



Fingal Community Facilities

Newsletter



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Donabate Portrane Community Centre



Facilities

- Meeting Rooms
- Sports Hall
- Community Meeting Hub
- Community Crèche
- Water-Based Artificial Pitch
- Gym with sauna and steam room
- Dance Suite
- Public Library

Donabate Portrane Community Centre first opened in 2001, located on Donabate Community College's campus.

The centre is open seven days a week, with a variety of facilities, whether you want to meet new people or learn a new skill, Donabate Portrane Community Centre is the place for you.



Donabate Portrane Community Centre's mission is to provide high-quality sport and leisure activities accessible to all, building an integrated and supported community.

Feel free to pop in, learn more and get involved!



Fingal Inclusion Week 2025

Fingal Inclusion Week is back! This week-long celebration highlights inclusion, equality and diversity, taking place from the 17th to the 23rd of November.

Fingal Inclusion Week aims to highlight the positive work that community groups, agencies and other organisations are doing with events taking place throughout the county.

[Read more](#)



eCollege training



eCollege offer further education and training available to all, funded by SOLAS, with the aim of enhancing your skills and assisting towards career growth.

Courses are free to those over 18, with all training available and details to register found on the [eCollege webpage](#)



Carmichael Network training

Dear Network Members,

Places are still available for the online Carmichael courses for 2025.

Carmichael.

This will be limited to two courses per person. For more information on the training provided email Ciaran.Morgan@fingal.ie & Kate.OToole@fingal.ie

You are encouraged to engage with your boards to see if any of the directors would like to avail of courses on this training schedule.



Borrow a Clothes Swap Kit



To support local groups and communities. Fingal County Council and Change Clothes have set up a free clothes swap kit available to borrow for community events.

Fingal County Council and Change Clothes aim to promote sustainable fashion and strengthen community connections.

[Read more](#)



October Recap

Event Highlights



28th October

Children's Halloween Swap Shop

Parslickstown House held a Children's Halloween Swap Shop, giving old costumes a second life and promoting sustainability.



29th September

Fantasy Storytelling Session

Applewood Community Centre had a magical morning with a Fantasy Storytelling Session with Dave Rudden live on Zoom, bringing the magic to you.



31st October

Frighty Friday

The Cottage Community Centre had a spooky interactive show with Willow the Friendly Witch, along with face painting and a spooky scavenger hunt.



Free capacity building training for voluntary groups



SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2025

FOR RURAL COUNTY DUBLIN

**CAPACITY
BUILDING
TRAINING
COURSE FOR
COMMUNITY
GROUPS**

FREE 8 WEEK COURSE

8 SESSIONS

GOVERNANCE, FINANCE, COMMUNICATIONS, MANAGING VOLUNTEERS, FUNDING SUPPORTS, NETWORKING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND MUCH MORE

REGISTER HERE





Modules Include

- Good Governance & Compliance
- Fundraising
- Financial Management
- Volunteer Recruitment
- Strategic Planning
- Social Media
- Digital Communications

Dublin Rural Leader

Dublin Rural LEADER is excited to announce the launch of a Free Capacity Building Training Programme for voluntary and community groups operating in the rural area of Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Training will run from September to November once a week online with 2 workshops included at accessible venues across rural Dublin.



**Dublin Rural
LEADER**
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

This training programme is designed to empower local groups with the tools and knowledge they need to strengthen their governance, build sustainability, and increase their impact.

[Read more](#)



Job Opportunities



Parslickstown House

Community Employment Supervisor

Parslickstown House have an exciting new Community Employment Supervisor role opportunity. It is a full-time position with 3 years of supervisory experience needed.

Closing Date- 14th of November

[Register your Interest](#)



Hartstown Community Centre

Receptionist

Hartstown Community Centre have a vacancy for a Receptionist under the CE Scheme. This is a developmental opportunity. No Experience needed.

Closing Date- 3rd of December

[Register your Interest](#)



Hartstown Community Centre

Cleaner

Hartstown Community Centre have a vacancy for a Cleaner role under the CE Scheme. This is a developmental opportunity. No Experience needed.

Closing Date- 26th of November

[Register your Interest](#)



Hartstown Community Centre

Caretaker

Hartstown Community Centre have a vacancy for a Caretaker role under the CE Scheme. This is a developmental opportunity. No Experience needed.

Closing Date- 26th of November

[Register your Interest](#)



Items of interest



Free SEAI Audit – SEAI's support scheme for energy audits (SSEA) offers SMEs a €2,000 voucher towards the cost of a high quality energy audit. In most cases, this will cover the total cost of the audit. Application to the scheme is easy, with automatic approval for eligible businesses.

[Read More](#)

HSE courses – Free – These programmes are provided by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP), as part of its commitments to education and training in Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide (2015–2024). They are scheduled and coordinated locally, by the network of HSE Resource Officers for Suicide Prevention (ROSPs) and in partnership with other training agencies. More information on these programmes is available at www.nosp.ie/training.

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Employability : supporting people with disabilities to find or keep a job

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Fingal County Council Development Office

Central to the work of the Community Development Office is the development of strong, self-reliant and sustainable communities. Their role is to support local people through community and voluntary groups to deliver projects and initiatives in their communities. The office can help groups in a number of ways, including training, information & advice, group development and funding toward community activities.



FUNDING

The Community Development Office provides support to community groups across Fingal County: groups such as residents' groups, Tidy Towns groups, environmental groups and other interest groups. These groups benefit their communities by encouraging integration, inclusion and add to the sense of community which is felt by those living in the area.

Your Community Development Officer will be happy to meet with groups to discuss funding options and other supports available through the Community Development office.

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