

EMMA MURPHY

RATHFARNHAM WARD LOCAL AREA REP



Dear Resident,

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as your new Local Area Representative in the Rathfarnham Local Electoral Area for Fianna Fáil.

As a native of Ballyboden my family have deep roots in this area. I attended Scoil Naomh Pádraig, and Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan before achieving a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science and a Master of Arts in Peace and Development Studies at the University of Limerick.

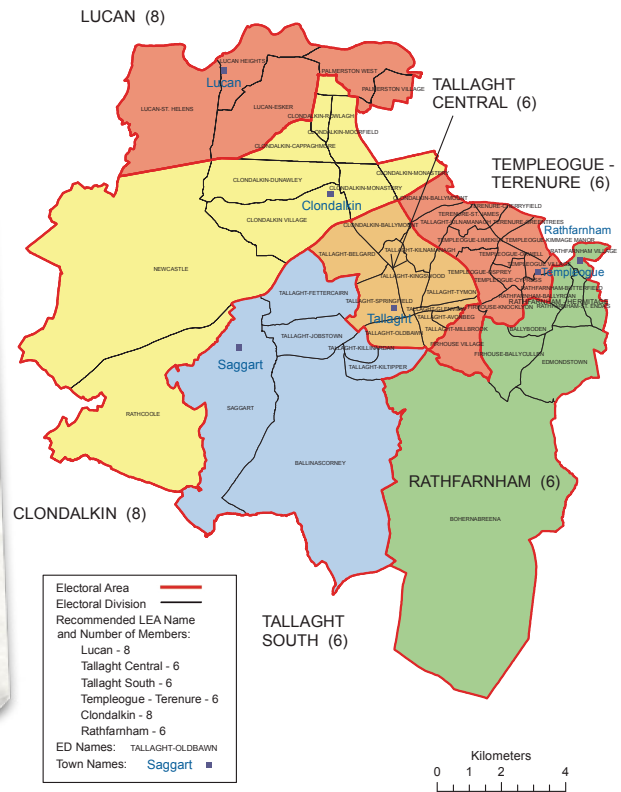
I work in International Development as the Director of International Schools Linking Organisation, Amawele, based locally on Ballyroan Road.

I was delighted to be selected recently as a candidate to contest the 2014 Local Elections for the Fianna Fáil party in the Rathfarnham Local Electoral area along with my party colleague Councillor John Lahart. Over the next few months I look forward to meeting you to discuss local issues. I will work hard in the area to identify and deliver solutions to issues which matter to you and to your community. I aim to assist you in any way possible and hope that by providing a strong voice that I can fulfil this promise.

I am keen to improve the diversity of representation for residents in the area and am particularly interested in issues affecting quality of life and the interests of local businesses.

If you feel that I can be of any assistance to you or to your local area please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.
Emma Murphy



RATHFARNHAM AREA LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA CHANGES

I welcome the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee Report released in May 2013 which reviewed the Local Electoral Boundaries. The report has recommended some significant changes for the Rathfarnham Local Electoral Area. Of particular note is the inclusion of the Bohernabreena area in the Rathfarnham ward as well as the increase from 4 to 6 elected members.

The Rathfarnham Local Electoral Area now includes the electoral divisions of Ballyboden, Bohernabreena, Edmondstown, Firhouse - Ballycullen, Rathfarnham - Butterfield, Rathfarnham - Hermitage, Rathfarnham St. Enda's and

Rathfarnham Village.

The map below details the amended boundaries as recommended by the Boundary Commission. Should you require further information on the changes, your local area or registering to vote please contact me at emma@emmamurphy.ie

MAYOR'S FUND SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN

The Mayor's Fund is a new community initiative introduced by the Mayor of South Dublin Councillor Dermot Looney. The aim of the Mayor's Fund is to provide financial assistance to support groups that play a vital role in improving the quality of life for those living and working in South Dublin and where a small amount of funding can make a significant difference.

The Mayor's Fund has allocated a combined total of €10,000 for this new community fund. The themes for the fund will benefit youth sport, older persons and environmental groups. Applications will be considered by an independent panel selected by the Community Services Department. Grants of €250 and €500 will be made to successful applicants for projects in the South Dublin County area.

The application forms and further information are available through the Council's community centre and library network and can be returned by post to the Community Services Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24. The application can also be downloaded from the Council's website www.sdcc.ie and completed forms emailed to comdevof@sdblincoco.ie. The closing date for applications to the fund is November 1st 2013.

TIDY TOWNS 2013

In the recently published Tidy Towns 2013 results the Rathfarnham and Firhouse Tidy Towns committees were greatly commended for their efforts in this year's competition with the Rathfarnham entry increasing its overall score in 2013 and the Firhouse entry receiving great praise upon re-entering the competition for the first time since 2007. Sincere congratulations go to all within the local communities who were involved in the extensive process and wishing them every success with their preparations for 2014.



BALLYCULLEN OLDCOURT LOCAL AREA PLAN - CONSULTATION

After a pre-draft public consultation carried out over a four week period between April and May 2013, South Dublin County Council has prepared a Draft Local Area Plan for the Ballycullen-Oldcourt area and is undertaking consultation from Friday 18th October 2013 to Thursday 28th November 2013. This draft consultation provides further opportunity for local ideas to be heard and taken into consideration before the Local Area Plan is made. A Local Area Plan (LAP) sets out a strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of a specific area within a local authority and for a timescale as specified by the authority. The plan must consist of a written statement and map or maps, which set out the local authorities' objectives for the plan area. These objectives may relate to any or all of the following: Land Use Zoning and Density; Public Open Space, Private Open Space, Car Parking, Provision of Infrastructure, Conservation of Built Heritage, Conservation of Natural Environment, Provision of Traveller Accommodation, Community Facilities and Design and Development Standards.

Council staff will be available to answer residents queries at the new Park Community Centre, Ballycragh Park, Parklands Road, Dublin 24 at the following times:

Tuesday	5th November 2013	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday	7th November 2013	2.00pm - 5.00pm
Monday	18th November 2013	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday	20th November 2013	11.00am - 2.00pm




Council staff will also be made available to answer queries on the Draft Local Area Plan every Wednesday afternoon between 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. at County Hall, Tallaght, during the public consultation period.

Submissions and observations in relation to the Draft Local Area Plan and the Strategic Environmental Assessment Report can be made in writing to the Planning Authority until 4.00pm Thursday 28th November 2013 through the following addresses e-mail: ballycullenoldcourt@sdblincoco.ie or By Post: Administration Officer, Forward Planning Section, Economic & Transport Planning Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

YOUR LOCAL FIANNA FÁIL TEAM




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