



Membership Information/Newsletter

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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!

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UPDATES FROM YOUR PPN

Topline Dates for your PPN Diary

- o 5th October 7pm to 9.30pm, Balbriggan Town Hall:

Organise your Community Event & Funding Training

The 'Organising your Community Event session' will give you the skills to plan and manage an event, cover the importance of budgeting and promoting, and explore good practices when organising an event – safety insurance, regulation and permissions. This training is delivered in partnership with Institute of Technology Blanchardstown.

- o 22nd October 10.00 to 4.00 pm, Institute Technology Blanchardstown

Understanding Local Government & How to Influence Policy Training

Understanding Local Government, will cover the role of FCC & services it delivers, role of elected officials & Mayor, how it is funded, importance of Fingal Development Plan, how FCC Makes decisions and the bodies that shape FCC policies & decisions,

Influencing Policy, will give you an understanding of policy development in Local Government and the influence of National policy on local policy, identify the key social analysis questions to ask when preparing to influence policy, explore the building blocks of influencing policy and identify personal skills for influencing policy. This training is delivered in partnership with Fingal County Council Corporate Services and Social Justice Ireland

- o 16th November 7pm- 9.30pm, Fingal County Council Offices, Swords

Charities Act & Governance Training

This is a tailor made practical training course for members of Fingal PPN on Complying with the Charities Regulator, the Governance Code and good governance practices. This training is delivered in partnership with the Carmichael Centre

For more information or to confirm your attendance please click here

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

Fingal PPN Launch

Fingal PPN, the website and Autumn Training Programme was launched on Wednesday 21st September. Speakers on the night included Paul Reid Chief Executive of Fingal County Council , Alan Connolly Chairperson of Coolmine Theraputice Centre, Kieran O Neill and Maria Tormey, Fingal PPN Secretariat. Over 70 people attended the launch across various voluntary community groups. For more information and pictures on the night. Please visit www.fingalppn.ie

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

Planning <http://fingalppn.ie/planning-strategic-infrastructure/>
Community Safety <http://fingalppn.ie/jpc/>
Water & Environment <http://fingalppn.ie/water-environment/>
Economic Development Enterprise and Tourism <http://fingalppn.ie/economic-enterprise-tourism-development/>

Contact Your PPN Representatives

To contact Your PPN Representatives about local issues, please email the following

Economic and Enterprise Development & Tourism	Okezie Emmanuel Emuaga	Contact: economic@fppn.ie
Housing	Odran Reid	Contact: housing@fppn.ie
Community Arts and Heritage	Lorcan Blake	Contact: artsheritage@fppn.ie
Water & Environment	Charles Sargent Angela O'Flynn Bury	Contact: waterenvironment@fppn.ie
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Kieran O'Neill Gregg Farrell	Contact: planning@fppn.ie
Transportation	Bob Laird Raymond Ryan	Contact: transport@fppn.ie
Community Policing	Kenneth Lindsay Myles Caulfield Jossy Akwuobi Ray Smyth Eamon Price Maria Tormey	Contact: jpc@fppn.ie
Local Community Development Committee	Máire O'Brien Alice Davis Tony Brennan Jeff Murphy Adaku Ezeudo	Contact: lcdc@fppn.ie

Vacancies for PPN Representative Positions

There are still some vacant positions for PPN Representatives on various committees
As follows:

- Joint Policing Committee – 1 Vacant Position – Community/Voluntary
- Housing SPC – 2 vacant Position – Environment, Social Inclusion
- Housing SPC – 1 vacant position – 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

Volunteer Ireland Awards 2016

Nominate a superhero volunteer today. Volunteer Ireland Awards are open for nominations. Every volunteer nominated for the awards gets a Thank You card. Deadline for nominations: 16th October 2016. Last year's Volunteer of the Year, Matt Cullen (Swords Tidy Towns) is from Fingal, this year's Volunteer of the year could be from Fingal too.

<http://www.volunteer.ie/events/volunteer-ireland-awards/2016-nominations>

Special Commendation for Volunteer Management

Additionally, if you know someone who manages volunteers, nominate them for a special commendation. The Special Commendation for Volunteer Manager of the Year honours an individual who has shown excellence in leadership and the management of volunteers in Ireland. Nominations can be made by volunteers or by an organisation.

<http://www.volunteer.ie/events/volunteer-ireland-awards/volunteer-manager-of-the-year-nomination-form-2016/>

Irish in Dublin 15

Want to engage with IRISH in Dublin 15? Fadh ar bith!! The voluntary committee of Pobal Gaeilge 15 are organising! Please feel free to register interest by return email or by texting 0860817972.

Events 2016-2017:

October-December

Beginners Irish Language Classes - get back on the capall!

Improvers Irish (depending on numbers) - fumbling to fluent!

November

Evening return Bus trip to Féile na Mí, Ráth Chairn Gaeltacht, Co. Meath on either the evening of Friday 18 November or Saturday 19 November: Musical performances, atmosphere, a Gaeltacht experience, refreshing food and drink-and a comfortable bus to take you there and back to D.15!

March

Féile Baile Átha Cliath 15 - fourth year of annual family concert featuring local performers and well known Irish speakers. Average attendance: 400!

April

Weekend in the Gaeltacht for learners and fluent speakers. Immerse yourself in Irish culture from Friday evening to Sunday morning. Details TBC.

European Day of Languages 24 September 2016

The Europe Direct Information Centre, Blanchardstown Library and the European Commission Representation in Ireland will host the European Day of Languages 2016 on the 24th of September. The event will be a Language Café offering 9 languages: Irish, French, German, Spanish and Italian as conversation and Polish, Romanian, Lithuanian and Latvian as Taster Classes. Teachers from the Ambassade de France, Gaelchultúr, Goethe Institut, Instituto Cervantes, Instituto Italiano di Cultura, Embassy of Latvia, Embassy of Lithuania, Embassy of Poland and Embassy of Romania have kindly agreed to participate. It will start at 2pm and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Business Advice Sessions

Blanchardstown Europe Direct Information Centre and the library's Business, Enterprise and Employment Support Service in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office in Fingal (LEO) are offering a series of Business Advice Sessions in Blanchardstown Library from September to December 2016.

For more information and to book an individual session go to

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Fingal/Start-or-Grow-your-Business/Business-Advice-Mentoring/Business-Advice-Clinics/Business-Advice-Clinics.html>

Start your own Business Course

Blanchardstown Library's Business, Enterprise and Employment Support Service together with LEO Fingal will hold a 10 week part-time "Start Your Own Business Course" from the end of September.

Booking is essential at www.localenterprise.ie

Developed for those who are thinking of starting a small business or those who have a business that is running less than 2 years, Fingal Local Enterprise Office is offering a Start Your Own Business Course to be held in Blanchardstown Library from early June 2016. This is a 10 week, part-time course consisting of a series of workshops designed to give an excellent foundation for starting a new business. The course explores the key areas of - Business Planning, Sales and Marketing, Finance and Accounts and Legal Issues.

Soapbox competition

The annual Blanchardstown Europe Direct Information Centre soapbox competition will take place in Blanchardstown Library on Monday 10th October @ 6.30pm. The theme this year is "The EU - United in Diversity" and is open to entrants who are 18 years or under or those who are 19 years and over. Winners in both categories will receive an iPad sponsored by the EU Commission with runner up prizes sponsored by Europe Direct Information Centre in Blanchardstown.

As capacity is limited there is a limit of 25 entrants for both age categories. Therefore this will be on a first come, first served basis i.e. the first 25 people to register will be accepted for the competition.

Winners in both categories will also go forward to the National final in Dublin in November with a chance of winning €1000 and a trip to Brussels for 2 people.

Application forms are available from EuropeDirect.ie and should be returned by Friday 28 September to EuropeDirect@fingal.ie

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/>

European Youth Foundation (EYF) Grants

Learn more here: <http://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/pilot-activity>

Deadlines:

1 October 2016 for all grants, except for Pilot Activity Grants, which accept applications throughout the year (but at least 3 months before the beginning of the activity).

Causeway Youth Exchange Grants

Find out more - including a list of relevant contacts - on the Causeway website:

<http://www.causewayyouth.org/>

Deadline: 1 October 2016 (for projects starting between 1 January and 30 June 2017)

EU Funding: Rights of the Child: Two calls for Proposals Open

The EU have just published two calls for proposal in relation to the Rights of the Child.

Region: Nationwide

Expiry date: 12/11/16

<http://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/funding/26510>

The Ray Murphy Fund for Leadership: Open for Applications

The fund will support CEOs to reflect on their leadership role within the community. Grants from this fund will provide CEOs with the opportunity to avail of leadership-related mentoring and coaching.

Region: Nationwide

Expiry date: 07/10/16

<http://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/funding/26392>

EU Grants for Awareness-Raising and Education Activities aimed at Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women

Information on a call for proposals for awareness-raising and education activities to prevent violence against women.

Region: Nationwide

Expiry date: 07/10/16

<http://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/news/25907>

Better Together 2016: raise awareness, recruit supporters, build trust & win €1,000 cash!

Entries are now open for the 2016 Better Together Video Competition for Nonprofits. Any community, voluntary or charitable organisation, NGO, club or association can take part by entering a short video hosted on Youtube, Vimeo or Instagram.

Region: Nationwide

Expiry date: 07/11/16

<http://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/events/26536>

EVENTS IN FINGAL

Fingal Volunteer Expo 2016 - book your table before Monday 3rd October

Fingal Volunteer Expo 2016 is on Thursday 6 October 2016 from 11.00 to 17.00, in the Swords Pavilions Shopping Centre (Main Concourse beside Easons), Main Street, Swords. Fingal Volunteer Centre is inviting all not-for-profit,

volunteer involving organisations and volunteers to Fingal Volunteer Expo 2016. This event is aimed at helping organisations attracting people who are interested in becoming volunteers but who may not know exactly where or how to go about it. This is a great opportunity for your organisation to showcase your volunteer opportunities; let the community know about the work you do; network with other organisations; and get to engage with Fingal Volunteer Centre and develop new opportunities. If you are currently recruiting volunteers, why not book a stand by contacting Daiga daiga@volunteerfingal.ie or call 01 899 1921.

Baldoyle Health & Wellbeing Day

Baldoyle health & Wellbeing Day will run from 10am to 3pm on Friday 7th October, Baldoyle Community Hall. This event offers free therapies all day along with lots of information on ways to stay fit and healthy. Free talks during the day will include “How to Stop Smoking”, “How to Lose Weight”, “Tai Chi”, “Mindfulness” and “Dealing with Breast Cancer”. At lunch time Jo Faulkner, Concious Cooking will provide her famous health lunch for everyone. All events are FREE

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 October 17th 2016 – articles to be no more than 70 words

Fingal Volunteer Centre Launches Registration Hub to support organisations to register with the Charities Regulator

As part of its engagement process to ensure full compliance with the Charities Act 2009, the Charities Regulator has partnered with the network of 21 Volunteer Centres across the country and Volunteer Ireland to offer support services to charitable organisations that have yet to complete their registration with the Regulator.

Fingal Volunteer Centre will act as a ‘registration hub’ to support organisations to register with the Charities Regulator. (details of schedule to be published in October www.volunteerfingal.ie).

Charities come in all shapes and sizes, including many smaller, volunteer led charities who might need extra support in completing their registration. We encourage any charity yet to complete their registration with the Charities Regulator to contact us and avail of this free support.

Under the Charities Act 2009, all charities operating in Ireland were required to register with the Regulator by last April and failure to do so is an offence. However, the Regulator accepts that there are many organisations out there that may require some assistance in completing their application.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The LCDC is a committee of Fingal County Council. It has responsibility for co-ordinating, planning and overseeing local and community development funds for programmes which seek to develop the wellbeing of our communities

<http://www.fingalcoco.ie/community-and-leisure/community-development-and-activities/fingal-local-community-development-committee/>

Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)

The purpose of the LECP, as provided for in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, is to set out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of the relevant local authority area, both by itself directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

To view the plan, click here

<http://fingal.ie/business-and-economy/localeconomicandcommunityplan/>

SICAP

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is the successor programme to the Local Community Development Programme (LCDP). SICAP aims to tackle poverty, social exclusion and long-term unemployment through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

The implementation of SICAP in Fingal is overseen by the Fingal Local Community Development Committee. Fingal PPN Representatives are appointed to the Local Community Development Committee

For more information click here <http://www.bap.ie/about-sicap>

Summer Projects

Fingal County Council's Community Development Office provided €60k to 40 summer projects across the county. The summer projects engaging an estimated 3950 children took place June - August 2016 and were required to contain an element of civic and environmental education, health and fitness, and arts and crafts.

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>

Non-Statutory Public Consultation Process: A Draft Strategy Towards Climate Change Action Plans

The four Dublin local authorities (DLAs) – Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council – acknowledge that climate change is an immediate challenge and that they have a responsibility in helping to address national climate change targets. The draft strategy document therefore sets out the intentions of the DLAs to work together to develop individual yet collaborative climate change action plans, one for each local authority area

Submissions must be made before 5pm on Monday 17th October 2016.

<http://www.codema.ie/projects/local-projects/non-statutory-public-consultation-process-a-draft-strategy-towards-climate/?platform=hootsuite>

Notice of Intention to Extinguish the Public Right of Way between Inglewood Road and Shelerin Road, Blakestown, Dublin 15. Thursday 3rd November 2016

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/notice-intention-extinguish-public-right-way-between-inglewood-road-and-shelerin-road>

Fingal County Development Plan 2011-2017

Consultations under Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2015

Section 20 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000 – 2015 requires the Planning Authority to consult with the public before preparing or amending a Local Area Plan.

Fingal County Council adopted a Local Area Plan for Rivermeade on 10th June 2013. The Council intends to immediately commence the review of the LAP for Rivermeade and to prepare an amended Local Area Plan for:

Rivermeade, Co. Dublin.

11 October 2016.

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-local-area-plan-rivermeade>

Review of the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 Public Consultation

Friday 30 September 2016

<http://fingalppn.ie/review-of-the-regulation-of-lobbying-act-2015-public-consultation/>

A National Forum to Develop a Framework Policy for Local and Community Development

Wednesday, 2nd November, 2016

9.00am – 16.30pm

The Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin 8

<http://fingalppn.ie/a-national-forum-to-develop-a-framework-policy-for-local-and-community-development/>

Open Government Partnership Second National Action Plan – Call for Submissions

New consultation launched by the Dept. of Public Expenditure and Reform on the Open Government Partnership Second National Action Plan. Closing Date is the 30th September 2016.

<http://fingalppn.ie/open-government-partnership-second-national-action-plan-call-for-submissions/>

Phase 3 Consultation on National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy for 2016 – 2020

The consultation process allows interested parties to make submissions in key areas such as anti-discrimination and equality, cultural identity, accommodation, health, employment, education, gender equality, public services and children and youth.

<http://fingalppn.ie/phase-3-consultation-on-national-traveller-and-roma-inclusion-strategy-for-2016-2020/>

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

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