



Membership Information/Newsletter – April 2017 Vol 11

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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!

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 May 25th – articles to be no more than 70 words!

UPDATES FROM YOUR PPN

PPN Annual Activity Report

Similar to last year, the Secretariat are producing the Fingal PPN Activity Report as part of the Plenary. The May report will feature a new section called "Connecting Our Communities". This will be a platform for PPN groups to share information on 'who you are' and 'what you do'! Articles are limited to a max of 100 words to allow for many groups to get featured. Submit your article below before Thursday 4th May(12pm) to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ConnectingCommunities>

Fingal PPN Representatives Reporting/ Linkage Group Notes/ Submission

Find out what is being discussed at Linkage Group Meetings, submission made or reported by FPPN Representatives. Recent uploads include

Planning Strategic Policy Committee Representatives Report <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017-April-24-Planning-Strategic-Policy-Committee-Representatives-Notes.pdf>

Vacant Representatives Positions

Our recent call to fill vacant Representative positions generated great interest. Thanks you to over 20 members who either made enquiries, submitted their expression of interest and are now currently completing their nomination form details. Elections for these positions are scheduled for

Secretariat	31 st May, 6.30pm PPN Plenary
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	9 th May, 7pm Linkage Group
Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC	9 th May, 7pm Linkage Group
Arts Culture Heritage and Community SPC	13 th June, 7pm Linkage Group

Joint Policing Public Meetings

A series of public meeting of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee took place over April across four areas of Fingal. Fingal PPN Community Policing Representative and Secretariat members took the opportunity to promote the PPN at each of these meeting. Appox 350 people attended to raise their views and put questions to the panel of Senior Gardai and Local Authority Officials. Issue ranged from anti social behaviour, car theft, speeding and the moving of parked cars.

Fingal Development Plan Information Session

On Tuesday 4th April, we hosted first Fingal Development Plan Information Evening with Fingal County Council Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department. The purpose of the event was to better inform our members and strengthen their position when influencing and challenging policy.

The evening was facilitated by Greg Farrell and Kieran O Neill, Fingal PPN Planning Representatives. Over 45 Community Groups from across Fingal attended the event. Matthew McAleese, Fingal County Council Senior Planner give an overview of the Fingal Development Plan and opened the floor to questions and healthy discussion with PPN member groups. Following the presentation, those attending took part in discussion groups that explored 2 key areas (i) what are the important planning issues now that the Fingal Development Plan is adopted (ii) what are the barriers/ how can we improve engagement in the Local Area plans, Urban Plans and Master Plans.

Creative Ireland

Creative Ireland Public Meeting and Open Discussion took place on Monday the 24th April in the Carlton Hotel, Old Airport Road, Cloghran Swords. Creative Ireland is the Government's Legacy Programme for Ireland 2016 – a five year initiative, from 2017 to 2022, which places creativity at the centre of public policy (building on 1916). Over 100 people attended the event including Fingal PPN members.

2040 National Planning Framework

Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin County Public Participation Networks have worked together to develop a submission on behalf of PPN members across the county. The National Planning Framework is an opportunity to put forward our views as to how we see the development of Dublin being shaped and what type of resources we see as being necessary for the creation of a living city, sustainable communities, the provision of adequate and integrated facilities, where and how we will live, work and play.

The submission can be viewed here <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/National-Planning-Framework-submission-from-Dublin-PPNs.pdf>

AWARDS, TRAINING & INFORMATION SEMINARS

A Better World Training- FREE workshops on Community Engagement

Baldoye Forum and the Education Training Board are organising 'A Better World Training' Modules including the following:

02nd May - *Eating from the wild – gathering food and recipes*

9th May - *Self-Expression (Stone Art/Music/role-playing/flowers/writing or anything else the group might prefer)*

16th May - *Local services and how to help including Adopting a Patch*

23rd May - *Multiculturalism through food and music*

30th May - *Reducing your carbon footprint (and your bills)*

6th June - *Preventing poor-health – taking best care of yourself and others*

13th June - *Getting somewhere with your County Council - who are the useful names and what are their direct telephone numbers*

Register by contacting us on 01 8395338, email: info@baldoyeforum.ie

Jobnet Programme

The Jobnet programme is run by the Fingal Community Enterprise Hub, a collaboration between BASE Enterprise Centre, the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown and Fingal County Council.

The programme is aimed at unemployed or under-employed professionals and graduates, and is designed to assist with targeted job search in today's jobs market.

The programme is free to attend and commences with an Open Day on Friday 12th May in the Institute Technology Blanchardstown. Anyone interested in attending should send an expression of their interest to jobnet@fingalceh.ie Further information can be found at

<http://www.fingalceh.ie/jobnet.html>

“ Brexit – Moving into the new Europe for SMEs ” Conference

Blanchardstown Europe Direct Information Centre in partnership with Fingal Libraries is hosting a conference ‘Brexit – Moving into the new Europe for SMEs’ on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 6pm in the Castleknock Hotel and Country Club, Porterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15.

Speakers will include Barry Andrews, Director General, Institute of International and European Affairs, Anne Lanigan Manager, Brexit Unit, Enterprise Ireland and Donal McCarthy CEO of Commercial Mushroom Producers.

Registration and refreshments will be available from 5.15pm. Booking is essential. RSVP to Elizabeth.mcaleer@fingal.ie or Siobhan.walsh@fingal.ie by Thursday 4 May 2017

<http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Brexit-Conference.jpg>

National Day of Street Parties 11th June

Street Feast is the national day of street parties celebrating community through the simple act of sharing a meal with neighbours. They are calling on people nationwide to come together at 12.00 noon to share food and conversation with neighbours as a simple and fun way of reconnecting and building social solidarity and resilience. Street Feast provide free DIY Packs (invites, posters, bunting and more) and offer on-going support for those who register online at www.streetfeast.ie, everything you need to kick start your feast! <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/StreetFeast-Page-2.jpg>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Fingal County Council Activities Funding

Ongoing

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/>

Patagonia Environmental Grants

30th April

Patagonia give at the grassroots level to innovative groups overlooked or rejected by other corporate donors. Patagonia funds activists who take radical and strategic steps to protect habitat, wilderness and biodiversity. Patagonia funds only environmental work.

There are two annual deadlines for this process:

1. April 30 (all applications received in April will receive a response by the end of August)
2. August 31 (all applications received in August will receive a response by the end of January).

<http://www.patagonia.com/grant-guidelines.html>

Loreto Foundation Fund

30th April

The Loreto Foundation Fund is the annual income from an initial capital which was invested by the Loreto Sisters following the sale of Loreto Abbey, Rathfarnham, Dublin, their first house in Ireland. It supports groups which are of benefit to, and improve the lives of, the most vulnerable in Irish society. Download the application form and full guidelines from the Loreto Foundation Fund here.

<http://www.loreto.ie/loreto-foundation-fund>

U.S. Embassy in Ireland - Grants Program

1st May

The U.S. Embassy in Ireland Grants Program provides support for projects proposed by Irish non-profit, cultural, educational and civil society organizations that aim to engage and empower youth and diverse Irish audiences, safeguard the democratic ideals of freedom of expression and tolerance, strengthen social entrepreneurship, address environmental sustainability, and support people-to-

people exchange between Ireland and the United States. All programs must have an American element to be considered for funding. Programming outside of Dublin will be considered favourably. Visit the Embassy website for full information and details. <https://ie.usembassy.gov/education-culture/grants-program/>

GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards

5th May

GSK has announced the launch of its inaugural GSK Ireland IMPACT Awards, designed to recognise and reward community-based charities nationwide doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing.

Access full guidelines and the application form here.

<http://ie.gsk.com/ie/responsibility/health-for-all/gsk-ireland-impact-awards>

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People Grants

9th May

Previously known as the Hilton in the Community Foundation, the DM Thomas Foundation for Young People (DMTFYP) is able to reach directly into communities and offer help where it is needed, as a funder to smaller charities and organisations that may be otherwise overlooked. We run a number of campaigns which seek to support young people.

Visit the Foundation website now for application forms and full guidelines.

<https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

Energy for Generations Fund

2nd June

ESB's Energy for Generations Fund sees over €2m per year disbursed across a range of community and issues-based initiatives working in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness and education access and support.

Visit the ESB website for full application details.

<https://www.esb.ie/acting-responsibly/community-stem-and-the-arts/esb-corporate-responsibility>

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Community Facilities Funding June

Calling all community groups, are you looking for funding? The Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is accepting applications to its 'Communities Facilities Scheme' up to a maximum of €1000 per project. For further details please contact fran.creed@fingal.ie / 01-8905163

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

End of June

Fingal County Council is now seeking Expressions of Interest from community groups and businesses in towns and villages in the county of Fingal for projects to be included in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017. This scheme was launched by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. It will run in 2 phases with phase 1 concentrating on projects to enhance and develop towns and villages socially, economically and culturally and phase 2 encouraging residential occupancy in towns and villages and will be launched later in the year.

There are two categories of towns and villages; Category 1 population of less than 5000 and Category 2 population of greater than 5001 and less than 10000.

Up to 80% of the total project cost with the minimum grant available being €20,000 and the maximum grant of €100,000. A higher maximum of €200,000 will be considered for a limited number of projects. For further information email to Fearghal.mcsweeney@fingal.ie or visit

<http://www.fingalcoco.ie/business-and-economy/townandvillagerenewalscheme/#d.en.46889>

EVENTS IN FINGAL

Bealtaine Festival Events in Libraries

Bealtaine, the annual festival celebrating creativity as we age, is coming to Fingal library branches this May. With theatre, music appreciation, photography classes, arts and crafts and film screenings there are events to suit all interests. For more information, click here <http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/xBealtaine-Festival-2017-Newsletter.pdf>

Balbriggan Health Fair

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) are hosting the Balbriggan Health Fair on 11th May, 10am to 3pm, Millfield, Balbriggan. Free Health Checks Information and Advice. For more information, click here <http://fingalppn.ie/meeting/balbriggan-health-fair/>

Fingal Horticultural Society

Fingal Horticultural Society Swords are organising talks on the following. For more information contact Madaleine 086 3343680 or info@fingalhorticulturalsociety.com

Hanging Baskets & Containers, by Michael Connolly, Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 8pm

Pests & Disease, by Michael Connolly, Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 8pm,

Cottage Garden Favourites, by Michael Connolly, Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 8pm

All talks are held in St. Columba's Parish Centre, Old Borough School, Swords and entry cost is €5 (includes tea/coffee)

Space Invaders Arts Programme for Children

Fingal County Council Arts Office present Space Invaders, an arts festival for children, families artist and the early years sector in Farmleigh 13th and 14th May 2017. For more information and booking please visit www.fingalarts.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 May 25th 2017 – articles to be no more than 70 words

Fingal Economic and Community Monitor

To view a wide range of information and statistical figures relating to Fingal population, housing, health, employment, live register, property market, crime safety and many more, please click here <http://www.fingalcoco.ie/business-and-economy/fingaleconomicandcommunitymonitor/>

I smile

iSmile is an organisation of Migrant Women. Their vision is to create a local community where every migrant woman has access to education, equal status in the society and is self-reliant in creating a bright and sustainable future for herself. For more information click here

<http://fingalppn.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/I-Smile-Association-Newsletter-Jan-April-17.pdf>

Fingal County Council Masterclass Training

Fingal County Council engaged 'Quality Matters' to facilitate training on the logic model and impact measurement for its Masterclass Series of Training. This training took place on Friday 7th April in the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB) with 25 people in attendance who were primarily in a

management role in local community centres and the community & voluntary sector. Topics covered on the day included: Measure what matters to beneficiaries of your service, Focus on service improvement, Know the difference between outputs and outcomes and the development of a measurement tool for outcomes. This Masterclass is the sixth in the series with another planned for later in year on the subject Data Protection for the non-profit sector.

Our Communities – A National Forum

A Summary Report from Our Communities – A National Forum which was held on 23rd November, 2016 in the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin 8 is now available on this Departments website. <http://www.housing.gov.ie/community/local-and-community-development/framework-policy-local-and-community-development-ireland>

Fix your Street

Local Residents and Community Groups, if you are having difficulties in any of the following non emergency issues relating to Graffiti, Road or path defects, Street Lighting, Leaks and Drainage, Litter and Illegal Dumping, Tree and Grass Maintenance, please contact the online service <http://www.fixyourstreet.ie/>

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

Traffic Calming Scheme - Hartstown Distributor Road, Dublin 15 :Closing Date	<u>05-05-17</u>
Traffic Calming Scheme - Castleknock Rise, Laurel Lodge, Castleknock, Dublin :Closing Date	<u>15 05-05-17</u>
Traffic Calming Scheme - Huntstown Wood :Closing Date	<u>05-05-17</u>
Traffic Calming Scheme - Ratoath Road, Hollystown, Dublin 15 :Closing Date	<u>05-05-17</u>
Proposed New Housing Development at Avondale, Mulhuddart, Dublin :Closing Date 15	<u>22-05-17</u>
Proposed Part VIII - Holywell Pumping Station Relocation :Closing Date	<u>24-05-17</u>
Proposed New Housing Development in partnership with Clúid Housing at Church Road/Ladyswell Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 :Closing Date	<u>19-06-17</u>

Fingal County Council Parks Survey Questionnaire

18th May

Tell Fingal County Council how you use your public park and what improvements you would like to see. <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/parks-survey-questionnaire>

Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2017 – 2021 – Consultation

22nd May

Fingal County Council has started work on its Libraries Development Plan 2017 – 2021. It is a great opportunity for the Council to make a public statement about the development of libraries over the next five years. Please share you views about the libraries service by completing the survey at <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-library-development-programme>

Proposed Amendments to Parks & Open Spaces Bye-Laws

18th May

Fingal County Council currently manages and maintains approximately 2,000 Hectares of public open space. The current Parks & Open Spaces Bye-laws date from 2002 and following extensive public consultation in relation to an Open Space Strategy for Fingal, it is now proposed to amend these bye-laws. Make your submission online <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-changes-parks-open-spaces-bye-laws>

Public consultation on multi-modal transport

25th May

The European Commission is currently looking at a possible initiative to protect passengers when using multimodal transport, and is seeking views from the general public on the issue. Attached is a link to the public consultation below should it be of interest to you or your organisation. Please note that the consultation period ends on the 25th of May, so all questionnaires should be returned before this date. For more information click here

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/passengers/consultations/2017-pax-rights-multimodal-transport_en

Lets Talk about Rivers Natural Waterways and Surrounding Areas in Fingal

June

Fingal PPN in conjunction with the Local Authority Water and Communities Office are hosting a seminar for community groups, organisations and people with an interest in protecting our streams, rivers, river-banks and beaches for the ecological and recreational benefit of this and future generations. Water and Communities will be providing a grant scheme for community groups that work with our waterways. For more information and to register your interest in attending this Seminar in June, please click here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpringEvent17>

For more information click here <http://fingalppn.ie/draft-river-basin-management-plan-public-consultation-period/>

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