

Dun Laoghaire Festival Of World Cultures 23rd – 25th July 2010.

The Festival Of World Cultures is an open air Festival held in Dun Laoghaire on an annual basis and is free of charge.

The Festival Of World Cultures will take place in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin on the weekend of Friday 23rd - Sunday 25th July 2010.

This is the 10th anniversary of the Festival. The 2009 Festival of World Cultures saw in excess of 200,000 people in attendance and similar numbers are expected this year. The Festival is a multi-cultural celebration with a programme full of music, arts, and family events.

See www.festivalofworldcultures.com for full festival details.

Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald speaking in Dun Laoghaire said *"I urge all those coming to the Festival to use public transport if possible as large volumes of traffic are expected."*

Superintendent Fitzgerald continued *"People should consider that this is predominantly a family and culture oriented event and to remind festival goers that drinking alcohol in any public place is prohibited. There will be a large number of Gardai and Stewards present over the whole weekend to monitor and enforce where necessary legislation including Local Authority Bye Laws regarding the consumption of alcohol in public."*

Traffic Arrangements:

Persons attending Festival:

1. People coming to the Festival by car should take note of where road closures are in effect and plan their journey around this.
2. Road Closures are expected to be in force 8am to 9pm on both 24th and 25th of July 2010 in respect of the following roads. Depending on the volumes of traffic this may be subject to change.
 - a) Queen's Road, east from the Pavilion Car Park Entrance to the junction with Park Road, and Windsor Terrace.
 - b) Windsor Terrace, the entire length of the terrace.
 - c) Newtownsmith, from Windsor Terrace to the junction of Link Road.
 - d) Park Road, the entire length of Park Road
3. Temporary signage agreed by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Traffic Dept has been placed by the Festival Organisers to advise motorists of impending diversions.
4. Traffic will be diverted around the perimeter of the Road Closure Area in both directions.
5. Eastbound traffic on Crofton Road will be diverted up Marine Road, along George's Street and Summerhill Road to Link Road. Traffic will be permitted access to the Pavilion Car Park.
6. Westbound traffic on Newtownsmith will be sent up Link Road to Glathule and then along Summerhill Road, George's Street to Marine Road.

Persons not attending Festival:

1. People coming to Dun Laoghaire for purposes other than the Festival should also take note of where road closures are in effect and plan their journey around this. It is recognised that there will be inconvenience caused to businesses in the area and we thank you for your patience.

Residents:

1. Residents will be facilitated where possible. Please carry evidence of residence with you as it will help members of An Garda Síochána accommodate you with access and parking etc.

Parking:

1. There will be Parking available in the following:
? Pavilion Theatre Car Park
? Dún Laoghaire Shopping Centre Car Park
? Bloomfields Shopping Centre Car Park
? IMC Cinema, Bloomfields Shopping Centre
? Harbour Plaza Car Park

2. Pay and Display parking charges are suspended for the weekend by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council but not in the Harbour Company area which consists of anything on the seaward side of Crofton and Queen's Roads.

3. Some disabled parking will be permitted immediately inside the barriers at Park Road West Side, Adelaide Street West Side and Newtownsmith South Side. There will also be some disabled parking at the Pavillion Car Park.

Public Transport:

1. To facilitate patrons arriving by public transport, priority will be given where possible to Dublin Bus who has provided extra services for the event.

2. Nitelink Services are expected to run between 12 midnight – 2.30am.

3. Only buses will be permitted to park at the Bus Terminus area at Crofton Road.

4. Additional DART services will be provided. Last trains in both directions will be leaving at approximately 23.30hrs.

5. The Stena car ferry arrives at 12.15hrs and departs at 13.15hrs. Where possible consideration should be given to vehicles and passengers trying to get to it that have been delayed by traffic.

Illegally Parked Vehicles:

1. Vehicles found illegally parked will be towed away and will not be released until the statutory expenses have been paid. In addition a prosecution could be instituted against the driver / owner of the vehicle concerned.

Security:

The Gardai appeal to all motorists to:

- a) Secure and lock their vehicles.
- b) Leave no valuables on display.
- c) Park in the designated car parks.
- d) Pick Pockets – beware of your wallet, money and A.T.M./Credit Cards. Minimise the amount of valuables / cash you have in your possession.

Public Order:

1. The consumption of alcohol in a public place is prohibited*. Anyone who wishes to enter the Festival area** or surrounding environs can dispose of their alcohol in the bins provided.

Local Authority Bye Laws will be fully enforced. The penalty for consumption of alcohol in a public place is €120.

2. There is an Order in Place under the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994 (similar to Concerts, Croke Park etc) which gives Gardai power to search persons entering the Festival area and to require them to permanently surrender all alcohol and potential weapons of offence.

* In relation to Public Order legislation and the Local Authority Bye Laws if a person is in possession of a sealed container of intoxicating liquor and it is reasonable for Gardai to believe that they will consume it in a public place, the alcohol may be seized.

** Festival area includes Queens Road, Moran Park, Haigh Terrace, Windsor Terrace, Newtownsmith, Adelaide Street, Peoples Park, Park Road, Harbour Plaza and East Pier.

Recent years has seen an increase in the number of persons attending the Festival engaging in public drinking. It is felt that this takes away from what the Festival is all about. This year Gardai will be fully enforcing use of the Local Authority Bye Laws to combat this. Persons attending the Festival should note that the penalty for drinking alcohol in public in accordance with the Local Authority Bye Laws is a fine of €120.

We appeal to all persons attending the Festival to make this an enjoyable and successful day and to co-operate with Gardai, Stewards and Event Staff.