

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Centre



volunteer centre

Ionad d'Obair Dheonach Dhún Laoghaire Ráth an Dúin

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

Annual Report 2016

Our Vision and Mission



Our Vision

A vibrant Dún Laoghaire Rathdown where every person feels connected to their community through active participation in voluntary activities.



Our Mission

To promote the value of volunteering and increase the range and quality of volunteering in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.



Our Values

Volunteering benefits the volunteer, the organisation and the community and gives people a sense of ownership of their local community.

Volunteering is always a matter of personal choice and involves unpaid work.

Everyone should have an equal opportunity to volunteer and volunteers have a right to be treated with respect and dignity.

Volunteering should be a win-win situation for both the volunteer and the organisation.

Support and Training should be available to Volunteer Involving Organisations to support best practice.



Our Aims

Volunteers will have access to quality volunteer opportunities and a positive experience of volunteering.

Organisations benefit from volunteer involvement and are supported to adopt best practice.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown has a culture where volunteering is valued, supported and promoted.

We have the continued capacity to deliver on our plan and ensure transparency and accountability in all our operations.



Letter from our Chairperson

2016 was an intense and exciting year for the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Centre, as we saw continued growth in our services. There appears to be no end to the passion and energy for volunteering in the county. In addition to our existing database of volunteers and volunteer opportunities, we had 835 new volunteers step forward and 32 organisations register with us for the first time in 2016.

A very significant step for us was the publication of our new Strategic Plan: Join In - A Vision for Volunteering in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown 2016 -2018. This was a critical task in setting the course for the Centre and commits us to improving services for volunteers, reaching out to organisations, promoting a culture of volunteering in the county and also ensuring our own organisation operates according to the best practice in non-profit management. I would like to thank everybody who contributed to the development of the strategic plan.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for their unfailing patience, good humour and dedication to the cause of volunteering. It is a pleasure to serve on a board when the members are so willing to follow up on tasks and work in such a collaborative manner.

The DLRVC depends on a very small but highly dedicated team. Our manager Claire Carroll has brought vision and passion to the centre as well as the skills to follow through and achieve success. She is ably assisted by Development Officer Clare Cryan, who brings extensive knowledge and skill to the role. As an organisation we are big believers in volunteers ourselves and I wish to thank Máire-Anne Doyle, Rita Mahony, Zoran Zelenika and Colin Meagher for sharing their time and expertise so generously.

I wish to thank Southside Partnership for hosting us in their offices in Blackrock. This continues to be a highly successful collaboration. I also wish to thank our funders, the Department of the Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Southside Partnership.

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Centre will celebrate its tenth anniversary in 2017. In that time it has grown to be a significant part of community life in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. Over that time, the centre has made countless connections, building a web of good will, opportunity and sharing throughout the county. It has been a privilege to be a part of this project.

Niall Sexton
Chairperson



Letter from our Manager

2016 has been an exciting and challenging year for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Centre as the demand for our service continues to grow. Despite limited resources, we have succeeded in responding to local demands and initiating new developments, to the benefit of the volunteers and organisations, we work to support.

This year, as part of our continued commitment to promote volunteering to all, we launched our Age Friendly Volunteering Leaflet and want to thank the volunteers involved in our focus group, who helped us design the leaflet. We are also grateful to all those who attended our launch event in Airfield this year and the many others who have got in touch as a result of our leaflet! We really believe in the value of volunteering for everyone and would like to thank Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, for their support of this initiative.

During 2016, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer centre rolled out Electronic Garda Vetting (E-Vetting) in the County. As part of this development, we trained over 40 people on the new legislation and the online system. We are delighted to see that waiting times have drastically reduced, making it easier to involve volunteers.

It was also wonderful to partner with the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for, An Cathaoirleach's Celebration of Volunteering Event in the Assembly Hall this year and to meet so many local volunteers. This occasion, importantly recognised the unique and valuable contribution individual volunteers make to our County.

2016, also saw the development of our team in the Volunteer Centre and we were delighted to welcome Clare Cryan, as our Development Officer. Clare who previously worked with Volunteer Ireland, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the project and a genuine commitment to supporting volunteers to find the right role for them! We were also delighted to welcome Máire-Anne Doyle, Rita Mahony and Zoran Zelenika to our team of volunteers this year and would like to say a huge thank you, to them all. I would also like to thank our long standing volunteer Colin Meagher and all of our Board of directors, for their continued support, enthusiasm, and commitment. As always, I would like to acknowledge all of our team who work tirelessly to support our work, we couldn't do it without you!

Finally, this year we worked very closely with a number of our Organisations and worked with an ever increasing number of volunteers. To all our local groups and the local people who volunteer and get in touch with us everyday, thank you for making it all worthwhile. Here's to 2017!

Claire Carroll
Manager



2016

Snapshot

835

New Volunteer Registrations
Up 11% on last year



191

New Volunteer Opportunities
Up 27% on last year

211

Attended training and events
with the Centre on volunteer
management, garda vetting
and much more!



291

Volunteers attended
information sessions and
events with the Volunteer
Centre!



62

Different nationalities registered
with us to volunteer

Thats volunteers from nearly
1/3 of the Planet!!!



25,529

Hours
Volunteered!

Top 5 reasons to volunteer!

(Stated by volunteers registering in 2016)

1. I want to do my bit to make the world a better place
2. I want to make a difference in my community
3. I think it will be good for me.
4. I want to develop my skills/education
5. I want to assist my career/employment prospects

270
Volunteers
came back to us
for more in
2016!



Our People

Board Members 2016

Niall Sexton, Chairperson
Thomas Doyle, Secretary
Mary O'Donohue
Shane McArdle
Cormac Shaw
Anne Cantrell
Niall O'Connell
Patricia Byrne

Staff and Volunteers

Claire Carroll, Manager
Clare Cryan, Development Officer
Colin Meagher
Máire-Anne Doyle
Rita Mahony
Zoran Zelenika

Our Funders & Supporters

Thank you to the organisations who funded and supported our work this year:

- Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government
- Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
- Southside Partnership
- Volunteer Ireland, the Network of Volunteer Centres & Information Services

Other Supporters

Thank you also to the following organisations, who facilitated our outreach clinics:

- Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Citizens Information Centre
- Rosemount Resource Centre, Dundrum

Company Details

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer is a Company Limited by Guarantee with a Board of Directors

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Audited Account Summary	2016		2015
Income			
Dept of HPCLG	86,902		86,901
Southside Partnership	1,600		-
Garda Vetting	2,375		1,180
DLR County Council	4,683		1,295
Other income	1,100		1,190
Total	96,660		90,566
Expenditure			
Employment Costs	78,908		66,577
Rent	8,000		8,000
Administration & Programme Costs	9383		11,089
Total	96,291		85,666



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