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the core values of the New European Bauhaus – sustainability, aesthetics, and inclusion – and integrates community feedback into the final design. DLR Architects Department developed the design to Part 8 planning stage and following approval of Part 8 planning at the Council meeting earlier this year, the Strand 2 application for capital works funding was submitted. The successful award of €7m Strand 2 funding will enable the transformation of these significant heritage buildings into a vibrant, inclusive space for lifelong learning and community engagement. This project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern & Midland Regional Programme 2021–2027, and aligns with the Town Centre First Framework, promoting a citizen-centred, community-led approach to urban regeneration.

DUBLIN CITY Recycle IT honoured with two prestigious awards

Recycle IT has been awarded the Dublin City Social Enterprise Award 2025 and the Nancy Ward Circular Economy Award 2025, writes Jo Kenny. These are in recognition of a commitment to community impact, circular inno-

vation and environmental sustainability. The Dublin City Social Enterprise Award is a mark of distinction that celebrates organisations making a real difference in people's lives. This achievement reflects hard work, vision, and dedication to creating positive change. Beyond recognition, the award provides valuable funding, resources and opportunities to grow. It also builds awareness and trust, helping to strengthen partnerships, inspire staff and trainees, and expand the organisation's ability to deliver meaningful social, economic and environmental benefits. In addition, Recycle IT received the Nancy Ward Circular Economy Award 2025, offered in association with the Dublin City Social Enterprise Awards and sponsored by The Entrepreneurs Academy. This celebrates Recycle IT and its approach to reusing, reducing and recycling – practices that help drive a more sustainable future. The recognition is especially meaningful as it pays tribute to the late Nancy Ward, a much-loved colleague and friend of The Entrepreneurs Academy, who passed away in April 2023. "These awards underscore the strategic importance of social enterprises in addressing both community and environmental

challenges," said Una Lavelle, General Manager at Recycle IT. "They validate the commitment of our team, partners, and stakeholders while providing the resources and visibility needed to expand our impact."

Opening of annual arts grants with increased funding

Dublin City Council has announced that applications for the 2026 Arts Grants and Awards are now open, writes Jo Kenny. In a strong show of support for the city's vibrant creative community, an additional €50,000 has been allocated to both the Project Grant and Bursary Award funding streams. Dublin City Arts Grants are available across four categories, including revenue grants, project grant, bursary awards and neighbourhood grants. All applications must be submitted online via the submittable platform and the deadline for submissions is 12 noon on Tuesday, November 4. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. For detailed guidelines and to apply, please visit the Dublin City Arts Office website at www.dublincityartsoffice.ie.

BALBRIGGAN Celebrate National Walking Week

Join a community walk in Balbriggan on Friday next, September 26 at 11am, writes Rose Barrett. This will kick off weekly walks running until the end of October with Healthy Steps Fingal. Meet outside Balbriggan Library, George's Square before 11am, and enjoy a free tea or coffee in a local café after your stroll. Keep moving every Friday at 11am through October and enjoy scenic walks while boosting your wellbeing! Free to join – registration required: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx...>

Do you want to stop smoking?

Ready to quit smoking? Join a FREE 10-week course with FREE Nicotine Replacement Therapy to help you succeed, writes Rose Barrett. The course will be hosted at Balbriggan Library, Lighthouse Room starting Wednesday, October 1 from 6-7:30pm. Get group support, save money, and invest in what matters most – your health! Contact WeCanQuit@empower.ie or 01 820 9350.

Temporary spaces at car park

As part of the on-going €15m redevelopment of Balbriggan's Quay Street and Harbour, 15 car parking spaces are being temporarily removed at Mill Street Town car park, bringing the number of spaces available to 52, writes Rose Barrett. Local councillors remind that the spaces will be in use on a temporary basis by the contractor, and will be available to the public again on December 1, 2025. This is to allow site investigations at the adjacent brownfield site. It is anticipated the flagship plaza project at the Harbour will be substantially completed in spring 2026. An additional 280 new free car parking spaces have been provided by Fingal County Council at three locations within a 10 to 15 minutes' walk of Balbriggan Railway Station. More info: <https://balbriggan.ie/temporary-reduction-of-number-of-/>

MALAHIDE

Step up for recovery – 5km Charity Walk

This Saturday, September 27 will see 'Step Up for Recovery' at the stunning Malahide Castle & Gardens, writes Rose Barrett. This 5km walk is in aid of Kyrle Therapeutic Farm, supporting mental health recovery in Ireland. The walk is suitable for all ages and abilities – the perfect chance to get out in nature, take a mindful walk, and show your sup-



CASTLEKNOCK

Pop-up shop for the Red Cross in Gaza

By Rose Barrett. As part of an ongoing drive to raise funds for the besieged people of the war ravaged Gaza, Aontú's Cllr Ellen Troy is organising a one-day pop-up shop in Castleknock Tennis Club.

Cllr Troy says: "It is utterly heart wrenching to see the pain and suffering that the unfortunate civilians of Gaza have to endure. Worlds really can't give full expression to how I feel about the situation. It is horrific to see so many tens of thousands of civilian lives lost and destroyed and changed irreparably."

"These are human beings, just like you and me, and they are forced to have to endure the most appalling, unjust and indiscriminate suffering. Children are dying, elderly people are dying, ordinary people have to scramble for meagre rations of food, others are dying of starvation, the catalogue of injuries is horrendous; it is beyond comprehension, and it is inhuman."

Rather than feel helpless and hopeless, she decided to organise this one-day event where people from all over D 15 can donate their once loved and quality used cloth-

ing and accessories, which will raise funding for the Irish Red Cross who are doing such wonderful humanitarian work in Gaza.

"We all have clothes in our wardrobes that we are either tired of, have never worn or bought on a whim and wish to get rid of, and this 'Pop Up and Shop for Palestine' is the perfect opportunity to do that."

She says that she has been inundated with donations of clothes and promises some real treasures on the day.

"People are just so good, so generous. They are watching the horrendous scenes of human misery on their television screens night after night and have really come on board for this pop-up shop. They have given me fabulous items for sale, and I can't wait to see the reaction from people on the day."

Every single cent raised will go to the Irish Red Cross and it is a real opportunity for the people to show solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza.

Friday, October 11 at Castleknock Lawn Tennis Club from 11am to 4pm – all support appreciated.

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Council



ACQUISITION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACQUIRE LAND UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2024 AND ALL OTHER ACTS THEREBY ENABLING ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LANDS AT THE DUNES, PORTMARNOCK, COUNTY DUBLIN

Notice is hereby given that Fingal County Council in exercise of the power conferred on them by Section 45 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, intend to acquire by Order that section of the land described hereunder.

A copy of the map referred to in the Order may be seen and inspected, at the offices of Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 and Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Fingal, Dublin 15, D15 W638, Monday to Thursday 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Friday 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (excluding Bank Holidays) from Thursday the 25th of September 2025 to Thursday the 23rd of October 2025 (inclusive).

The map is also available on the Fingal County Council website: www.fingal.ie/vesting-order.

Further information may be obtained from Tim Hanway, Senior Staff Officer, Property Services Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Telephone no. 01 890 5000, E-mail: property.mgt@fingal.ie.

Any person having an interest in the land to which this acquisition notice relates, may before the 23rd day of October 2025 appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND INTENDED TO BE ACQUIRED

Open Space at The Dunes, Portmarnock, County Dublin.

Dated this 25th day of September 2025

Natalie Dineen, Administrative Officer,
Property Services, Economic, Enterprise,
Tourism & Cultural Development.

port. If you can't make it to Malahide, you can still take part from wherever you are – every step matters. Registration is open – sign up at https://monorbox.org/events/804458/steps/choose_tickets

Spooktacular Baking Camp

From October 28-31, why not take your little ghouls and goblins to a frightfully fun Halloween Baking Camp, writes Rose Barrett. There kids aged five to twelve years will whip up spooky treats, decorate and enjoy a week full of festive fun.

What's included: hands-on baking activities, delicious Halloween-themed recipes, fun games and activities along with take-home spooky creations! Spaces are limited – don't miss out on this spooktacular adventure. Register now: contact Charlene on 085 1075382 and let the baking magic begin! Camp from 10am – 1pm.



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SECTION 75 OF THE ROADS ACT 1993 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROEBUCK ROAD, CLONSKEAGH

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has received an application from Gas Networks Ireland that proposes to temporarily close Roebuck Road from its junction with Friarsland to its junction with Goatstown Road before Carmelite Monastery of the Immaculate Conception from Monday 27th October, 2025 to Friday 31st October, 2025 between 09:00 hours and 20:00 hours each day.

A Traffic Management Plan will be in operation and pedestrian and local access will be maintained at all times. Diversion routes will be clearly signposted.

The purpose of the proposed closure is for remedial works.

Any interested parties may lodge objections/ observations in writing with the Senior Engineer, County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire or email info@dlrco.ie before Noon on Wednesday 8th October, 2025.

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