



Membership Information/Newsletter – June 2016

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 – well send me an email to ppn@fingal.ie and I will get back to you!

Communications and Promotion of the Fingal PPN

In order to keep our database up to date and to ensure that our members have access to all appropriate information – if you are no longer the best person to receive these emails on behalf of your group please let me know (if you have not already done so) by email/text/phone call – whichever suits you best – but please let me know.

Would you like us to visit your group to discuss the PPN – what it is all about – how you can participate etc. – or are you holding an event that we might attend and circulate info? – let us know by emailing ppn@fingal.ie

Congratulations to Howth Sutton Community Council who won the Ipad Mini at the Plenary on May 21st.

Vacancies for PPN Reps:

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

Joint Policing Committee – 1 Vacant Position – Community/Voluntary

Housing SPC – 1 vacant Position – Environment

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)**

Launch of Website

We expect that the Fingal PPN website will go live in July (www.fingalppn.ie) – the website will feature information on the PPN – reports from reps – access to minutes/reports/submissions etc. – there will be an events page for local groups – the official launch of the Website will take place on Wednesday 7th September 2016 – time and venue to be confirmed.

Fingal PPN October Training Festival

One of the objectives of the Fingal PPN is the provision of appropriate training for its member groups – after consulting with members (at the Plenary and through Survey Monkey) the following is the proposed Programme of training – which will be delivered during October 2016:

- Influencing Policy – including Local Authority and Policies specific to
1. Built Environment (Planning) 2. Water and Environment
- Organising your Community Event and Funding Opportunities
- Committee Skills and running Effective Meetings
- Social Media Skills

Further information on the above – dates/times/venue/how to register etc. to follow

INFORMATION.....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 July 21st 2016 – articles to be no more than 70 words!

Information from Fingal County Council –

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

Fingal Development Plan Update:

The Fingal Draft Dev Plan sets out the strategic spatial vision and future direction for the county over a six year period (2017 to 2023). In developing this FCC will build on previous successes and strategic advantages as a county. The Draft Dev Plan was published on February 19th 2016 – this marked the start of Phase of the preparation process. This stage ended on 29th April 2016. The Chief Executive of FCC will prepare a report on submissions received during the public consultation phase and this report will be considered by the elected members at the Council meetings in Sep and Oct 2016. Following this, amendments may be proposed to the Draft Plan which may require a further period of public consultation – this will be Phase 3 – This will be one of your last chances to have your say – **Fingal PPN will keep you informed!!**

Let's talk about Public Art

Fingal Arts Office is inviting feedback from you around Public Art – the information will be invaluable in creating a range of artistic projects in Fingal during the new phase of Public Art Commissioning – 2016 – 2019. Have your say by clicking <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/surveys>

FCC Sports Office Training

Is your club/organisation interested in taking part in or organising a Safeguarding Course (Code of Ethics) or Emergency Skills Course (adapted first aid for volunteers/coaches)? For further info – contact Pauline Gilsenan at 8906256 or email Pauline.gilsenan@fingal.ie

Swords Cultural Quarter

Check out the development of Swords Cultural Quarter

<http://www.fingal.ie/media/re%20->

[%20Swords%20Masterplan DRAFT A Rev17%20 13042015.pdf](#) or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNngHF-bykY>

Information from around the County

Blanchardstown Area Partnership – Enterprise Department

Invite you to contact them to discuss your business – ‘we guarantee we will have something of value for you – no matter what stage your business is at – support with Back to Work Enterprise Allowance/Short Term Enterprise Allowance applications – Enterprise training, Facebook/Website and online marketing, Book Keeping and Taxation, Pricing, Selling and creating a viable Business Plan’ – for further info contact Sarah or Jean at 8209550 or email enterprise@bap.ie

Fingal Volunteer Centre – Fingal Managing Volunteers Awards

This award scheme is intended to acknowledge groups who, through their commitment to voluntary and community activities, have played a significant role in enhancing the quality of life of their communities across Fingal. Organisations involving volunteers will have the opportunity to apply for the award by completing the various indicators. For further information on the Awards and how your organisation could achieve it – contact Daiga at 8991921 or email

Daiga@volunteerfingal.ie

<http://www.volunteerfingal.ie/index.php/resources/award/resources.html>

Dates for your Diary

Launch of Fingal PPN Website 7th September 2016 – Venue/Time to be decided

Next Fingal PPN Plenary 30th November 2016 – 7 to 9.30pm – venue to be decided.

Watch out for information around training for your group/organisation!!

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!

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