however when glass is placed in the chute it drops into a bin below ground.



Eamonn Colleary visits the bring bank.

South Dublin County Council has 58 locations throughout the County with recycling facilities. Materials that can be recycled vary from location to location and include glass, cans, plastic and textiles. It was funded by South Dublin County Council and the National Disability Strategy Fund and was installed by Heiton Buckley.





Comhairli na nÓg are local youth councils, which give children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies. It provides the youth of South Dublin County with an opportunity to identify and discuss matters which affect their daily lives, and provides a forum for young people to pass on their views and concerns to decision-makers in both local and national government. South Dublin County Comhairle na nÓg was proudly selected as one of three projects to be evaluated as examples of best practice that other Comhairlí across the country can emulate.



Maria Finn, Social Inclusion Unit, (centre pic) with members of Comhairle na nÓg.

This year was a busy year for South Dublin Comhairle na nÓg, as we saw eight of its members representing South Dublin County Council at Dáil na nÓg in February. Delegates from Comhairle na nÓg are elected to represent their local area at the annual Dáil na nÓg (National Youth Parliament) which is organised by the National Youth Council of Ireland and funded by the Office of the Minister for Children. This event had substantial media coverage and some of our members were interviewed on the Pat Kenny Radio Show, NewsTalk 106, and also appeared on Ireland AM. Gemma Harding, Vice-Chairperson of Comhairle na nÓg was elected to the Dáil na nÓg Youth Council, which will progress the recommendations made by young people in attendance. The Comhairle na nÓg Student Council Network website. <http://www.studentcouncilnetwork.ie/> was developed to allow student councils within the

county to keep in touch with each other and to communicate the various issues arising within their school councils. With the support of Connect <http://connect.southdublin.ie/cnanog/> student Councils across South Dublin County have been given the opportunity to develop and build their own website. In March 2008 'Making Connections' - a workshop between Comhairle na nÓg, the County Development Board and the Children's Services Committee took place. The workshop had two objectives: to open dialogue between the three groups and to begin the consultation process around developing a County Recreation Strategy for Young People. This is just one of the key projects currently undertaken by the Comhairle.

We now look forward to the election of the new Comhairle which is due to take place in January 2009. Comhairle na nÓg will continue to work closely with Youth Services, Barnardos and The Irish Wheelchair Association to encourage all youth in the county to become involved and identify issues affecting their daily lives.

If you would like to learn more about Comhairle na nÓg please contact your schools Student Council, local youth service or contact Comhairle na nÓg directly.

**Niamh Carton –**  
**[ncarton@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:ncarton@sdblincoco.ie) – Phone: 086 6063682**

**Information is also available on our**  
**Website: <http://connect.southdublin.ie/cnanog/>**



Second level students at the 'Feast or Famine' Poverty Awareness Campaign.

## AN END TO LITTER BLACKSPOTS FOR TALLAGHT

South Dublin County Council welcomes the County's improvements in the current IBAL survey rating based on surveys carried out in August of this year. The Council views the improved results, and particularly the comments provided, as a positive reflection of all the work it has continued to carry out since the beginning of 2008. In January of this year the Council identified a plan of action to address the issue of litter in the County. These actions saw the re-organisation and deployment of additional Cleansing staff, increased focus on awareness and enforcement and the preparation of the Litter Management Plan for adoption by the Members of the County Council.



The Council remains focused on achieving a litter free status in the County and will continue to work on the strong foundations established at the beginning of this year. With this in mind the Council requested An Taisce, who conduct the IBAL surveys, to carry out a baseline litter survey of the County. This baseline survey is more widespread and comprehensive than the IBAL surveys

and, having been carried out more recently, gives a better indication of the status of areas throughout the county at the present time.

Over 200 sites were surveyed during early October, the complete results of which will be released in the coming weeks. Initial feedback from the County wide baseline survey indicates that the results of the actions implemented by the Council since the beginning of the year, when assessed against the IBAL criteria, achieved a score of 78% or "slightly litter" – a further improvement on the IBAL results.

The Council continuously works to combat litter in the County providing the community with several anti-litter incentive and environmental awareness programmes. Since the beginning of 2008, over 2,300 litter fines have been handed out in the County and 177 notices under the Litter Pollution Act have been issued.

"The Council is pleased that our efforts are starting to show through in the results of these surveys", said John Quinlivan, Senior Executive Officer with the Council's Environment Department. "Our aim is to achieve litter free status for the county and we feel that we are well on the way to that position".

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### Eolaire Logainmneacha agus Sráidainmneacha Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas

Sheolaigh an Méara Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas, Marie Corr an tEolaire Logainmneacha agus Sráidainmneacha Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas ar an 26 Meán Fómhair. Is liosta forleathan é an t-eolaire seo de logainmneacha, sráidainmneacha, scoileanna, eastáit tionscail, ionaid siopadóireachta agus páirceanna, atá as Béarla agus as Gaeilge.

Bhíothas ag súil go mór le foilsiú an t-eolaire seo agus táthar dóchasach gur foinsé feidhmeach a bheidh ann do dhaoine atá ag obair agus in bhur gcónaí sa Chontae misneach a bheith orthu úsáid a bhaint as logainmneacha Gaeilge mar atá léirithe san eolaire. Tá an-bhaint ann idir stair agus oidhreacht an chontae agus an Ghaeilge agus tá sé mar chuspóir ag an gComhairle na nithe seo a choimeád trí fhoilsiú an t-eolaire seo.

Dúirt an Méara Marie Corr, Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas agus í ag labhairt ag an seoladh 'Is cuid de scéim fhorleathan na comhairle é an t-eolaire a bhí forbartha faoi mír 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003. Tá sraith tionscnamh faoi shiúl ag an gcomhairle faoi láthair le cuspóir an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn tríd an chontae go léir agus tá athchur na gcomharthaí bóithre mícheart mar dea-shampla den sórt sin.'

Cuirfear cóip den Eolaire amach sa phost chuig gach scoil agus Oifig Phoist i gceantar Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas agus beidh sé le fáil ar iarratas sna leabharlanna agus ón Oifig Ghaeilge ar ár suíomh gréasáin [www.athcliaththeas.ie](http://www.athcliaththeas.ie)

### Place names and Street names Directory for South Dublin

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Marie Corr launched the South Dublin Placenames and Streetnames Directory on the 26th September. The directory is a comprehensive listing of all placenames, streetnames, schools, apartments, industrial estates, shopping centres and parks, in English and Irish.

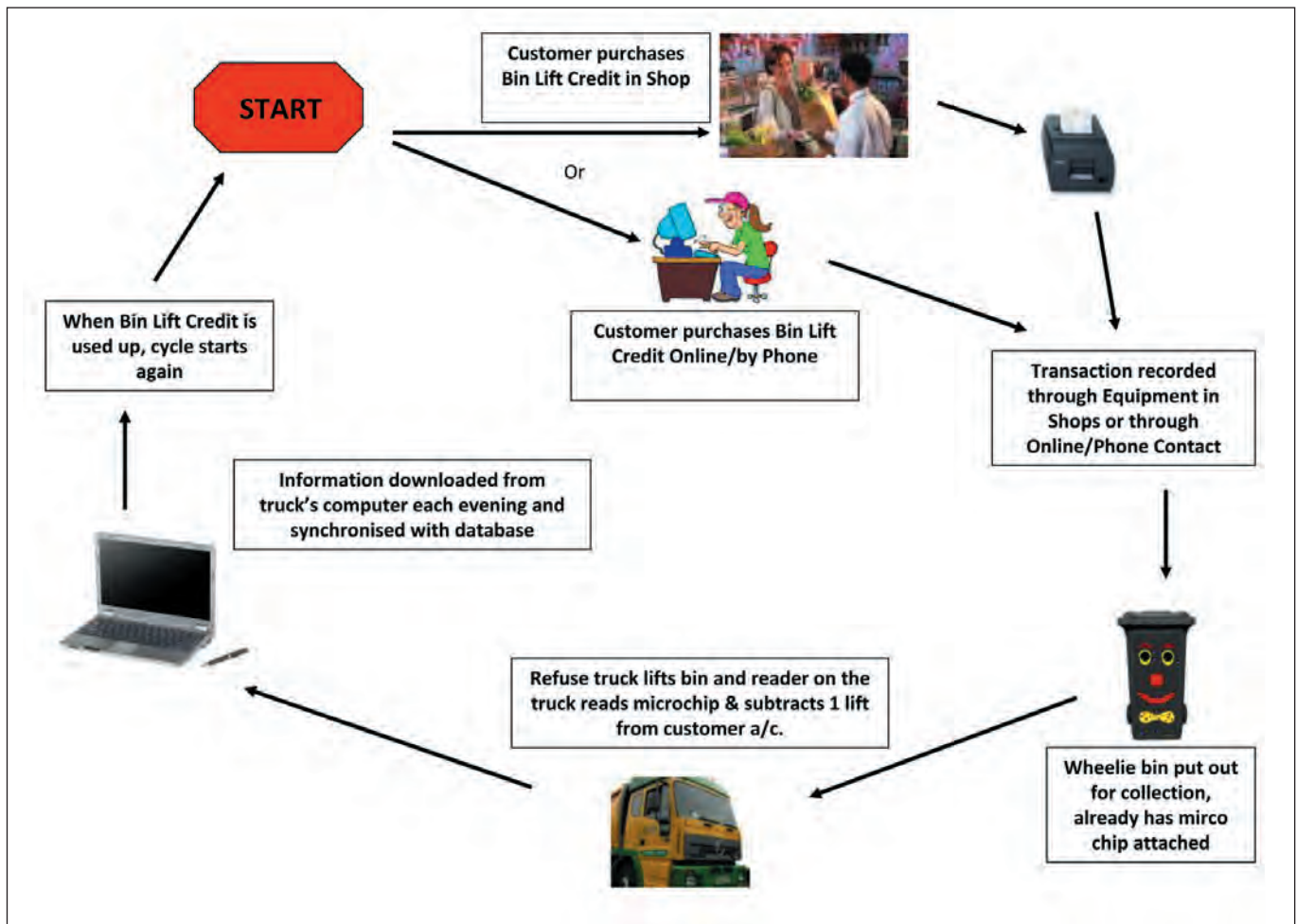
The publishing of this directory has been greatly anticipated as it is hoped to be a useful source for people living and working in the County to use with confidence the place names provided in the Irish Language. The Irish Language is a clear link to the county's history and heritage which the directory aims to preserve.

Speaking at the launch the Mayor Marie Corr said "The directory is part of an overall scheme by the Council which was developed under section 11 of the Official Languages Act 2003. A series of initiatives are underway by the council with the aim of promoting Irish and bringing uniformity across the county, for example the replacement of incorrect road signs"

The directory will be sent out to all schools and post offices in the South Dublin County Council area. It will also be available on request from the libraries, the Irish Office and on our website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)



# "PAY AS YOU GO" AT THE END OF THE YEAR



South Dublin County Council is preparing to make life easier for its refuse collection customers by introducing a new "Pay as you Go" type bin collection system. Every customer will soon have their own refuse collection account. The customer's bin will be directly linked to this account. The benefits of this new system include:

- no more running to the shops for tags at the last minute
- no more possibility of lost or stolen tags.

### How does it work?

Customers will be issued with a card and a PIN that will allow them to place credit in shops, over the internet or over the phone. When an account has enough credit for a collection, our refuse truck will automatically lift the bin. This will be possible through the use of new technology: the truck will "read" the microchip on the customer's bin.

### Will the refuse collection system change?

Very little will change to the service provided to you apart from removing the need to purchase bin tags. The first phase of this new process is well underway and involves linking bins to customer addresses.

### What's next?

The next phase involves providing selected retail outlets with a credit sale device which, in turn, will be linked to our new system. Customers will be notified of the shops where bin credit can be purchased. Each customer will be set up with an individual refuse collection account and will be supplied with an account card and account ID. These details can be used to purchase bin credit online, over the phone from the Council, via mobile phone or from the selected

retailers. In addition, customers will be able to check their account credit status and waste collection information online. It is planned that customers will be able to start buying their credit in time for the introduction of the new system at the beginning of next year. In the meantime, people must continue to buy a tag to get the bin collection.

### But I have a waiver — How does it affect me?

Waiver customers will not be affected by this changeover as their accounts will be credited to allow the same number of bin lifts as previously

**If you require any further information please visit <http://environment.southdublin.ie> or telephone our customer care centre on (01) 414 9000.**

## Homes in South Dublin County to benefit from Community Smoke Alarm Scheme



The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, have sanctioned funding for the installation of smoke alarms in vulnerable households in South Dublin County. The Minister said, "We must always be looking at ways to help the most vulnerable in our society. Smoke alarms can save lives. "One life lost from fire is one too many."

Under the scheme, local authorities will, identify private households where older persons reside. Where there are no smoke alarms, the Council will arrange for the supply and installation of two ten year self contained smoke alarms. This scheme is limited to 250 households in South Dublin County and alarms will be installed on a first come first served basis.

Currently 20% of Irish households have no working smoke alarm and the objective of the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme, which was developed in consultation with officials from the local authorities, is to target vulnerable households.

**For further details or an application form, please contact South Dublin County Development Board at 4149000, ext 2679 / 2677**

### Connect 24/7 to Council Information and Services

Visit our website on [www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie) where you can view planning application documentation online, make certain online payments and send a query online through the Customer Care system.

E-mail: [info@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:info@sdblincoco.ie)

You can also contact us by SMS - simply text your message to **086 1731707** or by

**Telephone - 4149000**

(office hours 9 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday excluding public holidays)

## CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE – BURGLARY

### Walk in burglary

No one will go to the trouble of breaking into your house if they can simply walk in. Therefore whenever your house is vacant always ensure that you lock your doors irrespective of how short the period of time the house is vacant. In this context be careful if you are gardening.

The same advice applies in relation to your windows. Whenever you leave your house always ensure that your windows are closed every time.

### Distraction Burglary

This type of crime occurs on doorsteps. It normally includes some kind of deception. Typical victims are over 65s and people living alone. Often involves bogus workmen (roofers or tarmac contractors) or bogus charity collectors or bogus requests (can the child go to the toilet / have a glass of water; or my dog / football has gone in to your back garden). The over riding objective of all this is to gain admittance to your house in order to take something.

The best way to ensure that you are not a victim is under no circumstances to let them in. The best way to achieve this is to fit a door chain and viewer or better still an audio/visual intercom especially if you are over 65 and living alone.

### Other burglary issues

If you don't have a house alarm fit one. If you do have an alarm switch it on every time you leave the house and also every night when you go to bed. It is also important to appoint a keyholder (ideally one within the locality) if you have an alarm fitted.

Do not leave car keys on view when you go to bed at night and do not leave cash in the house.

### Look out for Elderly Neighbours

### Theft from unattended cars

Do not leave valuables exposed on view in unattended cars. Most thieves will only break in to cars if they actually see property exposed within. Typically this advice would cover laptops, mobile phones, MP3, players, mobile games consuls and power tools.



# 623 Homes benefit from energy saving programme

**S**OUTH Dublin County Council has now successfully completed its Pilot Window Programme. A total of 623 Council homes have benefited from this energy saving programme.

Other energy efficiency measures carried out in Council homes by South Dublin County Council include: cavity wall and attic insulation, efficient central heating with thermostatically controlled radiators, regular boiler service, and efficient lagging jacket on hot water cylinder. In addition, in order to improve fire safety in the home, mains smoke alarms are being installed.

As part of the Council's ongoing commitment to Customer Care and in line with the Council's Corporate Plan's theme for a "Customer Focused Organisation", Housing Projects Section compiled a customer satisfaction survey in order to establish levels of satisfaction with the new windows/doors and to ascertain what were the main benefits which tenants felt the new windows/doors had given them.

The questionnaire sought information on levels of satisfaction with the windows/doors and also asked the resident to outline what, if any, were the main benefits of the new windows/doors? The success of the Pilot Window/Door upgrade programme has been overwhelming based upon all the positive comments/responses received in respect of the postal survey. 190 survey questionnaires were returned from 623 sent, representing 30% return. As an incentive to encourage maximum participation in the survey it was decided to offer €300 value of vouchers to spend in a Woodies DIY store on home improvements for the lucky winner.



Left to right: George Sinclair, Tenant Liaison Officer, Housing Projects Section, Barbara Holt, Edward Holt (winners of the €300) Mayor Marie Corr, Orla Farrell, Staff Officer and Marie Morris, Tenant Liaison Officer, Housing Projects Section..

*Below are a sample of some of the questions asked and the responses given.*

**Question:** "How have the new windows affected the quality of life for you and your family. Please Explain."

**Summary:** 86% of 154 who answered the question stated that the new windows/doors impacted very positively on their life.

*Below are a sample of answers received from residents.*

- Reduced draughts, more comfortable, bill reduced
- No draughts, easier to clean, looks nicer
- Warm house, feel more secure against intruders
- House draught free for winter and warmer for baby
- Like a new house
- Warmer house, no traffic noise , less on gas bill.
- Front and back look great, no more painting windows
- Everything has improved heating bills, warmer house.
- Very happy with new door, looks better, feel more secure.

**Question:** "How would you rate your new windows. High, Average, Low, or Very Low"

**Summary:** 93% representing 166 replies rated the new windows high or average.

**Question:** "When the windows/doors were being fitted was it, Clean, Not at all disruptive, Disruptive, Untidy, or Very Untidy."

**Summary:** 92% representing 164 replies were satisfied with the installation process.

*Below are a sample of comments given.*

- Good workers, quick and efficient
- Workmen did superb job. Very little disruption
- Very professional and great job
- Done the job well and were very tidy
- Very tidy polite and good workmanship
- The lads cleaned up after themselves

All the information obtained during the questionnaire process is being used to further improve Council Service Delivery and build confidence with our Housing Customers

**Website:** [www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie) For further information please contact either **Marie Morris** or **George Sinclair** in Housing Projects Section at 014149378 e email address: [mmorris@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:mmorris@sdblincoco.ie) or [gsinclair@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:gsinclair@sdblincoco.ie)

## All Aboard the Walking Bus

A Terenure National school is aiming to improve pupil fitness and cut traffic congestion at the school gates by starting its first Walking Bus.

St. Pius X National School on Fortfield Park started its Walking Bus from the Church car park on College Drive, along College Park, Fortfield Avenue, and Fortfield Park on 16th September 2008 to coincide with the commencement of European Mobility Week. The Bus will run each morning at 8.30 am under the guidance of volunteer adult supervisors from the Parents Association and will take the same route every day.

The Walking Bus concept offers an alternative to the car for the school journey and it represents a sustainable mode of transport. As well as reducing traffic and congestion at the school gates there are many health,

educational, and environmental benefits to the scheme; it provides opportunities to get exercise and fresh air at the start of the school day; opportunities for children to learn essential road safety skills that will be of benefit in later years when they become more independent; and of course it's environmentally friendly producing no air or noise pollution.

The initiative is supported by South Dublin County Council. The Council's Road Safety Officer, Margaret Branyan, said that the Council receives quite a lot of correspondence regarding traffic congestion at school gates and she hoped that more schools across the County would consider introducing walking or cycling schemes to help alleviate the problem.

**For further information please contact:  
Road Safety Officer, Roads & Traffic Tel. 4149000**



Parents and children aboard the Walking Bus in St. Pius X National School.

### GINGER BREAD CHRISTMAS COOKIES RECIPE

- 1 1/4 cups of sugar
- 2/3 cup light molasses or corn syrup
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 1 3/4 tbsp. ground ginger
- 1 tbsp. baking soda
- 6 cups flour

Heat the sugar, molasses, and butter in a large saucepan over low heat. After the butter melts, cool mixture. Stir in cream, ginger, baking soda, and flour. Let dough stand overnight.

Preheat oven to 400°. Divide dough into thirds. Roll each piece very thin. Use a cookie cutter to cut out shapes. Bake cookies on greased cookie sheets for 5 to 7 min. Cool on a rack. Makes 7-8 doz.





# Congratulations Ken

South Dublin County Council will award The Honorary Freedom of the County of South Dublin to boxing champion Ken Egan in County Hall Tallaght in the new year. The Honorary Freedom of the County is the highest honour this County can award to an individual recognizing, that through their achievements they have brought particular honour to South Dublin County and acknowledging their status as exemplary role models for the youth of the County. Ken has been the Irish light heavyweight boxing champion for almost a decade. His vast experience and an array of medal winning performances around the world have made him a legendary figure in Irish amateur boxing.



Ken Egan proudly show off his gold medal, won in the Olympic qualifying tournament.

His high profile achievements include winning eight National Senior Titles and a Silver Medal at Light Heavyweight at the Olympic Games 2008 Beijing. Ken is the Irish boxing team captain and is based in the Neilstown club in West Dublin. His name will be inscribed on the Roll of Honorary Freedom of South Dublin County in recognition of his high profile sporting achievements.

*South Dublin County Council wishes Ken the very best of luck in his future ventures.*



Ken in action.

# Rebecca Dillon - Womens Kick Boxing World title holder



Mayor Marie Corr making a presentation to Rececca in County Hall, Tallaght.

BLACK Panthers Kickboxing Club from Brookfield, Tallaght now boast their very first Women's World Title holder following an impressive performance by Rebecca Dillon in Berlin in October when she successfully claimed the WKA World Championship title. In addition to the World title she now has, Rebecca also holds the European title and the IKF and Five Nations honours. This is a remarkable feat for the young Tallaght competitor who trains twice a day and also works a full time job.

To mark her departure to compete in the World Kickboxing Championships in Berlin Mayor Marie Corr, South Dublin County Council hosted a reception in County Hall, Tallaght to wish her well in her sporting endeavours.

*Well done Rebecca*



From left: Paula Hynes (Sec IKF), Jessica Dillon, Joe Canning (Pres IKF), Rebecca Dillon, Mayor Marie Corr, Ruth, Terry and Zara Dillon.

# Older and Active in South Dublin County



South Dublin County Sports Partnership,  
*in association with*  
South Dublin Leisure Services Ltd.

## NEW ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME *Living the Life*

FOR OLDER PERSONS  
in Tallaght, Clondalkin & Lucan leisure centres  
**STARTING NOVEMBER 11th**

*Living the Life* WILL FEATURE GAMES SUCH AS  
**BOCCIA, BOWLING, FRISBEE AND CHAIR GAMES**

& will be offered on a weekly basis in the following centres.

Tallaght Leisure Centre • Tuesdays 11am - 12 noon  
Lucan Leisure Centre • Wednesdays 12 noon - 1pm  
Clondalkin Leisure Centre • Thursdays 11am - 12 noon

The emphasis is on fun and enjoyment and helping people to socialise. Participants can turn up on the day and do not have to prebook.

There will be a nominal charge per session of €3 which will include a cuppa and biscuits!

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CALL  
THOMAS McDERMOT 01-4149000



## 'Strictly' South Dublin County



Having fun at the Tea Dance in the Red Cow Hotel.

South Dublin County Council's Community Services Department organised a Tea Dance to mark their contribution to the Bealtaine Festival, which takes place every year and celebrates creativity in older age. Nearly

250 people from all over the County attended the event in The Red Cow Hotel, where they took part in a raffle, and danced to live music provided by the Vic Mellow's Band. Several of the participants provided their own entertainment with impromptu performances of old favourites, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. South Dublin County Council's Community Services Department aims to run more Tea Dances in the future.

## Positive Images of Older People in the Community - Photographic Competition

*Do you like taking photographs? We would like photographs of your life, friends, hobbies and the things that are important to you.*

**1st Prize — Digital Camera**

**2nd Prize —**

**€100 Euro Voucher**

**3rd Prize —**

**€50 Euro Voucher**

### Rules and Details

- All photographs must be taken by the entrant themselves
- Photographs can be in the following forms:- (Digital Photo's or Prints from a film camera for us to scan)
- We cannot accept print outs from Digital Cameras
- No photographs will be returned and may be used in future publications
- Please make sure that you provide your full contact details including :- Name, address and phone number when submitting photographs
- Submit hard copy to The Community Services Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall Tallaght or
- Email: [ahalpin@sdbulincoco.ie](mailto:ahalpin@sdbulincoco.ie)
- **Latest date for completed entry is Friday 12th February 2009**

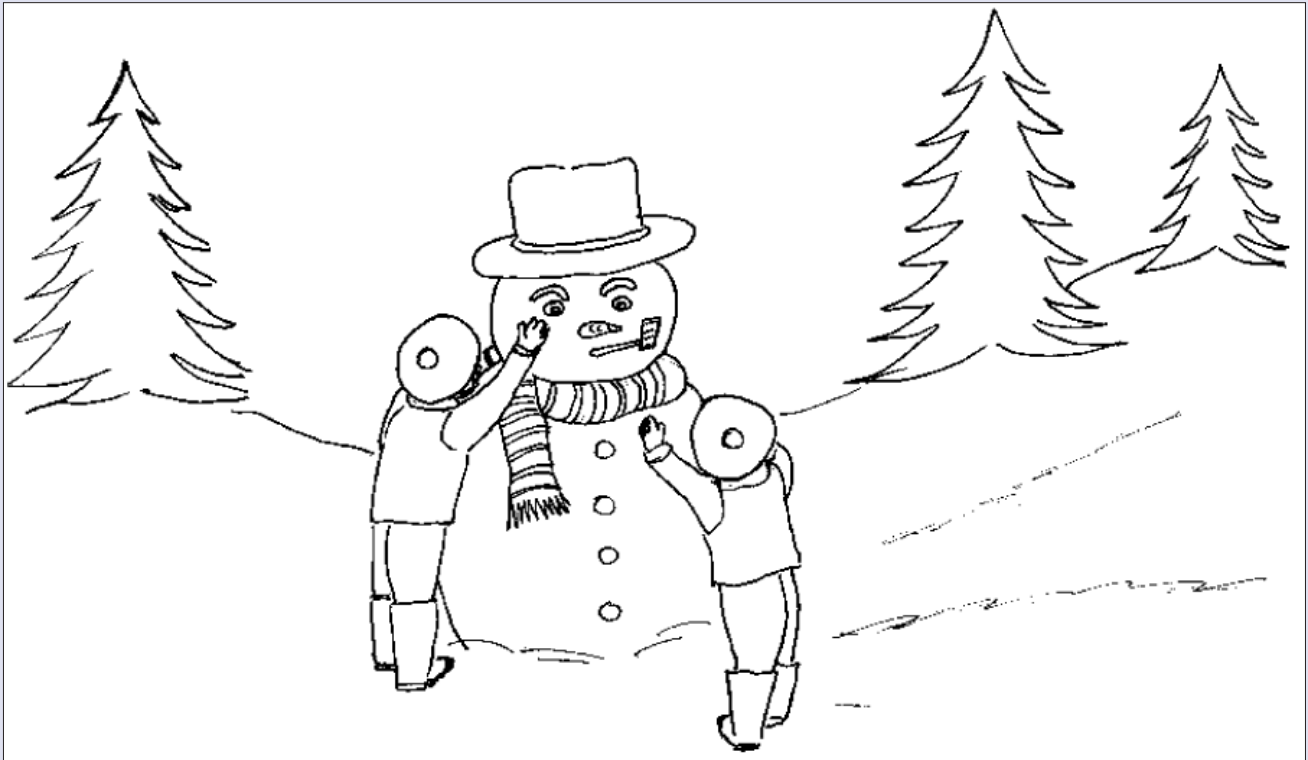




# CHILDRENS PAGE

## CHILDRENS COLOURING COMPETITION

Colour in the picture and send to address below. Great prizes to be won.



### Colouring Competition Prizewinners



Front row left to right: Edward Carron, Ellen Ward, Orla Corcoran, Adam Smith, Austin M. Sweetnam. Back row: Mayor Marie Corr and Megan Dowling.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed Colouring Competition entries to PR Unit, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24. All entries to be marked "Children's Colouring Competition". Closing date is 12th February 2009.**



## Christmas Magic Lights up the holiday season in South Dublin County

Join in the festive spirit in Tallaght this Christmas and enjoy an enchanting programme filled with traditional celebrations and special events in the run-up to Christmas. Watch as the outdoor lights are switched on and Tallaght starts to sparkle. Celebrate with the children from local national schools as they watch their art work displayed in a light projection over Library Square. Concert bands, choirs, carousel, torchlight storytime, seasonal films and making your own angels are just some of the attractions in store for people this year.



The festivities begin mid December with the Official Lighting of the Christmas Tree by Mayor Marie Corr at Civic Square Tallaght. Other events will include My Christmas featuring childhood festive images of 'My Christmas' drawn by local children, projected onto the wall of the new county Library. The landmark of the New Library Square, 'the iconic Tallaght Cross sculpture' will also be lit to a seasonal theme.

Christmas is guaranteed to sparkle this year at **The Civic Theatre** when the spectacular pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' comes to life on stage. Promising an enthralling blend of spellbinding music, song and dance, fabulous costumes, larger-than-life characters, and loads of seasonal merriment, 'Sleeping Beauty' will enchant young and old.

The County Library Tallaght presents its programme of Christmas events for adults and children including Christmas Storytime with Santa's Little Helpers (*other events to be confirmed*).

So come along to Library Square to get in the mood for Christmas! Check out [www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie) for full details of all events throughout the county.

"South Dublin County Libraries presents its programme of Christmas events for children and adults. Activities at the County Library Tallaght include Stories by Torchlight, Art and Crafts, Christmas music and lots more. A full programme of events across the County is available at [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) or at your local library."

### **More choice for the Customer Do business with us at a time that suits you !**

South Dublin County Council offers more choices to you, the Customer to, access services, make a payment, request information or have a problem solved.

[www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie) provide a wealth of information on the wide range of services provided and is accessible 24/7. Check out what is happening in your area, recent planning applications, roads and other infrastructural improvements along with the many community and educational initiatives happening in our centres and libraries.

If you need assistance or need to make an enquiry there are three additional ways for you to make contact with a key member of staff who can help you.

- Look for the online **Customer Comment Form** on our Customer Care webpage. This form is designed to be easy to access and user friendly.
- You may email us at [info@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:info@sdublincoco.ie), a cost effective and more convenient way for you to do business.
- Using sms you may text your message or enquiry to **086 1731707**.

Our highly qualified team endeavour to provide a high quality service to all our Customers and have set a response time of 24 hours for all online, email and sms enquiries.

For a prompt, clear and professional response to all your enquiries, made at a time that suits you, email, sms or go online to South Dublin County Council.

[www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie)

## CHRISTMAS CLOSING

County Hall, Tallaght and the Civic Centre Clondalkin will be closed from 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 24th December, 2008 until Thursday, 1st January, 2009.

The Offices will reopen for business on Friday 2nd January, 2009

