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Introduction

Introduction

Once again it is my pleasure to welcome you to our annual student publication *Dublin Lives*. The *Coolock/Darndale Adult Literacy Service* is part of the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETB) Adult Education Service. The work of the service is expanding annually as we strive to meet the changing needs of the communities we serve. During this academic year we provided a wide range of learning options from fourteen Centres throughout the greater Coolock/Darndale area. *Dublin Lives 2014* is a compilation of writings from various Centres and it is a celebration of our work.

I thank all of the students and tutors who contributed to this publication. I want to acknowledge your hard work, enthusiasm and dedication, it is very much appreciated. To return to learning is a major decision for many adults and requires courage and determination. The *Coolock/Darndale Adult Literacy Service* aims to provide a supportive, adult friendly learning environment, leading to a positive learning experience for all who engage with us. I sincerely hope this has been your experience. It is the combined contribution of all persons involved, which makes the service the success that it is today. It has been a privilege to work with you all during the year and I thank you for the opportunity.

On your behalf I want to formally acknowledge the continued support of Mary Hickie, Principal of Coláiste Dhúlaigh, College of Further Education and the Management Team. I thank you for taking an interest in our work. I would also like to acknowledge the support of Celia Rafferty, Adult Education Officer for the area.

I want to thank Rosaleen Peelo for her hard work and determination in bringing *Dublin Lives 2014* to fruition. I thank those who helped proof-read, copy and bind the writings, as this year our book was entirely an 'in-house' production. *Dublin Lives 2014* will be a useful resource for those involved in the CDETB Adult Education Service.

Pat Ayton

Adult Literacy Organiser Coolock/Darndale

A Walk on Dollymount Strand

I got up early one morning and being a nice morning I decided to go for a walk. I had not been to the Bull Wall for some time it was warm and sunny so that's where I headed. I drove down to the Causeway and parked my car and set out on my walk. When I got to the beach it was empty, not a soul to be seen, it was beautiful. The tide was in; I walked out to the water's edge. Which way should I walk, towards the Dublin side or towards the Sutton end? I walked down towards Sutton. The beach stretched way out in front of me, not a footprint on it.

Out at sea, I could see a few ships coming into the harbour. The sea was very calm; I walked by the edge of the sea looking at all the stuff that was washed up with the tide. Lovely little shells, lumps of sea weed with small crabs hiding from the gulls who were screaming overhead always looking for something to eat. I stopped for a few minutes just to have a look at the wonderful scene all around me, the sea with small waves breaking on the beach, Howth Head looking beautiful in the morning sun and the grass on the sand dunes. Looking back at the city with the mountains in the background, what a wonderful place this is and just a few miles from the heart of the city. The sun was getting warmer and I had a bit to go to the end of the beach. It looked like I could walk on to Howth but I knew I could not do this; I could not walk across water.

Getting to the end of the beach I looked back and I could see my footprints in the sand but there was no one else to be seen. The only thing I could see was a hare running away. I sat down and had a drink of water I could hear the skylark way up in the sky but I could not see him. It was time to walk back to the car.

Noel Green

Questions A Walk on Dollymount Strand

At what time of day did the writer go for a walk?

Which direction did he walk towards?

Name two things that were washed up with the tide

Why could the writer not walk to Howth?

What did the writer see running away?

Robin

It was just gorgeous; I thought it was so beautiful! It was the first time I had seen a robin in my garden. I had seen lots of other birds, yes, but this was the first time a robin had come to visit me. It made me so happy!

I always liked feeding the birds, giving them left-overs and nuts but the robin had to get something special. I went into the house to make tea for myself, I fancied some toast. A bit of strawberry jam would be nice I said to myself and maybe robin would like some too and he did. He enjoyed it so much he brought his girlfriend with him the next day and every day after that until I moved house. The two of them were regular visitors. I miss them and I think about them often and wish that I could share my toast and strawberry jam with them again. I wonder where they are now!

Rose Curley



Word search

Robin

Robin

G S U Q A K H R R V E Q O X X
Z Y D I Q O E O H A P P Y O T
K Z L K U Q B X X I B G F H S
B O Z S S I G U L A S N Z G A
F R E D N O W K C A R C O Z O
S E A J Y Y A U R E Z R S P T
P W Z T Y J U L G D G S T H Y
I F U N Q L Y U A E K I N A K
H Y W K W F L G O R S A U F B
S P E C I A L U F I T U A E B
V I G M R L S V V G G I A T Q
F B A W N E D R A G P Q M R N
H O Q I W B T J A E O V O O Z
K P L Z Y B H I X N U K V J P
X J D K X V B R D F C Y S T T

GORGEOUS
BEAUTIFUL
ROBIN
GARDEN
VISIT
HAPPY
SPECIAL
TOAST
HOUSE
WONDER
REGULAR

The Wedding

On returning from leaving my grandson to school, I could see that the postman had arrived. "More bills", I said. I opened the mail box and took out the post. I could see a fancy envelope in the middle of the mail. I rushed in and I opened the envelope. I felt excited about what was going to be inside. It was a wedding invitation from my nephew, Keith and his fiancée, an Indian girl called Jaina. The wedding was going to be in Liverpool. I thought it would be exciting to attend such a different occasion. I accepted it straight away.

I went off into town with my daughter, Louise, to look for a wedding outfit. I hoped to find something really special. However, that was not the case. We walked our feet off for half of the morning. "Let's have some lunch and start with fresh feet," I said. After lunch we felt re-charged. We went into Marks and Spencer's and that's where I saw the dress that I really liked. I tried it on, I looked and felt fantastic. My daughter said, "Wow!" Then we saw shoes and a bag that matched perfectly. I bought them. I said, "We can go home now". I felt thrilled with what I had got and the day that I had with Louise.

When we got home I went on the internet to book plane tickets for myself and John, my husband. I was taken aback by the price of them. The cost of two tickets was four hundred and ten euro. Plus, we would have to pay two hundred and twenty pounds for the hotel. On top of that we would have to make up our spending money.

I did my sums and the cost of the wedding grew out of all proportion. I knew it reached the point that it looked like I would not be able to go. I talked to my daughter about what to do. She said, "Mam that sounds very extravagant. If it was up to me I wouldn't go". I knew that she was right. I was disappointed because I was so looking forward to the occasion and to wearing my new outfit. I told my sister that I could not go. She was also very disappointed but with a slip of the tongue she told me that her daughter, Claire, would be getting married in June. The invitation was in the post. I was delighted.

Keith and Jaina's wedding is over now. I've seen the photos on Facebook and they look fantastic. I'm really happy that everyone had a great time. I'm over my disappointment. Now I can move on and really look forward to the next family wedding. I can sit back and relax because I have my outfit. I'm good to go.

Josephine Lynch

Comprehension The Wedding

What was inside the envelope Josephine opened?

Name the shop that Josephine got her dress in

Who went shopping with her?

What was the cost of the plane tickets?

Words within Words Invitation

The following list of words are created from the word **ENVELOPE**
See how many words you can make from the word **Invitation**

<u>Envelope</u>	<u>Invitation</u>
1. Eleven	_____
2. Novel	_____
3. Elope	_____
4. Peel	_____
5. Oven	_____
6. Even	_____
7. Pole	_____
8. Noel	_____
9. Open	_____
10. Love	_____
11. Lone	_____
12. One	_____
13. Pen	_____
14. Eve	_____
15. Eel	_____
16. No	_____
17. On	_____

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Words within Words

Fitzpatrick

Colaiste Dhulaigh

Fitzpatrick

Colaiste Dhulaigh

Handwriting practice lines for the word 'Fitzpatrick'.

Handwriting practice lines for the word 'Colaiste Dhulaigh'.

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Memories

I can clearly remember wash day every Monday. My mother would be up to her elbows in hot soapy water. The washboard was set deep in the tub and she would scrub and rub the clothes against it with all her strength – no washing machines in those days! Beside her stood the large bar of Sunlight soap, the box of Robin starch and the little ball of blue to whiten the clothes. You may ask, why the starch and the blue? This was wrapped in a tiny blue cloth. The starch was used after the final rinse to stiffen the collars of my father's shirts. My job during the summer holidays was to help carry the huge tub of hot soapy water to the back garden to empty it down the drain, but before doing this my mother would add a large amount of Jeyes Fluid to disinfect the drains.

The next stage was the rinsing and putting the clothes through the mangle. What a job! Of course all this work called for endless kettles of boiling water. This was very difficult as during the war years 1939 to 1945, gas was rationed and my mother used every trick in the book to dodge the dreaded glimmer man! The best part was helping my mother to hang the washing on the line. It had to be hung against the breeze for maximum drying. I can still see my mother standing with pride admiring the line of washing blowing in the breeze. When the washing was dried and aired she would start the ironing – a job she hated but did it so well so that we would look like new pins setting off to Sunday Mass.

Teddy O'Driscoll



Wordsearch

Memories

E F H E E P U P O B N S B V F
Y S Y G G S L Q E U E Q R V R
R D K N N C X W F Z F O E C E
S E Q I Z R R E U Y F F E N M
D N F N S U L L M C I O Z E E
R O K O T B J G O W T F E U M
A I V R A C E N K I S L O O B
I T C I R O K A J O H M S J E
N A P E C E H M A X E E A B R
F R Q P H T L P N N R D P M G
J S A W O Z Y B I O E I G K M
C B H L V L O H O P H R H V W
X N C A Z S C D G W T P U C Y
Y G Q B F A T Q R F O F F S E
O J K B M G D T M O M V E B R

REMEMBER
MOTHER
ELBOW
SOAPY
SCRUB
MACHINE
STARCH
CLOTH
STIFFEN
DRAIN
MANGLE
RATIONED
BREEZE
PRIDE
IRONING

My Holidays

I went to Lanzarote with my girlfriend and a few of our friends.

My dad brought me to meet my girlfriend and my friends at the airport. We checked in our bags then we went for something to eat. We got on the plane at 12 in the afternoon. It took 4 hours to get there.

We collected our bags and got a taxi to the apartment where we checked in. We found out that they had given the apartment we had booked to someone else. I said I wanted to see the manager. The manager came out and said he would get it sorted out.

We got sorted and left our bags in. We went down to the pool for a swim. Then back to the apartment to get ready to go out for something to eat and for a few drinks. One of my friends got really drunk, the girlfriends weren't very happy with us.

We went on a boat trip, it was a nice day. We stopped after 2 hours at dark caves and went for a swim in the sea. We jumped off the side of the boat into the sea. Later we went back to the apartments for a sleep. The girls went shopping and the lads went for another swim. We meet up with the girls and told them we were going for something to eat and a few games of pool.

Conor

Worksheet My Holidays

Cloze Exercise

I _____ to Lanzarote with my friends.

My dad _____ me to meet my girlfriend and my -
_____ at the airport.

We _____ our bags and got a _____ to the apartment
where we _____ in.

The _____ came out and said he _____ get it sorted
out. We went _____ to the _____ for a swim

We - _____ off the side of the _____ into
the sea.

Put the following words into sentences:

Airport

Apartment

Manager

My Story

My story is about Mayo and my holiday there.

Eleven of my family went down in 3 cars. We stayed in a hotel with my brother and my mam. It was called The Westport Woods Hotel. It was a very nice hotel because it had a swimming pool.

On Wednesday we drove off to Croagh Patrick, the mountain. We climbed up the mountain up to the top and there was a little chapel on top. It was 762 ft. high. When I was up at the very top and looked down it was like a little jigsaw.

On Thursday we went to the beach and the weather was very good, the sun was shining. I was watching my brothers Jimmy and Terry and my 4 nieces, Aoife, Ciara, Louise and Sophie, surfing in the sea. They had wetsuits on. I got too close to the water and got my runners and socks drenched.

Friday morning I watched my nieces swimming in the hotel swimming pool. We were going home through the town and we stopped at the shops. My mam and I went off shopping on our own and I bought two tops. I really enjoyed my holiday in Mayo.



This way to Mayo

Michelle Rogers

Nigeria

Nigeria is a country in West Africa. The size and the area of Nigeria are 356,699 sq. miles or 923,763 sq. km. The population is 168 million.

We have 36 states in Nigeria. Lagos was the capital city until 12th December 1991. Now Abuja is the new capital city. Most of the people live in the cities. It is roughly divided in half between Christians who mostly live in the south and central parts of the country, and Muslims who live mostly in the north.

Because Nigeria is near the equator there are only two seasons, the rainy season and the dry season. The temperature is 35° every day. The most popular sport is soccer football. We also follow the English Premier league.

The biggest difference between Nigeria and Ireland is the weather.

I miss my family in Nigeria but I have my own family here too.

I like living in Ireland because the people are friendly.

Emmanuel



Worksheet Nigeria

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I _____ living in Ireland _____ the people are friendly.

Cloze Exercise

Insert the missing words.

Missing Words for passage above

Like	because	miss	biggest
are	have	weather	temperature
north	follow	near	population

How my Working Days Changed

Castle Industries changed from being a factory about 2008/2009. The workers had to get alternative work or study. While the new arrangements were being made, I started with the reading and writing programme. Before that I made jigsaws most days. Gradually more classes and projects were introduced to the service users. I became interested in the new allotment project.

A Supervisor called Juliane encouragement me to take an active part in the project. At the beginning Margaret took us out to the site and encouraged us to participate. We were looking at the space we had to work on. When we decided what to plant the real work began. Juliane bought seeds and plants and the growing season began. Later we worked on digging the raised beds. This is one of the gardening terms we use. It means that the soil is enclosed in a space with timber and it is roughly the size of a bed.

We planted some crops in the first year. Cabbage, lettuce, beetroot and radishes were our first plants and were very tasty. The next year we were more adventurous, there were tomatoes, onions, beans, turnips, potatoes and strawberries. There is a polytunnel at the allotments so we can start growing more delicate plants

During that year I attended a general gardening class in Target in Donaghmede. This was about functional gardening and how it should progress. I joined Coolock library and began studying for FETAC Communications Level 3.

The classes were held in Castle Industries and we did maps of the local area and some basic maths. I did recordings of my involvement with the allotment project and an interview, two years later I received a certificate for FETAC Level 3 in Colaiste Dhulaigh. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the event. Later my FETAC Certificate was given to me in Castle Industries.

With Juliane, our supervisor, I took part in Advocacy. We had our grievances about pay cuts put in writing and heard by our local T.D. At the Dublin Institute of Technology in Mountjoy Square, I did a course in Advocacy of Leadership. I was awarded a Certificate at Graduation on 22nd November 2013. My family accompanied me when I received my Certificate. This was much different than working within the factory.

I joined the gym in Parnell GAA club. I do weights and treadmill which I find very interesting and I go swimming once a week. Now I hope to continue with my studies and my exercise programme.

Without the encouragement of the staff of Castle Industries (Julie and Caoimhe) in particular, I would be doing jigsaws and just sitting around all day.

John M.

Worksheet How my working days changed
Dictionary Work

Look up the meaning of the following words and put them into sentences

E.G.

Alternative Meaning (of one or more things) available as another possibility or choice.

Sentence The alternative to going abroad on holidays is to stay at home

Programme

Meaning:

Sentence:

Project

Meaning:

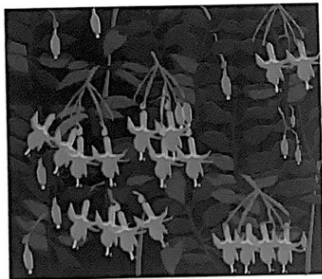
Sentence:

Gardening

I enjoy gardening and have a fairly big garden. I try to have some colour all year round but this can be hard to achieve. I love roses and have 27 in the garden, but the rose thorns and I are not good friends!!!

I am a member of Dublin 5 Horticultural Society and support their shows and exhibit at some of the local Horticultural Society shows with a little bit of success.

I am also a member of the Irish Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society. Most of the members exhibit at the annual show in St. Anne's Park each July and we have a fantastic array of colour and plants and it is open to the public free of charge.



Angela Cassidy

Word Search

Gardening

P U T H O R N S V C X Y E F W
I J Z K H Y Q B M X V S G K Q
F W T L S R U L I I R Q R H C
M Y J I P Z K U O E Z T A R O
Y J G S R F U R B V N R H A L
Q G N C U P C M Q E D O C N O
U A U H U P E O L I Z S F N U
A R N S Q M P Q O H D E H U R
H D V W Z C X O I C C S R A Z
D E R Z Q D M Y R A C D B L M
K N P L N H Y Z E T F N W N I
R E U D V T O H E L S E P Y L
R A Y O I P Y E O B J I M U L
D I A A R L A C O L G R S M I
C O M M Z Q J N G A Y F Z H E

FRIENDS
SUPPORT
LOCAL
ACHIEVE
ROSES
THORNS
MEMBERS
ANNUAL
CHARGE
GARDEN
COLOUR
ROUND

Words may be found in any direction