

Fingal PPN
Membership Information/Newsletter – Jan 2017 Vol 8

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 February 17th – articles to be no more than 70 words!

UPDATES FROM YOUR PPN

Dates for your PPN Diary

Upcoming meetings in February for PPN Members

- **February 7th** Planning Linkage Group, 7pm, FCC Offices County Hall Swords
- **March 7th** Transport Linkage Group & Economic Linkage Group (combined), 7pm, FCC Offices County Hall, Swords
- **March 14th** Arts Culture Heritage & Community Linkage Group, 7pm, FCC Offices, County Hall Swords

Fingal PPN Representatives Reporting

Check out the End of Year Fingal PPN Representative Report <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Fingal-PPN-Representatives-Report-2016.pdf>

Find out what is being discussed at Linkage Group Meetings and reported by FPPN Representatives. Recent uploads include

- Dec Arts Heritage Culture & Community Linkage Group
- Dec FPPN Representatives Report from the Arts Heritage Culture & Community SPC
- Dec FPPN Representatives Report from Joint Policing Committee
- Nov Housing Linkage Group

Please click here <http://fingalppn.ie/fingal-ppn-representative-reports/>

(The writing and posting of PPN reports on www.fingalppn.ie is very important as it assists Fingal PPN Representatives to fulfil their responsibilities to represent the view of PPN member and feed back information from committees)

Fingal PPN Spring Training Programme

Following on from our successful 2016 Autumn Training Programme, Fingal PPN are arranging Training in the following areas over the coming months

- * Social Media for Community Groups
- * Fingal County Council Library Development Plan- Consultation Evening
- * LEADER & Clann Credo Business and Community Funding Supports
- * Fingal Development Plan – Information Awareness Evening
- * Fingal PPN Plenary & Promoting Your Community Group Training
- * Communication for Community Groups
- * All courses are free and available to all our PPN member groups. For more information and to register your interest, please click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpringEvent17>

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:

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 Sports Capital Programme – Workshops on How to Make an Application – Added Date: 14th Feb

Extra date added:: Due to high demand, the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports have added an extra Dublin Date

Date: February 14th, 7 to 9pm

Location: Aviva Stadium, Lansdowne Road

To book, please click <http://fingalppn.ie/2017-sports-capital-programme-workshops-on-how-to-make-an-application-8th-feb/>

LEADER & Clann Credo Business and Community Funding Supports

Free Evening Event on LEADER and Clann Credo Business and Community Funding Supports:

Dublin Rural LEADER in association with the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) and Clann Credo are coming together to host a unique information session in Swords on LEADER business grant aid and matching funding opportunities (Clann Credo) for promoters, individuals, start-up's, community groups and medium sized businesses.

This event, which includes a short briefing of the progress of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN), includes an update on the newly launched Dublin Rural Leader Programme as well as a key note address from Clann Credo who recently launched a new €25 Million Community Fund. This event will also include practical tips on how to access these funds and short case studies.

County Hall Swords on Wed 8th March 2017. 6-9pm

Safer Blanchardstown www.saferblanchardstown.com

Safer Blanchardstown are at present redesigning their website and should be back up on line on February 1st when people will be able to access some helpful and useful information on a wide range of community related issues. For example they will have an online version of the Community Safety & Information Booklet and downloadable Community Safety Related research reports. In addition they are revamping the online Bike Registration where people can (and are encouraged to) register their bicycles by uploading a photo, description, serial number of bicycle and contact details. This data base is accessible by Gardaí and should a person's bicycle be stolen and recovered then it can be more easily returned to them. Online registration is also an easy way to store evidence of your ownership of a bicycle and may be used to produce evidence of ownership for insurance purposes.

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/>

Sports Capital Programme Funding – Register before Friday 10th Feb

The Sports Capital Programme (SCP) is operated by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and provides grants to assist in the development or refurbishment of sports facilities and the provision of sports equipment.

Grants are available to sports clubs, voluntary and community groups, national governing bodies of sport and local authorities. Third level colleges, Education and Training Boards (ETBs) and schools may only apply for funding jointly with sports clubs or organisations.

Closing date 24th February

More Information <http://fingalppn.ie/sports-capital-programme-funding-register-before-friday-10th-feb/>

St Stephen's Green Trust: General Grant Programme Now Open

SSGT General Grant Programme now open – deadline Thurs 9th February 2016

The SSGT General Grants Programme will focus on applications seeking to work in the following three areas: prisoners/ex-prisoners; male Travellers and homelessness. Grant criteria are specific and detailed so please read the guidelines carefully. If your application doesn't fit within these areas it is unlikely we can fund it due to demand. Please also note the restriction around organisational income limits detailed in our criteria.

More information and an application form is available on www.ssgt.ie or contact the Trust at info@ssgt.ie or telephone (045) 480 666

Closing date: 09/02/17

EVENTS IN FINGAL

The Promise Musical

Connolly Hospital presents, The Promise Musical Drama in aid of Blanchardstown hospital society-fund on 3rd and 4th March 2017, 8pm in The Academic Centre Gleeson Auditorium James Connolly Memorial Hospital Campus Blanchardstown .Ticket price: €20 Senior citizens and active retirement €18. Free car parking. Tickets can be ordered from promisemusical@gmail.com or Phone Paul @ 0872892056

Castlelands Community Centre Launch

The official launch of Castleland Community Centre, Balbriggan is taking place on Thursday 9th Feb, 11am by Mayor of Fingal Councillor Darragh Butler. Please RSVP by 27th January info@castlelandcc.ie

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 February 17th 2017 – articles to be no more than 70 words

St Patricks Day Parade – Invite Applications for Groups to Participate in the Parade

The Blanchardstown and Swords St. Patrick's Day Parades are taking place on Friday 17th March 2017. Fingal County Councils Events Unit are now inviting applications for groups/organisations to participate again this year. The theme for 2017 is "Celtic Creatures" so please feel free to theme your float/act around this. In 2017 they hope to make the parade bigger, louder and better than previous years. The parades will take the same routes through Swords and Blanchardstown as they have in previous years. More information <http://fingalppn.ie/st-patricks-day-2017-fingal-county-council-invite-applications-for-groups-to-participate/>

For all queries and applications related to the Blanchardstown parade please contact fiona.oreilly@fingal.ie.

For all queries and applications related to the Swords parade please contact adrian.mooney@fingal.ie.

All Applications to be submitted before 23rd February 2017

Free Assessment for Young People with possible Autism and or ADD/ADHD

Please see information about free assessments for young people with possible Autism and or ADD/ADHD through Friends of Autism/ADHD. Please circulate among your contacts.

All enquiries regarding these assessments can be made by contacting Bernie Hagan or Sonya Mc Garry on 01-8495670, or by email to bernie@adhd.ie or adhdfingal@gmail.com. Assessments will take place May 2017 in Skerries

Funding for Gender Equality and Migrant Integration announced by Tánaiste and Minister Stanton

€13 million allocated to 43 projects across the country

Grants totalling €13 million to promote gender equality and to help the integration of migrants were announced by Ms. Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality and Mr. David Stanton, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality with responsibility for Integration, Immigration and Equality.

For more information click here <http://fingalppn.ie/funding-for-gender-equality-and-migrant-integration/>

HAVE YOUR SAY

Consultation is an opportunity for the public and organisations to make inputs into matters affecting them. Its main goals are to improve the efficiency, transparency and public involvement in large-scale projects or laws and policies. Fingal PPN encourages all community groups to participate in Local and National Consultation. Please find detailed below current consultations looking for your input!!!!

Fingal County Council online consultation

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

*Proposed Part VIII - Mayne Road/Hole In The Wall Road Junction Upgrade 09-03-17

*Proposed Part VIII - Snugborough Interchange Upgrade 23-02-17

*Proposed New Housing Development at Rathbeale Road, Swords, Co. Dublin 02-02-17

SICAP 2 Consultation Survey – Closing Date 15th Feb 2017

The current Social Inclusion Community Programme (SICAP) is due to complete at the end of 2017.

A survey for national and local stakeholders has been designed to gather initial feedback on the development of 'SICAP 2'. This feedback will provide the basis for more in-depth discussions at regional consultations and focus groups later in the year. Registered members of Fingal PPN, have been invited to contribute to this survey <http://fingalppn.ie/sicap2-consultation-survey-closing-date-15th-feb-2017/>

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