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WICKLOW SCHOOLS CRISIS

The lack of available secondary school places in Co. Wicklow has now reached 'crisis point', according to councillor Jennifer Whitmore, while John Brady TD says that 'urgent action' is now needed to address the lack of supply of school places.

Minister Simon Harris has announced his intention to convene a forum on school places and school capacity in County Wicklow and invite all school principals, parents' associations and Boards of Management to attend.

Speaking to the *Wicklow Times*, Minister Harris said "The purpose of this meeting would be to bring forward proposals on how we can ensure all school children in County Wicklow have a school place and also to draw up plans as to how we can support our schools with requests for extra capacity, new buildings, extensions, etc.

"Working on school issues in County Wicklow has always been and will always be a major priority for me. We have invested significantly in schools in County Wicklow in recent years but there is much more to do and the Department of Education need to listen to us as a community and need to act quickly.

"We need to make sure needed school extensions are expedited, that we see more Autism facilities in our schools and that real problems in terms of lack of feeder schools for some children particularly in St Andrew's in Bray and

Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue are addressed."

However, despite this critical situation, reports have emerged that eight school building projects around the county are not progressing as they should. The eight schools which are stuck in Limbo are

Blessington Community College, Arklow CBS, Loreto Secondary School Bray, Coláiste Bhríde, Carnew, KWETB Bray/North Wicklow ET Post Primary, St Kevin's Community College Dunlavin, Avondale Community College Rathdrum and Coláiste



Charlotte Keane and Lily Norman at the pilot of 'We Connect' at the Scout Hall in Greystones. The project, in association with Bray Lions Club, encourages socialising between children from Bray Lakers and other children. It is hoped to eventually roll out the project nationwide. Pic: Michael Kelly

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Chraoibh Abhainn, Kilcoole.

Cllr Jennifer Whitmore said "The number of parents I've spoken to at the doors who are worried their children will not get a secondary school place this September is truly alarming. For many there simply isn't a secondary school that exists in their area.

"For example, in Newtownmountkennedy despite the rise in the number of families living in new developments, there are no plans for a secondary school to facilitate children now or for primary school children when they eventually need a secondary school place.

"In Kilcoole, Coláiste Chraoibh Abhainn is at maximum capacity and students have been waiting for a much-needed extension to meet demand in the area. Basic facilities

at the school such as toilets and corridors cannot cope with the present number of children. Families continue to come to me distressed about this situation. I have continued calling on the Department to fast track the planned extension to deal with this but to date the Department has not responded with urgency. Temple Carrig in Greystones which is relatively new, already needs an extension to deal with demand while other secondary schools are still facilitated in temporary accommodation, for example the North Wicklow Educate Together. And whilst the new secondary school proposed for Greystones/Kilcoole will be able to meet much of the demand, there is still uncertainty about whether it will be enough.

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Fran's campfire event

Some people never give up, and Frances O'Sullivan (nee Murphy) is one of them. Diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease over thirty years ago, she went on to raise two children, engage in any community activity (social or charitable) that came her way, and continue the hill walking she enjoyed with Buion Annunciata Bray in the late 60s.

Hill walking is no longer an option for Fran, but last year a group of ex-Guides and Brigini shared an indoor campfire with Fran to celebrate their continuing friendship. It was such fun that it was decided to make Fran's Campfire an annual event. If you were in Guides or Brigini with Frances Murphy, you will be especially welcome to share Fran's Campfire this year in Fassaroe Community Centre at (01) 276 3362 and ask for Catherine, or you can email Fran's friends at francampfire@gmail.com.

If you didn't know Fran then, but, were a member of Buion Annunciata at another time, you will still be welcome! There is no charge, but organisers would be grateful if you register so that they know how many people they need to cater for with campfire song books and hot chocolate and marshmallow! You can register by calling Fassaroe Community Centre at (01) 276 3362 and ask for Catherine, or you can email Fran's friends at francampfire@gmail.com.

Lions Club to attempt record for largest gathering of people dressed as lions

Wicklow Lions Club plan to break this world record on March 17th 2020 during the annual St.Patrick's Day Parade in Wicklow Town in Ireland.

The required number of people, which can be children and adults, is 250. Limited supply of costumes can be ordered online now at lionsworld-record300@gmail.com. The President and members of Wicklow Lions are depending on the people of Wicklow and surrounding areas, of all ages and sizes, including schools and sportsclubs to give their full support and get behind this amazing event for charity. Visitors to Wicklow on the day are very welcome to take part also. The spectacle of 250 Lions in full costume will be a very exciting sight as they parade through the streets of Wicklow. It is expected to have coverage on all Irish TV stations which will be broadcast worldwide on such an important day for Ireland. The impact from all forms of social media will be most important of all. Everyone is very welcome to be part of this wonderful record breaking Lions Club event on St Patrick's Day 2020.

Lucky gets some ruff justice

It has become one of Greystones' most popular annual events, with this year's Me & My Pooch competition garnering hundreds of entries.

As always, the search for Greystones' cutest owner and dog couple also saw hundreds upon hundreds of votes for those entries, with this year's count being particularly close. In the end, there can only be one winner though, and the Me & My Pooch 2019 dynamic duo proved to be Mae and her trusty companion, Lucky. Accepting her award at the Beach Bear on Greystones seafront alongside proud mum, Sarah, and even-prouder aunt, Frances, Enda Higgins from Eastmount Delgany - sponsors of this year's competition - presented Mae and Lucky with their framed cert. Also included was a €50 voucher to spend anywhere in the town. "I'm definitely going to buy some art materials," smiled Mae, "but, Lucky will have to get some goodies too. So, we'll be buying lots and lots of doggy treats too."



Mae and her trusty dog Lucky accepting the 'Me & My Pooch' award, with mum Sarah, aunt Frances, and Enda Higgins from Eastmount Delgany.

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"All this signifies a much wider problem across Wicklow of a lack of school places and quality schooling in the county. These issues must be resolved once and for all. Students deserve better but are being failed time and time again by the Government. This is despite the fact we've had two Ministers in the county for a number of years and nothing to show for it.

"It's also unacceptable that this is facing the county when the Department knows what the demand for school places will be in the years ahead. The Department lacks forward planning and have left it to develop into a crisis for families. We know from the 2011 and 2016 Census that there has been an increase of 12.4% in the number of primary school children. Yet this has remained unaddressed. Now parents are in a situation where a few months before school starts in September they don't know where their children will be going to school.

"Politicians have a role to play here by directing policy to ensure demand is met by engaging in forward planning and matching that demand with avail-

able funding. They are asking too much of parents expecting them to navigate and fight their way to finding school places. Children should have the right to be educated where they live and families should have the certainty of knowing where their children will be going to school well in advance of them starting."

Cllr Jennifer Whitmore has called on the Department of Education to act quickly to secure the land for the new secondary school proposed for Greystones / Kilcoole.

Colaiste Bhríde in Carnew, one of the largest secondary schools in Wicklow, is waiting for a new school building to tackle overcrowding. After a recent visit to the school, Pat Casey TD said "It's astonishing that there are several secondary schools in Wicklow that have been abandoned by Government to a limbo of not knowing where they are on the school building programme. It points to a lack of planning to meet demographic change and a chaotic process for identifying future education needs.

"What's even more concerning is the fact that the eight school building projects in Wicklow previously announced by the

Government now seem to be on hold indefinitely due to a lack of available funds. The Fine Gael led Government is announcing new plans day in day out, but we aren't seeing the delivery on the ground.

"In the case of many of these schools such as Colaiste Bhríde Carnew and Blessington Community College there is ample room on their site for these extensions and the need is urgent and long awaited.

"These school building projects urgently need to be progressed. Pupils are being taught in substandard accommodation with a 25% increase in the use of prefab classrooms. The Government clearly needs additional funding to deliver on the commitments that have been and this is something he needs to raise with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

"No one is denying that these new school building projects in Wicklow are needed. They clearly are, but it's unacceptable that Fine Gael Ministers are announcing plans without following through with delivery on other long-awaited schools. It's also concerning that the groundwork clearly hasn't been done before announcing these pro-

jects. Sites have been selected but in many instances that's where it lies - no delivery. These basic decisions should be made before rushing to make announcements," concluded Deputy Casey.

John Brady TD has said that urgent intervention is needed by the Department of Education in the lack of supply of school places in Wicklow.

He stated "We have up to 59 children in Colaiste Craobh Aobhann in Kilcoole waiting for a place. Representatives of Colaiste Bhríde in Carnew have told me of genuine health and safety concerns for their students due to inadequate facilities and overcrowding. Loreto in Bray is still operating with prefabs that are 30-40 years old. North Wicklow Educate together are in sub-standard accommodation, and will have to move to another unsuitable building while they await a building actually fit for purpose.

"This issue first came to a head for me over eight years ago when I attended a public meeting in one particular school in the county, and the campaigns have been ongoing since then. Teachers, principals and other school staff have had to campaign for what should be automat-



A general election question and answer event took place at Wicklow's newest school, Educate Together Secondary School Wicklow, last week. Seven candidates attended: John Brady (SF), Valerie Cox (Ind), John Snell (Ind), Paul O'Brien (Labour), Pat Casey (FF), John Larkin (Ind) and Joe Behan (Ind). Students, staff and parents really enjoyed hearing the candidates' views and ideas on topics such as education, school facilities, homelessness and the environment. Pictured are Sara Fernandez Martinez and Eve Stokes, with Principal Donal Evoy.

ically provided by the Department, taking their attention and energy away from their actual jobs. It is not right or fair on them, who only have the best interests of our children at heart.

"Schools simply cannot cater for the demand. What's more, is that all the data is there in terms of projected growth of school going population,

but there is no follow through from the department. There is no forward planning.

"Parents are worried sick with all of this. They are trying to juggle keeping down jobs, running households and keeping up with the demands of daily life, while trying to find time to fight for a school place for their child.

This chaos is all happening within the context of escalating school costs. Parents must fork out, on average, €949 to get their children ready for primary school and €1,399 to send them to secondary school. As a result, many children miss out on extracurricular activities or school trips which is a deeply unfair position to put

parents in. Most parents get no assistance whatsoever with Back to School Costs"

"Extra investment is desperately needed to address these issues, along with an introduction of measures to reduce the cost of the school burden on working families. This situation cannot be allowed to continue any longer."

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Pictured is general election Green Party candidate Cllr Steven Matthews canvassing in Blessington last weekend. Cllr Matthews met with Deirdre McCormack (Community Pool for West Wicklow) Dónal McCormack (Blessington Allotments), Tara McCormack (age 3) and Malachí McCormack (age 1).

Feeding wild birds in the colder months

Wild birds' natural resources are in increasingly short supply in densely populated areas. Species such as sparrows, tits, finches, robins, buntings and nuthatches have become dependent on support from humans, particularly in the winter.

For this reason, most species of birds even suffer from a lack of food in the warmer half of the year, which becomes considerably more acute in the winter. If you would like to get actively involved in bird conservation and do something to reverse the decline of our native songbirds, you should set up a small feeding station for them. This is because indigenous wild birds can only survive the upcoming cold days and nights of winter if they can find enough high-calorie nutrition. Offer birds energy rich winter food from October onwards and feed them regularly until February at the earliest. Birds remember feeding stations they have visited and will depend on them, which means they need to be refilled regularly. Most types of birds will visit your

feeding station just after sunrise and then again in the evening.

You'll find a suitable feed for the season in your local Maxi Zoo store. Suet balls are an absolute classic that you can leave out at any time of the year. Sunflower seeds are also a basic food that you can feed to birds all year round. Finches and sparrows absolutely adore them. Incidentally, most birds prefer sunflower seeds with completely black husks because the husks are softer than the striped variety, meaning they are easier to open. Or you can always give them hulled seeds, of course. Finches, sparrows, bullfinches and tits are all seed-eaters, which means they will visit your feeding station particularly often if you provide this kind of food.

Major public transport plan needed to alleviate traffic on N11

Minister Simon Harris has outlined extra investment he is campaigning for for public transport in County Wicklow with a particular focus on alleviating commuter traffic on the N11.

Speaking to the *Wicklow Times*, Minister Harris said, "Every day many thousands of people in County Wicklow sit in traffic on the N11. This is stressful and frustrating. It takes people away from their families and their communities for longer every day.

"We need solutions. I believe that improved public transport could help reduce traffic congestion and provide viable alternatives for commuters. If re-elected to the Dail next week, I will be campaigning intensively for: Increased DART frequency at Greystones; LUAS extension to Bray; A Park and Ride facility for Wicklow

Town and Arklow; A new express bus route along the N11; Expansion of the Park and Ride at Greystones.

"We will also be advancing our plans to ensure all public transport is free for all school children to help promote public transport use.

"We need to act fast on these issues. These will be priority issues for me and I will work with the community to make progress and to tackle the traffic issue," concluded Minister Harris.

Following a presentation by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to Wicklow County Council's Transport Committee, Chair of the

committee Cllr Derek Mitchell last week said he is "disappointed that the study has not been redirected to study rail enhancements to reduce car usage".

Cllr Mitchell said "They are studying some bus lane issues but the rail line is virtually empty at rush hour. A proper study of these alternatives should show that the scale of N11 enhancement could be much reduced if more people used the bus and train.

"Providing one extra longer peak period train from Arklow and a DART every 20 minutes from Greystones should remove 1,000 cars from

the N11. A good express bus system, with bus lanes, should remove the same number of cars in addition.

"I have sent them details of the objectives which I think they should study for a better rail and bus system. I will be lobbying the next Government to get this done.

Writing to TII, Cllr Mitchell said the study should consider ways of getting more people to use the train at peak hours and consider other bus routes along M50 and express routes; Identify Park n' Ride sites, and consider ways of getting more people to use the train at peak hours.

Wicklow students receive UCD Intel Masters Scholarships

At a special awards ceremony held at UCD, 15 students from Science and Engineering disciplines were awarded UCD-Intel Masters Student Scholarships. Each recipient is provided with a €3,000 bursary to support their academic studies and given the opportunity to experience practical learning aligned to the needs of industry.

Additionally, they are provided with employee mentors by Intel to give them a direct relationship to the world of work. Two Wicklow students were among those receiving the scholarship awards; - Kyle Flynn, a Mechanical engineering student from Rathdrum, and Hazal Beceriklican, a Chemical engineering student from Arklow.

This latest round of Masters Student Scholarships were awarded as Intel and UCD announced the next phase of a strategic partnership between the two organisations. Their renewed commitment will see Intel and UCD work closely together over the next 5 years across three key areas: talent, research, and national policy associated with research and education.

The partnership includes a substantial investment by Intel in the development of an Engineering Suite in the new UCD Centre for Creativity, a landmark building at

the main Stillorgan Entrance to the campus set to be part of the University's Future Campus. The partnership will also see a continued investment in students through scholarship programmes, outreach through Intel engagement with the annual UCD Festival and a strengthened connection to the university through the appointment of an Intel Adjunct Professor at UCD.

The renewed partnership between Intel and University College Dublin, running for the next five years, will build on an initial memorandum of understanding agreed in 2016. This agreement was developed to further connect Intel and UCD researchers and students to help fuel the innovation economy in Ireland.

A number of notable successes have been achieved since the partnership was formally established in 2016 including; the sponsorship of 49 Masters student bursaries, co-sponsorship of a number of PhD students, collaboration on a new SFI Research Centre for Advanced Manufacturing, engagement in the UCD festival and investment by Intel in the UCD Outreach Lab for Science. The new phase of the strategic partnership was formally launched at the UCD University Club where the head of Intel's Irish operations, Eamonn Sinnott, who is the General Manager of Intel Ireland and Vice President of Intel's Manufacturing and Operations Group, and UCD President, Professor Andrew Deeks, co-signed a new memorandum of understanding.

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Scott McCann, Jonathon Murphy, and Josh Falkiner at the pilot of We Connect at the Scout Hall in Greystones. The event, started by Jonathon and in association with Bray Lions Club, encourages interaction socialising between children from Bray Lakers and others. Jonathon plans to eventually roll out the project nationwide.

OPW announces dates for paid car-parking at Glendalough Visitor Centre

The OPW recently announced the arrangements that will apply during 2020 for the management of the carpark at the popular Glendalough Visitor Centre in Laragh.

With effect from Saturday, February 1st, contractors acting on the OPW's behalf have started the 2020 paid-admission operation of the carpark. Visitors to the Glendalough Visitor Centre will be refunded this amount when they purchase admission to the Centre. The OPW also confirmed that Tour Operator buses who use the carpark to visit the Centre and the Monastic Site will not be charged for parking; however, all other buses will be charged per the rate below.

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Weekends (Saturday and Sunday only); March 14th to November 1st (inclusive). Daily parking charges will apply; November 7th to January 31st 2021 (inclusive) (Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays only). Outside of these dates the Car park is free.

The Rate of charge at Glendalough Visitor Centre carpark will be; €4 Cars; €25 for Buses (Greater than 20 seats); €15 for Minibuses (Less than 20 seats); €15 Camper Vans. Visitors to the Glendalough Visitor Centre will be refunded this charge on their Admission fee.

Threats to Family Resource Centre in Greystones

The threats facing the Family Resource Centre (FRC) in Greystones are being highlighted by the Family Resource Centre National Forum, the national representative body for FRCs. In the lead-up to the general election, the Forum has launched a campaign, #SupportingFRCs, calling on candidates to pledge their support for families and FRCs.

According to the Family Resource Centre National Forum (FRCNF), the future of the FRC is under threat because the Family Resource Centre programme does not have a dedicated government unit administering it. The FRCNF is also highlighting the threat caused by insufficient core funding for FRCs; and the dilution and dismantling of their unique community development model of family support.

Commenting last week, Clare Cashman Chairperson of the Family Resource Centre National Forum said: "In the lead-up to the 2020 general election, FRCs nationwide - through the FRCNF - are calling on candidates to pledge their support for our future. By supporting FRCs, candidates are supporting families right across their constituencies.

"We have three main asks for all candidates and political parties. Firstly, we want them to commit to establishing a dedicated government unit - permanently housed within an appropriate government department - to administer the Family Resource Centre programme.

"Secondly, we want candidates to commit to preserving the autonomy of FRCs, and the unique model of family supports we offer. FRCs focus on early intervention and prevention, and on supporting families from the 'cradle to the grave'. We offer services and information that extend far beyond the needs of families with young children, working with older members of the community, minority groups, people with disabilities, and a range of diverse service-users.

"Thirdly, we are ask-

ing candidates to work to ensure all FRCs receive ring-fenced, multi-annual core funding - a minimum of €160,000 per FRC per year - and have at least three full-time staff members. This would enable us to provide the full range of supports so desperately needed by the communities in which we work."

The FRCNF is distributing materials to all election candidates in Wicklow with further details about their work and the #Supporting FRCs campaign. The Forum is inviting all election candidates to visit their local FRC to publicly sign a campaign pledge, committing to support for families and FRCs, if elected to Dáil Éireann.

"We are hoping for very strong support from Wicklow candidates for this campaign," said

Cashman. "The period since 2008 has been a difficult one for FRCs, with core funding down by over 20%, resulting in reduced services, salaries, and conditions. The communities in which we operate suffered considerable hardship during the recession, and other community supports were sharply reduced or eliminated. While this happened, demographic and social pressures grew.

"All of this means FRCs are now at a critical juncture. Without political commitment and will to copper-fasten our future, families and communities in Wicklow - and nationwide - will suffer."

The Family Resource Centre programme has been in operation for over 25 years, and is currently housed within Tusla, the Child and Family Agency.

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Minister Andrew Doyle with Jill Carey and Rosie during the campaign trail last week at Festina Lente Equestrian Centre in Bray

Wicklow to benefit from four new Primary Care Centres this year

Work on new Primary Care Centres in Rathdrum, Bray, Arklow and Baltinglass are due to commence soon, according to Minister Andrew Doyle, Fine Gael General Election candidate.

Doyle last week announced that progress is being made in regard to the four new Primary Care Centres for Rathdrum, Bray, Arklow and Baltinglass, with works at the centres to begin by the first quarter of this year. Doyle has also confirmed that a new Primary Care Centre for Greystones is also in the offing.

"The location of the proposed Greystones PCC is on Wicklow County Council owned lands and the HSE is currently engaging with Wicklow County Council regarding the development of a Primary Care

Centre on the site.

"Wicklow County Council is in the process of preparing a master plan for the development of their site and they have confirmed to the HSE that a Primary Care Centre will be allowed for in the master plan."

Construction works continue on the Bray Primary Care Centre, and are to be completed by end of February. Commissioning and equipping of the building will commence in March with the centre due to be operational in Q2 2020. Community diagnostics will be phased after the initial services commence

in Q2. Commencement of works for Rathdrum PCC are imminent with the developer informing the HSE that works are programmed to commence on site in January 2020.

The revised planning application for Arklow PCC was submitted in November 2019 and a conditional grant of planning was received in December 2019. A final grant of planning is due by the end of January 2020 and works are programmed to commence in 2020.

Construction works are progressing on Baltinglass PCC and the works are programmed

for completion in Summer 2020, with the centre programmed to be operational in Q3 2020.

The location of the proposed Greystones PCC is on Wicklow County Council owned lands and the HSE is currently engaging with Wicklow County Council regarding the development of a Primary Care Centre on the site.

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Next steps announced for East Coast Greenway

Minister Simon Harris met with the East Coast Greenway Taskforce on Friday to make progress and decide on the next steps for the proposed coastal greenway for Co. Wicklow.

Minister Harris said, "I am passionate about the ability of a greenway to transform our county from a tourism point of view and a health point of view. It would be a major public asset for our county. I am fully committed to working with an incredible community group and the local authority to deliver this. "Today we have agreed that Wicklow County Council will now submit a funding application to bring the project forward to planning stage. This is an important step. "It was also agreed that this new greenway could be delivered by the end of 2023 if everyone works together and puts their shoulder to the wheel. This would be a huge boost for Wicklow and I am delighted to report progress today," concluded Minister Harris.

'Remote working must become a reality for people in Wicklow'

Fine Gael candidate for Wicklow, Billy Timmins has said that rural Ireland, after many difficult years following the recession is fighting back and Fine Gael wants to see it reach its full potential, particularly rural areas of Wicklow.

Speaking last week, Timmins stated "Fine Gael believes in rural Ireland and wants to see it flourish. Ten years ago, rural Ireland was a place of high unemployment, soaring emigration that had little reason for optimism. Today, in contrast, rural Ireland is fighting back, 77,000 jobs have been created outside of Dublin since mid-2017 and we want to do more.

"Fine Gael is investing €1 billion in job creation measures in rural areas and delivering improvements in our towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000 people. We are implementing our eight regional enterprise plans, following the successful implementation of the regional action plans for jobs.

"The population of rural Ireland is 1.75 million and is increasing. We must cater for their needs. Making remote working is key to this as we look to improve people's work-life balance. That is why the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan is critical and Fine Gael is the only party committed to this plan that will bring broadband to every, home, business and farm in the country.

"A major part of rural Ireland's economy is our hospitality sector particularly here in Wicklow. 2023 will be the Year of the Invitation - a global invitation to visit Ireland on the 10-year anniversary of The Gathering. We have seen the great success of tourism initiatives like this and the Wild-Atlantic-Way and the Ireland Ancient East initiative that has helped Ireland attract more tourists to our shores than ever before."

Timmins concluded "Fine Gael is the only party for rural Ireland. We will continue to bring employment, opportunity and people back to rural Ireland and Wicklow. We will make Wicklow a thriving, sustainable in which to place to live and work."

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Rathmichael Historical Society

The next meeting of the Rathmichael Historical Society, the local history society for Shankill, Ballybrack, and the surrounding area, takes place at 8pm on Wednesday February 5th in Rathmichael National School.

At this meeting, Dominic Lee will present his lecture 'The Life and Times of William Orpen' - all welcome, admission €5. Members are of the Society are reminded that annual membership subscriptions for 2020 fell due for renewal on January 1st and can be renewed at this meeting or any meeting of the Society.

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Families move in to new Rathnew homes

Minister for Health Simon Harris last week launched Co-operative Housing Ireland's (CHI) new €40 million social housing development of 144 family homes at Hazelbrook, Rathnew. CHI is the national representative body for co-operative housing in Ireland and manages nearly 3,000 homes

Families including 138 children moved into the first 88 homes in Hazelbrook in the run-up to Christmas and a further 56 families will be moving in over the coming weeks. The tenants, drawn from Wicklow County Council's housing list, are also members of the newly established Avoca Co-operative, this means they have input into the decision-making

of the co-operative.

The delivery of this housing was made possible by a new lending partnership between Co-operative Housing Ireland and Bank of Ireland Corporate Banking. The 144 homes were delivered for just over €40 million, with an average purchase price per unit of €279,000. The development comprises a mix of duplexes, apartments and houses.

Kieron Brennan, CEO Co-operative housing Ireland, said "This deal could not have been put together without the support of Wicklow County Council and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The 144 homes are of mixed sizes. There are one, two, three, and four-bedroom units fitted out to the highest of standards, all with a mini-

mum BER rating of A3.

The new residents have been moving into these homes in recent weeks and we welcome these families to their new Avoca Co-operative. Under the co-operative housing model, families come together to manage their community in a way that benefits all tenants. I particularly wish to express my gratitude to the team in Bank of Ireland, both for their

enthusiasm for the project and their belief in Co-operative Housing Ireland."

Cllr. Irene Winters, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council, said "I recognise the serious challenge we face in terms of housing and a critical focus and priority has been firmly placed on responding to this challenge through the development and implementation of the Social Housing supply programme. I am delighted at the co-ordinated effort between Wicklow County Council and Cooperative Housing Ireland to deliver these 144 homes. So far, 265 people have moved into the first 78 homes, and these new tenants have been filled from the Wicklow County Council housing list. Nine of the people housed so far in Hazelbrook are coming from homelessness and 138 are children. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone involved in bringing this project to completion."

Frank Curran, CEO Wicklow County Council said, "The provision of these 144 social homes in Rathnew is of significant importance to the people of Wicklow. This collaborative approach to delivery is at the heart of the Council's supply programme and, of course, part of the strategy contained in Rebuilding Ireland. The Council currently has 18 projects at various stages of construction and tendering, with funding of over €58million already sanctioned by the Department. A further 16 Schemes are under active consideration with a potential yield for a further 260 units by 2021. We are also engaged with Approved Housing Bodies under the CALF and CAS schemes and with private developers who are delivering additional units under Part V. I must sincerely express my gratitude to the Minister and his staff in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government."

Paul McDonnell, Head of Property Finance Group in Bank of Ireland Corporate Banking said: "We were delighted to support Co-operative Housing Ireland in the delivery of much needed social housing. Funding of social housing is of strategic importance to the Bank as we help to facilitate the delivery of critical social infrastructure within our communities."



Pictured outside their new home at Hazelbrook in Rathnew are Kenneth and Amanda Harrison and son Noah with Pearse B. O'Shiel, Chair of Co-operative Housing Ireland



Pictured at the launch of the Hazelbrook housing development in Rathnew were Pearse B. O'Shiel, Chair of Co-operative Housing Ireland, Deborah Higgins and son Max, and Minister Simon Harris.

PARKING CHARGE NOTICE GLENDALOUGH VISITOR CENTRE CAR PARK

With effect from Saturday February 1st 2020, parking charges will apply at the Glendalough Visitor Centre carpark. This is designed to cover the costs of new security and carpark management measures at the site.

Public carparks near Glendalough will be in operation in 2020 at the following locations:

Area	Carpark Name	Parking Details
OPW Visitor Centre	Glendalough	<p>Parking Charges will apply during the following dates;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 1st to March 8th (inclusive) Weekends (Saturday and Sunday only) March 14th to November 1st (inclusive). Daily parking charges will apply. November 7th to January 31st 2021 (inclusive) (Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays only) <p>Outside of these dates The Car park is free.</p>
Wicklow Co. Council Carpark	Upper Lake, Glendalough	Car Parking Charges at all times.

The DAY RATE charge at Glendalough Visitor Centre carpark will be;

- €4 Cars
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Planning application lodged for Shanganagh social housing

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in partnership with the Land Development Agency (LDA) have lodged a planning application for a development of 597 new homes at Shanganagh, Shankill.

The planning application includes additional details on the proposed development, which will include a creche with capacity for 107 children, playgrounds, a gym, a convenience store, communal working spaces and a café.

The application seeks approval for 597 new homes, consisting of: 91 homes that will be available for purchase under an affordable housing scheme, 200 social housing units and 306 cost-rental units for tenants; 51 terraced, semi-detached and detached houses and 546 apartments; 2 four-

beds, 99 three-beds, 302 two-beds, 165 1-beds and 29 studios.

One-hundred percent of the proposed development is for social and affordable homes, with 51% devoted to cost rental homes, which is a new form of tenure in Ireland and will result in more affordable rents for households who struggle to pay private rents. This is currently Ireland's largest proposed cost rental scheme.

The proposed development will also include significant work on infrastructure services, water/wastewater and landscaping, together with

space for parking 365 cars and 1,318 bicycles.

The development is consistent with the Council's ambition to exceed its housing targets and the LDA's mandate to deliver new homes on publicly owned land, helping to address the current supply shortage and to make access to homes more affordable for both buyers and renters.

LDA Chief Executive John Coleman said "We have reached a major milestone in lodging planning for 291 new social and affordable homes and 306 cost-rental homes for south Dublin. Together with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, we are making strong progress in turning our shared plans into a reality.

"The application lodged today underlines the LDA's commitment to delivering affordable homes for people that otherwise would struggle to pay rent. It also demonstrates our focus on delivering high-quality homes, built to the highest standards and adhering to the

latest sustainable design techniques.

"We will work as fast as we can, subject to getting planning approval, to deliver these homes and help to alleviate the shortage of supply in south Dublin as a matter of urgency".

The site occupies approximately 9 hectares and is zoned for residential development. It is adjacent to Shanganagh Castle, Shanganagh Park and Castle Farm and will be within 5 to 10 minutes' walk of the proposed DART station at Woodbrook and BusConnects route on the nearby Dublin Road (N11).

The scheme has been designed to the passive house standard which offers a highly sustainable and efficient design.

Construction on the site is scheduled to begin in early 2021, subject to An Bord Pleanála and government approval. The Land Development Agency (LDA) was created in September 2018 with the purpose of opening up state-owned land for development.



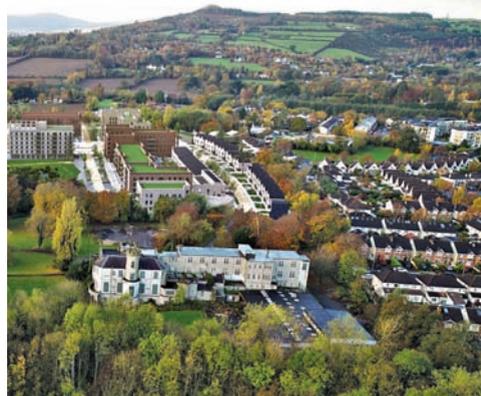
Aontu candidate Seamus Connor, Anna Minton, Abbey McCarty, Independent candidate Valerie Cox, Emma D'Arcy, Sinn Fein candidate John Brady TD, Niamh Doyle, and Independent candidate John Larkin are pictured at the 'Wicklow Speaks' event last week - a joint collaboration between St. David's and TempleCarrig secondary schools in Greystones. See more on page 12

Department reminds sellers and suppliers of pet animals of new rules

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) reminds sellers and suppliers of pet animals of the new rules on the sale, supply and advertising of pet animals (Animal Health and Welfare (Sale or Supply of Pet Regulations) 2019, SI 681 of 2019). The rules come into effect on 1 February 2020.

Sellers and suppliers of more than 6 pet animals in a given year must register with DAFM, and maintain certain records. Anyone registered under the Dog Breeding Establishment Act 2010 is not required to further register with DAFM as a seller or supplier of pet animals. All advertisements for the sale or supply of pet animals must include certain minimum information about the pet and the seller or supplier. This includes the registration number issued by DAFM, or the DBE registration number, or in the case of charities, the number issued under the Charities Act 2009. If the pet is a dog, the ad must include its microchip number.

DAFM has also launched a voluntary Code of Practice for Sellers and Suppliers of Pet Animals. The Code contains guidelines on animal welfare. It also has guidelines on ensuring potential customers are provided with good quality information on the appropriate care of the animal. The Code of Practice also addresses public health concerns, for example the need for good hygiene when handling animals, and the potential risk to the health of children under the age of 5 associated with contact with reptiles. Existing sellers and suppliers have three months from 1 February to complete their registration with DAFM. However, the requirements regarding record-keeping and advertisements apply from 1 February. Further information on the new rules, the application form for registration and the Code of Practice are on the DAFM website: <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/animalhealthwelfare/salesupplyandadvertisingofpets/>



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Tara Dempsey, Fianna Fail candidate Stephen Donnelly, Independent candidate Joe Behan, and Leah Elliott at the 'Town Hall' event in St. David's school last Thursday.

Candidates questioned by young voters at Greystones 'Town Hall' event

Minister Simon Harris (FG) and Stephen Donnelly TD (FF) visited their old secondary school St. David's Holy Faith in Greystones last week, along with fellow candidates John Brady (Sinn Féin), Jennifer Whitmore (Social Democrats), Steven Matthews (Green Party), Joe Behan (Ind), Seamus Connor (Aontu), Valerie Cox (Ind), and John Larkin (Ind), for a 'Wicklow Speaks' Town Hall event.

The event was a joint collaboration between St. David's and Temple Carrig's Politics & Society departments to bring an evening of discussion and impartial information to the constituents of Wicklow.

The event followed a town hall format, whereby candidates presented their views and ideas for the Wicklow constituency and the nation to the public. The event was intended to be an objective, impartial service to local voters.

The event stemmed from both schools' very successful drives to add 18-year-old students to the register of electors. During that campaign it was noted that one of the major concerns for newly registered voters was deciding on a candidate to vote for. The Politics students, in the spirit of the new Politics & Society Leaving Certificate subject taught in both schools, organised this event to address this situation.

The candidates had a few minutes to set out their vision, and this was then followed by rigorous questioning from the newly registered young voters, along with public questions posed through an impartial moderator. Topics covered included the environment and climate change, health, education, and housing.



Mila Splendori Bell, Social Democrats candidate Cllr Jennifer Whitmore, Donnacha Sharkey, Green Party candidate Cllr Steven Matthews, Ailis-Cherry Kinito, Fine Gael candidate Minister Simon Harris, and Conor Campbell at the 'Town Hall' event last Thursday.

Donnelly proposes measures to ease childcare crisis

Stephen Donnelly TD has proposed measures to ease the cost of childcare for young families in Wicklow. The Fianna Fáil Health Spokesperson said that childcare costs are soaring, supply is dwindling and Wicklow parents are left with little choice due to a serious lack of childcare places locally.

Deputy Donnelly has pledged support for parents who are struggling with monthly childcare bills if his party is elected to government. He explained, "Childcare has become unaffordable for far too many families. Tackling the cost of childcare is one important part of the puzzle in alleviating what has become a crisis in the childcare sector. For many families, monthly childcare bills are as much as, or higher, than mortgage payments or rent.

"It's extremely stressful, at a time when the cost of living for ordinary families in Wicklow seems to be going up. We need to give young families a decent standard of living. If in government, Fianna Fáil will increase the universal subsidy payment for children under 3 years old to €80 per week, covering over 40% of the average weekly fee. That's a reduction in childcare bills of €346 per month for one child. It will go some way to meeting the crazy costs which many parents have no choice but to pay.

"There is a worrying lack of childcare places and a lack of choice in childcare in Wicklow. Childcare providers are being hammered with insurance costs, increased regulation and paperwork, forcing many of them to scale down their businesses altogether. Fianna Fáil will allocate 18 million additional capital funding to create 6000 additional places in the early years sector. The Fine Gael led government had a total hands-off approach to the childcare sector. This has put childcare providers under pressure, childcare workers under pressure, and families under pressure and entire sector has been thrown into crisis. It is time for a change of leadership to address this crisis once and for all," concluded Deputy Donnelly.

Planning permission sought for nine turbines in rural West Wicklow

Fianna Fáil candidate Pat Casey TD has expressed his shock and anger at the decision by ABO Wind Ireland Ltd to try to develop nine Industrial scale wind turbines, with a maximum height of 165m, in rural West Wicklow between the villages of Kiltegan, Rathdangan and Baltinglass.

Deputy Casey said "The Kiltranelagh application consists of nine industrial turbines that would dominate the local landscape".

Deputy Casey went on to say that he would be "working with local Councillors and the people of rural West Wicklow to ensure that this further attempt to impose this unacceptable development is once again rejected.

"The common good of the residents of West Wicklow must be taken into account before we pollute our unique landscape with these industrial turbines. The deep

pockets and the media campaigns of multinational companies such as ABO must not subvert the democratic will of local people and the local Council.

"I am also convinced that a High Court decision involving Donegal creates a precedent whereby the County Council should re-insert a minimum distance provision that would be 10 times the height of the turbine which would end this blight on our landscape.

"There are large off-shore Developments which would be a far better fit and would provide minimal damage com-



Pat Casey TD

pared to onshore on the unique Wicklow Uplands"

Deputy Casey stated that he would be working with his councillor colleagues to get a variation of the County

Development plan on the Council agenda as quickly as possible. "The people and communities of West Wicklow must be listened to and he will be working to ensure this development is stopped permanently," he concluded.

ABO Wind say that over the coming months they will be carrying out more detailed environmental studies across the site to create an Environmental Impact Assessment Report. They say that if the project receives planning permission and is constructed they will set up a community benefit fund.

Whitmore calls for an urgent care centre in Wicklow

Social Democrats candidate for Wicklow Cllr Jennifer Whitmore has called for an urgent care centre for Wicklow's children saying "we need a health service that serves Wicklow".

Speaking on the issue Whitmore says "with the new National Children's Hospital going head in St. James' in Dublin, which will become Wicklows A&E for children, we need to seriously address the lack of available emergency care for children in the county. This is particularly urgent given the rise in population. Furthermore, once the new children's hospital is open, Tallagh Hospital will be downgraded to a satellite centre. This will consist of only six observational beds and will only open during daytime further restricting access to emergency care for children in Wicklow.

"Once care is needed out of hours, people and ambulances will be required to send patients to St. James' site creating a two-step process for people trying to access health care. People in Wicklow should not be forced to deal with additional barriers in accessing emergency care, and for that reason I believe an urgent care centre is needed in Wicklow which serves the health needs of people in Wicklow.

"This would be in line with Slaintecare proposals which brings healthcare into the community and which the Social Democrats has been instrumental in bringing forward.

"I was also the only politician to lobby hard against plans for the new children's Hospital at the St. James' site. I worked closely with the Connolly for Kids group to relocate the project onto the Connolly site. This is because I knew the proposed site at St. James' would restrict access to care for children in Wicklow. Unfortunately, I've been proven right.

"Now that the new hospital is being built, it's time to address access to emergency care in Wicklow and address this by committing to an urgent care centre in Wicklow," concluded Whitmore.

'Major investment is needed in Autism Spectrum Disorder units for Wicklow children'

General Election candidate for Sinn Féin John Brady has said that Wicklow does not have sufficient Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) units. He said major investment in ASD units is desperately needed as well as an Autism Empowerment Strategy for Ireland.

Deputy Brady stated "The Fine Gael/ Fianna Fail government policy forced hundreds of children with autism, and other special educational needs, to go without needs-appropriate learning environments.

"I've had contact with families right across the county, from Bray to Blessington, who are left desperate and devastated with no schooling options for their children.

"There's also major waiting lists for assessment of needs so there are even more children not getting suitable educational support than those already with a diagnosis.

"We need to deliver an Autism Empowerment Strategy for Ireland. Previous attempts have been

made to legislate for an autism Bill, but both have failed with the most recent one proposed by Fine Gael stuck in the legislative process. Sinn Féin believes that these previous efforts were too heavily concentrated on a medical approach only to treating Autism with little awareness of the need for a social approach.

"On a weekly basis, I am meeting constituents who are in crisis seeking supports and access to services. This is replicated all over the country. Whether it's seeking an assessment of need, seeking access to therapies, securing an autism spectrum condition class place in school, seeking additional education tuition and many other issues, the current provision of care is simply not fit for purpose.

"Teachers too are struggling with class sizes and the range of needs presenting to them. They need their schools appropriately equipped to foster the education of children with ASD. Education is a Human Right. Change is urgently needed in the way we provide education for children with ASD in Wicklow."



Seated are Frank Curran, Chief Executive, Wicklow County Council; Cllr Steven Matthews, Cathaoirleach, Bray MD; Adrian Bell (RPS Group) and Kristopher Calder (RPS Group). Standing: David Forde, Bray District Administrator; Liam Bourke, Bray District Engineer, and Thomas Murphy Bray District Manager.

Contract signed for Bray Harbour Study

A contract for the Bray Harbour study was signed by Wicklow County Council on Wednesday, 29th January, with the RPS Group.

The project requires the consultant to: Carry out detailed surveys; Report on the options available to protect the harbour from storm conditions; Look into options to provide additional berthing facilities, including the possibility of providing a short term drop on/drop off berth for a small passenger vessel plying between different harbours within an hour or so of Bray.

The funding for this exploratory work was approved by members of Bray Municipal District Council in 2018.

Bray MD Cathaoirleach, Cllr Steven Matthews, said: "I am delighted that we have now engaged RPS Group to develop detailed plans for our harbour. Bray Harbour is an amenity that most seaside towns would be extremely envious of and is in urgent need of improvement and development so that we can maximise the potential of this resource for everyone in our community. I would like to thank the Council officials who have worked so hard to get this far and look forward to seeing this project move on to the next stage.

"I would also like to acknowledge the commitment and perseverance of The Bray Harbour Joint Development Committee consisting of members of local harbour user groups who have also played a significant role in progressing this objective for our harbour."

Hoteliers call for decisive action to support tourism

Hotel and guesthouse owners in Wicklow and across the country have called on candidates in the general election to commit to decisive action in support of the continued growth of Irish tourism.

Gerard O'Brien, a representative of the Wicklow branch of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) said that, while tourism had returned to growth in recent years, the recovery has not been evenly spread across the country. Citing the CSO's overseas visitor numbers for 2019, which were released this week, he warned that continued growth cannot be taken for granted with regional tourism most likely to be negatively affected. The figures show a significant fall off in growth with an increase of just 1.8% in 2019, as against 6.9% in 2018, compared to the previous year.

Commenting on the launch of the IHF's national tourism policy document for the general election - A Strategy for Job Creation and Economic Growth - Mr O'Brien said that tourism has been one of the great success stories of the economy in recent years,

supporting over 260,000 jobs in every town and county, including 13,900 in Wicklow, contributing some €135m to the local economy annually: "However, our industry now faces heightened uncertainty and remains vulnerable to external shocks, given our exposure to the economic environment of our major source markets, as Brexit clearly demonstrated. Decisive action is needed now to ensure our industry lives up to its full potential as a major engine for growth and job creation across the entire country over the next five years."

The IHF's five-point plan calls on the next Government to support tourism by addressing a number of key challenges, including: Tackling the high cost of doing business; More supports for regional tourism; Increased tourism marketing support; Additional invest-

ment in tourism product and infrastructure; Investment in people, skills and training.

As one of Ireland's largest indigenous industries, tourism plays a vital role in the country's economic well-being. Mr O'Brien said that the effectiveness of tourism growth in spreading employment opportunities and prosperity across the entire country is sometimes lost in discussions about the economy. "With 70 per cent of tourism jobs based outside of Dublin, tourism's wide geographic distribution is critical to sustaining regional economies, including here in Wicklow, and addressing the rural imbalance. Irish tourism has created over 90,000 new jobs since 2011. Accounting for almost 4% of GNP, tourism generates over €9.4 billion in revenue each year - thereby supporting the local economies of every vil-

lage, town and county."

Mr O'Brien highlighted the high cost of doing business in Ireland, particularly around insurance and Government controlled costs such as local authority rates, water and energy levies. He also called for greater supports for regional tourism to counter the impact of Brexit. Significant additional investment is also required to support tourism marketing and product development.

"Tourism represents an excellent investment for the country and it's therefore vital that it remains at the heart of Ireland's economic policy. We're calling on candidates in the general election here in Wicklow to commit to a range of pro-tourism policies that will help to sustain the growth of tourism and the significant contribution that it makes to the economy," said Mr O'Brien.

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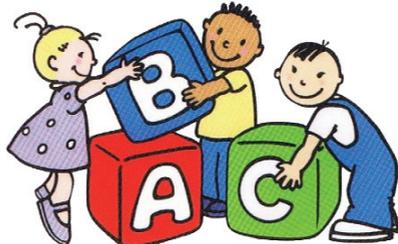


As every parent knows finding the right pre-school facility for their child is vital. Early education is very important for a child.

It is significant to their development, both socially and intellectually, equipping them with skills that will help them cope with their often daunting first years at school. With pre-schools places across the county filling up, the time is now for parents in Co. Wicklow to consider the best pre-school for their little ones.

Another factor for parents to consider is the free year of early childhood care and education for children of pre-school age provided by the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme, which provides early childhood

care and education for children of pre-school age. The scheme is offered in early years settings (pre-schools, Montessori's, creches, playgroups) for 3 hours a



day, 5 days a week, 38 weeks of the year.

Children are eligible to start the ECCE scheme in the September of the year that they turn 3 years old.

For example, a child turning 3 years old in 2020 can be registered on the ECCE scheme in September 2020.

The upper age limit can be extended in some cases. The State pays a capitation fee to participating playschools and daycare services. In return, they provide a pre-school service free of charge to all children within the qualifying age range for a set number of hours over a set period of weeks.

In general, children only qualify for ECCE in one school year. However, a child who has been assessed as having a disability may be able to spread their free pre-school year over two years.

Early Childhood Ireland advise parents choosing a childcare facility to ask the following questions: Are they a member of Early Childhood Ireland or any other professional body? Is there a place available



for your child? Have they fulfilled their legal obligation to register with Tusla? Will the Service provide you with their latest Tusla Inspection Report? What are the opening hours of the service? Do they offer the ECCE scheme or an early education

programme, and for what ages does it apply? Have they signed up to the More Affordable Childcare Scheme? What is their cost structure? Can they send you out a brochure or their website

link to review before your visit? They advise parents to make sure that the premises is large enough to offer freedom and space to each child, but not so large as to hinder supervision; to make sure that there is a clean and

child-friendly environment which encourages play; to make sure there are bright stimulating rooms and a quiet place for infants and young children to sleep. Parents are also advised to question and

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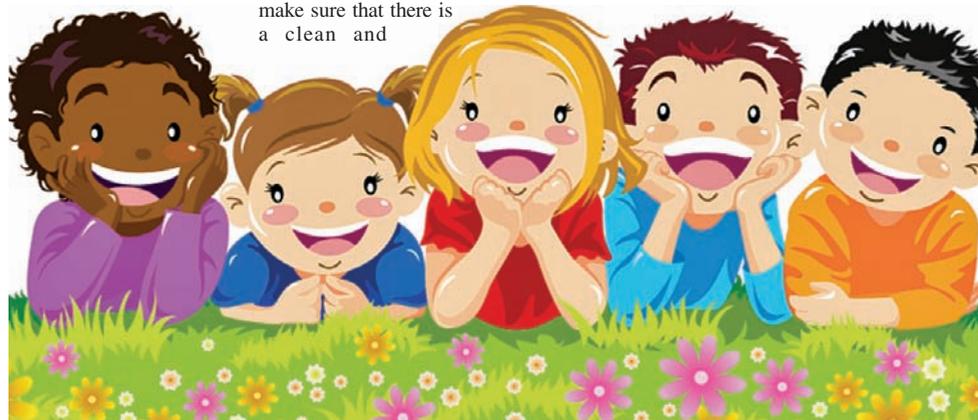


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Wicklow organisations join new national climate action campaign

Wicklow Planning Alliance and Birdwatch Ireland are among the organisations joining One Future, a new campaign group calling for faster and fairer climate action.

Supporters of the campaign include Concern Worldwide, Christian Aid, The Union of Students in Ireland and Oxfam. The campaign is highlighting climate as a central priority for voters in Wicklow in the upcoming election, and enables voters to challenge election candidates on the doorstep about their climate action plans.

The current Government plan is to reduce climate pollution by just 2% a year, even though the United Nations says the global average reduction in emissions must be 7.6% each year, from now until 2030 to avoid climate catastrophe.

One Future will be providing colourful 'Ask Cards' and canvass equipment to people in Wicklow which can be handed to candidates with key policy asks, and window stickers to tell canvassers they support faster and fairer climate action, all of which are available to order for free from www.onefuture.ie.

The campaign will also be supporting people who want to go door-to-door to distribute campaign materials and encourage their neighbours to raise climate issues with candidates who call to their home.

The campaign has nine key policy 'asks' of soon-to-be elected TDs and Senators, which focus on accelerating a transition to a sustainable society in a way that ensures no-one is left behind.

The key policy asks for the incoming Oireachtas include: Reduce Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions by at least 8% every year; Support the rural economy as farms reduce emissions and become more sustainable; Ban new fossil fuel projects; End peat and coal burning for electricity and ensure fair treatment of workers; Deliver an ambitious State-backed home insulation programme; Advocate internationally for faster and fairer climate action and justice; Restore and protect nature and wildlife; Ensure affordable and accessible

public transport for all; and Enable and support community-owned renewable energy projects.

Speaking about the new campaign, Oisín Coghlan, a spokesperson for One Future said: "One Future is a people's campaign to turn the tables on election candidates. We want to empower people in Wicklow, and across Ireland, to challenge politicians to commit to faster and fairer climate action."

"Recent studies show that 89% Irish adults say we need to take action now on environment, while 60% of adults say prioritising climate action is very important. With One Future, we want to highlight how great a priority climate action is for the electorate, to election candidates."

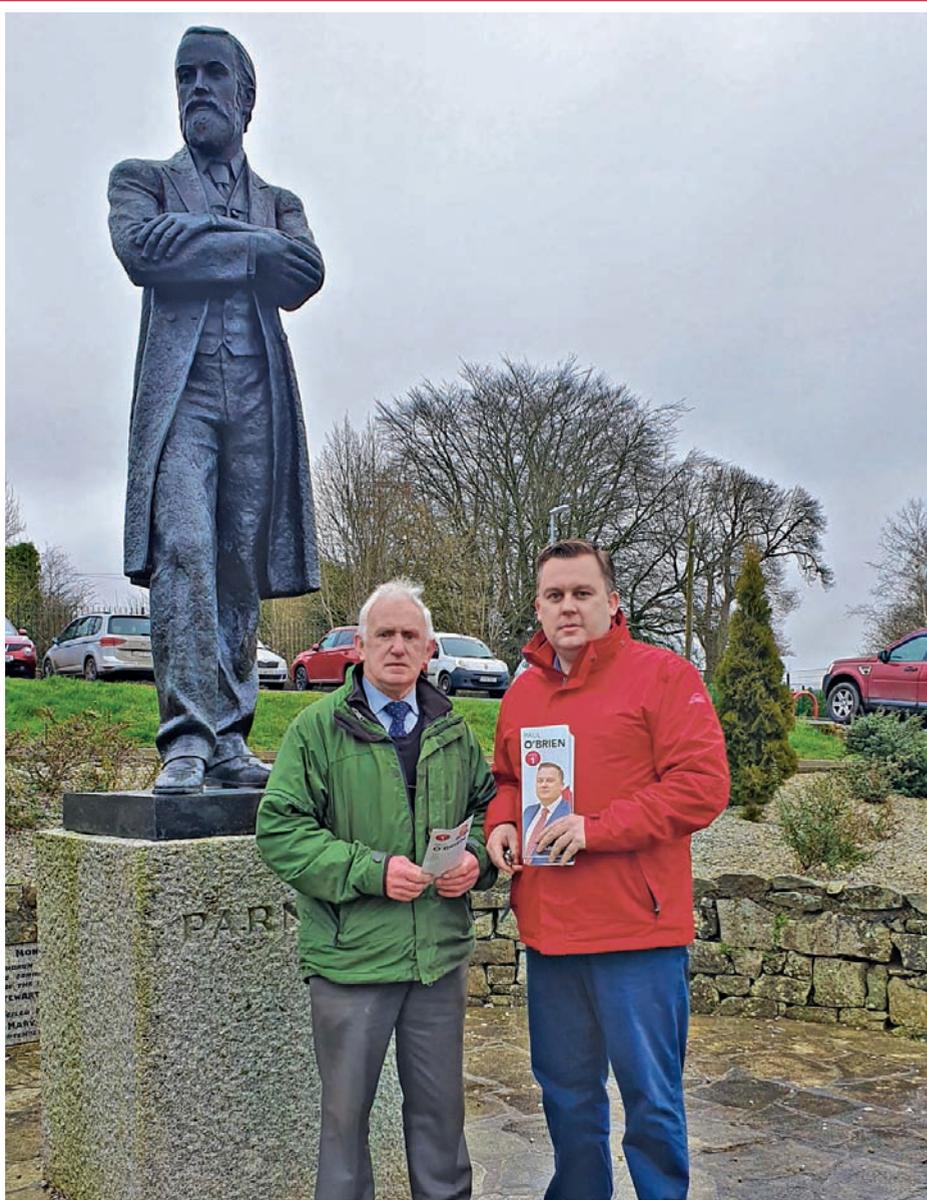
"Every party is paying lip service to climate action in this election. One Future will help people test whether politicians are promising to do enough and whether they are promising to make sure what they do is fair."

"Climate action is not a trade off with better public services. Climate action is about better public services. It is not a trade off with job creation and economic opportunity; it is about job creation and economic opportunity."

"It will require serious Government investment to transform our transport, housing and energy systems, especially in public transport, social housing and community energy. It will bring immediate in the shape of warmer homes, better bus, train, cycling and walking infrastructure, and opportunities to share in the ownership of the energy system that will power our future."

"We're looking forward to the run up to 8th February making #ClimateVote2020 the talking point of the general election."

The campaign is continuously growing and is calling on organisations and individuals from across Wicklow, to get in touch via www.onefuture.ie.



Pictured with Labour Party candidate Paul O'Brien in Rathdrum last week was former councillor Jimmy O'Shaughnessy who is supporting Cllr O'Brien's attempt to regain a Dáil seat for the Labour Party.

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Wicklow teachers in primary and second level schools, whose pupils take part in the annual Texaco Children's Art Competition, are reminded that the closing date for receipt of entries this year is Friday, 28th February. Last year almost 700 pupils from schools in Co. Wicklow submitted entries to the Competition. Now in its 66th year, the Texaco Children's Art Competition is widely acknowledged as the longest running arts sponsorship in Ireland.

Coming up at Whale Theatre

Two Divas and a Piano

Following their performance for St Valentine's 2019, Two Divas and a Piano (Flo McSweeney, Carmel McCreagh and Fiachra Trench) return to the Whale Theatre with their show, Two Divas and a Piano - a wry look at love and loss with songs by such composers and performers as Irving Berlin, Jacques Brel, Leonard Cohen, Duke Ellington, Melody Gardot, Mick Jagger, Lieber and Stoller, Joni Mitchell, Van Morrison, Paul Simon, Stephen Sondheim, Tom Waits and many others.

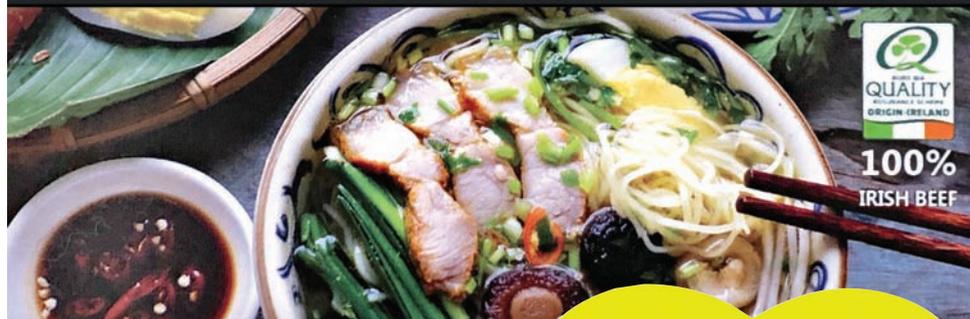
It sounds simple - two singers, one pianist and a book of great songs, but what Flo McSweeney, Carmel McCreagh and Fiachra Trench are doing takes a lot of talent, experience and sheer guts. Each song is 'owned' by the vocalists and turned into something authentic and emotional. Saturday 15th February at 8pm. Tickets €18

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Rob trumps top musical presidential post

Rob Donnelly from Avonmore Musical Society, Arklow, was elected as National President of AIMS (Association of Irish Musical Societies) at the National AGM of AIMS in The Connaught Hotel, Galway, on Sunday 26th January, to a standing ovation.

He takes over the prestigious position from Outgoing National President, Seamus Power from Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary, where Rob has served as Vice President of the organisation for the past two years. In his address Rob congratulated and thanked Seamus for the wonderful job he did as AIMS National President over his two year tenure and on his many years' service to AIMS as a Rep and National Councillor. "It has been an honour and pleasure to serve as Vice President with Seamus and travelling all around the country which I really enjoyed" Rob said.

A large number of friends and members of Avonmore M.S. travelled to support him in Galway at the weekend. Rob thanked Avonmore M.S. who gave him a love of Musical Theatre and who encouraged, nurtured and supported him on his journey to becoming National President of the organisation and he is looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year ahead.

Rob's journey to his election as

National President did not officially start when he was elected National Vice President two years ago in The Horse and Jockey, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, but probably two years earlier than that when he travelled around the country with his great friend and former National President of AIMS, Colm Moules, another member of Avonmore Musical Society and great ambassador of AIMS.

Having attended shows with him, going back stage with both Seamus Power and Colm Moules, talking to and meeting the amazing members of all the societies he visited, he supposed and dreamed one day that might be him, well that is now a reality.

It is often said but he firmly believes that it is the strength of the organisation (AIMS) and all the musical societies promoting, teaching, guiding and growing the love of Musical Theatre from an early age is where the real talent lies.

Rob moved to Arklow in January 1996 from Drogheda, Co. Louth, as a young man for a couple of weeks

with An Post, where there has never been a Musical society in his lifetime.

The only time he had seen a musical on stage was in the then Point Depot, travelling to see Colm C.T. Wilkinson in Les Miserables or other shows like Phantom of Opera and visiting other theatres in Dublin. On an amateur basis meeting new people, making new friends and having fun, inspired him to join the local musical society, Avonmore M.S.

Chairman at the time was Padraig Reid, another great friend invited him to attend their review night, travel with him on a West End Trip to see some of the popular professional productions in the West End.

At this point he was hooked and there was no going back. Rob's family travelled down from Drogheda to Arklow to a celebratory party in his honour in The Bridge Hotel along with some of his work colleagues from An Post, and members of Avonmore M.S. who were all are thrilled for him.

Singing in the Air

Jason Turner's exhibition *Singing in the Air*, which opened in the Courthouse Arts Centre on Friday 31st January is his first solo presentation of paintings of birds. It brings together a body of work set into motion in 2014 by an inquisitive fascination for these creatures of the sky.

Turner first began his creative career in Kingsriver Community where he pursued the art of willow weaving and wood carving before becoming a member of the KCAT Studio in 2006. Since joining the KCAT Studio, painting has formed the basis of Turner's practice. He has exhibited in both national and international contexts, and currently has work touring Ireland as part of a major group exhibition Together Now. Over the years, Turner has explored a variety of themes ranging from abstraction to figurative skyscapes of the solar systems, developing an intuitive and strong handling of the medium.

Singing in the Air provides an insight into Jason's expansive study of birds, drawing our attention to birds that are found in our everyday environment, that we may often overlook.

"I can't tell you the way I paint, I would have to show you. This is my approach to painting"

This exhibition runs for three weeks until Friday 21st February.

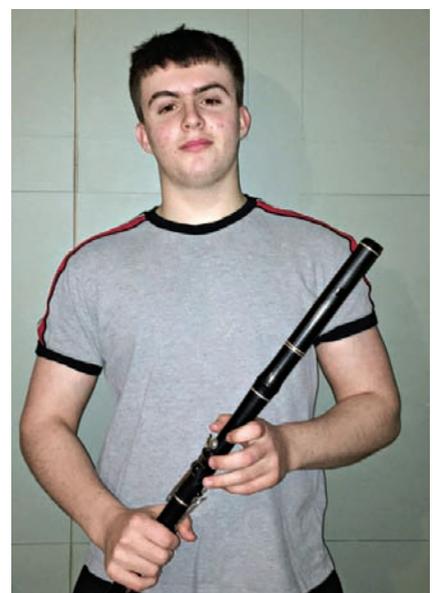
Bray musician is finalist for Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal

Bray musician David Nesbitt will be amongst 15 flute players taking to the stage to compete in the final for the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal in the Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork on Friday 7th February, and the event will be broadcast live on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta.

David Nesbitt, 18, is from Bray and is immersed in the traditional music scene there. He's currently studying law in DCU. He started learning flute from Gerry O'Donnell and James Mahon at the age of twelve, and also plays guitar. David is a member of Tuaisceart Loch Garman Comhaltas in North Wexford, and the Craanhill Céilí Band.

Peadar Ó Riada will present the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal final live from the Rochestown Park Hotel from 7pm - 10 pm. Esteemed musicians Michael Tubridy, Mary Bergin and Gary Hastings will have the difficult job of choosing the winner, and the criteria will include not only technical proficiency, but playing that demonstrates musicality and soul as well. The winner will take home the prestigious Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal, as well as €2,500.

As part of the weekend events, there will be a musicians' conference on Saturday morning in the hotel, and the Coirm Órdha concert with past winners including box player Keelan McGrath and harper Úna Ní Fhlannagáin will take place on Saturday night.



Bray musician David Nesbitt



Caring *in the community*

We're all only human and at times it is all too easy to get bogged down with life. It is often difficult to avoid feeling overwhelmed, in need of a helping hand, some sound advice or guidance or even just a friendly ear to talk into or a shoulder to lean on.

Fortunately, Co. Wicklow is full of amazing services with dedicated staff and volunteers who are there when you need them.

There are a number of options available to people looking for a little extra care, whether for the elderly, the young, or people who just need a little extra help with certain life skills. Help is at hand from a number of local organisations who can assist you with a range of different requirements.

One of the most distressing life events is the ageing of a parent or close family member. Dealing with a family member's illness can put a



huge emotional, physical and mental strain on individuals and families.

We all hope that we could cope with an infirm or elderly relative. But the simple reality is that it is not always possible. Nursing/ Care homes provide a suitable alternative, which may improve the quality of life for both the elderly loved one and the family unit as a whole.

Often however, we need the help and support of professionals who are experienced in dealing with specific problems.



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With offices in Rathnew and Dun Laoghaire, Bluebird Care prides itself on being a professional, modern service delivering a wide range of care and support services in the community.

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Arklow Cancer Support offer confidentiality, understanding, and an open door. They give free practical and emotional support to those who find themselves affected by a cancer diagnosis.

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"The close-knit relationships we have nurtured with both patients and volunteers over the years have empowered Arklow Cancer Support to provide the many therapies, courses, services, and events that have helped make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

"Whether you or a loved one is learning to cope, or just needs a safe place to speak or listen, we're here to welcome you to our family."

Their services include counselling, monthly meetings, specialised therapies, play therapy, a men's group, one to one counseling, and complementary therapies. They also provide free transport for patients to and from hospital appointments in Dublin on a daily basis thanks to a team of volunteer drivers.

Open Door Day Centre

This year Open Door is proud to celebrate 36 years of caring in the community and would like to thank all its supporters for helping to make a difference to member's lives.

Open Door is a charitable trust founded in 1984 and while based in Bray, the catchment area covers North Wicklow and South County Dublin. The Centre provides facilities and activities for adults with varying disabilities as a result of stroke, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, spina bifida and road accidents amongst others. Activities include art, music, computers, physiotherapy, ceramics and woodwork. Open Door is a vital social outlet for its members and also provides much needed support for carers and their families. Find out how Open Door can help you or someone you know by calling 01 2867123 or drop in to the Centre on the Vevay Road, Bray, Monday to Friday, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm.

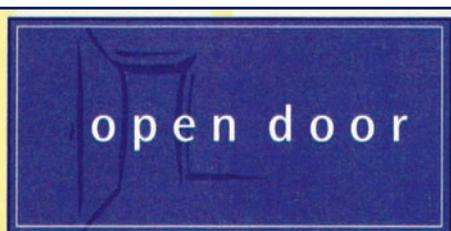
While Open Door is partly funded by the HSE, funds must be raised to cover the deficit in order to continue to provide the many therapeutic activities to members of the community. Visit www.opendoor.ie for more information on how you can help support Open Door.

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Consultants put forward solutions to address hospital capacity deficits

Hospital consultants recently appealed to Minister Harris during face-to-face talks to take decisive action and immediately end consultant pay discrimination.

Irish Hospital Consultant Association representatives, attending the talks in January on behalf of over 95% of Ireland's hospital consultants, urged Minister Harris to end the ongoing consultant pay discrimination with immediate effect, stating it would be a 'game-changer' in attracting consultants to work in public hospitals.

In addition to ending pay discrimination, the IHCA has also called on Minister Harris and Fine Gael to: Open a further 800 public hospital beds by end 2021 and bring forward the delivery of 2,600 additional beds promised under both the HSE Capacity Review 2018 and the National Development Plan from the current target of 2030 to the more realistic date of 2025; Introduce and resource a maximum waiting time of four hours for patients presenting at Emergency Departments and other public hospital assessment units to be admitted to an inpatient bed if required, discharged home or trans-

ferred to a more appropriate service; and Introduce and resource a maximum waiting time of 18 weeks following a GP referral for a consultant outpatient appointment and inpatient/day-case public hospital treatment.

According to consultants, there are currently over 500 unfilled permanent hospital consultant posts across Ireland's public hospitals. These vacancies are recognised as the root cause of the long waiting times now experienced by patients.

The IHCA said "In October 2012, Fine Gael's then Minister for Health, Dr James Reilly, took the decision to slash the pay of all hospital consultants appointed after that date. The decision to introduce pay discrimination between consultants appointed before and after October 2012 has created a significant pay difference between consultants undertaking the same work in the same hospital at the same time.

"Over the past seven years, hundreds of highly trained specialist consul-

tants have decided not to practise in our public hospitals and emigrated, resulting in one-in-five of all permanent hospital consultant posts now being unfilled.

"Hospital consultants assert that filling these posts is essential to ensuring that public hospitals, across all specialties, have enough hospital consultants to properly staff teams.

"If this was achieved, it would ensure that patients on waiting lists would get timely access to a consultant. In addition to filling these posts, consultants want a commitment to

introduce and resource maximum waiting times in our Emergency Departments and for patients referred for treatment to a Consultant by their GP.

"Crucially, increased bed capacity in our hospitals is also essential to ensuring patients receive high quality, timely hospital care. Consultants believe that the current Government timeline of 2030 to deliver thousands of additional beds which are needed urgently must be accelerated and fully delivered during the lifetime of the next Government."



Sinn Féin Social Protection spokesperson John Brady TD recently attended the SIPTU Stop67 Campaign launch and committed Sinn Féin's support for the campaign. Deputy Brady said however that his party would go a step further and reduce the pension age back to 65. He said: "Sinn Féin is fully committed to this campaign and we have produced legislation in the Dáil to stop the age hike and in government we will legislate to reverse it back to 65. That is what Sinn Féin is committed to do. It is not acceptable to ask people to work on till their 66th and 67th years. It should be the unquestioned right of any 65-year-old to retire on the state pension if they so wish. At that age we will all have done our heavy lifting, worked hard, paid our bills and our taxes to this state."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The corruption continues! The permission recently granted for the large development at Farrenkelly is, in my opinion, illegal. This area is in the green belt of Kilcoole, as per the Regional Plan 1999. What did the Green Party in particular, or any of the other councillors, do to stop it?

One other thing has come to my attention, Birdwatch Ireland have now decided to lock the door after the horse has bolted. Where were they when I, for years, tried to protect a most important stretch of the coast, starting at Kilcoole and going towards Wicklow? I tried to stop the dogs because there was a great array of birds, flora and fauna. What have they done to stop the aeroplanes?

I am amazed at how this word, biodiversity, is all the craze now!

Charlie Keady

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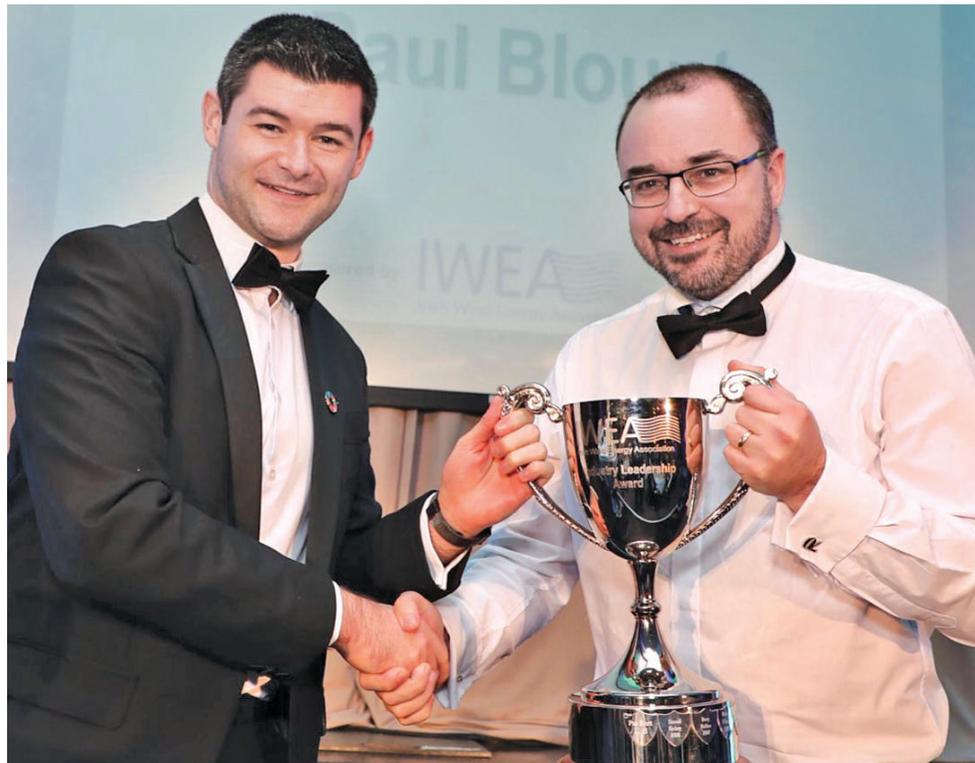
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Wicklow man is IWEA Person of the Year



David Connolly, IWEA, with winner, Paul Blount of Coillte.

Almost 400 people from Ireland's largest renewable energy industry joined broadcaster and commentator Ivan Yates at the second annual Irish Wind Energy Awards in Clontarf Castle, Dublin, on Friday 24th January to celebrate another record-breaking year for the industry.

The award for IWEA Person of the Year went to Paul Blount, Portfolio Director at Coillte. The IWEA person of the Year award is nominated by staff at IWEA. Paul was chosen for his outstanding contribution to policy work in IWEA through his work on various committees and working groups and his lead role in IWEA's 70by30 Report, the

vision to achieve 70% renewable electricity by 2030.

In a year when climate change has never been more talked about, wind energy has emerged as Ireland's strongest defence - with the Government's own Climate Action Plan placing wind at its heart - highlighting the electricity sector's potential to save 8 million tonnes

more CO2 annually by 2030.

Almost 400 people gathered in Clontarf Castle to honour the men and women working in the wind industry in Ireland, who are making this climate defence possible.

Dr David Connolly, CEO of the Irish Wind Energy Association, said: "Last year was a pivotal one for Irish wind energy. In the Climate Action Plan we have, for the first time, an all of Government vision for how we can decarbonise Ireland's electricity system.

"Wind energy provided a record-breaking 33 per cent of Ireland's electricity in 2019 which is one of the highest shares worldwide - in fact third just

after Denmark and Uruguay. It is at the heart of the Climate Action Plan with targets set for 3.5 GW of offshore wind energy and to double our onshore wind generation capacity to more than 8 GW by 2030.

"We know our industry can deliver these targets. These awards celebrate the men and women working in the wind industry who will achieve them, who are making possible Ireland's fight against climate change.

"Through their innovation and determination, we are seeing huge positive benefits - from investment in local communities, the thousands of people employed in our industry and in cheaper

wholesale electricity prices."

Winner of the 'Champion of Renewables Award' Marie Donnelly, accepting her award, explains the importance of wind energy for Ireland:

"It's a real honour for me. I appreciate the recognition that this award implies. And I think it's an indication of where we are in Ireland with the energy transition.

"We have made great progress and we are now set to charge down the path of success here in Ireland. Renewable energy has come of age. The technology has matured and found its own place, costs have come down and efficiency is there. The reality of a carbon free system is in place."

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I hereby give notice of submission of significant further information to Wicklow County Council in relation to planning application 19/1064 for William Doyle who is applying for permission at Toghher Beg, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow for additional 6 detached dwellings to development granted under Planning Reference 19/27, connection to all services, new road and footpath to proposed dwellings and associate works, wishes to state that significant further information or revised plans, as appropriate, in relation to the application has been furnished to the Planning Authority, and is available for inspection or purchase at the offices of the authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the further information or revised plans may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of 2 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the revised newspaper and site notices. A submission or observation must be accompanied by the prescribed fee within except in the case of a person or body who has already made a submission or observation.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Desmond Strelzow seek full planning permission for the construction of a 2 car detached garage to be built at 10 Millbank, Killincarrig, Greystones, Co Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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