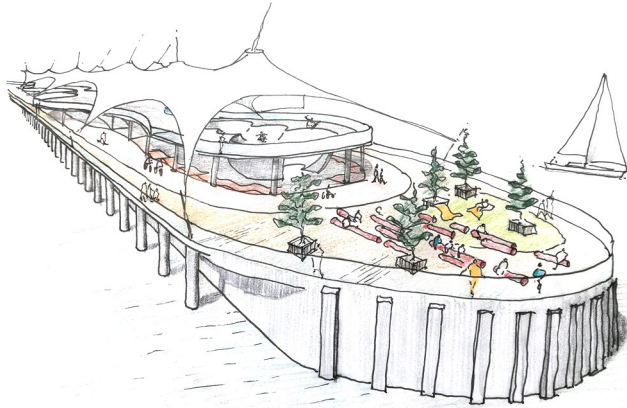




A Visionary Space for Dún Laoghaire

DÚN LAOGHAIRE CENTRAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A Skate Park For Dún Laoghaire



A Conceptual Sketch

AS we all await the DLR Co Co's final versions of the 2022-2028 County Development Plan and its own commissioned reports for the harbour and town from **KPMG/Indecon**, both due in October, we thought we would share an image of the Carlisle pier that was submitted as part of the public consultation.

The pier has currently many uses for various strategic harbour use, large cargo deliveries and for use as a base for sailing regattas' etc. The vision concept proposes use for a new public realm space with walk ways, seating areas and incorporating spaces for cycling, roller-blading and skating and other spaces for youth and old alike.

The covered awnings give an all

weather element to the space while maintaining the open and airy feel.

Wide open spaces would still facilitate usage for regatta storage and vehicular access when required.

It has to be stressed that this concept is purely that and is very, very unlikely considering the complex nature of the harbour and its piers. Also the existing commitments from users and various competing uses vying for the space in particular the National Watersports Centre.

However it is interesting to consider the potential of how spaces can be reimagined and it will be interesting to see how the commissioned reports will advise the council in October.

AS part of the submission process to the CDP 2022-28 a very substantial 1,591 of you supported a proposal for a Skatepark/BMX park in Dun Laoghaire. Since then the number of supporters has grown substantially higher. Support from schools, clubs, business and resident associations, the relevant sports associations Councillors, TD's and even the Garda Síochána and others has confirmed widespread support for this proposal.

The general view is that Dún Laoghaire has well catered for its cyclists, its foodies, it's walkers and its sailors but what about its youth? Where do they go for their kicks? We are all aware of groups of youths clustering about and various skate, inline blade groups and bikers around the town but they do not have a facility where they can pursue their interests and

develop their skills while socialising with their peers.

The Olympics have shown us that skate is no longer a fringe sports. Many cities are now building fantastic facilities for their youth. These facilities can be a great attraction for everyone from 2 to 72 to socialise and understand better the needs of the others.

We can report that after meeting with the DLR Co Co Director of Community Development Ms Therese Langan & Mr Aidan Blighe Municipal Services Director recently that DLR are progressing a Skate facility on the Rock Road and they expect to deliver this in the next year.

If you wish to register your support for this initiative please register your interest on our 1 minute survey at [DLCRA/harboursurvey](https://www.dlcra.ie/harboursurvey).



Faelledparken, Copenhagen

Pedestrianisation Survey

Dún Laoghaire County council started a trial pedestrianisation of Georges St on the first of July and it will be continuing until the 30th of September. Once it ends the council will be conducting a review to see if it was a success and should be made permanent.

The council has asked DLCRA to assist in distributing the survey to the residents of the town and we were happy to help, one of our objectives is to aid communication between resident groups and the council.

The survey can be accessed at

the following link
<https://bit.ly/3zoKvHI>

If you would like a physical copy of the survey to complete in writing, ask the local rep who delivered the newsletter or email info@dlcra.ie and we can give you one that can be returned directly to the council.

The survey will close on the 20th of September. All responses given will be treated in the strictest confidence. Responses will only be viewed in aggregate in the form of a statistical report.

The survey is for individuals and is not designed for households so multiple people in a house can complete it.

The DLCRA is not advocating a particular response to the

survey, we have heard a lot of positive & negative comments on the trial and will be continuing to discuss it over the next month. Contact us if you want to join in and hear what others have to say.



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St. Michaels Church

D.L. Town News



St Michael's Church in Dún Laoghaire has been undergoing many changes over the last few months. The planting around the front of the church has turned out beautifully and we hope that all the residents and parishioners of Dún Laoghaire enjoy its welcoming atmosphere.

The church is not the building, the bricks and mortar, it's the congregation, the people who partake in the celebrations, worship and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to become more engaged with your church, there is a small form that you can complete here

<https://bit.ly/311AvOq>

If you want to be a part of the church's journey forward, or know more about the activities and celebrations that will be happening, fill in the form online or drop a note into the parish office.

The churches future activities might include advertising church services, helping those in need, celebrating big liturgical dates making them more known to the public as festivals and foregrounding families & children. Your family and children. It's your church.



Get Involved with your Church

As more Covid restrictions are being removed and we are all becoming more used to living with the restrictions that remain, St Michael's Parish Church is reaching out to ask "Do you want to get more involved with your Church?"



Most residents feel that the **Dún Laoghaire Street Art project** has brightened up the town and have been a positive contribution to the environment. A Tidy Towns volunteer has been conducting tours of the murals around the town, contact them to get more information.

The new **planting outside St Michael's church** has been welcomed by everyone that we have spoken to. It's done a great job of making the space more welcoming and has softened the street. It is only a temporary improvement, and we understand that there are still plans to redevelop that space at a later date, hopefully it will be as green.

On the topic of temporary improvements, **Myrtle Sq.** (new space between the hospital and

Bloomfields) has had a lot of changes including trees, toilets and benches. Many thought these changes were related to the Part 8 planning process that was advertised earlier in the year. No, these are just a temporary measure while the council reviews its plans for the square. We are hoping that they change the name to Toutcher Sq. (see pg 3)

Another development we thought it worth mentioning is the addition of **8 new bicycle Gardaí** working from the station on Corrig Ave. It has been great to see them around the town and further afield during the summer. They are only for the summer, but if you were happy to see them, we would encourage you to write to the Garda station expressing your support that they be a regular part of the town.



Dún Laoghaire Street Art festival



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Planning News

The redevelopment of the former **Dunnes Stores Grocery** store on Northumberland Ave has started recently & they are currently clearing the site of asbestos. This site will have 4 stories with 12 apartments & an 85sqm retail unit at the ground floor. The original proposal for a five story aparthotel was also approved by ABP but it appears that Kouhcin have decided to build the apartments.

The **Old Ferry Terminal** has secured planning permission and will be leased to a private operator to be used as an innovation centre.

Some of you will remember that there were plans for a **Primary Care Centre** to open in the Shopping Centre in the near future. We can confirm that this is still the plan.

The future of the **field on Tivoli Terrace South** has yet to be decided. The councillors will be voting on final draft of the Development Plan, so if you are

concerned about the zoning of the field being changed, do write to your local councillor to tell them how you feel.

The planned development of **St Michael Private Hospital** went to a judicial review where the Judge ruled that the objection can progress. The date for the next hearing is the 2nd of November.

53 & 54 George St Lwr are being restored to their original period state with curved glass. Hopefully more shops will take care of their facades.



53 & 54 Georges St Lwr

Cycle Lanes

A number of residents have raised the difficulty they are having crossing the coastal cycle lanes. The cycle lanes have been a welcome addition for many, but for some, particularly older residents, they have created a new challenge when walking to the coast.

We feel that pedestrian priority crossing points similar to those illustrated below, would ensure cyclists slow down and give way for pedestrians.

We had raised this with the

county council and they will be meeting with our Chair Frances Kelly to discuss how pedestrians are being impacted and to look at where it might be beneficial to place some extra pedestrian crossings.

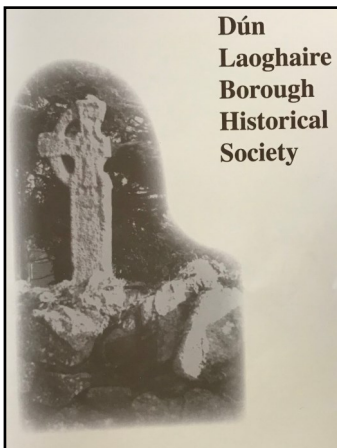
Hopefully this will only make the cycle lanes work better and will ensure that everyone can enjoy and benefit from them.

If any reader has an opinion on appropriate locations for the crossings, you can email us at

info@dlcra.ie.



Zebra Crossing Markings could be used to help pedestrians



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and talks at:
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Captain Richard (Eric) Touthcher 1758 – 1841.

On November 18th 1807, two troop ships, The Prince of Wales and The Rochdale were wrecked in a hurricane in Dublin Bay with the loss of 388 lives. It was thought there was a need to build an Asylum Harbour to protect the lives of those who sailed from Dublin. Originally a harbour was built in Howth, it proved unsatisfactory. The deep water at Dunleary was selected by Captain Touthcher for a lifesaving harbour. The work began in 1817 and was completed around 1841. Norwegian Captain Richard Touthcher was born in Lund, on a farm in 1758. He came to live in Dublin and worked as a ship – broker, he became an Irish citizen in 1789. Touthcher believed that *a harbour could be built with safety and advantage*. At his own expense he took a lease

on ten acres at Dalkey Hill to extract granite for the harbour. Total length of the piers is 9,660ft and they enclose 250 acres, at one time it was the largest man-made harbour in the world. Successively 600-800 men were employed daily, the workers earned 10 shillings weekly, craftsmen and foreman were paid more.

Captain Touthcher lived to see 2,000 vessels using the harbour in 1835, this number excluded Man-of – War/ Cruisers and Post boats.

During his time working on the harbour, he neglected his business, and as a result declared himself bankrupt. He died on the 14th April 1841, and was laid to rest in Monkstown Parish.

This man worked tirelessly to construct the harbour, acquiring granite from Dalkey at his own expense. He is not known for the great contribution to the harbour and the town of Dun Laoghaire, there are no memorials of any kind to honour this great man.



Courtesy of dlrcoco

The Dun Laoghaire Historical society's aims are to promote and sustain an interest in the Culture, Heritage and History of Ireland, with particular regard to the Dún Laoghaire area. They wrote this article about a truly exceptional man. Many community groups (including the DLCRA & Tidy Towns) are asking the council to consider naming the new square in front of the hospital after Richard Touthcher, After you read this we feel you might agree.

You can see more information about the Historical Society's activities

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Dún Laoghaire Business Association

The DLBA would like to give a big thank you to all of our customers for supporting all the local businesses in Dún Laoghaire town over the last 18 months. 2021 has been a very challenging year with many ups and downs as the country has been slowly coming out of Covid restrictions in stops and starts. It has been a great encouragement to see so many of the residents of Dún Laoghaire shopping local and supporting their local retailers.

There have been many changes to the town over the last year with cycle lanes, living more outside, the Murals painted around the town, all the new planting, the trial of pedestrianisation, new street furniture to name but a few. Throughout it all, seeing the familiar faces along with the new faces of customers who have been supporting have been greatly appreciated. Whether it

was in store, online or click-and-collect, all your custom has been a great support.

Along with the changes, there have also been many new businesses opening in the town, café's like the **Phoenix Café** on Convent Lane, wine specialists such as **Neighbourhood Wine** on York Rd and **The Cycle Hub** on Crofton Rd are only some of the new businesses that have opened recently. New businesses adding to the vitality of the town are always welcome.

The Business Association is working with all the organisations in the town, Tidy Towns, residents groups, the county council and others, to help improve the town for all who live and work in it. We are supporting DLCRA measures to increase the frequency of power hosing to make the town as beautiful as it can be.



Dún Laoghaire Town



The DLBA are always looking for new committee members from all sectors; retail, bars, restaurants, offices and services to get involved. Please email us if you are interested in getting involved:

dlbusinessa@gmail.com

We are at the end of summer now and before we know it winter will be coming. We are already turning out attention to the future and making plans for Christmas. There will be plans for events at (Covid permitting) including decorations and the continuing of the **Best Decorated Shop** competition. If you have any ideas for things that you would like to see take place please don't hesitate to send us your thoughts to info@dlcra.ie

DunLaoghaireTown.ie is a great resource for everything "Dún Laoghaire". It has full listings of the businesses in the town and news of any offers or events that are taking place. Including tips for things to do in Dún Laoghaire and a great Historic Walking Tour its well worth having a look at. It also has a list of various community groups and associations that are active in the town Please do check it out.

So thank you again to all of you for your continuing support and we look forward to working with you and serving you in the coming months.

Working together we know the future of Dún Laoghaire town is bright.

Street Cleaning

There have been many changes to the street scape of the town, with new planters, new plants, new paving and new road surfacing across Dún Laoghaire.



Power hosing on the street

There might be differing opinions on whether the changes have been for the better or not, however, if there is something everyone can agree on, it is that if the streets aren't cleaned there is no point spending thousands of euro on pale granite paving, it's just going to look awful.

This summer we have had many more people eating on the streets of Dún Laoghaire for a host of reasons, Covid restrictions, good weather, etc. and many of the pavements have been covered in food and spilt drinks as a result. Around the library is particularly bad due to the weekly food market.

There have been many successes with litter and street cleaning over the summer with new bins being placed across

the town to accommodate the large increase in waste from takeaway food outlets and the increased footfall. The large 1,000l industrial bins did their job as did the new big belly bins, some of which are for recycling. The county council street cleaning teams have worked longer hours and have generally done a fantastic and thankless job.

It still seems apparent to many residents that the streets and pavements of the town would benefit from more regular deep cleaning and power hosing. If everyone pulls together, between the businesses, the council and community groups the town can be the county capital it deserves to be.



Søstrene Grene Dun Laoghaire thanks the residents who have supported us throughout this difficult year



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Our entry into the 2021 National Tidy Towns Competition was submitted at the end of June 2021. This year the judging will be carried out remotely due to COVID19 restrictions and we will be assessed based on the extensive dossier we submitted. This amounted to 60 pages with nearly 100 photographs.

We have commissioned a new logo that will feature on all our publicity material and is shown here. We are grateful to local designer Lucy O'Reilly of LucyDesigns (see LucyDesigns.ie) who produced our logo.

The four elements of our activities are nicely summarised on our logo:

- Clean** (litter picking and weeding)
- Green** (planting and maintenance of green areas),
- Nurture** (improving biodiversity and sustainability), and
- Preserve** (protecting our wonderful coastal and landside heritage).

Our most recent green and sustainability project is now fully visible at the entrance to the Bloomfields shopping centre off Library Road. Bloomfields through their manager, Emma Olsen, financed a large proportion of the work and we received a special Tidy Towns grant of 1000 euro from POBAL, the government agency that administers grant schemes. Swift boxes have been fixed to the wall of Park House adjacent to the meadow and we have also installed two 200 litre water butts to collect rainwater. A composting facility will shortly be added and "Bug hotels" will be placed here and at other sites around the town.

Hopefully you will have noticed the Tidy Towns planters that have been installed in Georges Street, in addition to the planters that have been installed by DLRCOCO as part of the Summer Streets and Pedestrianisation project. Grants from DLRCOCO enabled us to finance these planters and we thank Mark Humphries and his team in the Parks Department for their work in preparing and installing the planters. You may see us out regularly watering the planters with our new water cart.

The Tidy Towns Group is very supportive of the Summer Streets initiative and the improvements that it has brought to our town centre. Although there are some issues to be resolved including access to public transport and traffic management, we firmly believe that our town has benefitted enormously from the project, and the heart of our town is beating strongly once again.

Dublin's biggest ever community clean-up will take place in the week from 11th to 19th September. Residents, volunteers, and communities are invited to join Dublin's anti-litter movement and make a positive impact this September during Dublin Climate Action Week. The event was launched by Cathaoirleach Cllr Lettie McCarthy of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council recently. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/news/general-news-press-releases/join-dublin-s-biggest-community-clean-september>

Our Tidy Towns Group will welcome participation from all residents and DLCRA in making this event a great success.

Although we have been fortunate to have received significant funding from DLRCOCO for several of our projects we are in

need of funds to meet the cost of our many projects. You can donate using this link <https://www.gofundme.com/f/dun-laoghaire-tidy-towns-cleanup-and-environment>.

We welcome volunteers of all ages. No matter what your abilities are we will have a role for you. Children must have permission of their parents, a guardian or teacher to participate, and children under 15 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or teacher. To volunteer go to our website dltidytowns.com, text us on 0871772979 or approach us outside St. Michael's Church at 10:30 on a Saturday morning. You can also email us to find

out more about our projects at dltidytowns@gmail.com

We are grateful for the continued support of DLCRA and look forward to working together as we all make Dún Laoghaire a better place.

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DLCRA Survey Results

In our last issue we included 4 questions with links to a form where you could give an answer. Here we are giving a brief summary of the 300+ answers we received. For a more detailed overview that includes all the written responses please go to our website DLCRA where you can view or download the detailed summary.

Before we get into the response's it is probably a good idea to give some background on why we included the questions and to dispel some rumours.

Since our inception we have tried to determine what the issues are that people are concerned by. Our detailed questionnaire of 2018 was our first attempt.

We decided in the last issues to put some quick questions into the newsletter to try and gauge people's opinions on 4 particular issues in the town.

The cycle lanes had been a contentious issue so we thought it would be a good idea to get some measure of public opinion. It will be no surprise that we received the largest number of responses for this question.

We knew that there was a possibility that cigarette bins were going to be put around the town and thought it would be good to gauge the residents' thoughts. The purpose of the DLCRA is to make residents a part of the decision making process. If the council want to make changes to our environment they should engage the people who live here. This question was a way to do that.

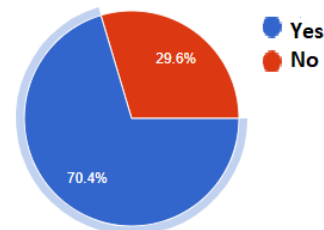
We knew that litter was a serious issue and the question regarding CCTV on bins to combat litter was our attempt to measure the importance of the issue to residents.

Pedestrianisation was something that had been raised and discussed numerous times and we wanted to put the discussion out to a larger audience. We did **not know** that the county council were considering a trial pedestrianisation of Georges St. It was a pure coincidence on our part, as unlikely as that sounds,

its true. We wanted to hear if there were more dissenting opinions on the issue and we found out there was.

If there are any issues that you feel we should do polls on in the future, please email us and let us know at info@dlcra.ie

Pedestrianisation



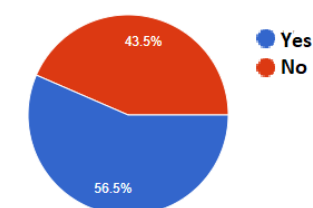
"Additional pedestrianisation would be even better. Increases town amenity, more sustainable, green and healthy for all"

"Will only make traffic problems worse and impact traders as more people will shop elsewhere"

"Many older and or disabled people take the bus to St Michael's Hospital, especially the 63 bus from Monkstown. It would be very hard on them if the buses were stopped from travelling to the hospital"

"It will make the town centre a much more pleasant place to be, to work and to shop. It is important that a traffic impact study is done before and after any changes are made!!! It can't cause problems for residents"

New Cigarette Bins



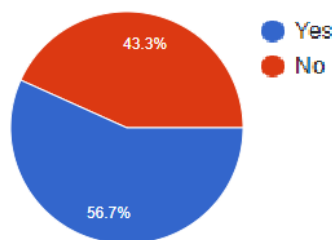
56% in favour & 44% against, but surprisingly there were very few written answers from those who said yes, 90% of the written responses were from people who said no.

"Last Saturday was my first time to volunteer with D/L tidy towns, and I was especially struck by the amount of cigarette litter everywhere I looked, so any encouragement for smokers to see their butts as litter can only

be a good thing. I also like that the bins are recycled, and like the slogan!"

"They look awful...too much street clutter with unnecessary poles and posts already, what we need LESS visual clutter in the public realm rather than more."

Cycle Lanes a positive?



"The new coastal mobility route has been an outstanding success. It has been quite surprising how much safer it feels to cycle on it compared to cycling on the public roads. I hope DLR follow it up and create a network of cycle lanes throughout the borough."

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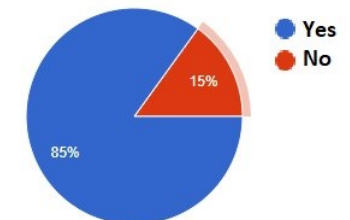
"Traffic chaos and a disimproved quality of life for older citizens."

"No public consultation in advance. No approval by our time. Councilors. They are poorly

designed and dangerous. They have created traffic problems in the surrounding area which will only worsen when Covid is over. Additional safety hazards for people accessing their car when parked in the middle of the road. Poor for business as it dissuades people from coming into Dun Laoghaire by Car."

Put CCTV on bins?

An overwhelming 85% were in favour, though this question had a very low rate of response. 85% in favour, probably reflects the strong feelings many people have about the problem of littering in the town.



"Again seeing and collecting the litter personally each week I think cctv is a must to reduce illegal dumping. It will also add to security. I don't think it affects privacy so much but would depend on locations and residents beside each location."

"A camera in every corner and every home might solve crime but it would an Orwellian society. I'll take rubbish over privacy any time."

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DÚN LAOGHAIRE CENTRAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Fellow Resident,

Since our last newsletter, our town has witnessed many changes, hopefully you will agree that they have been for the better of the town, it's residents, visitors and businesses. The very interesting and innovative street art commissioned by DLRCoCo, along with the new planting, additional seating and the creation of the new civic square has created such a buzz around the town.

DLRCoCo as part of dlr Summer Streets initiative pedestrianised lower Georges Street which has enabled the pace of the town to slow down and people can pause and chat, look around and stop for coffee. It has also allowed us to look above the shops and appreciate the wonderful Victorian buildings.

Work continues on the sea front

and old Dun Laoghaire Baths site. We have been assured by the Council that it will be completed next year. The new jetty and the plynth on which the statue of Roger Casement will be placed is now visible, the image will be quite dramatic, visible from along the promenade and from Sandycove to the pier. The statue was sculpted by Mark Richards, following an open competition and it measures almost three metres high and is made from bronze.

More of the residents' associations are participating in community clean ups in their areas, this is most welcome. Now that covid restrictions have been lifted, we can enjoy our town and hopefully get back to a less restricted and more normal life.

Frances Kelly,
Chair of the DLCRA

Garda Report

In the last year, reports of many criminal offences, have fallen sharply. However, the number of incidents classified as fraud, deception & related offences increased by 13.7% in the year to Q1 2021. This trend is likely to continue.

Here are 3 types of frauds that are increasingly being reported at Garda Stations and offer some crime prevention advice.

A. Payment Card Fraud

This involves the use of stolen or counterfeit payment cards to make direct purchases or cash withdrawals. It also includes the use of stolen card data to buy items over the phone/internet.

- Keep your card & PIN safe, don't leave it lying down, do not write the PIN down.
- Cover your PIN when making in-store purchases or using an ATM.

B. Email fraud

This type of fraud involves the criminal making contact by email. Emails may appear to be from a reputable company,

however, when a person clicks on an attachment or link within the email, malicious software is downloaded onto the PC.

- Never click on a link in an unsolicited email.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

C. Phone Fraud

This involves criminals contacting you by phone or text, pretending to be your bank, utility company, computer company etc.. The fraudster will try to trick you into giving personal or banking information. They may also convince you to make a money transfer to them or tell you that you have won a prize and need to send money to release it. Their intention is to use this information to commit fraud against you.

- Always say "NO" to unsolicited callers or texters seeking private information.
- The caller may already have some info about you so don't trust them because they use your name, etc..

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We are continuing with our brain teasers in this issue. Many of you have found them both interesting & challenging and have asked for more. So here are some more brain teasers to give you some mental entertainment courtesy of our resident Riddle Master.

All answers to info@dlcra.ie



Q. 1

A husband and wife living in Dún Laoghaire have the combined ages of 91 years. The husband is now twice as old as his wife was when he was as old as she is now. How old are the Wife and husband?

Q. 2

A man was born in the year 50 BC. How old was he on his birthday in 50 AD?

Q. 3

There is an ordinary English word of five letters and one syllable that is turned into another of five letters and two syllables by replacing a V with a U. What is it?

We went through the responses for our last issue and have picked a winner to receive a special No Prize.

Winner !

Hannah Power is this issues winner! She received an invitation to join the secret society of the Maritime Order of Dún Laoghaire & a nice bottle of Rioja to toast her achievement.

Welcome aboard Hannah.

Next time it could be you!

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Artist in Residence

The Newsletter will be talking with a resident of the town each week to ask them, "Why do you like living in Dún Laoghaire?"

If you know anyone who you think we should interview, please email us at info@dlcra.ie.

With all of the curtailment and restrictions this pandemic has put upon us and with very little more we can do to improve and up-date our house and garden, many of us have gone back to our earlier arts and crafts hobbies and past-times. One such activity is painting and drawing.

One of our residence is a full-time professional artist who also helps to nurture and develop peoples artistic level and abilities through art classes either in his studio on Corrig avenue Laoghaire or by private visits to individuals or groups. We caught up with the artist, Oisín Roche to find out a little about him, his profession and his art overall.

Oisín was born into a very creative and artistic family. His late mother, Ann Byrne, was a professional on the Irish music scene, while his father, Patrick Roche, was for a number of years principal at the Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art and Design. Oisín's father was the major influence in Oisín's early years and ignited a passion for

art and creativity. He credits his father for having thought him many fundamentals about artistic expression. After graduating from art college (IADT Dún Laoghaire) with a Degree in fine arts, he quickly set up his studio in Dublin where he worked long and hard to get established and become a member of the RHA. But the call of Dún Laoghaire his home ground was very strong. "I like living in Dún Laoghaire town because I grew up here and most of my family still like here, it's a sense of home."

He set up his art studio in Dún Laoghaire where he has lived and worked for over thirty years. His work since then has gone to several private collectors both locally and abroad and a number of his works have been sold in the US. Oisín has staged a number of art collections and exhibitions during his career with his last showing being at the BP Portrait Awards at the National Portrait Gallery London. Oisín is now looking forward to his next exhibition in late 2022.

Oisín's art takes a critical view of social and cultural issues of the day and is very much influenced by Dún Laoghaire and its people. His paintings evoke feelings of life, unity, hope, eternity and cultural diversity. His compositions are very much enhanced in breath and depth



Oisín working away in his studio

by his unique style and use of colours and in his acute spatial perception.

Some of the artists Oisín admires and who have influenced his work would include William Orpen, Francis Bacon and Lucian Freud. He attributes his present standing in the artistic world down to love of family, Dún Laoghaire, hard work and the freedom his work gives him to make a living as a professional artist.

When asked is there anything about Dún Laoghaire that you find inspiring or is especially beneficial to your work? Oisín said, "I like the pace of life in Dún Laoghaire. I find the environment quiet enough to concentrate on my work. Dún Laoghaire is a beautiful place to work and live and no where else would be home."

Oisín's work includes private family portraits and commercial commissions. His preference is to work with his subjects as

opposed to working from pictures or photographs and he also prefers the outdoor setting for his work. Oisín's work can be viewed on his website – www.oisinochoe.com or by making an appointment to view his work at his studio in Dún Laoghaire contacting oisinochoe@hotmail.com or he can also be contacted on mobile 087 2112973.



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