

Environmental Awareness Newsletter

Spring Newsletter 2019

6th March 2019

Upcoming dates

Tidy Districts Competition 2019

Community groups are invited to enter our annual Tidy Districts competition. The closing date will be 4pm Friday, 31 May 2019.

Tidy School Competition 2019

Do you know of a litter free primary? Primary schools are invited to enter the Tidy Schools in the Community Competition 2019. Application forms are available to download from www.dlrcoco.ie. The submission deadline is Friday, 15 March 2019.

Earth Hour

WWF's Earth Hour is on 30 March 2019 from 8:30 to 9:30pm. If you wish to log your event please visit www.earthhour.org. Let us know you're taking part by tagging @dlrcoco and #EarthHour on social media!

National Tree Week

National Tree Week runs from 31 March to 7 April 2019.

Contact Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

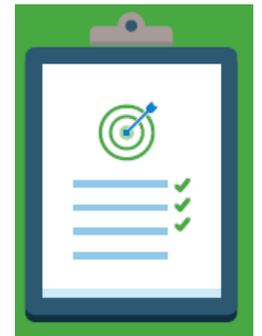
For all queries, please call 01-2054700, email info@dlrcoco.ie or visit our Civic Hub, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire or

Climate Action Plan

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Climate Change Action Plan is currently being developed.

Community engagement and stakeholder consultation has now commenced. The public consultation will run until 25 March 2019.

Please visit www.dublinclimatechange.ie to view the draft plan and make a submission.



Save energy at home

The Home Energy Saving Kit contains 6 practical tools to help you save energy and reduce the carbon footprint of your home. The kit is available to borrow free of charge from DLR Libraries. Contact your local library for more information.

From the mountains to the sea, let's keep dlr litter free!

National Spring Clean

National Spring Clean is taking place during the month of April, the campaign encourages every sector of society to take action against litter. To log your action as part of Spring Clean please visit An Taisce's website www.nationalspringclean.org.

Dublin Community Clean-up Day - Saturday 27th April 2019

The inaugural Dublin Community Clean-Up will take place from 11am to 1pm on Saturday, 27 April 2019. Building on the success of previous calls to action, Dodder Action Day, Dublin Canals Action Day, Team Dublin Cleanup and Dublin Waters Action day, this year all have come together to make this Dublin's biggest volunteer cleanup on our streets, canals, rivers and coastline. More information can be found on www.dublincommunitycleanupday.ie.

Register your Clean-up with dlr

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council proudly supports community groups undertaking Clean-up initiatives through our dlr Community Clean-up Scheme. The Council can provide groups with litter pickers, gloves and blue dlr branded bags, subject to guidelines. The dlr Community Clean-up Scheme is available all year. To register and collect your kit, please visit the Council office at County Hall, Dún Laoghaire or Dundrum. Contact the Civic Hub for more information on 01-2054700.

To organise a collection

Once you have the details of the Clean-up please notify the Civic Hub in advance by phone 01-2054700 or email info@dlrcoco.ie. To ensure a quick collection, please give as much notice as possible. The pick-up points should be in a public location. Our Cleansing crew will endeavour to collect the dlr branded blue bags as soon as possible. Please note, only general mixed litter can be placed in the blue bags. Typical litter includes food packaging, cigarette butts, bottles and cans.



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National Tree Week 2019 Mar 31st – 7th Apr 'Planting for our Planet'

Call out to all schools and residents groups!

dlr will be celebrating Tree Week this year in support of the Tree Council of Ireland. The Tree Council and Coillte are 30 years collaborating on planting trees in 2019 and Coillte are the sponsors of this year's National Tree Week.

The benefits of trees are substantial to all, they act as carbon sinks and stores, and they help remediate flooding, clean air, provide oxygen and so much more! Plant a tree this National Tree Week!

If you wish to get involved in creating an event in your school or residential area, please contact the Parks Department at lohara@dlrcoco.ie.



Tidy Towns Regional Conference 2019

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is fortunate to have many dedicated and successful Tidy Town groups within the County.

In collaboration with six other Local Authorities, we held the inaugural regional conference for Tidy Town groups was held on 2nd February 2019. The event was very successful and we hope it will become a regular event, potentially taking place every 2 years to ensure we maintain a high quality event.

A wide range of topics was covered by the 11 speakers including tidy towns adjudicators, ecologists, architects, VET, heritage and environmental officers.



If you are interested in further information on the event and would like a copy of the presentations from the event, please contact Environmental Awareness.

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Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is pleased to announce details of the 2019 Tidy Districts Competition. This is the 27th year of the annual competition.

Tidy Districts is designed to reward the many hard working resident associations and tidy towns groups in the County.

Application forms are now available to download on www.dlrcoco.ie.

Completed should be returned by 4pm on Friday, 31 May 2019 by email to tidydistricts@dlrcoco.ie or by post to Environmental Awareness, Infrastructure & Climate Change Department, County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 K6C9.



Master Composter Course 2019

Composting is an important way to manage organic materials locally. Environmental Awareness are teaming up with the EPA's Stop Food Waste programme to provide a free Master Composter training course for interested residents.

The Master Composter programme involves 5 evening sessions and 2/3 weekend sessions over 6-8 weeks and forms part of the EPA's Stop Food Waste programme. Participants are trained on all aspects of home composting and, once trained, participants commit some of their time to help promote home composting and food waste prevention in their local community.



The 2019 course will run from April to May with classroom workshops in Sandyford Community Center (April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th) and practical workshops based at Fernhill Park and Gardens (April 6th, 27th and May 11th).

The course will be free of charge for participants. If you are interested in attending this course, please contact Environmental Awareness mcasserly@dlrcoco.ie. Places are limited to 30 people, please book early to avoid disappointment.