



**Fingal  
Public  
Participation  
Network**

## **Fingal PPN Newsletter: February 2021**

This is the Monthly Fingal PPN Newsletter for February 2021. Please be sure to circulate this to all members of your group, you never know what they may be interested in! Our newsletter is divided into four sections:

### **1. PPN News**

### **2. Active Public Consultations and Notices**

### **3. Funding Opportunities**

### **4. Community News**

## **1. PPN News**

### **Welcome to February's Newsletter.**

Welcome to Fingal PPN's February newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Acting Resource Worker. Feel free to contact me on [ppn@fingal.ie](mailto:ppn@fingal.ie) or 087 0952727.

Fingal PPN are delighted to announce our Spring/Summer Training Programme for all PPN member groups in this month's newsletter. Training will take place each Wednesday evening across April. To comply with COVID restrictions, all training will take place online.

For more information or to express an interest in attending, complete the following form <https://form.jotform.com/210553584863057>

As ever, if you require any support or guidance, please do get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Laura Barton  
Acting PPN Resource Worker

## **PPN Linkage Groups**

The next round of PPN Linkage Group meetings are in April. Linkage Groups are thematic networks of community groups. The networks focus on what is happening across the County, share information and lobby for change.

**1st April: Arts, Community, Heritage and Sports**  
**[Register Here](#)**

**13th April: Climate Change, Water and Environment**

**[Register Here](#)**

**15th April: Housing, Planning and Transport**  
**[Register Here](#)**

**22nd April: Community Safety, Crime and Policing**  
[Register Here](#)

**29th April: Social Inclusion, Rural Development, Youth and Enterprise**  
[Register Here](#)

Meetings take place from 7pm to 8.30pm on Zoom.

[Click Here to View Linkage Group Calendar 2021](#)

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### **Celebrating IWD 2021: A Conversation on Women's Leadership in the Community**

Fingal County Council Community Development Office will be celebrating International Women's Day with a series of online conversations with women active in leadership in Fingal. A Conversation on Women's Leadership in the Community will celebrate women's achievements and recognise challenges and opportunities that women experience when involved in community action.

Dr Lucy Michael will be joined in conversation by Geraldine Rooney, of the **Fingal PPN** and Centre for Independent Living Blanchardstown, Ayodele Yusuf, of Balbriggan Integration Forum, Bridie O'Reilly of the Fingal Older People's Council, Shelly Gaynor, of the Independent Living Movement Ireland, Catherine Joyce of Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group and AnneMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council.

[Click Here for More Details](#)

### **Event takes place: 08/03/2021**

### **Public Participation Networks Handbook**

This Handbook was written following consultations to review the original PPN User Guide, which was published in 2016 and updated in May 2017.

The Handbook gives guidance, support and, where necessary, clarity, for everyone involved with, or interested in, the PPNs. This includes: • New and Existing Member Organisations – the Plenary • Representatives of the PPN, Committees and Boards • PPN Secretariats • PPN Workers • Elected Representatives and staff of Local Authorities • Department of Rural and Community Development

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### **FFC Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report**

A Management Report is given by the FCC Chief Executive at each Council Meeting giving an update from every section in the Council. Read the latest report now. [Click here](#)

### **FCC County Council Meeting**

County Council Meeting Monday, 8th February, 2021 5.00 pm

If you missed the live stream of February's Council Meeting, you can click the following

[View the webcast](#)

[Click this link to view accompanying documentation.](#)

### **Covid-19 Updates**

For Covid-19 Information and News [click here](#)

### **Age Friendly Ireland**

Please find Age Friendly's Daily News Updates [here](#)

## **2. Active Public Consultations and Notices**

### **4ú Scéim Teanga 4th Irish Language Scheme**

Tá sé i gceist ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall scéim a dhréachtadh de réir Alt 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003. Is é bun-chuspóir an Achta ná a chinntiú go mbeadh fáil níos mó ar sheirbhísí poiblí trí Ghaeilge agus go mbeadh siad ar chaighdeán níos airde.

Is é an dáta deireanach d'aighneachtaí a bheith faighte ná 5.00 i.n., 5 Márta 2021.

[Cliceáil anseo le haghaidh tuilleadh faisnéise](#)

**Expires: 05/03/2021**

### **The Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal**

Fingal County Council has prepared a Draft Tree Strategy:

"The Forest of Fingal, A Tree Strategy for Fingal"

It is now proposed to provide the public an opportunity to have their say on this document through a Non-statutory Consultation Process

[Click Here to Find Out More and Make a Submission](#)

**Expires: 28/03/2021**

### **Public Consultation on expert advisory group report entitled "Expanding Ireland's Marine Protected Area Network"**

The aim of this public consultation is to invite you to share your views on the process by which Ireland's network of MPAs will be expanded.

[Click Here to Find Out More and Make a Submission](#)

**Expires: 30/07/2021**

**Fingal's Consultation Portal is updated regularly.**

**The most up-to-date information can be found [here](#)**

## **3. Funding Opportunities**

### **Fingal Creative Ireland Grant Scheme**

The fund will provide support to individuals and/or local groups, operating on a not for profit basis, for projects which creatively address the themes of Community Wellbeing and Culture, Heritage, Music, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) and the Irish Language.

Closing date for applications is 4pm on Friday 5th March 2021.

[Click Here for More Details](#)

**Expires: 05/03/2021**

### **Summer Camp Scheme 2021**

Foras na Gaeilge is providing funding for appropriate Summer Camps through Irish for young people (3 to 18 years of age): which aim to strengthen the Irish language through a mix of activities

[Click Here for More Details](#)

**Expires: 05/03/2021**

### **EIL Seed Fund**

EIL believe that on a long-term basis, the most effective way in which volunteers can truly make a difference is to educate others about global justice, the Global Goals and the lives of people in the Global South.

The EIL Seed Fund exists to assist returned volunteers and change-makers to overcome barriers by providing successful applicants with funding, guidance and support to implement their own awareness-raising projects in Ireland. You can apply to the Seed Fund as individuals or as part of a group.

[Click Here for More Details](#)

**Expires: 15/03/2021**

### **Social Enterprise Development Fund 2021**

The Social Enterprise Development Fund is a €3.2 million Fund being delivered from 2018 – 2022. The fund was created by Rethink Ireland in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Dormant Accounts Fund.

[Click Here for More Details](#)

**Expires: 05/03/2021**

### **Education Innovation Fund 2020-2023**

COVID-19 is a massive disruption to Ireland's education system. It exposes already vulnerable people to further educational disadvantage.

Rethink Ireland has created the Education Innovation Fund 2020 – 2023. The Fund seeks to improve equal access to education and promote economic empowerment.

[Click Here for More Details](#)

**Expires: 08/03/2021**

#### 4. Community Events and News

##### Free Masterclass – How to introduce and maintain a wildflower Area

This free Wildflowers Masterclass is sponsored by Fingal County Council and open to all residents in the Fingal area who would like to plant a wildflower area in their community. The class will cover everything Wildflowers including planting techniques, wildflower mixes, different planting methods, where to buy your seed and much more.

[Click here for more details](#)

**Expires: 03/03/2021**

##### AONTAS STAR Awards 2021

On behalf of AONTAS we would like to promote the 15th annual AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival which will take place from 1st – 5th March 2021. This celebration of adult learning is an opportunity for you to promote your organisation, showcase your services and connect with the wider adult learning community.

[Click here for more details](#)

**Expires: 1st – 5th March 2021**

##### Fingal Virtual Community Centre

To assist people to keep connected in their communities, Fingal County Council Community Development Office have developed a Fingal Virtual Community Centre for community groups, community service and community centres to showcase their online and location based activities.

[Click here for more details](#)

##### March's Newsletter and More Information

If you would like an item included in our March's **Newsletter**, please submit it to us by Monday 15th March 2021. You can view and download all our newsletters from our website here: <https://fingalppn.ie/resource/monthly-eneewsletter/>

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Kind regards,  
Adam Rudden

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