

Did you know that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council supports arts projects in local childcare facilities and primary schools? We have one of the longest-running primary schools arts programmes in the country: we've been doing this since 1994. So every week during the school year children of all ages across our county are getting the opportunity to explore, create, imagine and work with artists.

Booking

All workshops, talks and other events are free. Please book for all of the above unless otherwise stated as places are limited. To book go to www.eventbrite.ie and search for **dlr LexIcon Gallery**

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| Further information | Opening hours |
| w www.dlrcoco.ie/en/dlr-arts | Mon–Thur: 10am–8pm |
| e arts@dlrcoco.ie | Fri & Sat: 10am–5pm |
| t (01) 236 2759 | Sun: 12 noon–4pm |

Closed for the Bank Holiday Saturday 3 and Monday 5 June

dlr LexIcon
Haigh Terrace, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

Performances



IMAGE: Carol Walsh/Niamh Lawlor

Bloom and Buzz
Saturday 15 July, 12–12.35pm
4–7 year olds
Project Room

Parent/guardian required to stay for performance

Bloom 'n' Buzz is an interactive theatrical experience for young children and accompanying adults.

Physical comedy, puppetry and clowning combine to create a colourful and imaginative adventure that playfully and sensitively explores the life cycle of nature.

Kindly supported by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.



IMAGE: Thomas Johnston

Return of Spring
Saturday 22 July, 12–12.45pm, 2–2.45pm
3–5 year olds
Studio

Parent/guardian required to stay for performance

Every year in Whistleberry Forest, the creatures of the forest look forward to the end of the frosty Winter and to the beginning of Spring. This year was a little different however, as Springtime had arrived much earlier than usual. All the hibernating animals were still curled up fast asleep, except for one: Huggy the hedgehog! Join Huggy on his joyful adventure to find evidence of Spring.

Musician Thomas Johnston and puppeteer Niamh Lawlor lead this interactive traditional music, puppetry, and storytelling performance. Set design by Eve Fisher.

Tours



IMAGE: Niamh Lawlor

Mary Mary visits SurprEYES!
Wednesday 5 July, 12–12.30pm
All welcome
Gallery

Join puppeteer Niamh Lawlor when she brings Mary Mary to visit SurprEYES! Mary Mary will tour the exhibition with children and families, giving her opinions and asking some hard questions of curator Martin Drury.



IMAGE: dlr Arts Office

Azure Tours
Tuesday 13 June, 2.30–4pm
Monday 19 June, 11am–12.30pm
Gallery

Would you like to try something different with your loved one who is living with dementia? Julie Merriman and Terry O' Farrell, both trained to support people with dementia, will explore and discuss a selection of artworks in these tours. There will also be time to enjoy a cup of tea and chat about the experience at the end of the tour.

Each tour looks at different artworks and you are welcome to attend both. The person living with dementia must be accompanied by a family member or carer.

To book a space please contact the Arts Office:
Phone: **(01) 236 2759** or
email artbookings@dlrcoco.ie
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Exhibition Learning Programme

Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon
12 May–30 July 2017



SurprEYES!

works from the
Arts Council Collection

Welcome from An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Cormac Devlin

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to SurprEYES!, an exhibition of artworks from the Arts Council Collection. The Arts Council began collecting artworks in 1962 as a way of directly supporting artists. It continues to collect today and loans works to public spaces such as galleries, libraries, schools and hospitals. We are delighted to show this selection from the Collection in the Municipal Gallery.

The curator Martin Drury has carefully selected the artworks to appeal to children in particular. He has presented the exhibition in a playful way that asks you to look at the work with the curiosity of a child – no matter what age you are!

We have had lots of visits to the Gallery from children participating in our Primary Arts Programme over the past few months; they have all been working with an artist in their classroom exploring some of the same themes and materials that are in the show. I hope that you will take the opportunity to further explore the artworks, through the many workshops and events over the summer months.

I would like to thank and congratulate all of the artists involved and the curator Martin Drury. Thanks to the Arts Council for the generous loan of so many works from its collection.

Talks

Scene of the Crime Wicklow Forest
(2006) by Gary Coyle:
Collection of the Arts Council



The Changing Artist **Wednesday 24 May, 6.30–8pm** **Gallery**

Artists Gary Coyle and Vivienne Roche discuss the diversity of their work as artists and the range of media they use. This is an opportunity to hear artists illustrate, discuss and answer questions on the formal and technical aspects of their practice.
Chaired by Gavin Murphy, artist and curator.

Invisible and Unheard
(1986) by Jacinta Feeney:
Collection of the Arts Council



Unpacking the Collection **Wednesday 31 May, 6.30–8.00pm** **Gallery**

A presentation and discussion on the collection of the Arts Council: its history, purpose, management and future. Chaired by curator Martin Drury with Dr Éimear O'Connor HRHA, art historian and member of the Arts Council; Claire Doyle, Head of Visual Arts and Architecture at the Arts Council; and Helena Gorey artist and manager of the Arts Council's collection.

Workshops



IMAGE: Tunde Toth

Forest Prints **Saturday 27 May** **11am–12.30pm: 8–10 year olds** **2–3.30pm: 10–12 year olds** **Project Room**

Create unique layered mono-prints and colourful collagraph prints with artist Tunde Toth. Inspired by works in the exhibition by Katie Holten, Patrick Hickey and Gary Coyle, explore texture and surface with natural materials such as tree barks and leaves.

Artist at Work: Drawing Sessions **Thursday 8 June & Saturday 10 June** **11.00am–1.00pm** **All welcome, just drop in.**

Artist Ida Mitrani will be in the gallery making drawings in response to the artworks, themes and materials in the exhibition. This will be an opportunity to observe an artist at work and to ask questions.



IMAGE: Terry O'Farrell

Big, Tall, Short & Small **Wednesday 14 June, 10am-11am** **3–4 year olds, (Parents are welcome to bring younger siblings)** **Project Room**

This workshop with artist Helen Barry is especially designed for early years children and their parents/guardians. We will explore size, scale, texture and colour using a range of art materials that are fun, engaging and not too messy!

Clay workshop with Terry O'Farrell **Wednesday 14 & 21 June, 6.30–8.30pm** **2 part workshop for adults** **Beginners welcome** **Project Room**

Taking inspiration from the exhibition, create small assembled forms in clay by moulding, cutting, bending and joining soft and leather hard clay. There will be time to paint what you have made using coloured slips and simple techniques that allow for surprise and discovery.



IMAGE: Helen Barry

Family Portrait Workshops **Saturday 17 June** **9.45–11.00am, 11.45am–1.00pm** **Suitable for all ages.** **Project Room**

Explore the art of portraiture with artist Helen Barry using your own family as the sitters! Discover how to capture a likeness from the outside and the inside using a variety of media.

Movement SurprEYES! **Saturday 24 June, 11am–12pm** **Suitable for all ages.** **Gallery**

Explore moving your own way and with others in response to the SurprEYES! exhibition. Robert Connor, Dance Theatre of Ireland Co-Artistic Director, will lead an exhilarating dance movement workshop that is suitable for all ages. You never know what surprises you may find... come join us!



IMAGE: Niamh Lawlor

3D Forest **Tuesday 4 July, 2–4pm** **Just drop in, suitable for families and children of all ages.** **Project Room**

Drop in workshop with visual artist Jane Groves. Help to create a 3D forestscape using resourced materials inspired by images from the exhibition, and grow a vision in cardboard!

Shadow Dreaming **Wednesday 5 July, 2–3pm** **5–7 year olds** **Project Room**

Parent/guardian required to stay for workshop
Mary Mary of Púca Puppets with a little help from puppeteer Niamh Lawlor invites children, parents and grandparents to work together to make shadow puppets and scenes inspired by the exhibition.