



The Forum

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COMMUNITY FORUM AGM



Damien O Sullivan (Vice Chair), Jim Carson (DLRCC), Gray Cahill, Chair and Willie Morton, Development

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Forum was held on Thursday 26th May 2005 in the St Johns GAA Club in Ballinteer. Chairperson Gray Cahill outlined the work carried out since the last AGM. She noted that the growth of an organisation like the Community Forum was going to be a long process over ten to twenty years (a point also mentioned by the previous Chair Maurice Bryan).

1. The Rural Research project was completed and work is continuing in expanding the database of rural members.
2. The Forum Awards scheme was instituted which makes available grants of up to €1000 per organisation.
3. The Forum was the vehicle used to appoint seven members from the Community /Voluntary/

Disadvantaged Sector to the Strategic Policy Committees of Culture, Community Development & Amenities, Housing, Environment and Transportation

4. The new Forum Development Officer, Willie Morton was appointed in January.

5. The Forum Website has been under development and was officially launched at the AGM.

She announced that a National Group of Community Forums has been in the process of development over the last two years. It hopes to appoint a development officer in the near future.

Minutes of the previous AGM were read by Jim Carson and adopted.

Some changes were proposed and adopted to the Framework Document, which regulates the conduct

of the Forum and the Working Group. The changes are intended as a 'tidying up' of existing procedures and will

1. Deal with failure to attend meetings without notification
2. Define the period between Annual General Meetings (set at 12 to 15 months)
3. Ensure better continuity of Working Group membership
4. Allow cooption to Working Group to fill vacancies.

Finance Report was read and adopted.

Vacancies
Single vacancy to the County Development Board was filled by Damien O Sullivan who had been attending the CDB in an acting capacity.

Working	Group	Working	Group
Gray Cahill (Chairperson)	Rosemount Resource Centre	Mary Collins	Eve Contact
Damien O Sullivan * (Vice Chair)	Scouting Ireland	William Ievers	Schizophrenia Ireland
John Nolan (Treasurer)	PWDI	Scouting Ireland	S.T.A.G.
Tom Richmond	Marley Grange Residents Association	Anne-Marie Duffv	Balally Family Resource Centre
Marian White *	Mountwood/Fitzgerald Park Community Centre	John Naughton	Ballyvoan Estate Management
Sandra Campbell	Hillview Community Resource Centre	David O Neill	Maritime Institute
		Abraham Wihid	Dun Laozhaire Football Club
		Biddy Farrell	SWAN
		Andrea Wilson	Carers Association
		Patrick Long	Dun Laoghaire Marine Probus Club

* Represents the Working Group on the County Development Board



SCOUTING IRELAND

Scouting in Ireland began in 1908 the year after the release of Baden Powell's (Scouting's Founder) famous book "Scouting for Boys" and in one form or another Scouting has grown and flourished throughout Ireland since then. Scouting in Ireland today comes in the form of Scouting Ireland. This organisation, which spans all 32 counties and boasts membership of around 35,000 members, was formed in 2004 through the amalgamation of Scouting Ireland CSI and the Scout Association of Ireland.

Scouting Ireland is a voluntary, non-formal educational movement for young people.

The aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social, & spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and, as responsible citizens, to improve society.

Scouting Ireland achieves its aim through a system of progressive self-education, known as the Scout Method, the principal elements of which are:

- Voluntary membership of a group which, guided by adults, is increasingly self-governing in its successive age groups.
- Commitment to a code of living as expressed in the Promise and Law, the meaning of which is expanded as the member grows towards maturity.
- The provision of a wide range of attractive, constructive and challenging activities, including opportunities for adventure and exploration both indoors and outdoors.
- The provision of opportunities for leadership and responsibility
- Learning by doing
- Encouragement of activity in small groups
- An award scheme, which encourages participation in its full range of activities and provides recognition of individual and group achievements.

Scouting Ireland has members from ages of 6 to 80 and even beyond but its activities and outlook have always been youth oriented. The local scout group is divided into programme sections to cater for the various age ranges as follows: Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout, Venture Scout and Adult Scouter.

Scouting has always had a strong presence in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County with over 1200 members in nearly 30 individual groups in the county. All groups and members of this area are commonly linked in the form of the Dublin Metropolitan Province, which spans the entire Dublin region and is one of 6 Scout provinces in Scouting Ireland.

For further details regarding Scouting Ireland in our local area contact the Scouting Ireland National Office, which is located in Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown at Tibbradden. It boasts a fine new administrative center, which was officially opened by An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern on 17th September 2001 and blessed by Cardinal Connell.

This 80-acre site is the location for many major scouting activities during the year. On the June Bank Holiday (Friday 3rd to Monday 6th) it hosted a huge get together of 600 Cub Scouts (ages 8 to 11) under the theme 'Medieval Times'. With 120 leaders and over 50 other volunteers, the Cubs were involved in a wider range of outdoor activities. The Cub Packs were from all over the country including with Dun Laoghaire well represented by packs from Stillorgan, Sandyford, Johnstown, Balally and Dun Laoghaire.



New HQ in Larch Hill



Totem pole representing three levels of scouting



Bust of Baden Powell in new HQ



Reception area, Larch Hill

Other events during 2005 include a week long Scout Camp in July and the annual Santa Day at Christmas. This is for the younger Beavers who are organized in 'Colonies'. The young Beavers help to raise funds to provide sleeping bags for Dublin's homeless and also have contributed significantly to Tallaght Childrens Hospital in the last few years.

More information at www.scouts.ie

Telephone 01-4956300 or email info@scouts.ie



Damien O'Sullivan, representing Scouting Ireland on Forum Working

People with Disabilities in Ireland (PWDI)

What is PwDI?

People with Disabilities in Ireland (PwDI) is the only national cross disability Organisation funded by the Government. PwDI wants to help all people with Disabilities to take part in and influence the decision making process that Impact on their lives and opportunities.

Cross disability means that PwDI is for all people with disabilities, whether those disabilities are physical, emotional, intellectual or mental. We also want to include and welcome parents, partners, carers and groups of people with disabilities to join PwDI.

Our strength lies in our members and in the Local Networks. There are 30 Networks all around the country, in all electoral areas. There are four networks in Dublin, North Dublin, Dublin City, South Dublin, and Dun Laoghaire. They make it possible for PwDI to focus on matters that affect people with disabilities in their day-to-day lives.

Four hundred thousand or 1 in 10, people have some form of disability. PwDI is the umbrella organisation, which brings people together locally and nationally to work on common issues that affect all people with disabilities. Equality, human rights and the dignity of people with disabilities are on the top of our agenda and we will make sure that the voice of the 400,000 disabled people in Ireland is heard loud and clear!

Strategy 2003 - 2006

PwDI's first Strategic Plan was launched in March 2003. The priority areas for PwDI in the next three years are:

Lobby Communication Training / Education / Employment Research Promotions / Membership

The network has been involved in the following at national level
Education disability bill 2004
Disability bill 2004 Local level.
Representations on the following committees.
Dun Laoghaire community forum;
Barcelona declaration implementation team



John Nolan, Chair Dun Laoghaire Network

John Nolan is Chairperson of the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown network committee other orgs in county p w d l
tel 0861683969 email j_nolan@iol.ie

There is no subscription so be come a member if you are one of the above.

Membership forms, contact.
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ACCESS INSIDE OUT: A GUIDE TO MAKING COMMUNITY FACILITIES ACCESSIBLE

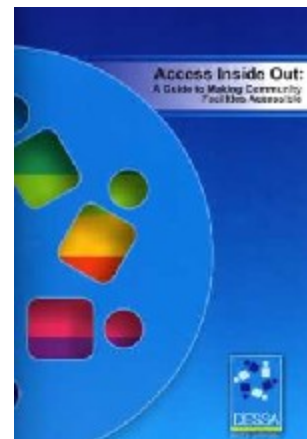
What this publication is about

"Access Inside Out: A Guide to Making Community Facilities Accessible" aims to help Family Resource Centres (FRCs), Community Development Projects (CDPs) and other small, community-based organizations to ensure that their premises are accessible and welcoming to all people with disabilities living in their local areas. The range of issues to be taken into account and raft of legislation, technical guidance, guidelines and resources available on this subject can make it hard to sort out what to do and where to start. "Access Inside Out: A Guide to Making Community Facilities Accessible" offers community-based projects:

1. Some ways of thinking about access and disability issues in general
2. Information about what the legislation and regulations mean and they apply to community-based projects
3. Information on what access-related issues to consider when planning a new premises or making changes or improvements to your existing premises.
4. Help on how to get the best from your architect and other design professionals

5. Ideas for low-cost and no-cost ways to improve access for people with disabilities at any time, not just when planning major changes or renovations
6. Information on helpful organisations and publications.

For your copy of,
Access Inside Out: A Guide to Making Community Facilities Accessible
Contact **DESSA**
DISABILITY EQUALITY SPECIALIST SUPPORT AGENCY
Fumbally Court,
Fumbally Lane,
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E mail: info@desa.ie
Web site: www.desa.ie



Bowling in Dun Laoghaire

Dun Laoghaire Bowling Club is located between the railway cutting at the seafront and the Royal Marine Hotel, in Moran Park, Dun Laoghaire. The Club is a valuable recreational facility for the local area during the summer months, as the sport of outdoor lawn bowling has gone from strength to strength since the Club was formed back in 1965. We now have a membership of over 100 evenly divided between men and ladies.

We encourage new members every season by advertising in local papers and holding coaching sessions on Sunday mornings between 1100am - 1230pm from early May to mid June. The Club attracts many visitors to the area, especially due to our Annual Tournament at the beginning of September and in addition many of our regular visitors from the UK use local Hotels, B&Bs and restaurants during their stay.

Over the past few years much work has been put in by Club members with the co-operation of the Parks Department of Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown Co. Council to improve the Bowling Green and its surrounds, so that we can be proud of one of the best environments for Bowls in Dublin.....



View towards Moran Park House



Rosie Brown, Captain, with Derek Fitzgerald



View towards clubhouse

MORAN PARK POND

At the back of the present Bowling Green, there is a small park whose centrepiece is a pond which has a little bit of history attached to it.

The foundation stone for what was then described as 'Dunleary Asylum Harbour' was laid in 1817. While most of the building stone came from Dalkey Common, some was taken from what is now the pond behind Moran park.

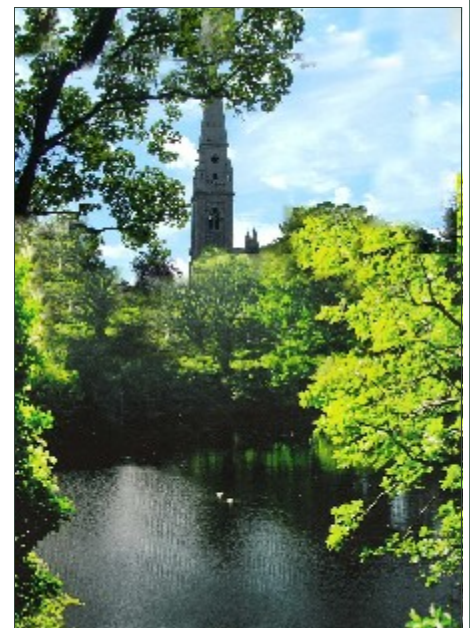
Shortly after, the excavation was turned into a reservoir to provide 'a full supply of wholesome water to the shipping resorting to the harbour'. It was also used for the recreation of the residents of the Harbour House (now Moran Park House).

This remained its function for many years. It then became a pleasant secluded park but in recent times it has become dreadfully degraded. All the low-lying vegetation at the base of the trees surrounding the pond has been destroyed and the pond itself is covered with a green scum

Good news is that DLRCC Parks Department plan to clean the surface of the pond later in the year so we will report on progress.



Pond today



Pond in better days



MORAN PARK HOUSE

In 1836, representations were made by the Office of Public Works to the Lord Lieutenant to allow a house to be built for the harbour Master. Up to then, the harbour master lived in Bulloch but with the transfer of Ballasting powers to the Commissioners of the Harbour, it was felt that a closer residence would be desirable. As a result, Moran Park House, which is the Old Harbour House, was built in the early 1840's - budget was £800!. It is a large stone-built house faced with plaster and a fine granite portico. Its first inhabitant was a Lieutenant William Hutchinson, who had taken up his duties as Harbour Master of the new Royal Harbour in 1823. A resident of Dun Laoghaire recalls working in the Harbour House at a young age. "They took me in to train at making beds at 7 and 6 a week. It was gorgeous. They used to have a boat on the pond and beautiful apple trees ... the house was lovely inside. The doors opened out onto the lawn when they were playing tennis."

In July 1898, Marconi used Harbour House as the base for experimental outside broadcast. The Freeman's Journal reports:

'A novel feature connected with the regatta was the successful reporting progress of the principal sailing match by Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy. This was carried out by the "Daily Express" and "Mail" with the aid of Signor Marconi himself. In the morning at 10 O' clock Signor Marconi, the editor of the "Express" and other gentlemen interested in the experiment embarked on board the steam tug Flying Huntress, and followed the yachts engaged in the principal match. On board the steam tug, were a Marconi transmitter and receiver. Similar instruments were placed in a house on shore (now Moran Park House), kindly placed at the disposal of the parties by the Harbour Master the Hon. Captain Crofton. The messages were transmitted from the tug whilst she was in rapid motion following the yachts, and when received on shore they were telephoned to the office of the journals mentioned.'

During the Second World War, Harbour House was used as the headquarters for the local branch of the Red Cross. The civic committee also used it for open-air entertainment

The Corporation of Dun Laoghaire from the Commissioners of Public Works acquired in 1954 Harbour House. The purchase: of the property was motivated by a ' desire to prevent its acquisition and exploitation for commercial purposes" and that this central site should be retained for the benefit of the citizens." In 1961 Harbour House and grounds became known as "Moran Park", named after the patriot Patrick Moran, who was executed in 1921.(see box)The House went through a succession of uses including a tearoom and a temporary home for the County Councils Housing Department. Since September 1989 it has been home to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Heritage project.

PATRICK MORAN

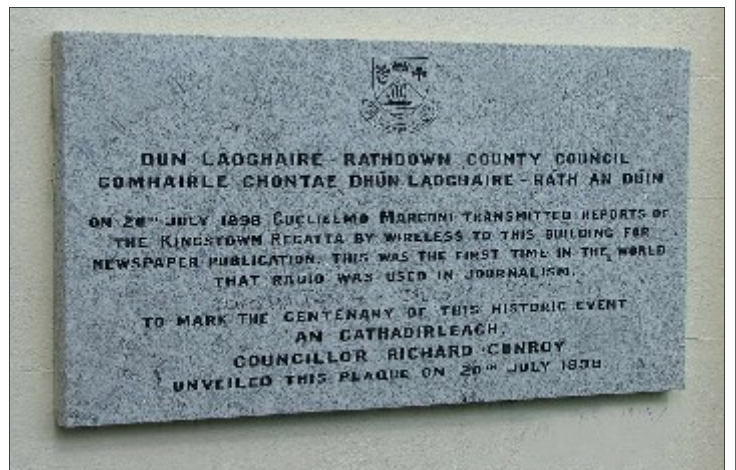
In 1961 Harbour House and grounds were renamed Moran Park and Moran Park House respectively after Patrick Moran, a republican executed in Mountjoy Prison on March 14, 1921. Born in Crossna, Boyle, County Roscommon in 1888 he went to Dublin in 1910.

A labour activist he was involved in the 1913 Lockout. He was also actively involved in the republican movement and was a member of the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Republican Brotherhood. He took part in the 1916 Rising.

Following his release from prison in the aftermath of the 1916 Rising he worked in Lynch and O'Brien's public house on George's Street where Shaws is now located. He lived in Blackrock.

Moran became captain of D Company of the IRA importantly he was in charge of the port of Dun Laoghaire through which men, arms and ammunition passed between Ireland and Britain.

Moran was convicted by Military Court Martial of killing Lieutenant Aimes on Bloody Sunday November 21, 1920 in which 12 British Secret Service agents and 2 Auxiliary police were killed. Although widely believed to be innocent of taking part in the attack on Aimes he was executed at Mountjoy Prison with Thomas Whelan.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM DLRCC ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Door – 2 – Door Waste Collection

Beware of Bogus Collectors who are operating within the County. These advertise by dropping 'flyers' into people's letter-boxes offering to remove waste at a nominal charge. This waste can often be dumped illegally on the roadside or in our scenic areas. 'Waste' includes domestic rubbish, hedge trimmings, and grass cuttings.

The Public and Business Community are advised that it is an offence to give waste to an unauthorised collector. Both the person giving waste and the bogus collector can be **liable for prosecution**.

Only give waste to a collector who can produce a **Waste Collection Permit**, as issued by Dublin City Council. This can be either a plastic card similar to a bank/credit card or a 5-6 page document which state:

- 1 The Name and Address of operator
- 2 Local Authority Areas in which collector can operate
- 3 The types of waste that can be

- collected
- 4 Disposal location
- 5 The registration number of the operator's vehicle(s).

Some operators may produce a piece of paper purporting to be a Waste Collection Permit. You should make sure that the above details are on it.

If you are aware of any Bogus Waste Collectors, please call Environmental Services Department, Waste Enforcement Unit on 01-2047954 or email wasteenforcement@dlrcoco.ie Your phone call can make a difference. You can help to stamp out illegal dumping and unauthorised waste activities.

Back Garden Burning!

What can be more annoying than when your neighbour decides to have a little bonfire in his back garden? Some people think they are saving cost by burning their rubbish in this way and that it is a harmless activity. Not so!

Waste, be it wood, paper, organically produced food waste, plastics, solvents, and all sorts of chemicals can produce toxic fumes when burnt at low temperatures, and these fumes can have long-term health implications.

Backyard burning that causes nuisance is an offence under the Air Pollution Act 1997 and it is a nuisance when you cannot open your windows because of fumes or your washing gets ruined.

Householders must dispose of waste in a proper way. If we reduce, reuse and recycle what we can, and compost our garden waste, this will greatly reduce the amount going into the bin.

Please play your part to keep our environment safe!

For more information contact DLR Environmental Services Dept, Waste Enforcement Unit on 2047954 or email wasteenforcement@dlrcoco.ie

COMMUNITY FORUM GRANT SCHEME

Closing Date for Community Forum Grant Scheme Extended



Full details and application form can be downloaded from the Community Forum Website

www.dlrccommunityforum.ie

The Working Group of the Forum allowing for the membership to enjoy the Summer break, have extended the closing date for applications under its promotional grant scheme to the 30th September 2005.

The grants are to encourage and support the membership of the Forum in promoting their organisation/group and to allow for participation in activities are available up to a maximum of €1000.

Groups applying for grants should be aware that the following conditions apply to projects being funded.

1/ Promotional projects should be completed by the end of 2005.

2/ Projects will be required to make reference to the aims and activities of the County Community Forum.

3/ Organisations who have already received a grant cannot reapply for a period of 3 years.

4/ Applications must be received by the 30th September 2005.

Recipients of grants this year include,

Shanganagh Park House, Community Centre, €1000 towards the cost of a flyer to promote the services offered.

Southside Travellers Action Group (STAG) €1000 to support the production of Annual Report and Newsletter, which will help, promote an understanding of Travellers issues.

Marley Grange Residents Association, €800 for production of newsletter for its 470+ membership.



We would like to hear from your organisation with a view to carrying details in forthcoming editions.

The Forum can be contacted at

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