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Achara,

I hope you are keeping well and have had time to relax over the summer months.

It has been a busy few months in my role as Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, as many of these sectors enjoy their first high season without pandemic restrictions.

As your local Green T.D., I am doing my utmost to represent you and your communities in Dublin Rathdown, placing climate and social justice at the heart of everything I do. I am enjoying reconnecting with you all in recent months, and I have documented some of the wonderful local events that have taken place recently in this newsletter. I have also included some important news and updates on local issues.

While the pressures of the pandemic have receded, I'm acutely aware of the hardship the soaring cost of living is causing. Alongside my Green Party colleagues, I am advocating for a Budget in September that will deliver targeted supports and funding to help those most in need during this challenging period. We are focused on measures that will reduce the cost of childcare, ensure no one suffers this winter due to increased energy costs, and measures to tackle the cost of housing.

It is an honour to serve the people of Dublin Rathdown, and I am grateful for your continuing support. If I can be of assistance to you, your family, or your community at any time, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



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I was delighted to support this year's pride festival, by providing €54k in funding for the cultural elements of Dublin Pride Festival, and €23k for the Dublin Gay Theatre Festival



I enjoyed spending Europe Day 2022 with students from Stepside Educate Together Secondary School and the Belgian Ambassador, discussing the importance of working together and celebrating European diversity.

On your side - ag seasamh leat

Naomh Olaf Sustainability Charter



It was great to join Naomh Olaf GAA club for the launch of their sustainability charter, the club's response to the climate & biodiversity emergency. I commend all involved in the development of the charter.

Dundrum SHD

I spoke with many constituents who had very genuine concerns about the proposed Dundrum Village Strategic Housing Development. As your local TD, I made an observation to An Bord Pleanála, to highlight the views of many in the local community. My submission, whilst recognising the critical need for housing, focused on the importance of protecting and enhancing the sense of place in Dundrum, and the need to provide a town centre that provides a variety of uses to meet the requirements of the community.

Kiltarnan Country Fete

My colleague Oisín O'Connor and I enjoyed the festivities and delicious food at Kiltarnan Country Fete in June.



Glencullen National School reaches 75th birthday

Congratulations to St. Patrick's National School, Glencullen, who recently reached their 75th anniversary. It was wonderful to join them to mark this occasion.

DLR Street Furniture Grant

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Street Furniture Grant has been extended to December 2022. The grant supports hospitality businesses who want to provide additional outdoor seating. More info at bit.ly/dlrGrant2022.

Rosemount Mulvey Bake Sale for Ukraine



There was incredible generosity and support on display at Rosemount Mulvey Football Club's Bake Sale for Ukraine. Well done to all who organised and contributed to the event!

Climb with Charlie Event

There was wonderful community spirit at the local 'Climb with Charlie' event as people walked in solidarity with Charlie Bird and all those who have Motor Neuron Disease. Thank you to Balally Parish for organising.



Ireland's first purpose-built Cost Rental homes launched in Stepside



It was a pleasure to jointly launch Ireland's first purpose-built Cost Rental homes at Woodside, on the Enniskerry Road.

Cost Rental is a new form of public housing in Ireland. This is targeted at people who are above the social housing income limits, and who wish to rent or are unable to buy their own home. It is long-term, secure, more affordable, and is a core policy secured by the Green Party in the Programme for Government.

Cruinniú na nÓg workshop in Ballyogan

Cruinniú na nÓg took place in June, and consisted of hundreds of free, creative events across the country for children of all ages. I enjoyed taking part in the percussion workshop that took place in Ballyogan as part of Cruinniú na nÓg.



Dundrum Festival

The annual Dundrum Festival was great fun as always. Well done to all who organised and who took part.

Exciting Times for Wayside Celtic FC



I enjoyed calling into Wayside Celtic in June. They were busy getting ready for their Mini World Cup 2022. Exciting times ahead for this brilliant club as it plans its 75th anniversary in 2023!

Have your say on our future

There are currently two Citizens' Assemblies underway: the Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss and the Dublin Citizens' Assembly.

Both assemblies are currently open for submissions.

If you wish to make a submission, you can make an email submission to submissions@citizensassembly.ie, or a postal submission to: Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss, 16 Parnell Square, Dublin 1 or Dublin Citizens' Assembly, 16 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

On your side – ag seasamh leat

Emergency/ Useful Numbers

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Gardaí, Ambulance and Fire Brigade Services: **999** or **112**

Dundrum Garda Station: **(01) 6665600**

Rathfarnham Garda Station: **(01) 6666500**

Stepaside Garda Station: **(01) 6665700**

Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council Out of Hours

Emergency: **(01) 677 8844**

CRISIS CONTACTS

The Samaritans: **116 123**

Domestic Violence Service/Women's Aid National Helpline: **1800 341 900**

AWARE Support Line: **1800 80 48 48**

Pieta House (24/7 Suicide Helpline): **1800 247 247**

National Rape Crisis Helpline: **1800 778 888**

Childline: **1800 666 666**

ALONE helpline: **0818 222 024**

HOUSING

DLR HAP Support: **(01) 205 4399**

DLR Rents: **(01) 205 4731 / 205 4841 (Arrears)**

DLR Homeless Services: **(01) 205 4804**

Tenancy advice & emergency assistance,

Threshold: **1800 454 454**

Emergency Accommodation, Dublin Region Homeless

Executive: **1800 707 707**

Mortgage arrears, MABS Helpline: **0818 07 2000**

HEALTH

HSELive Freephone: **1800 700 700**

St. Vincent's University Hospital: **(01) 277 4000**

Tallaght Hospital: **(01) 414 2000**

Crumlin Children's Hospital: **(01) 409 6100**

UTILITIES

ESB Networks 24 Hr. Emergency No: **1800 372 999**

Gas Networks Ireland 24 Hr. Emergency No: **1800 20 50 50**

Irish Water 24 Hr. Emergency No: **1800 20 50 50**



Constituency Clinics

I'm continuing to hold regular constituency clinics both online and in person. If you would like to book an appointment, please email me at Catherine.Martin@Oireachtas.ie

Get Involved



Getting involved in politics is a worthwhile and rewarding experience that allows you to make a big difference at both local and national level. If you are interested in getting involved and would like further information, please email me at: Catherine.Martin@Oireachtas.ie

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