

Welcome to our first news brief in August. You are receiving this email because your group Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg is a member of Dublin City PPN.

Local Property Tax Public Consultation

Dublin City Council are holding a public consultation until Wednesday 31st August 2017 to canvass the views of the public on the adjustment of the base rate of the Local Property Tax (LPT) for the year 2018. The information gained in this consultation will be presented in a report to City Councillors, at a special meeting to be held in September 2017, to inform them in their decision making duties on the adjustment of the LPT rate for 2018. Once the Councillors make their decision it must be notified to the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of Planning, Housing and Local Government by September 30th 2017.

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), makes specific provision that elected members of a Local Authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor. Under Section 20 of this act a Local Authority is required to carry out a public consultation process to canvass the public for their opinions and views.

Access to the survey will be via the consultation hub of the DCC website, where there will be an FAQ document and where participants can complete an on-line survey at <https://consultation.dublincity.ie/>. It will also be possible to do the following;

1. Submit a PDF version of the survey via email to LPTconsultation@dublincity.ie
2. Submit a hard copy of the survey to
LPT Consultation,
C/O Finance Dept,

Dublin City Council,
Block 1 Floor 8,
Civic Offices,
Wood Quay,
Dublin 8.

Hard copies of the surveys will be made available at DCC Public Libraries, local Area Offices and the Customer Services Centre in the Civic Offices, Wood Quay or downloaded from www.dublincity.ie. The survey can be completed in English or Irish.

Closing date: **Wednesday 31st August 2017**

National Heritage Week

19th - 27th August 2017

National Heritage Week 2017 will take place from 19th - 27th August and the aim this year is to help more people learn about and enjoy Ireland's nature. Here in Dublin, we're going a little further, and celebrating the Dubliners who made nature their vocation – David A. Webb, Maura Scannell, Oscar Merne, Jane Stephens, and many more. And we're celebrating what they studied – the plants, the animals, the creatures you have to get your knees dirty to see, and the life-forms you have to look for under a microscope!

There are two fantastic events (Saturday August 19th in Phoenix Park, and Saturday, August 26th on North Bull Island) for the bug hunters, the bird watchers, the plant aficionados, etc. The events are for all ages and free, with an environmentally star-studded line-up of speakers, including Tom Curtis, Mary Kelly-Quinn, Howard Fox, Nessa Darcy, and many more.

Please see full programmes attached, and contact biodiversity@dublincity.ie for any queries.

To find a full listing of events taking place in Dublin City throughout Heritage Week, please see <http://www.heritageweek.ie/whats-on/events>

Smart Dublin

World's largest connected cycle light pilot

Dublin City Council through the Smart Dublin initiative invites cyclists to take part in an innovative smart light pilot scheme that will connect over 500 cyclists across Dublin. As well as keeping cyclists safer on the road, the See.Sense smart ICON light gathers a wide range of data that city planners can access to inform them on how to improve cycling infrastructure and policies to promote cycling in the city.

These award winning lights, designed by See.Sense, are daylight visible, enhancing cyclist safety in all lighting conditions. Using sensor technology they flash brighter and faster in riskier situations such as road junctions and roundabouts. The sensors can also anonymously gather data on the cyclist's environment such as the quality of the road surface, cycling routes, accidents and near-miss events - providing accurate qualitative data and allowing the city to be mapped like never before.

The scheme will run from August to November 2017. Those wishing to take part need to register and must have access to an android phone. The light can be purchased at a heavily subsidised price of €20 (RRP €90).

The ICON is the only bike light in the world that reacts to your environment, making you more visible in riskier situations such as braking for roundabouts or busy intersections, or when approached by car headlights at night. It boasts 270 degree side visibility meaning you can be seen at greater angles. It also uses Bluetooth integration, allowing you the option to pair and control your lights with your phone, and avail of crash and theft alerts for peace of mind. All while maintaining an impressive 15 hour battery life in a small and lightweight package.

For information on the pilot scheme go to www.smartdublin.ie/see.sense

Kilmainham - Inchicore Community Festival August 24th - 27th 2017

The Kilmainham - Inchicore Community Festival is a collaboration between the Kilmainham Arts Club / Festival and Inchicore-based groups and it is supported by Dublin City Council. The programme includes a plethora of diverse events, such as: an architectural walking tour; 'Ideal World' group art exhibition; a powerful one-man play 'Trilogy'; an exciting spoken word event; traditional Irish, jazz and original songwriter's music; children's activities; a cookery contest; film screenings of documentaries made by local film makers and workshops.

The events are all free. Please see flyer attached.
