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UPDATES FROM THE EU BY MEP BRIAN HAYES

WI4EU

This is a new EU initiative. It will launch this Summer and allow local authorities such as South Dublin County Council to apply directly to the EU for funding to equip local parks, villages and other public places with high quality free WIFI.

Free Interrail Passes for all 18 year olds

I have been working with my European colleagues to establish a new EU programme which would see 18 year olds given a free Interrail ticket on their 18th birthday. The ticket would be valid for one month and provide free travel on the Interrail network across Europe.

Roam like at home

From the 15th June, roaming charges will be abolished across the EU. You will now pay the same as you do at home when using your mobile in another EU Member State.

Brian



European Parliament, Cllr Emer Higgins, Cllr Vicki Casserly, Brian Hayes MEP, Cllr Brian Lawlor

IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY IN LUCAN

New Pedestrian Crossing

A new pedestrian crossing is being installed at Esker Road following my campaign for improved pedestrian safety in the area. I was the first Councillor to table this request at the Lucan Area Committee and persisted until it was delivered. This crossing will provide a safe route to school for hundreds of pupils across St. Thomas NS, Scoil Áine Naofa and Lucan Community College and, should remove the need for some short trip car journeys.



New 30km Speed Limit coming soon to residential areas

South Dublin County Council will be reducing speed limits in residential areas throughout the County from 50 km/h to 30 km/h. The new bye-laws will come into effect later this year and will impact all housing estates in our area. The new limits will be publicised by 'slow zone' signage which will also remind people of children at play in residential estates. This change is being made in accordance with the new national Road Safety Plans which will help improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, older people and children.

YOUR LOCAL FINE GAEL TEAM



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News Letter

NEWSLETTER FOR LUCAN

Dear Resident,

I am writing to give you an update on some of the important local and national issues I've been working on.

If there anything I can help you with please get in touch at vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie.

Vicki

South Dublin Councillor - Fine Gael

THINK AHEAD - IRISH HOSPICE FOUNDATION

I recently hosted a Coffee Morning with An Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald alongside the Irish Hospice Foundation at Kenny's in Lucan. The event offered information about the 'Think Ahead' initiative which encourages people to record their wishes in the event of a medical emergency, serious illness or death. An Tánaiste, Frances Fitzgerald, Cllr. William Lavelle and 40 members of the community as well as Irish Hospice Foundation representatives Angela Edghill and Anne Marie attended the coffee morning which featured a full presentation and information leaflets about the services offered by the organisation.



Hospice Foundation Coffee Morning Angela Edghill of IHF, Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald TD, Cllr Vicki Casserly

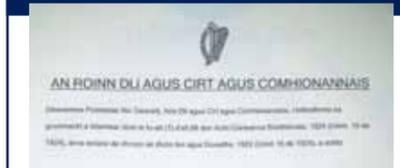
It is so important to let people know your wishes in the case of an emergency.

Think Ahead booklets feature questions and information and allow people to record their wishes - letting families know what they want in the event of a medical emergency. They are available from the Irish Hospice Foundation or by contacting me directly.

DELIVERING EQUALITY IN EDUCATION

As an advocate for people with special needs I campaign for equality in every walk of life. I have called on the HSE, the Minister for Health and Minister of State for Disabilities to make provision for necessary clinical support to allow for the establishment of dedicated Speech-and-Language Therapy Classes in primary schools, including at St, Thomas NS, Esker and Scoil Mhuire, Woodview Heights. I have also asked for this objective to be included in the next HSE Service Plan.

DO YOU NEED AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT SIGNED BY A PEACE COMMISSIONER?



I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed as a Peace Commissioner for Dublin and the surrounding counties. I have already signed and witnessed a number of forms for constituents and look forward to continuing to assist the community. If you need a PC signature for official documentation please get in touch.

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CHANGING POLICIES, CHANGING PLACES

I was honoured to be part of the Inclusion Ireland working group which toured Áras an Uachtaráin to see the newly installed 'Changing Place'. A 'Changing Place' differs from standard accessible bathrooms in public places as it is a step beyond current regulations for space and includes additional equipment such as a hoist and a bench. As part of my role on the working group, I facilitated meetings between the then Minister for Public Works, Simon Harris TD and the OPW to open links with Inclusion Ireland and play a part in creating an "equal accessible Ireland". I was proud to see the OPW and Inclusion Ireland progressing the concept of 'Changing Place' within Áras an Uachtaráin and I will push for new buildings in Lucan and Palmerstown, including the Lucan Swimming Pool, include changing places.



Minister Frances Fitzgerald, Cllr Kenneth Egan, An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, Cllr Vicki Casserly and Cllr William Lavelle

OUR NEW TAOISEACH

Congratulations to our new Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar. I was delighted to support Leo's campaign for Leader of Fine Gael. I'm very excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for us as country under his leadership.

€17M FOR LUCAN SWIMMING POOL

Lucan has been united by the successful campaign for a #Pool4Lucan. The campaign was supported by all local councillors, Minister Michael Ring and An Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald. In response to a series of motions tabled by myself and Cllr. William Lavelle €13 million is being provided by South Dublin County Council and €3.8 million is being made available by Government funding. The Council recently committed to increase it's contribution from €9m to €13m in order to allow for modern disability designs to ensure the pool is inclusive of people of all abilities. As a campaigner on inclusion this is something I'm particularly proud of. The new pool will be located at Griffeen Valley Park and a public consultation on planning the application is due shortly.



MEDICAL CARDS UPDATE

Every child in receipt of Domiciliary Carers Allowance now has access to a Full Medical Card. As a parent of a child with extensive medical requirements, I know too well the need for having a medical card in place. I am delighted that Minister Simon Harris has progressed this issue for families - it's another step forward.



Lucan Swimming Pool, Cllr Vicki Casserly, Cllr William Lavelle

CONGRATS TO ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TRAILBLAZERS

Congratulations to Transition Year Students who took first place in the senior category of the Student Enterprise Awards. They are a group of 4 Transition Year Students who are promoting equality through a series of self-developed children's' fairy tales. You can check out their project called 'No Limits' on Facebook. It's an amazing project and they really deserve credit for their hard work, as a former student of St Joseph's, I was delighted to present the Schools Inaugural Nano Nagle award for their amazing contribution to breaking barriers to inclusion in our community. Email them at nolimitsbooks@gmail.com for further information.



DELIVERING ON INCLUSION

INCLUSION AT ESKER CELTIC

I was delighted to visit Esker Celtic along with John Delaney of the FAI and SDCC Management recently. The FAI and Council have committed funding for a purpose-built playing area for children with disabilities participating in the Football for All Programme in the grounds of Esker Celtic. I am honoured to have played a role in developing this and want to congratulate all in Esker Celtic.



John Delaney, FAI CEO, Colm Young, Esker Celtic and Cllr Vicki Casserly

INCLUSION AT LUCAN LIBRARY

In support of the Lucan Autism Network I have called for the creation of special inclusion sessions for children with additional needs in the monthly programme for Libraries to include music therapy or sensory arts and crafts. The Council has committed to endeavouring to cater for the needs of all the children and the events committee will look further into what is available for children with special needs, in particular Autism.

INCLUSION AT SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITIONS

67 schools set to take part in the 2017 a Paralympic Schools Cross Country Programme which provides children with disabilities, in mainstream schools, with the opportunity to participate alongside their classmates in the cross country programme. The initiative was developed as a pilot in 2015 after I approached South Dublin County Council about the possibility of including a Paralympic section to the Schools Cross Country Programme. This year the Paralympic Section will be classified into different groupings - catering for Wheelchair users, those on walking frames, and those that are ambulant and has been rolled out across the county.



South Dublin County Council Schools Cross Country