

# Call to review apprenticeship placement system

Cllr Sharon Tolan (FG) has called on the Minister for Higher and Further Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris to begin a review of how apprentices are allocated their off the job college training as a matter of urgency. Her motion on the Agenda of the

September Meeting of Meath County Council was unanimously supported. She said, "We recently opened a wonderful facility in Drogheda and yet we have no guarantee that anyone from Drogheda or its environs will ever be trained here. The old system of only

considering the date on which a person has applied has got to be reviewed and a system that is more affirming of the environment we are in currently and the apprentice profile of today must be introduced sooner rather than later."



## Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Louth County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out development works at Baltray Road, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth. The proposed works involve the construction of a new playground facility consisting of the following:

- Installation of children's play equipment, perimeter fencing, safety surfacing.
- Provision of footpaths, kerbing, landscaping and 1 no accessible car parking space.
- All associated and ancillary site works

In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Louth County Council has concluded from a preliminary examination pursuant to the provisions of article 120(1)(b)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

Where any person considers that the proposed development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment, he or she may, at any time, before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of publication of this notice, apply in accordance with the provisions of article 120 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have such effects.

In accordance with the provisions of article 250 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Louth County Council has carried out an Appropriate Assessment screening of the proposed development to assess, in views of best scientific knowledge, if the development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would be likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Accordingly, Louth County Council has determined that the proposed development would not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, from **Tuesday, 12th September 2023 until Tuesday, 10th October 2023** (inclusive) at the offices of Louth County Council during public opening hours at:

- **Louth County Council, Civic Offices, Fair Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth A92 P440**

Plans and particulars will also be available to view online at [www.louthcoco.ie](http://www.louthcoco.ie)

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, clearly marked "Termonfeckin playground Part 8" may be made either:

- in writing to the undersigned at **Louth County Council, County Hall, Millennium Centre, Dundalk, Co Louth**
- via National Part 8 Planning Portal <https://planning.localgov.ie/en>

before 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 24th October 2023.

Dated: 12th September 2023  
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## CULTURE NIGHT

### Culture Night 'One Night for All' Friday 22nd September 2023

Culture Night invites everyone everywhere, on one joyful night, to discover and celebrate all that our culture is today. This is a national moment connecting everyone to cultural activities locally and nationally and opening up pathways to ongoing engagement.

For all event details go to [www.Culturenight.ie/Louth](http://www.Culturenight.ie/Louth)  
<https://www.louthcoco.ie/en/services/arts/> or email [arts@louthcoco.ie](mailto:arts@louthcoco.ie)

Here is just a selection of events across the county of Louth this year:

#### County Museum Dundalk

5.00pm – 8.30pm | Poetry SOS Clinic \*Booking Required.

#### Louth Library Services – Dundalk Library

4.00pm – 8.00pm | Visual art on our Natural Heritage with artist Shauna Swords – participants can contribute to a collective collage that will be created throughout the evening. No booking required.

6.00pm – 8.00pm | Music session with some of our librarians and local traditional musicians.

#### An Táin Arts Centre

6.00pm - 9.00pm | From Open Mic Music Sessions, busking, art workshops and storytelling An Táin Arts centre have a range of activities to suit all ages. \*Some events require booking.

#### AAEX (Art as Exchange) at Downtown Hub

7.00pm – 9.30pm | A night of creative expression where participants can contribute to a large scale collective piece. \*Booking Required.

#### Cultúr agus Craic at Mo Chara

8.00pm – late | Get down to Mo Chara at 8pm to celebrate the local live music and art of Dundalk and have the craic while doing it!

#### Comhaltas @ Oriel Centre

8.00pm – late | A night of music featuring Traditional Irish Musicians Patsy Hanly, Tommy Guihan and Noel Battle. Ukrainian Musicians Valerii and Olena Supruniuk will also perform. \*Booking is required.

#### Bridge St Studios

4.00pm – 9.00pm | Visitors will have the opportunity to visit each artist's workspace to see behind the scenes of a creative workspace. Taster workshops will be also be on offer. No Booking Required.

#### Louth Library Services – Ardee Library

4.00pm – 6.00pm | Live music with Ardee Brass Band.

#### Droichead Arts Centre

6.00pm - 9.00pm | Droichead have live music in the centre, and there will also be a playing of a special podcast by women from Moneymore followed by a Q & A session. \*Booking is required for some events.

#### Our Streets – Journey of Hope photographic exhibition

4.00pm - 6.00pm | This photographic exhibition consists of powerful images of the war in Ukraine as well as poignant portraits of displaced Ukrainian families living and settling in Ireland. Opening at 4 in Drogheda Library. No booking required.

#### 8 Fold Artist Studios – open studio and talks

6.00pm - 10.00pm | Exhibition of new work curated by Dorothy Smyth, with a tour, talks and open studios in their new surroundings in Fair St. Booking is required.

#### Boyne Tradfest

6.00pm - 11.00pm | There are a number of events across Drogheda with the inaugural Boyne Tradfest, launching on Culture Night, including live music sessions, singing sessions and recitals. Booking is required for some events.

#### Open House at Townley Hall

4.00pm - 7.00pm | Come and enjoy a House Tour, walk through many grand rooms and marvel at the elegant staircase in the Rotunda, hear many interesting facts about the building of Townley Hall and its connections to the surrounding area. Booking required.

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## Age Friendly Louth and Louth County Council present AGE FRIENDLY EXPO 2023



This Age Friendly event is scheduled to take place in the Ardee Parish Centre on Wednesday 4th October 2023 from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

The theme of the Expo is **Keeping Safe at Home**. A number of speakers and presenters will give helpful tips and advice to older people around keeping safe in their home on topics such as fire safety, crime prevention, dementia awareness, online safety, preventing trips and falls in the home, technology and much more.

**It's a free event, and all people over 55 in Co. Louth and surrounding areas are welcome to attend.**  
**Free parking and accessible facilities on site.**

Gavin Duffy Louth Age Friendly Ambassador from RTE's Dragons Den will open the event. This will be followed by a suite of speakers on a variety of topics around the theme of Keeping Safe in the Home.

After the presenters finish there will be an opportunity for attendees to avail of light refreshments so there will be lots of time for a cuppa and a chat.

There will also be a chance to peruse the stalls and stands at the Expo showcasing the groups, organisations and services on offer to Older People in Co. Louth.

Community groups, active retirement groups, organisations working with and supporting older people and individuals are all welcome to attend.

The event is free, however booking is advised. To book a place contact [agefriendly@louthcoco.ie](mailto:agefriendly@louthcoco.ie) or 042 9324389 for further details.

There will be a free bus to and from the event from Dundalk and Drogheda departing at 9.30am, places limited booking therefore essential.

The Expo is also an opportunity for community groups, service providers and organisations who help older people to showcase their services or organisation. If you would like to have a stall/pop up stand at the event please contact [agefriendly@louthcoco.ie](mailto:agefriendly@louthcoco.ie) or 042 9324389 for further details.

## DROGHEDA ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEMES PHASE 1

### Non-statutory Public Consultation on Emerging Preferred Options



Louth County Council wishes to invite members of the public to participate in the non-statutory Public Consultation on the Emerging Preferred Route for Drogheda Active Travel Schemes - Phase 1, which incorporates Active Travel facilities along:

- Rathmullan Road & Marley's Lane, Drogheda, Co. Louth
- R132 North Road, Drogheda, Co. Louth

**This consultation period will run from Monday 11th to Friday 22nd September 2023.**

The project information, including study area maps and typical proposals, can be found on the consultation portal available from **11th September 2023** at: <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/en/consultation/drogheda-active-travel-schemes-phase-1>

An In-person consultation event where the Public can meet with the Design Team, will be held at the **Drogheda Library** on **Thursday 14th September** from **3pm to 7.30pm**.

If you would like to make a submission, please do so online at <https://consult.louthcoco.ie/en/consultation/drogheda-active-travel-schemes-phase-1> by **5 pm on Friday 22nd September 2023**.



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