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# Lions Clubs of Ireland Newsletter #55

people from Syria and other Middle East countries. Education is provided for children, but the Syrian curriculum is not offered, making it difficult for children to eventually be repatriated.

The cost of running the Safe Centre is \$125,000 per annum and District 133 plans to contribute \$25,000 per annum, equivalent to around €10 per year for each Lion in the District.

## Dundalk Lions on Community Radio

Dundalk Lions Club runs a weekly one hour radio programme on Thursday nights on Dundalk FM Community Radio between 8 and 9pm. The show is called *Dundalk Lions at your service* and the main theme of the programme as is to be of service to the people of Dundalk and surrounding area.



On the show Lions read extracts from local newspapers about what's happening in Dundalk for people who are visually

impaired in the community and this is on top of a CD recording of the papers which is sent out each week to help people who are outside the range of the community radio transmission.

The first part of the show features the papers and some music and the second half hour includes interviews with local groups such as SOSAD, Women's Aid, Men's Sheds and others. A programme aired on 11<sup>th</sup> of October was a special on WORLD SIGHT DAY 2018 which is held on the second Thursday of October each year. The show consisted of an interview with Lion David Larkin, who has a visual impairment and with two visually impaired people from Dundalk, Maureen Madden and Pat Kelly, who are deeply involved on all aspects of improving the standards for the blind and visually impaired people not only in Dundalk but nationwide.

Some of the interviews are also put up on Facebook (Dundalk Lions) and on Soundcloud (Dundalk Lions). The radio programme has been on air each week for over three years.

Lion President John Hennessy would like to thank all involved in the radio show and CD recording facility namely Lion Hugh McKitterick, Lion David Larkin, Lion Pat Byrne, Lion Catherine Doherty and Lion Edel O Connell.

Picture shows from L/R Hugh McKitterick, President John Hennessy, Pat Byrne, Pat Kelly, Maureen Madden and David Larkin.