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HALLOWEEN BONFIRES NEED TO BE PUT OUT PERMANENTLY

TD for Dublin South West Seán Crowe has said that those who say that bonfires are a tradition should consider the harm that these fires cause to the local communities our green spaces, and environment particularly when they are used as a poor excuse to get rid of household waste, including old mattresses. Teachta Crowe was speaking after seeing the destruction caused by one particular Hallowe'en bonfire in Kilnamanagh.

green space there. Shopping trolleys tyres, mattresses and garden waste had been dumped on it just to add to the eyesore it now presents to local residents. "Both myself and SDCC Cllr Niamh Whelan have been in contact with council services to get the green space as best they can but, at this time of year, the community is going to be left with burnt blackened eyesore area that will be scarred until the spring.

Teachta Crowe said "The bonfire in Kilnamanagh between Redwood and Parkhill Estates recently caused serious damage to the

"And that's not even touching on the dangers that these fires can pose to those nearby and the surrounding area if they spread out of control. Petrol and other

accelerants are used by some with no consideration to the resulting risk. "This particular bonfire was constructed, if you could even call it that, beside an ESB pylon. It was spread out over a huge area. The last thing anyone want to see is broken cables falling to the ground sparking and posing extreme risk to life or cutting off power to business or entire estates.

"I heard those voices who claim that bonfires are somehow traditional, fun and should be tolerated and encouraged. What we are seeing on our green spaces is downright dangerous for local houses and those who

participate. "In another part of Tallaght, a girl lost her eyesight in one eye and may lose her eyesight altogether after a vape was thrown into a bonfire. "These bonfires also pose a threat to first responders who have no idea what cannisters or accelerants are buried in the fire.

"Bonfires need to become a thing of the past like they have in many other areas. The damage they inflict and the fear they produce for locals both young and old is clear for all to see. They need to be eliminated, and alternatives produced for Hallowe'en and other occasions.

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HYGIENE HUB LAUNCHES #ITSINTHEBAG CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Hygiene Hub, a charity that provides hygiene and personal care products to those who need them, is calling on the public to Spread Kindness and participate in its #ItsInTheBag appeal this Christmas by donating essential and luxury hygiene products.

The #ItsInTheBag campaign aims to provide at least 2,000 bags filled with essential and luxury items to individuals and families in need this Christmas. To take part in

the #ItsInTheBag campaign, supporters can donate new or unused essential and luxury toiletries through Hygiene Hub's network of Drop Off Points, or by hosting a hygiene drive with colleagues, friends or family, or donate the cost of a bag through the #ItsInTheBag fundraiser.

Hygiene Hub, launched in December 2019, has eight hubs across the country and has distributed over 65,000kg to local communities

through links with local organisations. Hygiene Hub aims to alleviate the pressure of hygiene poverty felt by many across the country when financial struggles mean that food, rent and bills are prioritised over hygiene items.

Announcing the launch of this year's #ItsInTheBag campaign, Ciara Dalton, co-founder and Head of Partnerships at Hygiene Hub, said: "This year, we are once again calling on the public to join us as we spread kindness to those in our communities who need a helping hand. We know that this time of year can be an especially stressful time, which is why we started this campaign to help make life a little easier for the 15,000 people we are aiming to support this Christmas.

Help us provide a heartfelt and practical gift to those who may otherwise go

without."

There are three ways supporters can help Hygiene Hub this Christmas Donating shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothbrushes or toothpaste to one of the

drop off points listed on their website; Monetary donations via the iDonate page; or Hosting a hygiene drive at work, college or school.

Hygiene Hub will be collecting donations for its

#ItsInTheBag campaign from 11th November until 15th December.

Donations will then be sorted and distributed to community partners in time for Christmas.



Pictured Hygiene Hub CoFounders - Rosie McDonagh, Sorcha Killian and Ciara Dalton. Photo credit: Melanie Mullen



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LUCAN NATIVE CIAN O' CALLAGHAN WINS TOP NATIONAL 'APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR' AWARD IN THE MOTOR CATEGORY

Lucan native, Cian O'Callaghan, heavy vehicle apprentice at Go Ahead Ireland, has received a prestigious national award at the Generation Apprenticeship 'Apprentice of the Year' awards 2024, held recently in Dublin's Round Room at the Mansion House. Cian O'Callaghan, is one of 17 finalists who took home a prestigious industry award at the spectacular awards ceremony that showcases the breadth of phenomenal apprentice talent that exists in workplaces right across Ireland.

Coordinated by the National Apprenticeship Office, the Apprentice of the Year Awards are now in their third year of celebrations which has seen a doubling of nominations this year. The awards celebrate outstanding apprentice talent that exists across 70+ national Generation Apprenticeship training programmes in every region in Ireland.

Hailing from Lucan, Cian

O'Callaghan's award win has put the spotlight on the wealth of apprentice talent that exists across Dublin, facing tough competition from record number 400 Apprentice of the Year award nominations. Cian's win is one of four awards presented to Dublin-based talent, including category awards presented to Clonsilla's Philip McDonagh Lambe in the Hairdressing category, Clarehall's Scaffolding apprentice, Sean Cumiskey in the Construction Category, and Wilkinstown's Peter Duffy, in the Engineering category.

Barry Comerford, member of the National Apprenticeship Alliance presented the overall 'Apprentice of the Year' award to Kildare woman, Bronwyn Willis, Laboratory apprentice with Kerry Group. He also presented the industry award to Go Ahead Ireland's Heavy Vehicle Mechanic, Cian O'Callaghan, based in Naas, County Meath and 17 exceptional finalists along with Minister for Further and

Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science of Ireland, Patrick O'Donovan.

Minister Patrick O'Donovan; TD said: "Looking at the 400 outstanding apprentices nominated for an Apprentice of the Year award this year, it is clear to see the enormous wealth of talent we have in this country. I wish to offer my heartfelt congratulations to every single one on their fantastic achievement. Through the continued drive for transformation of the apprenticeship system, businesses across the country have so much to gain from a highly talented pool of apprentices."

Commenting on his Apprentice of the Year Award win, Cian O'Callaghan said "It was an amazing feeling alone to be nominated for this prize and to know the hard work hasn't gone unnoticed. Winning the award was an unreal achievement and makes it all so rewarding to know how much of an impact I can have in such a large company let

alone across Ireland. I'd like to thank Go Ahead Ireland for the nomination and everyone who has helped me across the years but I wouldn't have been able to get to where I am without them."

Dr. Mary-Liz Trant, Director of the National Apprenticeship Office added "The National Apprenticeship Office wish the warmest congratulations

to Cian O'Callaghan on winning a top award in the Apprentice of the Year Motor category, and to all the outstanding apprentices who won industry awards spanning major skills industries. The National Apprenticeship Office is delighted to be involved in hosting the national Apprentice of the Year awards for the third year running. Apprentices are at

the heart of Ireland's skilled workforce, with remarkable attributes of leadership, teamwork, creativity and problem-solving. These awards not only celebrate the nominees, but also the power and impact of apprenticeship as a mode of learning and career development for people of all ages and backgrounds across all 21st century industries in Ireland."



Pictured: Lucan native, Cian O'Callaghan (Go Ahead Ireland, Naas) is pictured accepting his Apprentice of the Year Award for the Motor category, from NAO Director Mary Liz Trant and Barry Comerford at the 2024 Awards Ceremony.

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TIDYTOWNS BRINGS BRONZE AND NEW FUNDING FOR LUCAN, SAGGART, NEWCASTLE AND CLONDALKIN

Tidy Towns group across Lucan, Clondalkin, Saggart and Newcastle will be eligible to apply for funding totalling €10,000 for the county in 2025, a Fine Gael TD has said. The funding from Government will allocate a total of €1.5m across the country and was announced by Fine Gael's Heather Humphreys at the 2024 Tidy Towns awards ceremony.

Local TD and Minister for Business, Employment and Retail Emer Higgins said: "Our Tidy Towns groups in Lucan, Clondalkin, Newcastle and

Saggart do such wonderful work to keep our towns and villages shining, and I am delighted to see this funding in recognition of that. "Our local groups performed extremely well once again in this year's competition, which was recognised at the awards ceremony in Croke Park recently.

This year, Lucan proudly received a Bronze Medal with a score of 365, while Newcastle scored 337, Clondalkin 349, and Saggart 246.

"I'm really proud of our local

Tidy Towns results! Lucan, Newcastle, Clondalkin, and Saggart who have made amazing progress in the SuperValu Tidy Towns competition and their hard work and dedication is clear considering all areas received higher marks than last year!" "These groups showcase the positive impact of community spirit and volunteerism. This is evident each and every week as we see volunteers across Dublin Mid West out and about early in the morning and late in the evenings, doing their bit to keep their area looking its best.

for Saggart, €2,000 for Newcastle, €3,000 for Lucan, and €3,000 for Clondalkin".

"Fine Gael is committed to building and supporting strong communities, and

this funding is further evidence of that. "I want to congratulate groups for their successes in the 2024 competition and encourage them to apply for the 2025 funding. "I look forward

to continuing working with Tidy Towns groups in Dublin Mid West as they progress more and more positive initiatives to keep our towns and villages thriving and shining," Higgins concluded.



"We are so lucky to have volunteers who up their valuable time to their Tidy Towns groups, and without them, our communities would not continue to be the vibrant, sustainable places that they are. "All groups in Dublin who entered the competition will be eligible to apply for a grant of between €1,000 and €4,000 for 2025. "The grants available include €2,000

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SINN FÉIN LAUNCH TWO CANDIDATES FOR DUBLIN SOUTH-WEST

Sinn Féin are launching two candidates for Dublin South-West in the upcoming General Election. Longtime representative Deputy Sean Crowe will be joined on the ticket by Cllr Niamh Whelan. Members from across Dublin attended the event in Killinarden Community Centre which was chaired by Lynn Boylan, MEP for Dublin.

Sean Crowe was first elected to South Dublin Council in 1999 and scooped a seat in the Dáil in 2002. He is a familiar face to residents across Dublin South-West and topped the poll by a

significant margin in 2020. Cllr Niamh Whelan has been active in her community for years and landed a council seat in this years' local elections. The pair have worked together for years, managing constituency cases and lobbying for greater services in health and housing.

In his speech to the gathered supporters, Deputy Crowe outlined the need for a change of Government, saying "This community has been underserved for years in housing, in mental health provision and in access to

supports for children with additional needs. "Sinn Fein have fully costed plans and now we need a mandate - it's up to us to get out there and show people that these policies will work for them."

Cllr Niamh Whelan outlined her vision for her community "My priority if elected is to tackle the massive failings of this Government in housing, in health, particularly mental health, in childcare, and in the cost of living. We are a wealthy country and yet so many are not being served by this Government" "Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil have had 100 years to run this country and they have failed vulnerable communities. We have over 14,000 homeless including thousands of children and this was a result of deliberate political decisions. No one carries the blame for that except our current Government. Sinn Féin want to change that. "I'm from this community, I live and work here and I want to offer a better, fairer Ireland for me, my family, my neighbours."



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LABOUR CALLS FOR A PUBLIC CHILDCARE SYSTEM

Cllr. Ciarán Ahern, General Election Candidate in Dublin South-West, spoke at the Labour Party's launch of a comprehensive plan to introduce a publicly

provided childcare system. Across the country, parents are struggling to access affordable, reliable childcare. Cllr. Ahern said "Under the current

government, parents in Dublin South-West and beyond are often paying between €700-€800 monthly per child on care— for many parents, this is simply

unsustainable. Labour is leading the charge to make high-quality childcare a right, not a privilege, and to move away from the profit-driven model that dominates the sector. "That's why two years ago, Labour proposed a monthly cap on childcare costs of €200 per child, the equivalent of €50 per week or €10 per day. We are glad to see other parties finally catching up with us and the crisis in the childcare sector. "In Dublin South-West and nationwide, parents are crying out for a childcare system that works for them and their families, not against them.

by 100 new services annually and employing around 11 staff members per service. That's a total of 30,000 new places over five years. For families in Dublin South-West, this would mean relief from the costly and often stressful hunt for quality care. Labour will invest approximately €53 million per year, with operational costs projected to rise to €300 million over five years to make this vision a reality.

education and school-age care. Cllr. Ahern added, "Labour's public childcare plan will eventually shift responsibility to a new national agency, ensuring continuous development and investment in public childcare facilities. With a minimum of €70 million annually earmarked for a capital building programme, we'll work to co-locate these new services with existing schools wherever possible, creating a robust system that meets families' needs here and across Ireland."

"Childcare staff are the backbone of this sector. We need to support the dedicated, skilled professionals who are caring for our children and fostering their early development. A well-funded public system will allow us to keep talented educators in the field, ensuring stability for children and families. Labour's plan seeks to address this by providing educators and carers with fair pay and resources.

Labour believes in a society that values care, and this includes ensuring every child has access to early years education on par with our European counterparts.

Labour is proposing a transformative approach that also includes a long-term vision for an agency dedicated to early years

As Cllr. Ahern concluded, "It's time we treated childcare as an essential public service. Labour's plan will provide families in Dublin South-West with the stability, quality, and affordability they deserve. This must be a key mission for the next government. Labour is committed to making it a reality."

ARCHITECTURE COMPETITION THEME FOR LOCAL CAMERA CLUB

Palmerstown Camera Club second monthly competition with the theme of Architecture was held on Wednesday the 30th of October in the Palmerstown Parish Centre. As usual a really

big turnout and the images were of top class once again. The winners in novice were Annie Whitley, John O' Flaherty, Siobhán O' Flaherty, Linda Ffrench and Ben Emmett. Intermediate winners

were Ciaran Ó' Rourke (image is featured), James Granfeld, John Dunne, Owen Connelly, Miriam Power and Gerry Cahill.

Advanced winners were Lorraine Morris, Garrett Hayes, Noleen Kavanagh, Eddie Kavanagh and Dominic Gaffney. And image of the month went to John Dunne. Many thanks judge Pat from Dublin Camera Club. Palmerstown Camera Club is always open to new members joining. The club meets on a Wednesday night from 8pm to 10pm.



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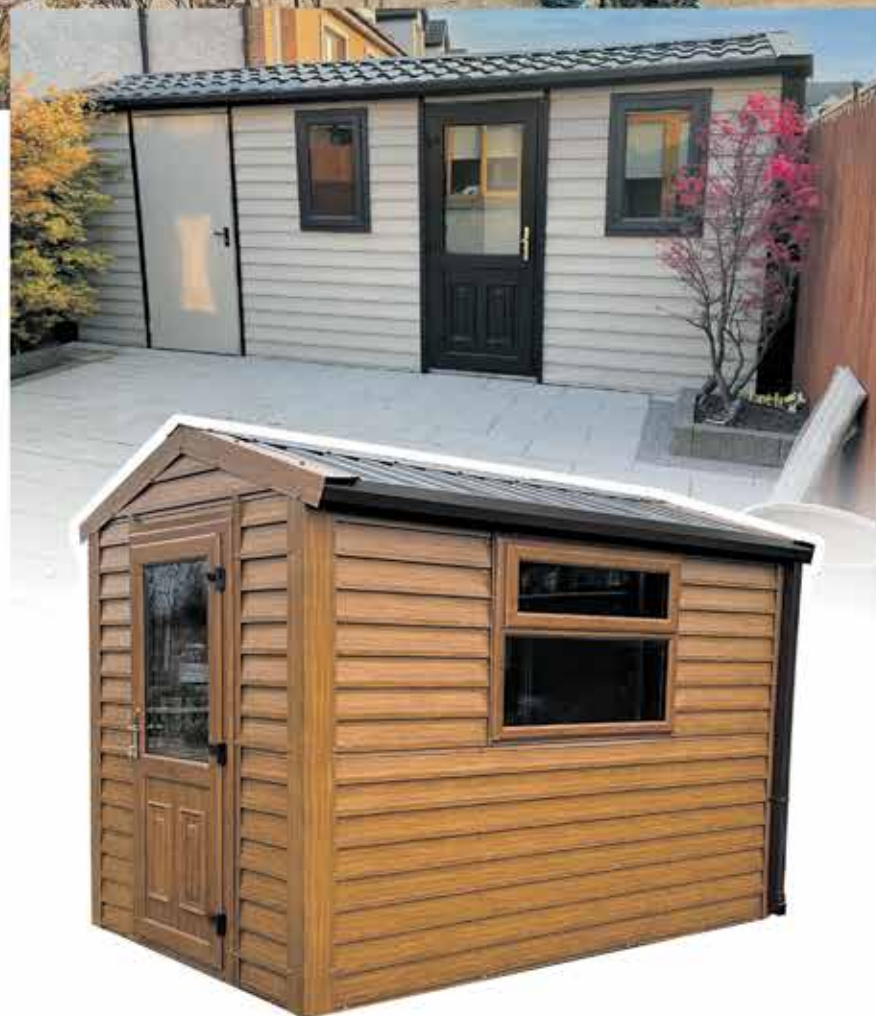


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WALKING FOR A CAUSE: CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL 5K CHARITY WALK AND OVER €8,000 RAISED FOR BREAST CANCER IRELAND

Recently, the local community came together to make an impactful difference, completing a 5K charity walk in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland (BCI). Liza Sagawn Sales, Manager of Curves Knocklyon comments "With a target of €5,000, we're thrilled to announce that we not only met this goal but surpassed it, raising over €8,000 for this vital cause. This achievement underscores the strength of collective action, and the dedication of individuals committed to fighting breast cancer".

Breast cancer touches the lives of countless individuals, and Breast Cancer Ireland is at the forefront of research and support for those affected. By coming together for this charity walk, participants and supporters united to make a meaningful impact, showing that every step taken, and every euro raised can contribute to a world free from breast cancer. The walk was held on Saturday 26th October at 1:00pm at Dodder Valley Park, and participants of all ages and backgrounds joined forces, creating a sea of pink and filling the route with smiles, laughter, and a shared sense of purpose. From individuals walking to honour loved ones to groups walking in solidarity, the event became a powerful testament to community resilience and compassion.

Initially, they initially aimed to raise €3,000, a target that would support BCI's

mission to advance research, education, and patient support. Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of the community, they exceeded our goal! The funds raised will go directly to BCI's research programs, enhancing early detection methods, advancing treatment options, and providing essential support resources for patients and their families.

Every euro raised is more than just a number; it represents hope, support, and progress. With the funds raised:

Accelerated Research: Breast Cancer Ireland can continue to fund cutting-edge research initiatives. This includes innovative clinical trials, genetic testing, and personalized treatment protocols that offer patients improved outcomes and a higher quality of life.

Enhanced Education and Awareness: BCI's education programs aim to increase breast cancer awareness, particularly for early detection. Knowledge is a powerful tool, and through awareness campaigns, BCI can empower people with information that could save lives.

Support for Patients and Families: Funds also contribute to BCI's support programs, providing resources for patients and families navigating the challenges of breast cancer treatment and recovery.

This event's success would not have been possible

without the support of everyone involved. A huge thank you goes to our walkers, sponsors, volunteers, and donors. Your dedication, generosity, and unwavering support have made a tangible impact in the fight against breast cancer. The journey doesn't end with this 5K walk. With the momentum they've built, they're excited to continue efforts to support Breast Cancer Ireland. The goal is to maintain this community spirit, organizing more events, sharing stories of hope, and keeping breast cancer research and awareness at the forefront.

Liza added "Though this 5K walk may be over, the fight against breast cancer continues. Let's keep supporting BCI's vital work, whether through future events, spreading awareness, or simply lending a helping hand to those in need. Together, we are stronger, and with each step we take, we are closer to a future where breast cancer no longer impacts lives. Thank you once again for being a part of this incredible journey. Here's to many more events, and here's to a world free of breast cancer".

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€2.6M IN COMMUNITY SPORT FACILITIES FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

As part of the call for Sports Capital Grant funding in 2023, 31 applications were made for new and upgraded facilities in SDCC's parks and open spaces. SDCC have recently received notice that all grants applied for facilities in our parks and open spaces have been granted. The projects cross a wide variety of sports and range from small scale to large scale projects.

Examples include: the provision of funding for necessary upgrades to existing grass pitch upgrades across the county to help improve playability and adaption in the face of climate change, additional funding towards SDCC's sports pavillion programme and a water sports pavillion at Lucan Demesne, funding for goal storage compounds, additional funding towards some of our park upgrades to enable new facilities at Quarryvale, St. Cuthbert's and Jobstown Parks, such as basketball, a pump track, MUGA and parkour.

The funding also includes for upgrades to existing well-loved multi use games areas at MacUilliam, Balgaddy and Jobstown Parks, funding to upgrade the popular grass volleyball court at Corkagh Park to a sand volleyball court (this will be the first of its kind in a public park in Ireland) and contributions towards the upgrade of existing athletics facilities at Griffeen Valley and Bancroft Parks.

The total amount of grant funding received by SDCC in this round of Community Sport Facilities Funding Allocations is €2,660,274. This programme is funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

GOVERNMENT LEAVES CAMHS UNREGULATED

Mark Ward TD, has criticised the Government for not prioritising mental health care during their near 5-year term. CAMHS is still unregulated under the Mental Health Act 2001. Deputy Ward was speaking following a confirmation by Government that the passage of the Bill is not possible, given the timeline for an election.

Teachta Ward said "Government have confirmed that the passage of the new Mental Health Bill 2024 is not possible to be completed in the lifetime of this Government. "This is a failure by a Government who have paid lip service to reform of legislation for nearly 5 years. "The Mental Health Act 2001 is outdated, it has long been called for to be reformed and it seems like it was a false promise to do so in the Programme For Government over 4 years ago.

"There has been no urgency from them on this. Pre-legislative scrutiny of the Bill started in 2021 and completed in 2022.

Over 2 years have passed before they produced the legislation, all too late for it to pass fully. "There are real life consequences to this not passing. CAMHS is still unregulated under the Mental Health Act 2001, and following the Maskey report and the Mental Health Commission's review into CAMHS, the concern is that there still is no independent insight or regulation. "There are no guarantees to families and young people that issues highlighted in these reports will not happen again.

"I introduced legislation that would regulate CAMHS but the Government kicked this down the road until the 28th of November, the day before a potential election, in favour of their own Bill which they have now confirmed will not pass in time. Their gamble with young people's mental health has not paid off, and young people will lose out as a result.

"I am calling on the Government to immediately regulate CAMHS before an election is called. "Young people and their families

cannot wait any longer for this to happen. "If the Government fails to do so, I am making a commitment that this will be prioritised by an incoming Sinn Féin Government, if we are given the chance to do so. "We

have always been clear that mental health is a priority for the party.

People deserve a Government that does more than just promise, they deserve one that will take action."

DUBLIN MID-WEST TD NOMINATED TO CHAIR JOINT COMMITTEE ON DRUG USE

People Before Profit TD Gino Kenny has been nominated to chair the Joint Committee on Drug Use after previous chair Deputy Micheal Mc Namara stood down after being elected to the European parliament in July. The special committee was set up after the Citizen's Assembly on Drug Use made a series of recommendations on the future of drug policy in Ireland. The committee began its work in March and will finalise its report at the end of the year.

Deputy Kenny who has campaigned for drug policy reform said, "It's an honour to have been nominated by the Dail Independent Group to chair this extremely important committee. It's clear from the recommendations from the Citizen's Assembly and public opinion that the present laws around drug policy must change. A health led approach rather than a criminalisation approach will see better outcomes for society in general. I'm looking forward to hearing from the many groups, advocates and communities around the country that have been greatly affected by this issue".



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MICHAEL NOONAN, ADAM HARRIS AND BRIAN JENNINGS HONOURED BY GRIFFITH COLLEGE

Griffith College, Ireland's largest private third level college, presented honorary awards to Michael Noonan, Adam Harris and Brian Jennings at its graduation ceremonies in Dublin last week. Michael Noonan, a

former Finance Minister and Leader of Fine Gael, received his award in recognition of his outstanding public service and expert stewardship of Ireland's economy during the very difficult years from 2010 to 2013. Adam Harris and

Brian Jennings received their awards in recognition of the outstanding contributions they have made in their respective fields at a national level.

Professor Diarmuid Hegarty, Founder and President of Griffith College, said, "The College is delighted to honour Michael Noonan for his long service as a public representative and Minister of Finance, Adam Harris as CEO and founder of Ireland's national autism organisation AsIAm, and journalist Brian Jennings whose voice brings us the news on Morning Ireland each day.

This continues the College's long tradition of recognising notable individuals who have contributed at both national and international level."

Graduation ceremonies took place at the College's South Circular Road campus on 5th, 6th and 7th November.



Pictured: Father and daughter Ross and Maggie Thomson celebrate graduation day at Griffith College's historic South Circular Road campus. (Photo: Oisin Finegan)

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'EDUCATION IS THE WAY FORWARD', ADULT LEARNER TELLS DONORS AT AN COSÁN'S WINTER BALL

"Education is the way forward; it is the way to bring about change." These were the words of adult learner, Melissa Dillon, who was keynote speaker at An Cosán's Winter Ball, which

took place in The Shelbourne recently. A lone parent of two young children, Melissa told the 250 donors and supporters that her life had been transformed since signing up to a course two

years ago with An Cosán, Ireland's largest community education provider.

Melissa, who lives in the south inner city, liked the sound so much of An Cosán's

12-week Discover Your Path course, that she was quite prepared to travel to its centre in Jobstown, Tallaght, to attend classes. It is a decision she hasn't regretted as it set her on "a

whole new path". Melissa said Discover Your Path was "the most amazing course", which helped her learn a lot about who she was and where her future was taking her. "I gained more confidence, self-esteem, and much more," she said. "I would highly recommend it."

Perusing job ads in a different area than childcare, an occupation she had been involved with since leaving school, Melissa realised she did not have all the skills required for many of the roles that interested her. This prompted her to sign up to An Cosán's Level 5 Business Administration with Digital Skills for Work course just over a year ago. The two-year programme runs simultaneously in three hubs in Dublin with Melissa attending the hub closest to her in The Blue Door, Ballyfermot.

Melissa said she is greatly enjoying the course. "It is giving me the skillset I need to go forward and I am learning a lot about the business industry, which will really benefit me in the future. An Cosán has really changed my life around for the better. It has opened up many opportunities for me. Before, I would not have set goals, but I have set myself many goals for the next five years.

"I know that, thanks to the skills, confidence, work experience and qualifications I am gaining with An Cosán, I will reach my goals," Melissa continued. "This will not only benefit me, but it will benefit my children too. Like me, they can look forward to a brighter future. And, from watching me study, they can see the importance of learning too." Melissa said she greatly appreciated An Cosán's holistic approach, including the financial supports, laptop loan and one-to-one tutoring and mentoring. Although she hadn't availed of the early years' provision or counselling service, she had seen her peers benefit from these services and was grateful to know they were there, if she ever needed them.

"I am a true believer in lifelong learning," she said.

"My hopes, plans and dreams for the future are to open up my own business for learning support of all ages, and life coaching, which I have also started studying. The amount of people I have seen struggling with life issues or learning is unbelievable, and I want to do what I can to offer support. I have received great support from An Cosán and I want to pay that forward."

The MCs for the evening, former Irish rugby internationals and podcasters Barry Murphy and Andrew Trimble, said they were hugely impressed by An Cosán's delivery of transformative education. "The more we hear of An Cosán, talk to staff and understand how learners are supported in a holistic wraparound way, the more we are in awe," said Barry.

Heydi Foster, CEO of An Cosán, said: "It is An Cosán's unique One Generation Solution to inter-generational poverty that is the key to breaking the cycle of disadvantage in under-resourced communities. That is: equip and empower a woman and she will lead her family and community out of poverty. We have an 89% success rate for our learners. We are not well funded, but we are fuelled by the hunger our learners have for a better future for themselves and their children, and we ensure that the additional supports our learners need are there for them."

Anna Durkan, Chair of the Board, said: "We recognise that those who have been left furthest behind - early school leavers, lone parents, immigrants and those who, for whatever reason, didn't fit into mainstream education - often need extra support in order to complete an education programme. That is why we provide a holistic wraparound support service. That is what transforms lives - giving families and communities a better, brighter, more hopeful future."

To find out more about An Cosán's courses - from foundation to BA degree level - see www.ancosan.ie.



Pictured Adelaide Nic Chárthaigh, Heydi Foster, Melissa Dillon, Anne Genockey and Mark Kelly.

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Speaking to the TU Dublin Class of 2024, Interim President of TU Dublin Professor John Doran said. "As you step into the next chapter of your life, I encourage you to carry with you the values of inclusion and respect that have been central to your experience at TU Dublin. No matter which career path you pursue, you have the power to make a positive impact."

In a world increasingly divided by inequality, climate challenges, and threats to peace, your generation holds a unique responsibility. You are stepping into leadership at a time when the need for compassion, empathy, and fairness is greater than ever. The challenges we face are complex, from the widening gap between the rich and the poor to ongoing conflicts that endanger human rights and

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TU Dublin, Ireland's second biggest university, will host its CAO Open Day on its Grangegorman Campus on Saturday, 07 December. At this event, prospective students can learn more about courses delivered on the university's five campuses in Grangegorman, Bolton Street, Tallaght, Blanchardstown, and Aungier Street. The University will also host Information Evenings in Tallaght on November 14th, Blanchardstown on November 21st, and Spring Campus Open Days across all five locations in March and April. Find out more: <https://www.tudublin.ie/opendays/>



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MOTORING LIFE WITH**OPEL ASTRA SPORTS TOURER LOADS UP ON STYLE**

By Breda Corrigan

The all-new Opel Astra Sports Tourer shares the same striking front end design as its hatchback sibling, and the tail-lights mirror the shape of the headlights which are incorporated in a single panel (Opel Vizor) that runs the full width of the nose. Opel's latest design language is dynamic, elegant and distinctive, while the ingenious Opel Vizor face expresses the iconic German brands pioneering spirit. The new Opel Vizor is not just a design statement, it is also a gateway into the world of electric and autonomous driving, and makes all Opel models 'future ready' by housing the sensors and cameras as required by modern vehicles. The distinctive Opel Vizor is a hallmark design element for all Opel models on sale now, and into the future.

Practical and Visually Impressive.

While the new Astra Hatchback is a stylish and well-proportioned family car, the Sports Tourer adds practicality with no less visual sophistication. The horizontal lighting signature combines with the sharp crease running down the centre of the bonnet to create a compass-like appearance when viewed head-on, with the vertical centre brake light proving to be an eye-catching feature at the rear. The Sports Tourer's wheelbase is 57mm longer than the hatchback, increasing legroom for rear seat passengers in the process, while also providing enhanced cargo space. The Sports Tourer has a flat load area with no lip to lift items over, and the rear seatbacks fold in a 40/20/40 fashion for ultimate practicality. When the retractable load cover needs to be removed to accommodate cargo on occasion, it can be stored under the boot floor so that it can be refitted when the cargo has been removed. While the standard cargo volume up to the window line, and with all rear seats in place, is a highly respectable 597-litres, this can be increased to a cavernous 1,634-litres with the rear seats folded.

Interior Detox.

Opel's designers have come up with what they call an 'interior detox' for the Astra, meaning less clutter and a pared-back look. The dashboard fascia is a stylish gloss black

affair with two display screens inset within. Ahead of the steering wheel is a 10-inch digital instrument panel, while a similarly sized touchscreen is subtly angled towards the driver and is supported by a bank of physical buttons for climate control and features such as the heated seats. Build quality within the Astra's spacious cabin is commendable, and the materials used look and feel like they will stand up very well to the demands of family life.

Engine & Trim Variants.

Powering the new Astra Sports Tourer are turbocharged petrol and diesel internal combustion engines. Petrol power comes courtesy of a 1.2-litre 3-cylinder unit with 110bhp, while the diesel engine has a 1.5-litre capacity and produces 130bhp - both of which feature start/stop technology as standard. A 6-speed manual transmission comes as standard with the petrol engine, while an 8-speed automatic transmission is standard with the diesel powerplant. Trim levels in the Astra Sports Tourer consist of SC, Elegance and GS variants, all of which come with key standard safety systems such as; adaptive cruise control with speed limiter, lane keep assist, automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection, traffic sign recognition, driver attention alert system, hill start assist, and intelligent speed adaption (proposes correct speed to be approved by the driver). In-car technology features include a DAB digital radio with 6 speakers and USB connectivity, a 10-inch colour touchscreen and a 10-inch digital driver information cluster. Other key features that come as standard across the range are alloy wheels with anti-theft screws (16 to 18-inch, model dependent), towbar attachment provision, LED daytime running lights, automatic LED high beam assist headlamp control, and front & rear parking sensors.

Test Car.

My Astra Sports Tourer GS 1.5-litre turbodiesel test car was fitted with a slick 8-speed automatic transmission as standard, and was finished in Perla Black metallic paint. Exclusive GS specification includes tri-material upholstery

(cloth, vinyl and Alcantara), AGR-certified driver and front passenger seats, power-folding door mirrors, dual-zone electronic climate control, a Black Pack (black Opel logo and Astra rear badge, black roof and a black Opel Vizor), along with 18-inch alloy wheels. With 130bhp and 300Nm of torque on offer, the car can accelerate from 0-100km/h in 10.6-seconds, on its way to a top speed of 209km/h (where permitted). While the Astra Sports Tourer may share many of its underpinnings with the plush-riding Peugeot 308 SW, Opel's engineers have tweaked the suspension and steering set-up differently, and the result is a car that is thoroughly engaging to drive. The Astra's steering is light and accurate in equal measure, giving the driver plenty of confidence behind the car's sporty multi-function steering wheel. The Sports Tourer's terrific handling ability through corners results in minimal body roll, thereby ensuring that the car remains impressively level even during sudden changes of direction. Fuel consumption as low as 4.5l/100kms on a WLTP combined driving cycle enables a potential range of up to 1,155kms from the Astra's 52-litre fuel tank. A 13-litre AdBlue tank is also present, and the driver will receive plenty of notice when this needs topping-up by way of a reminder on the digital dashboard display.

Verdict.

The all-new Opel Astra Sports Tourer has made a gracious return to form with a package that is suitably modern, stylishly-distinctive, comfortable and very well equipped. The Astra is a clear step forward in quality and driver enjoyment, and is more desirable and capable than ever before. Opel has to be commended for its competitive pricing policy too, with the new Astra Sports Tourer priced from just €31,295 (ex-works).

My range-topping Astra Sports Tourer GS Diesel test car is priced from €39,995 (ex-works). Opel's impressive new Astra Sports Tourer is on sale now, and it comes with a comprehensive 3-year/100,000km warranty, along with a 3-year AA Ireland roadside assistance package for total peace-of-mind.

ACTION MUST BE TAKEN ON LANDLORDS THAT DON'T MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE RENTED ACCOMMODATION

Local Fianna Fáil General Election candidate for Dublin Southwest, Teresa Costello has called on action to be taken on landlords that don't meet the minimum standards for private rented accommodation. Cllr Costello has said she has heard from many constituents in relation to the living standards, and she recently asked the question as to what happens if a HAP property doesn't meet the satisfactory standards when inspected.

"At a recent council meeting, I asked the question as to what happens if a HAP property does not meet satisfactory standards when inspected and what course of action is taken. "I have heard from many of my constituents about the poor living conditions they find themselves in in private accommodation, and this is totally unacceptable.

Costello pointed out that people in her constituency pay enough within their rent every month to warrant at

least the minimum standards of living conditions be met by their landlords. "Ordinary people who live in these properties pay through their teeth for rent as it is. To not be living in good enough conditions is an insult to them.

When asking the question, Costello said she was told that when minimum standards aren't met in private accommodations as set out in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019, an improvement letter issues to the landlord detailing works to be completed within a prescribed timeframe. Both the Council and the Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) actively work with landlords with the aim of achieving compliance.

Failure by the landlord to complete the required works may result in escalation to enforcement proceedings. These include the following Improvement Notice: On recommendation by the EHO, an improvement

notice may be served by the Council. Prohibition Notice: On recommendation by the EHO, where a landlord fails to comply with an improvement notice, the Council may serve a prohibition notice.

Legal Proceedings: On recommendation by the EHO, the Council may consider initiating legal proceedings where a landlord fails to comply with an improvement notice or re-lets a property

in breach of a prohibition notice.

Costello concluded: "We must protect the renters' rights, and landlords must provide tenants with the

living conditions that they are entitled to.

It is a minimum requirement when you are letting a property, and when the tenants are paying significant rent.

GRIFFEEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARKRUN



Griffeen Parkrun was taken over by Griffeen Community College to mark the end of its wellness week. It was organised by the school in partnership with its dedicated Parents Association and local volunteers. Local Fine Gael TD and Minister Emer Higgins, pictured alongside Principal Noel Kelly, extended her congratulations to everyone involved in the successful takeover of the Parkrun. "It was a really great morning and a great show of Griffeen's commitment to promoting health and wellbeing. It was so lovely to see the community come together like this!", said Minister Higgins.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 18 FROM CO. DUBLIN

ActionAid Ireland recently launched the ActionTalks, a speechwriting competition on important global themes open to young people from Co. Dublin aged between 14 and 18 years-old.

The competition - now in its 11th year - is aimed at encouraging students to explore the underlying causes of both local and global injustices, giving them a platform to share their perspectives. There are three themes this year: The climate crisis, women's leadership in emergencies, and the role of overseas aid and women's rights organisations. Since the competition was launched in 2003 more than 1,100 students from over 200 schools are Ireland have taken part. There were over 100 entries in last year's competition alone.

Karol Balfe, CEO of ActionAid Ireland, said: "We're thrilled to kick off the eleventh year of ActionTalks, which gives young people all over Ireland a unique opportunity to have their voices heard.. It's inspiring to see so many

young people from Co. Dublin engaging with critical global challenges and bringing such thoughtful insights to the conversation. Their enthusiasm and dedication gives us real hope for the future."

She added: "The themes for this year reflect the huge challenges faced by women around the world today. The climate crisis is having devastating effects globally, with countries in the Global South being particularly hard-hit. Women are disproportionately affected, as their rights and livelihoods are often jeopardized by the consequences of climate change. "In addition, women around the world face greater poverty and more frequent violations of their rights than men. Despite this, only 5% of Official Development Assistance is allocated to efforts aimed at ending violence against women."

ActionAid Ireland's mission is to support women and girls in leading on claiming their rights and holding those in power accountable. It runs a

Women's Rights Programme, funded by Irish Aid through the Department of Foreign Affairs, which focuses on eliminating violence against women and girls. Irish Aid programmes contribute to Ireland's important role in global development.

She added: 'I can't wait to hear the creative and well-researched perspectives students bring this year, reflecting their experiences of growing up in Ireland. We also look forward to seeing how they explore the link between the concentration of resources in the Global North and its impact on communities in the Global South."

How to get involved: Students write a 600-800 word speech on one of three themes, The leadership role of women during emergencies, conflict, and climate disasters, The impact of climate change on women's rights, The role of overseas aid in supporting women's rights organizations, Teachers submit their students' speeches via email, 15 students will be

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PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT CONDEMN DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC LAND FOR €100

People Before Profit representatives Gino Kenny TD and Councillor Darragh Adelaide have expressed outrage at South Dublin County Council's decision to sell 4.6 acres of public land in Kilcarbery, Dublin 22, to private developer Adwood Limited for a mere €100. This decision, they argue, amount to a "give away" to the private developer. The land, which is part of the Kilcarbery Grange development, was originally set aside for educational purposes but has now been earmarked for social and affordable housing. Only 7 councillors voted against the sale including the four People Before Profit councillors.

Gino Kenny TD stated: "It is an absolute scandal that South Dublin County Council is essentially giving away public land for €100 to a private developer. At a time when we have a dire need for social and real affordable housing, every inch of public land should be used for public benefit. This land could have been used to build a school or at least 100% social housing that would directly address the needs of the community.

Instead, we're seeing an extension of the original skewed development model that puts private profit over public good." Kenny emphasized that the affordable element of the housing scheme is just not affordable for most families in Dublin Midwest struggling with high rents and house prices. Councillor Darragh Adelaide added: "Public land should be for public housing—full stop. The fact that this land, which was intended for education, is now being handed to a private developer is shocking. We were told that the developer won't make any profits from this, but I find it difficult to believe that they would be doing this out of the kindness of their hearts.

The housing crisis won't be solved by deals like this. We need to prioritize building social homes, and the entire Kilcarberry development represents a missed opportunity. Our communities deserve better. We will continue to fight for the proper use of public land to ensure it serves the needs of the people, not private interests."

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