



## Membership Information/Newsletter – March 2017 Vol 10

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:ppn@fingal.ie) no later than 10am on April 21<sup>th</sup> – articles to be no more than 70 words!**

## UPDATES FROM YOUR PPN

### PPN Update Message

#### March has been busy

March has been a very busy month for Fingal PPN. We opened the Month with our Transportation Linkage group meeting and Economic Linkage Group meeting. The Arts Culture Heritage and Community Linkage Group hosted a successful consultation evening on the Fingal Libraries Development Plan. In association with Dublin LEADER Partnership, Clann Credo and FCC Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Department, we hosted funding training. The 4 Dublin PPNs made a submission to the 2040 National Planning Framework. Finally, March concluded with a successful Water & Environment Linkage Group.

#### PPN Plenary

The Secretariat is currently arranging the PPN Plenary scheduled for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 6.30pm, Crown Plaza, Blanchardstown. We would welcome any suggestions from our members on the event, please email [ppn@fingal.ie](mailto:ppn@fingal.ie).

#### 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 13th April(12pm) to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ConnectingCommunities>

#### Vacant Secretariat Positions

At the May Plenary, we will be holding an election for 3 vacant Secretariat positions. Please email [ppn@fingal.ie](mailto:ppn@fingal.ie) before Friday 21<sup>th</sup> April (12pm) to express your interest. For more information, click here <http://fingalppn.ie/call-for-nominations/> (filling these positions may necessitate an election at the May 31<sup>st</sup> Plenary)

### Upcoming meetings in April for PPN Members

- **April 4<sup>th</sup> Fingal Development Plan Community Information Evening**, 6.30pm, FCC Offices  
County Hall Swords
- **April 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Policing Committee Public Meeting, Blanchardstown**
- **April 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Policing Committee Public Meeting, Baldoyle Sutton**
- **April 19<sup>th</sup> Joint Policing Committee Public Meeting, Swords Malahide**
- **April 24<sup>th</sup> Fingal Creative Ireland Open Meeting and Workshop**, 7pm, Carlton Hotel, Old  
Airport Rd, Cloghran, Swords
- **April 26<sup>th</sup> Joint Policing Committee Public Meeting, Balbriggan**
- **May 31<sup>st</sup> Fingal PPN Plenary**, 6.30pm, Crown Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown

### 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 .....

- March Planning Linkage Group
- March Transportation Linkage Group
- March Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Linkage Group
- March Water & Environment Linkage Group
- Fingal PPN submission to Fingal Library Development Plan
- Submission to 2040 National Planning Framework (across the 4 PPNs)

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

*(The writing and posting of PPN reports on [www.fingalppn.ie](http://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

#### Fingal Development Plan – Community Information Awareness Evening

This event is taking place Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, at 6.30pm, FCC County Hall Swords. It will commence with a display and viewing of Fingal Development Plan Maps. This will be followed by Matthew McAleese, Fingal County Council Senior Planner, who will give an overview of the Fingal Development Plan, explain zoning and how people living in Fingal should use the plan.

As the Development Plan sets out Fingal County Council's policies and objectives for the development of the County, it is very important that local groups are informed and have their position strengthen when influencing / challenging FCC policies. Places are limited so booking is essential, please register here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpringEvent17>

### Vacancies for PPN Representative Positions

Fingal PPN Secretariat are calling for nominations to the following positions.

Please email [ppn@fingal.ie](mailto:ppn@fingal.ie) before Friday 21st April 2017 (12pm), to express your interest.

**(filling these positions may necessitate an election)**

For more information view <http://fingalppn.ie/call-for-nominations/>

As follows:

- Housing Strategic Policy Committee
- Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee
- Arts Culture Heritage and Community Strategic Policy Committee

## **AWARDS, TRAINING & INFORMATION SEMINARS**

### **Fingal County Council Community Office Masterclass Series : Measuring Outputs and Inputs Training**

This FREE training will take place Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, (9am – 4pm), Institute of Technology Blanchardstown.

Course Overview includes

- An introduction of key concepts for impact (or outcome) measurement
- Exercises to help facilitate development of initial logic model for organisation's work
- Identification of research tools and instruments for measuring outcomes and instructions for developing bespoke tools and surveys
- Resources for developing a logic model and impact measurement framework for organisation
- Handover printer materials for training session, including a copy of the presentation slides, a guidebook, and template for logic models.

To book, please contact [Sinead.wilson@fingal.ie](mailto:Sinead.wilson@fingal.ie) for more information visit <http://fingalppn.ie/community-training-measuring-impacts-outputs-7th-april/>

### **Fingal Creative Ireland Open Meeting & Workshop – 24th April**

Fingal County Council are inviting all community groups to the Creative Ireland Open Meeting and workshop scheduled for Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm to 9pm, 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)

For more information click here <http://fingalppn.ie/fingal-creative-ireland-open-meeting-workshop-24th-april/>

Booking is essential through Eventbrite <https://creativefingal.eventbrite.ie> or Tel: 01 8905097

## **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](mailto:community@fingal.ie) or click <http://www.fingal.ie/community-and-leisure/grants-and-funding/>

### **Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Community Facilities Funding**

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](mailto:fran.creed@fingal.ie) / 01-8905163

### **Dublin Rural LEADER Funding Call – closing date 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Dublin Rural LEADER wish to announce the opening of 3 Targeted Calls for funding in The Dublin Rural region under the LEADER 2014-2020. The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 5.00pm

Stage 1 involves completion of an Expression of Interest form (EOI) which can be downloaded from [www.dublinruralleader.ie](http://www.dublinruralleader.ie) or contact the office on Tel: 01 -807 4282 or by email to [jmasterson@fingalleaderpartnership.ie](mailto:jmasterson@fingalleaderpartnership.ie). EOIs considered eligible will be invited onto Stage II to complete an application form. Invitation to application stage does not mean that you will be awarded grant aid as it is a competitive process. Further calls will be announced throughout 2017.

For more information, click here <http://fingalppn.ie/dublin-rural-leader-funding-call-closing-date-5th-april/>

### **The Community Foundation for Ireland: Social Change Grants – closing date 13<sup>th</sup> April**

This year the Community Foundation have the following two categories that groups may apply for a grant under: Leadership for Ethnic Minority Groups - Grants of up to €7,500 are available for projects working towards building leadership skills in local Ethnic Minority community groups & Inclusion for LGBT Migrants - Grants of up to €10,000 are available for projects working towards the promotion of inclusion for LGBT+ people who are Migrants.

<http://www.activelink.ie/content/community-exchange/funding/29169>

## **EVENTS IN FINGAL**

### **Generation Dublin Urban Music Festival (formely known as Springbreak): 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Taking place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 6.30pm to 10.00pm, Blanchardstown Plaza. For more information click here <http://fingalppn.ie/meeting/generation-dublins-urban-music-festival/>

### **Balbriggan Health Fair**

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

### **Joint Policing Committee Public Meetings in April – All Welcome**

A series of public meeting of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee will take place over April across four areas of Fingal. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting, to have their views heard and to put questions to the committee that will include Senior Gardai and Local Authority Officials. For more information, click here <http://fingalppn.ie/joint-policing-committee-public-meetings-in-april-all-welcome/>

*The Joint Policing Committee was established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005 and includes elected members of Fingal County Council, Oireachtas Members, Garda representatives, representatives from the Fingal Public Participation Network and officials of Fingal County Council. The function of the Committee is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area.*

### **Swords Castle Easter Market – Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Fingal County Council Events Office invites all residents of Fingal to the Swords Castle Easter Market. The events kicks off at 12pm and features craft stalls, artisan food, live music and children's entertainment. All are welcome, for more information check out [www.facebook.com/eventsinfingal](http://www.facebook.com/eventsinfingal)

## 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](mailto:ppn@fingal.ie) no later than 10am on April 21st 2017 – articles to be no more than 70 words*

### **Safe Homes**

Click here for information on keeping your home safe <http://fingalppn.ie/think-home-security/>

### **Garda Safety Streetwise Campaign – Streetwise**

Streetwise campaign: 2 in 5 thefts occur between 10pm and 4am between Friday and Sunday

*€2.5M WORTH OF PHONES STOLEN IN 2016 – An Garda Síochána*

*Major personal safety campaign targeting 18 to 39 year-olds . An Garda Síochána advises people to #mindyourstuff*

For more information click here <http://fingalppn.ie/garda-safety-streetwise-campaign-streetwise/>

### **Central Statistics Office Household Survey Notice**

*Did you know that interviewers from the Central Statistics Office conduct surveys in 3,000 households across the country every week of the year?*

The Irish Central Statistics Office (CSO) conducts a number of Household Surveys. Such surveys gather information on the economic and social situation of households in Ireland. The CSO employs Field Officers in the collection of Household Survey Statistics. All CSO interviewers carry an ID card with a photo. In the case of some surveys, the interviewer will use a tablet computer to record your answers.

For more information click here <http://fingalppn.ie/central-statistics-office-household-survey-notice/>

## 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 - Castlevue Rise and Castlevue Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin : 04-04-17

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/traffic-calming-scheme-castlevue-rise-and-castlevue-avenue-swords-co-dublin>

Traffic Calming Schemes at Malahide and Portmarnock, Co. Dublin 27-04-17

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/traffic-calming-schemes-malahide-and-portmarnock-co>

[dublin](#)

Proposed New Housing Development at Avondale, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 23-05-17

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-new-housing-development-avondale-mulhuddart-dublin-15>

Proposed Part VIII - Holywell Pumping Station Relocation 25-05-17

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-part-viii-holywell-pumping-station-relocation>

### **Fingal County Council Parks Survey Questionnaire – 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

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 your views about our libraries by completing the survey at

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-library-development-programme>

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-library-development-programme-submissions-form-organisations-primary-and-post-primary>

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PARKS & OPEN SPACES BYE-LAWS Consultation Meeting**

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. A series of public consultation meetings are scheduled to take place over April, for more information click here <http://fingalppn.ie/proposed-amendments-to-fingal-parks-open-spaces-bye-laws-have-your-say/>

or make your submission online

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-changes-parks-open-spaces-bye-laws>

### **Public consultation on multi-modal transport**

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/passengers/consultations/2017-pax-rights-multimodal-transport_en)

### **Draft River Basin Management Plan – Public Consultation Period**

Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government on 28 February 2017, published the draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021. The draft plan will be subject to six months public consultation as required by the Water Framework Directive.

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](mailto:ppn@fingal.ie)