



Membership Information/Newsletter – October 2016 Vol 6

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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 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

- o 30th November 7pm- 9.30pm, Carton Hotel, Old Airport Rd, Santry

Fingal PPN Plenary & Funding Information for Community & Voluntary Group

For more information or to confirm your attendance please click here

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

Fingal PPN Plenary Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Fingal Public Participation Network Plenary will take place on Wednesday 30th November 2016 (7pm to 9.30pm) in the Carlton Dublin Airport Hotel, Santry (Cloud Room). The meeting will include

- *Welcome address
- *Adapting Plenary Standing Orders
- *Approval of minutes of last Plenary – matters arising
- *Items identified for decision (including voting on such matters)
 - Fingal PPN Constitution
 - Representative Charter
- *Fingal PPN Report to members
- *Fingal PPN Representative Report to Members
- *Finance/Budget Update
- *Election of representatives to the Secretariat (if required)
- *Items identified by members for discussion
- *Funding Information Session – as organised by the Secretariat

If your organisation is interested in having an item on the Agenda for discussion – please email the item to ppn@fingal.ie by Wednesday 9th November 2016

PPN Membership 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.....

October Planning Linkage Group Notes <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-Oct-10th-Planning-Linkage-Group-notes.pdf>

August Planning SPC Notes <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-August-31-Planning-Strategic-Policy-Committee-meeting-notes-SPC-planning-31-Aug-2016.pdf>

October Community Safety Linkage Group Notes <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-Sept-28-Community-Safety-Linkage-Group.pdf>

September Arts Heritage Culture & Community SPC Notes <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-September-26-Arts-Culture-Heritage-and-Communit-SPC-meeting-Notes.pdf>

September Housing Linkage Group <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-Sept-6th-Housing-Linkage-Group-Notes.pdf>

Fingal PPN Autumn Training Programme

The PPN Autumn Training programme was launched on the 21st September. To date we have delivered on two training sessions. 'Organising Your Community Event' Training was held in Balbriggan Town Hall on the 5th October. The session was delivered by Claire McNamee, IT Blanchardstown and attended by 21 Fingal PPN members. For more information and to view the presentation from the evening, click here <http://fingalppn.ie/organising-your-community-event/>

The second session, 'Understanding Local Government & Influencing Policy' was held in the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown on Saturday 22nd October and was attended by 26 community and voluntary groups across Fingal County. Training and Information was delivered by Fingal County Council, Social Justice Ireland and Dublin Institute of Technology. The session was well received with great discussion among those attending. For more information and to view presentations from the day, click here <http://fingalppn.ie/understanding-local-government-influencing-policy-training-information/>

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

Community Development Leadership Course FETAC 5

SICAP with BAPTEC have developed a healthier communities programme QQI level 5 Community Development Course. The purpose of this programme is to equip local people in new and existing communities with the knowledge and skills to contribute and collaborate in community development in their local areas; to identify local community needs and issues through community profiling and to develop skills to identify and liaise with other community people/groups

For more click here <http://fingalppn.ie/community-development-leadership-course-fetac-5/>

Go For Life Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) Workshops

Go for Life, in partnership with Fingal Sports Office will hold a series of workshops for older people who are interested in leading physical activities with members of their groups/clubs/organisations. Individuals who are not part of groups are also welcome to join in this training. All workshops will take place in the Balbriggan Combined Clubs, Dublin Street, Balbriggan beginning on Thursday 3rd November 2016 with an approximate duration of 10am – 3pm. Please ensure you are available to attend all workshop dates 3rd/11th/17th/24th November. Register your interest with Caitriona Geraghty Sport Development Officer Caitriona.Geraghty@fingal.ie or Ph: 890 6247

February 2017 Fingal Sports Office Training

The last four workshops for older people will take place in February 2017 in the areas of Rolling & Bowling, Pitching & Tossing, Stepping & Strolling, Physical Activity Leaders Skills (PALs). Register your interest with Caitriona Geraghty Sport Development Officer

Caitriona.Geraghty@fingal.ie or

Ph: 8906247 <http://www.facebook.com/FingalSports> [Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/FingalSports](http://twitter.com/#!/FingalSports)

Mental Health Ireland - 50th Anniversary Conference

Mental Health Ireland's conference in November will present an opportunity for attendees to explore the themes of Resilience, Wellbeing and Mental health over the course of two days.

This 50th anniversary conference will pose the question, "Is systemically building the wellbeing and resilience of our people the way to improve the mental health of everyone and support a healthier society?" The conference will be opened by Minister for Health Simon Harris TD while Minister Helen McEntee, TD, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People is the featured speaker at the conference dinner to be held in The Royal Marine Hotel on 21 November. Full programme and ticketing details, click here <http://www.mentalhealthireland.ie/events/50th-anniversary-conference-mental-health-ireland-supported-mental-health-europe/#1438776040847-d6a8476b-2d08>

The Carmichael Centre Autumn/Winter Schedule for 2016

The Carmichael Centre is delighted to present you with our list of the remaining Training & Seminar events in our Autumn/Winter schedule for 2016.

<http://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/training/27091>

The Wheel: Essential Non-profit Training

The Wheel provides training which are developed to meet the needs of the community and voluntary sector and includes a wide variety of subjects. Here are just a sample of the training coming up in The Wheel for November.

<http://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/training/27132>

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/>

The St Andrews Prize for the Environment

The St Andrews Prize for the Environment was set up by the University of St Andrews and ConocoPhillips in 1998 to recognise significant contributions to environmental conservation. The Prize is managed by a group of distinguished Trustees from a wide variety of interests and backgrounds. Its purpose is to find and reward entrepreneurs who come forward with original and practical ideas for coping with specific environmental problems.

Deadline: 31 October 2016

<http://www.thestandrewsprize.com/how-to-enter>

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.

Deadline: 07/11/16

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

European Social Fund Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning 2014-2020

The Department of Justice and Equality is seeking applications from suitably qualified organisations for funding for projects on the Integration and Employment of Migrants and Gender Equality under the European Social Fund Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020.

Deadline: 8 November 2016

<http://eufunding.justice.ie/>

Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2014-2020

Call for Proposals from suitably qualified organisations for project funding under the European Union Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) 2014-2020.

Deadline: 10 November 2016

<http://eufunding.justice.ie/en/eufunding/pages/amif>

Young People, Children, and Education Programme Activity Fund

The purpose of the programme activity fund is to assist experienced organisations to provide high-quality artistic programmes for, by or with children and young people that are in line with Arts Council policy and strategic priorities for young people, children and education (YPCE).

Deadline: 15 November 2016

<http://www.artscouncil.ie/Funds/Young-people,-children,-and-education-programme-activity-fund/>

Interreg IVB - Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme

Deadline: 30th November 2016

<http://www.interreg-npa.eu/for-applicants/applying-for-funds/>

Inland Fisheries

Inland Fisheries Ireland would like to inform local development associations, PPN's, tidy towns, angling clubs and others about funding availability to facilitate improved access to angling facilities

Deadline: End of November 2016

<http://fingalppn.ie/funding-inland-fisheries-funding-scheme/>

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

Fingal Festival of Fire

Monday 31st October 2016 – Swords Castle and Town Park 5pm. For more information on the events see fingal.ie/events, on [facebook.com/EventsinFingal](https://www.facebook.com/EventsinFingal) or follow us on twitter at @Eventsinfingal and @fingalcoco

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 is now in place. The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government intend to hold a National Forum on November 23rd in the The Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin 8 (9am to 4.30). The Forum will be the first opportunity for many to engage with the Department in a collective way and Fingal PPN is encouraging as many people as possible to register with the Department – email forum@housing.gov.ie. To view more information click here <http://fingalppn.ie/a-national-forum-to-develop-a-framework-policy-for-local-and-community-development/>

UCD Launches New Community Initiative with Sector

[UCD in the Community](#) is a new initiative established to facilitate working partnerships between University College Dublin and the nonprofit sector in order to help address social challenges. Central to UCDs strategic plan (2016-2020) is the ambition to engage more with local, national and global communities. They are currently putting out a call for Expressions of Interest. Civil Society Organisations are invited to submit ideas or proposals on whether, and how, they believe UCD can be of assistance to their organisations or the communities they represent. i.e. research, specialist input, volunteering from UCD students and staff. Please email ucdic@ucd.ie to submit an idea and the team at UCD will be in contact to discuss further and assess feasibility

Dublin Rural Leader

Dublin Rural LEADER are hosting Public Information Events to publicise the Programme and to facilitate groups, individuals and new or existing business to learn more about LEADER. The events will be held on 1st November, 8pm, Rush Youth Development Centre and 7th November, 8pm, Garristown

Community centre. The new LEADER programme focuses on social inclusion groups and recognises that basic supports and services are required to address the inequalities they experience. For more information view here <http://fingalppn.ie/dublin-rural-leader-public-information-events/>

Carmichael Centre Public Lecture Series Reimagining Irish Civic Society

Following on from its recent highly successful Public Lecture Series, the Carmichael Centre is delighted to announce its forthcoming series over Nov 2016 to March 2017. These lectures will take place in Carmichael House (7pm -9pm) and will be on the theme 'Reimagining Irish Civic Society'.

The lectures are free for the public to attend and light refreshments will be served. For more information click here <http://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/training/26751>

Castleland Community Centre

Castleland Community centre, Balbriggan is a multi- purpose facility and is now open to the community. It consists of a full size sports hall with bleacher seating, four meeting rooms, a dance studio, changing rooms, an all-weather pitch and a children's activity room. If you are interested in hiring the facility for sports, dance, children's birthday parties etc. please contact Tel: 01 690 5168 Email: info@castlelandcc.ie Website: www.castlelandcc.ie

PPN Network Meeting hosted by Social Justice Ireland

Social Justice Ireland are inviting members of the PPN to participate in a networking meeting with other PPN members from local counties on Saturday 3rd December, Tallaght. The session will share experiences of other PPNs, learn about the national situation, workshops on key policy issues, get clarify on your role within the PPN

To register complete the survey monkey link

at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Registration_Winter_2016

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>

Notice of Intention to Extinguish the Public Right of Way between Inglewood Road and Shelerin Road, Blakestown, Dublin 15

Deadline: 3rd November 2016

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

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