



MINISTER JOHN CURRAN VISITS LOCAL STUDENTS AT THE YOUNG SOCIAL INNOVATORS EXHIBITION

YOUTH SERVICES AT GRIFFEEN CENTRE LUCAN - UPDATE

The Youth Service Centre at Griffeen Centre is funded primarily through the VEC with additional programmes provided through a variety of grants

THE PROGRAMMES NOW OPERATING FROM GRIFFEEN CENTRE INCLUDE:

Monday: Pre-Teen drop in, Boys Circuit Class, Girls Adventure Club
Tuesday: After School Programme
Wednesday: Pre-Teen Drop in including Table Tennis, Dance Club

GUITAR LESSONS

Thursday: Girls Group, Mural Art, Drop in
Friday: Adventure Club, Soudation Project, Youth Café
Saturday: Soudation Project, Electro Acoustic Youth Orchestra

The VEC, the Council's Community Department, the Management Committee and community partners continue to work closely together to identify ways in which services can be improved, enhanced and expanded and look forward to continuing to work together during 2009.

HOME ENERGY SAVING SCHEME

The Home Energy Saving (HES) scheme provides assistance to homeowners who are interested in improving the energy efficiency of their home in order to reduce energy use and costs and greenhouse gas emissions. It is a national scheme and thus open to all owners of existing houses. The scheme is administered by Sustainable Energy Ireland and its agents.

The scheme has been launched/announced now in order to allow interested contractors to apply for registration. Once there are sufficient registered contractors available to the scheme there will be a further announcement regarding householder applications.

Assistance will be provided by the payment of fixed grants towards the costs of implementing remedial measures. The types of measures eligible under this scheme are roof insulation, wall insulation and heating controls. There is also a grant for households who choose to get a Building Energy Rating (BER) assessment *Before* and *After* the works are completed.

MEASURE	CATEGORY	GRANT *
Roof	Roof Insulation	€250
	Cavity wall insulation	€400
Wall	Internal Wall Dry-Lining	€2,500
	External wall insulation	€4,000
Heating Controls	High Efficiency Gas or Oil fired Boiler with Heating Controls Upgrade	€700
	Heating Controls Upgrade	€500
BER Assessment	A <i>Before</i> works and an <i>After</i> works assessment	€200

Grants are payable when measures are completed in compliance with the scheme's Terms and Conditions. The steps involved in getting a grant payment are:

Application - Approval - Measures Completed - Contractor Paid - Grant Claimed

Presently, the scheme is not open for Homeowner applications. However, as a homeowner you can start to think about the type of work you might like to undertake and/or engage a BER Assessor to do

an energy rating of your home to help you identify areas which could lead to greater comfort levels and reduced energy usage. Please go to the web section headed "[I am a Homeowner](#)" to download some useful information on the various eligible measures and get some helpful tips in the [Buyers guides](#).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Be sure that prior to applying you have read and understand the scheme's Terms and Conditions (to be published once the scheme is open for homeowner applications) and in particular please note the following:-

- Grant Approval must be in place prior to any purchase of materials or commencement of measures undertaken.
- You may apply several times, however the grant value of your first application must be €500. The BER assessment grant cannot form part of the €500 amount.
- All works must be carried out by a contractor registered with Sustainable Energy Ireland for this particular scheme.

Currently the scheme is open for Contractor registration. If you are a contractor please go to the web section headed "[I am a Contractor](#)" to get registration details.

WHEN MIGHT YOU NOT QUALIFY FOR A HOME ENERGY SAVING SCHEME GRANT?

Depending on the scale or type of works being undertaken, the HES grant may not necessarily be appropriate for all homeowners. Homeowners will not qualify for a grant:

- If your first grant application would be for less than €500. So if you are only intending to do attic insulation (€250) or blown cavity wall insulation (€400) on their own then **you will not qualify for a grant**
- If you are only replacing your existing boiler with a typical efficiency boiler (<90% efficiency) then **you will not qualify for a grant**
- If you decide to simply replace your boiler but not upgrade the heating controls to the minimum prescribed standard then **you will not qualify for a grant**
- If you wish to get a grant for a Building Energy Rating (BER) then **you must** undertake a BER both before and after undertaking the appropriate grant aided measures.

For further information go to www.sei.ie or call 1850 92 7000



John Curran TD

WEEKLY ADVICE CLINICS

Monday 11.00am
 Monday 12.00pm
 Monday 7.00pm
 Tuesday 10.00am
 Thursday 6pm

Neilstown Community Centre, Neilstown
 Bawnogue Community Centre, Bawnogue
 Lucan Sports and Leisure Centre
 Constituency Office 2a Main Street, Clondalkin
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MONTHLY ADVICE CLINICS

First Monday 8pm
 Last Monday 8pm
 Last Monday 9pm

Silver Granite, Palmerstown.
 Rathcoole Community Centre,
 The Gondola, Newcastle

All Clinics by Appointment Only

No Clinics on Bank Holiday Weekends.

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Lucan & Palmerstown MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRUGS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

COMMUNITY VOICE



MINISTER JOHN CURRAN TD WITH FIANNA FÁIL LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES SHANE O MUINEACHÁIN, EDNO COOLEY AND SHAHEEM AHMED

AN BORD PLEANÁLA REFUSE RATHCOOLE INCINERATOR - CURRAN

I have welcomed An Bord Pleanála's decision to refuse planning permission for the proposed N7 Resource Recovery Project at Behan's Quarry, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.

I am delighted with the announcement by An Bord Pleanála to oppose the development of an incinerator in Rathcoole. Every single person and group who contacted me on this issue was opposed to this development. Not one person rang or contacted my office in support of this project and I was against it from the start and worked hard to oppose it.

This is a good news day for the people of Rathcoole, Saggart, Newcastle, Brittas, Lucan, Clondalkin, Tallaght and Dublin", said Minister Curran.

Some of the main reasons for refusing planning include:

- Significant traffic generation on the N7, in particular the increase of heavy goods vehicles
- Unacceptable risk of pollution in the area and to the surrounding environment
- Location was too close to Baldonnel Aerodrome and would result in a reduction in air traffic safety, due to the proposed height of the development

The proposed development would be in conflict with Dublin's Waste Management Plan, already set out by all four Dublin Local Authorities. This plan specifically identifies the requirement for one waste recovery facility which is to be located at Poolbeg with a capacity of 400,000 – 600,000 tonnes per year.

In light of the reasons and concerns for An Bord Pleanála's decision to refuse this project, I am delighted for the local community and wish to take the opportunity to congratulate them for their support and community spirit in objecting to this incinerator.

LUCAN SCHOOLS - UPDATE

Lucan South Secondary School Action Group (LSSSAG) met with Minister John Curran T.D. and Minister for Education and Science, Batt O' Keeffe T.D. this week to review the progress of the Department's commitment for the proposed new 1,000 pupil VEC secondary school in Lucan South.

Significant progress has been made towards delivering the new school in Lucan South. South Dublin County Council's Local Area Plan for Clonburris has a site for the school reserved under the plan and the Department and the Council are currently working closely together to secure this site.

The Department of Education & Science and the Minister has acknowledged the need for the school. Consequently, the department appointed Co. Dublin VEC as the patron of the proposed new 1,000 pupil school in April of last year. I will continue to work closely with Minister Batt O' Keeffe and Lucan South Secondary School Action Group in relation to this matter.

Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada also met with Minister John Curran T.D. and Minister for Education Batt O' Keeffe T.D. regarding a new school

building for their school. Again the Minister and the Department have recognised the need for the proposed new school building. A lot of technical work such as piping needs to be done on the favoured site in order to secure the site. However progress is being made with regard to this and I will continue to work closely with the school committee and Minister Batt O' Keeffe in relation to the proposed new school.



TAOISEACH LAUNCHES LUAS EXTENSION TO CITYWEST



AN TAOISEACH, BRIAN COWEN T.D., CLLR. TREVOR GILLIGAN, MINISTER JOHN CURRAN T.D., DEPUTY CHARLIE O' CONNOR T.D. AND MINISTER CONOR LENIHAN T.D. AT THE LAUNCH OF THE EXTENSION OF THE LUAS RED LINE



LUCAN LIBRARY EVENTS FOR MARCH

March events Exhibition:

- Paintings Exhibition by Daniela Maftai for the Month of March
- Adult Computer Classes Booking Essential Contact the library for details Mondays from 10am - 11.30pm (Class full) & 5.30pm - 7pm
- French Conversation (Class full) Mondays from 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- Parent and Toddler Group Tuesdays from 11am - 12noon
- English Language Classes (Class full) Tuesdays from 5pm - 6pm & 6pm - 7pm
- Italian classes (Class full) Wednesdays from 10am - 11am
- Story time for under-6s Wednesdays from 3pm - 3.30pm
- Spanish Conversation (Class full) Thursdays from 10am - 11am
- Irish Conversation Classes New members welcome Contact the library to book your place. Thursdays from 7pm - 8pm
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Two Chairs Theatre Company Nuala Hayes, Storytelling for 3rd/4th class. Booking essential Monday 2nd March from 11.30am - 12.30pm
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Bilingual Drama with Breda Konstantin 4-7 year olds, 1 class, 30 pupils (Three Little Pigs) Wednesday 4th March from 10am - 11am
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Bilingual Drama with Breda Konstantin 8-12 year olds, 1 class, 30 pupils (Selfish Giant) Booking essential Wednesday 4th March from 11.15am - 12.15pm
- Children's Art Classes Booking essential Wednesday 4th, 11th & 25th from 3.30pm - 5pm
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Storytime with an Irish Twist Wednesday 4th March from 5pm
- Bridge Classes for Beginners Booking necessary Wednesday 4th, 11th, & 18th March from 7pm - 8.30pm
- Creative Writing Group Saturday 7th & 21st March from 10.30am - 12.30pm
- Children's Book Club for 10 year olds Tuesday 10th March from 3.45pm - 4.45pm
- Lucan Library TEEN writing group booking essential Saturday 7th & 21st from 2pm - 3.30pm
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Maeve Ingoldsby, Playwright Talking about her writings, bilingual or English for 9-10 year olds. Booking essential Wednesday 11th March from 11am & 11.30am
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Storytime with an Irish Twist Wednesday 11th March from 1pm
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Irish History Live with Michael Moylan 3rd - 6th class. Class Booking Thursday 12th March from 10am - 11am, 11.15am - 12.15pm & 1pm - 2pm
- Lucan Library Book Club Wednesday 25th March from 7pm - 8pm
- Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) Budgeting and Money Management. Booking essential Wednesday 25th March 7pm - 8pm
- Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) Citizens' Information and Entitlements. Booking essential Wednesday 25th March 8pm - 9pm
- Housebound service Friday 27th March

For further information contact **Lucan Library** at **621 6422**

PALMERSTOWN LIBRARY

The provision of a library facility in Palmerstown is in both the Library Development Plan 2007 - 2011 and the Capital Programme for 2009 - 2011 in South Dublin County Council. This demonstrates the commitment of the Libraries Department to the development of library services in the Palmerstown area.

The Libraries Department of South Dublin County Council have informed me that they are awaiting the outcome of the impending discussions/negotiations in relation to the community centre development and subject to the availability of resources, both financial and staffing. The Department have said that they look forward to progressing the library project at Palmerstown and I am currently working to ensure the long awaited Library in Palmerstown is delivered.

LUCAN WEIR UPDATE

There are a number of outstanding items in Phase 1 of the Lucan Weir project that need to be completed prior to consideration being given to opening this phase of the Promenade to the public on a restricted basis. These works include following:

- Provision of handrails along the access ramps,
- Installation of lighting,
- Installation of a CCTV system,
- Planting
- Provision of fencing adjacent to the ramp.

Works are progressing to have these issues completed as soon as possible. I will continue to follow these matters up with South Dublin County Council.

PALMERSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

The provision of the Community Centre is as a result of a condition of a planning permission granted in respect of a retail development in Palmerstown. While the Community Centre building is now substantially complete, there is still a lot of work to be done before it can be occupied and used. Discussions need to take place with all concerned to decide and agree on fit out costs and how these are to be funded and by whom.

In addition a leasing agreement will have to be made between the Council and local community groups and interests with regard to the running and operation of the facility. No such agreement can be made until the matter of the fitting out and completion of the building is resolved.

Following completion of the above an appropriate opening date can be considered.



NEWLY DESIGNED BRIDGE OVER THE LIFFEY VALLEY

METRO WEST PROGRESS REPORT

It is good news to hear that progress is being made with regard to massive infrastructure plans in Dublin Mid West.

The Railway Procurement Agency have announced the winners of the competition to design the Metro West – Liffey Valley Bridge are Buro Happold and Explorations Architecture.

The RIAI (Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland) administered the competition on behalf of the competition promoters, the Railway Procurement Agency.

The conclusion of this competition represents a significant milestone in the ongoing design and development of the Metro West scheme. RPA is committed to developing infrastructure that meets transport needs but is also attractive and sympathetic to its environment. The jury concluded

that the winning design excelled in meeting the challenges of the brief and in the view of RPA is the most appropriate design for Metro West to cross the Liffey Valley. I am really looking forward to the successful implementation and delivery of Metro West.

This two stage competition for the design of a new bridge to cross the Liffey Valley needed to address a number of issues particular to the project. Competitors were asked to consider the opportunity presented by the Liffey Valley setting to offer unique views of the area to both those on the Metro and those on foot/cycle.

Buro Happold collaborated with Explorations Architecture to develop the concept of a bridge, driven by a desire to minimise the visual impact of the bridge across the Liffey Valley. It was important that users will be able to walk

safely down an extraordinary promenade that follows the cable profile of the bridge. The team has delivered a winning design that will be the first significant

suspension bridge in Ireland and a pioneering development in medium-span railroad suspension bridges. This is great news for Lucan.



CURRAN WELCOMES NEWS THAT GARDAÍ HAVE BEGUN SEARCHES AT ANGLO IRISH BANK

I was happy to hear that Gardaí have begun a number of searches at the offices of Anglo Irish in Dublin. I understand that the Garda Commissioner has assigned a number of officers from the Bureau of Fraud Investigation to assist other gardaí who are working with the Director of Corporate Enforcement.

An Office of Director of Corporate Enforcement spokesman has confirmed that the action was being executed by a warrant from this office and will allow officers to seize books and enter premises.

At present, there is 1 Detective Inspector, 2 Detective Sergeants and 5 Detective Gardaí assigned on secondment from the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation to the ODCE under the provisions of the Company Law Enforcement Act, 2001. The Commissioner

confirmed that this level of deployment was reached followed discussions between An Garda Síochána and the Director of Corporate Enforcement.

The Government felt it was very important every necessary resource was provided to ensure that any investigation was speedy and effective. It is vital for public confidence particularly as the taxpayer now owns the Anglo-Irish Bank.

I have stated very clearly in the past that I believe that Irish Life and Permanent should also be the subject of an investigation by the Director for their part in the transactions which resulted in the customer deposits at Anglo Irish Bank being artificially inflated by over €7 billion. I look forward to the investigation by the ODCE being completed as quickly as possible.



NATIONAL TREE WEEK

National Tree Week is organised by the Tree Council of Ireland and took place this month in South Dublin. The theme this year is 'Our Trees - Our Culture'. The event was launched by Cllr. Marie Corr with a tree planting ceremony. A programme of events was put in place for all local schools to take part and include tree planting events by the Parks & Landscape Services Department with School and community groups.