



Membership Information/Newsletter – Nov/ Dec 2016 Vol 7

Please circulate this email to other members of your groups

Fingal Public Participation Network or Fingal PPN is the framework for Public Engagement and Participation with Fingal County Council – it is an important mechanism for having your voice heard and influencing Policy. – Do you want more information – send me an email to ppn@fingal.ie and we will get back to you!

Don't forget if your group/organisation would like to include info in our next Newsletter – please email the information to ppn@fingal.ie no later than 10am on January 13th – articles to be no more than 70 words!

UPDATES FROM YOUR PPN

Fingal PPN Secretariat, would like to extend best wishes to you and your community group this Christmas 2016, and wish you happiness and hope in the coming New Year.

Thank you for your on going support and participation with Fingal PPN over the past year

Check out the Fingal PPN Activity Report <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2016-Nov-FPPN-REPORT-Activity-Report.pdf>

Fingal PPN Plenary

The Fingal PPN Plenary was held last Wednesday evening, 30th November in the Carlton Hotel, Santry with 61 people attended across 55 Community groups. The event was very positive with the Fingal PPN secretariat managing the meeting and an active Q & A Session.

For more information, click here <http://fingalppn.ie/fingal-ppn-plenary-update-nov-30th/>

PPN Membership Survey – please consider complete this survey!!!!

University of Limerick (UL) in partnership with Community Work Ireland (CWI) are carrying out research on PPNs. It is being carried out by Dr. Chris McInerney and Cian Finn, from the UL Department of Politics and Public Administration. The primary purpose of this research is to explore experiences of participating in the PPN to date. The research seeks to learn how organisation and others have engaged with the process; how they have found the national guidelines; what are the different ways to engage with the PPN and how to assess the effectiveness and nature of participation in local decision making. To participate in the survey click here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPNResearch>

Fingal PPN Representatives Reporting

Fingal PPN Representatives now have the facility to write and post their reports on www.fingalppn.ie.

This facility is very important as is supporting Representatives to fulfil their responsibilities to represent the view of PPN member and feeding back information from committees

Find out what is being discussed at Linkage Group Meetings.....

Fingal PPN Representatives Report 2016 <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Fingal-PPN-Representatives-Report-2016.pdf>

Fingal PPN Autumn Training Programme

Charities Act and Governance Training

Fingal PPN organised Charities Act and Governance training for member groups on Wednesday 16th November in Fingal County Council Offices County Hall Swords. The session was delivered by Derek O Reilly, Carmichael Centre for Voluntary Groups and was attended by 14 groups across the county For more information and to view presentations from the session, click here

<http://fingalppn.ie/charities-act-governance-training/>

Fundraising for Community Groups

Fundraising for Community Groups training was run in conjunction with the Fingal PPN Plenary on Wednesday 30th November. Over 55 groups were in attendance to receive the extensive knowledge and advice delivered by Evelyn Fitzpatrick, Carmichael Centre for Voluntary Groups

For more information and to view presentations from the session, click here

<http://fingalppn.ie/fundraising-for-community-groups/>

Vacancies for PPN Representative Positions

There are still some vacant positions for PPN Representatives on various committees. For more information on the following positions view <http://fingalppn.ie/call-for-nominations/>

As follows:

Joint Policing Committee – 1 Vacant Position – Community/Voluntary

Housing SPC – 2 vacant Position – Environment , Social Inclusion

Economic and Enterprise Development SPC – 1 vacant position – Environment

Arts/Culture and Community SPC - 1 vacant Position – Social Inclusion

If you are interested in taking up one of the above positions – let me know

ppn@fingal.ie (filling these positions may necessitate an election)

AWARDS, TRAINING & INFORMATION SEMINARS

2017 Fingal PPN Information & Training Programme

After a successful Autumn Training programme, Fingal PPN is designing the 2017 Information & training programme and we would like to hear from you and your group. Please complete the following online form to let us know what information and training you would like to receive in 2017

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017TrainingAudit>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Fingal County Council Activities Funding

Fingal County Council Community Culture and Sports Division have a small budget to support Community and Voluntary Groups Activities in Fingal. For further information contact the Community Development Office 018905080 or Email community@fingal.ie or click

<http://www.fingal.ie/community-and-leisure/grants-and-funding/>

Dublin Rural LEADER Funding Opportunities – 16th January 2017 Closing Date

Please find detailed below information on Dublin Rural LEADER Funding

(1) Community Training, Animation and Capacity Building Programme to support vibrant towns in Rural Dublin

(2) Support for small scale product development interpretation and marketing of Rural Dublins Unique Heritage & Cultural Attractions to maximise potential arising from Failte Irelands – Dublin, 'A Breath of Fresh Air' Initiative'

Closing date: Expressions of Interest : 16th January 2017

Contact: Phil Moore PMoore@fingalleaderpartnership.ie 01 807 7680

Newly Launched - Rights of the Child: Two calls for Proposals Open

Call 1: Capacity-building on rights of the child and child protection for children in migration, focusing on guardianship and foster care for unaccompanied children:

Deadline: 13 December 2016

Call 2: TOPIC : To support integrated and multidisciplinary child-centred approaches to child victims of violence

Deadline: 13th December 2016

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rdap-child-ag-2016.html>

EVENTS IN FINGAL

Swords Castle Christmas Market

Irish Village Markets are bringing festive magic to Swords, Co Dublin. The Castle will be transformed into a winter wonderland with snow machines and festive lighting, providing an authentic Christmas experience. Our team of merry elves are preparing the wooden chalets that will offer the best Christmas gifts for one and all.

This two-day event takes place this Christmas on 17th & 18th December from 12noon – 9pm.

For further information please see:

<http://irishvillagemarkets.ie/swords-castle-christmas-market/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/216282885478554/>

<https://twitter.com/LunchtimeMarket>

International Winter Celebration – Balbriggan Integration Forum

Balbriggan Integration Forum would like to invite you to attend and participate in the International Winter Celebration organised by the Balbriggan Integration Forum "Bring your Christmas to Balbriggan" which is being held on Sunday 11th December 2016 in the Balbriggan Combined Clubs from 4pm to 8pm.

<http://fingalppn.ie/meeting/1221/>

Blanchardstown Brass Bands upcoming Christmas Events

The following are details of the Blanchardstown Brass Bands upcoming Christmas gigs, most in aid of Charity or with local communities. Please come along and support.

Sun 11th Dec – Blanchardstown Centre 3-5pm (In aid of St Michaels House Kilbarrick Centre)

Tue 13th Dec – Pavilion's Swords 7-9pm (In aid of Rolestown St Vincent de Paul)

Sun 18th Dec – Blanchardstown Centre 4-6pm (In aid of Blanchardstown First Responders)

Tue 20th Dec – St Patricks Church, Corduff 7pm

INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY

The following is an information section which we intend to feature every month - if your group/organisation would like to include info in our next Newsletter – please email the information to ppn@fingal.ie no later than 10am on November 21st 2016 – articles to be no more than 70 words

Our Communities: A Framework Policy for Local and Community Development

Checkout the *Community Workers Ireland* feedback on the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government, National Forum on Local & Community Development held on November 23rd in the The Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin 8 (9am to 4.30). The Forum was the first opportunity for many to engage with the Department.

<http://fingalppn.ie/update-from-the-forum-on-local-and-community-development/>

Fingal County Council – inviting expressions of interest from local groups to use the Atrium in the Council’s County Hall Swords

Fingal County Council is inviting expressions of interest from Community Groups, Drama Groups, Arts Groups and Artists and who would like to use the Atrium in the Council’s headquarters -County Hall, Swords – for performances, exhibitions, presentations, gatherings and award ceremonies.

This initial call is only to establish if there is an interest amongst groups for using this Atrium space.

Please email Janette.scott@fingal.ie if your group is interested by **Wednesday 14th December 2016**.

Local Authority Water & Communities Office – information on what we do!

The Local Authority Waters and Communities Office was set up in March 2016 to promote and facilitate greater public participation in the management of our natural waters. The natural waters of Ireland are an integral part of our heritage and include depending on where we live or work, rivers, lakes, estuaries, coastal and groundwaters. Click here for additional information on natural waters and also on the Waters and Communities Office

<http://fingalppn.ie/local-authority-water-communities-office-information-on-what-we-do/>

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2017 in Fingal – Message from Coiste na Gaeilge, Fine Gall

Are you organising an event for Seachtain na Gaeilge 2017 in Fingal?

There were a large number of events in the area in 2016 during Seachtain na Gaeilge and we want to build on this next year. Have you any thoughts or plans for your group. If you do please remember to check out www.snag.ie for advice and to register your event.

Fingal County Council will be putting together it’s own programme for Seachtain na Gaeilge. If you would like your event to be included in this please contact Coiste na Gaeilge, Fine Gall at eolas@fingal.ie or ring Bernie Kelly Irish Officer at 8905369 before 20th January 2017. Má theastaíonn uaihb bhur n-ócaíd a bheith san áireamh sa chlár sin téigh i dteagmháil leis an gCoiste Gaeilge ag eolas@fingal.ie nó glaoigh ar Bernie Kelly, Oifigeach Gaeilge ag 8905369 roimh 20 Eanáir 2017.

HAVE YOUR SAY

To view all consultations and make a submission – click onto Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal – <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>

Proposed Traffic Calming Measures - Kilhedge Lane and Dun Emer Ave, Lusk, Co. Dublin
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-traffic-calming-measures-kilhedge-lane-and-dun-emer-ave-lusk-co-dublin>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

What do you think?????

We would love to hear from you – was the information in this Newsletter relevant to you and your group? – was there something missing? – do you have suggestions on what information needs to be included? – please let me know if you have ideas/opinions/suggestions etc. so between us we can improve communication and make it more valuable and relevant! ppn@fingal.ie