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**From the Staff and Secretariat of
Fingal PPN, we extend the warmest
wishes for the Season to all our
Members and Representatives.**



Fingal PPN 2025 Highlights

Fingal PPN Linkage Meeting 6th March 2025, Radisson Blu Hotel Dublin Airport



PPN National Workers Conference, 27th and 28th March, Galmont Hotel Galway



Fingal PPN 2025 Highlights

**Fingal PPN Plenary, 3rd April, Radisson Blu Hotel,
Dublin Airport**



**DCU PPN Summer School, 26th - 29th May, Daytime
Sessions on DCU's Glasnevin Campus, and Evening
Sessions Online via Zoom.**



Fingal PPN 2025 Highlights

Flavours of Fingal, 5th & 6th July , Newbridge House and Farm



National PPN Workshop - ‘ Building Community Resilience in Times of Emergency’ , 17th July, Midlands Park Hotel Portlaoise



Fingal PPN 2025 Highlights

**Your Community and the PPN Information Sessions,
Castleknock Community Centre 17th July, Balbriggan Meals
on Wheels 23rd July and Portmarnock Sports and Leisure
Centre 31st July**



**Linkage Meeting and Launch of Strategic Plan 2025-2026, 17th
September, Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport**



Fingal PPN 2025 Highlights

PPN National Conference, 16th & 17th October, Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim.



Fingal PPN Plenary, 5th November, Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport.



Community Climate Action Fingal Fund



Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Fingal Fund has now opened. Visit the [programme webpage](#) and watch the video on it to see how your community centre, club, or community organisation can apply. Fingal County Council might be able to support you.

Applications are welcome until the 22nd of December and can be sent to CommClimateActionOfficer@fingal.ie.



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council

Providing Core funding to non-profit organisations working in Ireland's heritage sector.

If your work has national or regional significance, this fund is here to help you grow stronger and make a lasting impact.

The Heritage Organisation Support Fund supports not for profit, non-governmental organisations working in the heritage sector in Ireland by providing funding towards their core costs.

From wildlife and archaeology to architecture, archives and inland waterways, could your organisation benefit from this support? The maximum amount available per organisation is €50,000.

[Read more here](#)

Local Enhancement Programme 2026



An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe
agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta
Department of Rural and Commu
Development and the Gaeltacht

Comhairle Contae
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Council



The Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026 is now accepting applications from Community and Voluntary Groups across Fingal.

This year's programme focuses exclusively on capital projects, supporting groups to carry out essential improvements and enhance community facilities.

Fingal has been allocated €268,827 for capital projects under this scheme.

For more information on the scheme, eligibility criteria, and how to apply, please click here: <https://www.fingal.ie/local-enhancement-programme-lep-2026>

Information Session:

Fingal County Council will hold an Information and Q&A Webinar — on the 15th January 2026 at 7pm. More details to follow.

The Local Enhancement Programme 2026 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht. Please see the following link to the press release announcing the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 at national level, by the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Jerry Buttimer TD:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-rural-and-community-development-and-the-gaeltacht/press-releases/ministers-calleary-and-buttimer-announce-new-7-million-local-enhancement-programme-2026/>

Future Board Leaders - Open for Expressions of Interest!



The Leadership Academy and Boardmatch Ireland are delighted to announce that they are now taking expressions of interest (EOI) for the 2026 Future Board Leaders (FBL) programme. Now in its fourth year, it has supported placements of 47 (and counting) new and diverse voices on to Irish charity and nonprofit boards, and are currently looking for the next class of candidates.

FBL identifies people from all walks of Irish life who have limited or no charity board experience, and provide free director training and then match charity boards with candidates based on their interests. Charities who were interested in diversifying their board are also currently being recruited to match with a diverse candidate.

If you are interested in learning more simply pop your details into this short Expression of Interest (EOI) form and details will be sent to you to attend the live webinars in January/February 2026:

[Candidate EOI Form](#)

[Charity EOI Form](#)

Consultations

Public Consultation on the Significant Water Management Issues for the Fourth Cycle Water Action Plan 2028-2033

Open for submissions from: 12 December 2025

Submissions closed: 19 June 2026



Each EU Member State reviews and updates their River Basin Management Plans every six years and sets out a roadmap of actions to protect and improve the water environment as required under the Water Framework Directive.

As part of the process, Member States are required to hold a public consultation on the Significant Water Management Issues (SWMI) identified in their catchments, at least two years before the publication and implementation of a new River Basin Management Plan, which for Ireland is being called the Water Action Plan (2028-2033).

Consultations

Public Consultation on the Significant Water Management Issues for the Fourth Cycle Water Action Plan 2028-2033

The objective of the SWMI process, including the public consultation process, is to identify the challenges and pressures on our water environment, to inform the preparation of the Water Action Plan (2028-2033) and in particular, the Programme of Measures that will be developed to help address the pressures on our water quality.

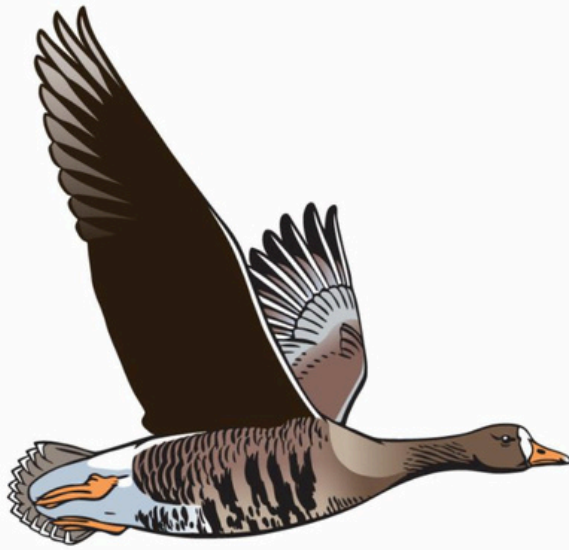
The Significant Water Management Issues for the Water Action Plan 2028 – 2033 is now available for public consultation.

As part of this public consultation process a consultation document is being processed that sets out the understanding of the Significant Water Management Issues that need to be addressed in the period 2028 – 2033.

The purpose of this consultation is to gather submissions, observations and comments on what are considered to be the significant water management issues for Ireland which should be addressed in the next Water Action Plan.

A short, targeted online questionnaire has been developed to facilitate responses to some of the key questions raised in the consultation document, which can be completed and submitted at the following link:

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/SWMI_WAP_2028-2033



BirdWatchIreland *protecting birds and biodiversity*

37th Irish Garden Bird Survey is ready to take flight

BirdWatch Ireland's Irish Garden Bird Survey, kindly sponsored by Ballymaloe, is back for its 37th consecutive winter. The survey is very simple and asks people to spend a short amount of time each week watching their garden birds and recording what they see. It plays an important role in tracking the fortunes of some of Ireland's best-loved creatures and informing our work as a conservation charity.

The impact of the data collected by our participants over the past 37 years has been huge. Thanks to them, we know that Robins, Blackbirds and Blue Tits are the most common garden bird species in Ireland. We know that species such as Great Spotted Woodpecker are on the rise. We know that Greenfinch numbers have plummeted in recent years, a loss that can be almost entirely linked to trichomoniasis – a disease which mostly affects finches.

[See the results of last winter's Irish Garden Bird Survey and learn how you can take part](#)

Consultations

Public Consultation on SDGs third National Implementation Plan

Public Consultation on the development of Ireland's third Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) National Implementation Plan



The aim of this consultation is to gather stakeholder feedback on the preparation of Ireland's Third SDGs National Implementation Plan, which sets out the overarching national governance, coordination and monitoring framework for the SDGs in Ireland.

Please see consultation on gov.ie at:

[Public Consultation on the development of Ireland's third Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) National Implementation Plan](#)

How to make a submission

Anyone wishing to submit observations can do so by email or post. The closing date for submissions is 5.30pm on Friday, 16 January 2026.

Late submissions will not be considered.

All valid submissions received will be published on the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment website.

Submissions should be sent by email to SDGs@dcee.gov.ie or post to:

SDGs Team,

EU and International Environment and Circular Economy Section,

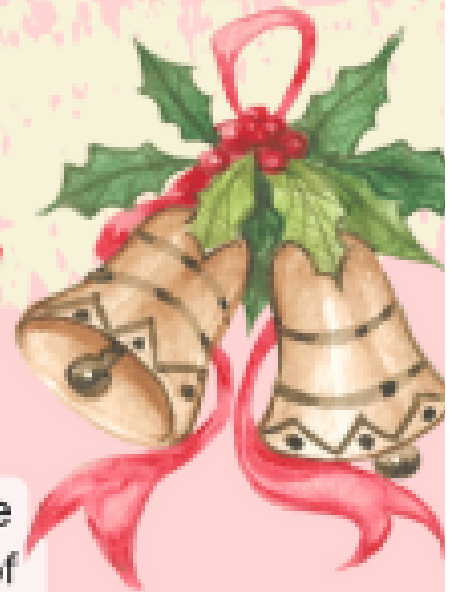
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Tom Johnson House,

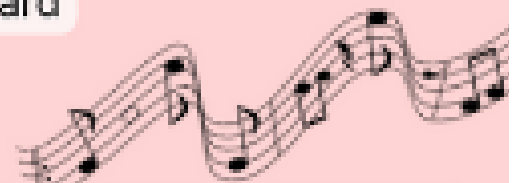
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Green Christmas Tips

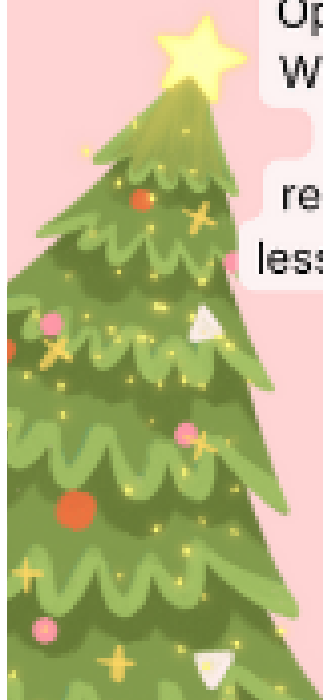


Reuse decorations or make your own. There is plenty of inspiration to be found online (orange garlands, home-made wreaths, cardboard tree ornaments)



Consider gifting an experience over something physical- a meal out, a ticket to a show, or a cooking class is less likely to end up in the bin come January.

Opt for a real tree at home. While artificial trees can be reused, they can't be recycled, making them the less environmentally-friendly in the long run.



Choose LEDs- they use 80 - 90% less energy and last 5 times longer than traditional lights. Don't forget to turn them off when they are not in use.

Fingal Sports Awards 2026

Nominations now open for Fingal Sports Awards 2026

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Fingal County Council is inviting nominations for the Sports Club Volunteer and Sports Clubs of the Year Awards, recognising the people and organisations that keep sport at the heart of communities.

The awards ceremony, hosted by the Fingal Sport Office, will take place on Monday, 26th January 2026 at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport, where volunteers and clubs will gather for a special evening dedicated to acknowledging their invaluable role in supporting and advancing local sport.

Prize packages will include a €750 sports equipment voucher for winning clubs, helping to support their ongoing development and growth.

Nomination Information

● Volunteer Awards Nomination Link:

<https://bit.ly/ClubVolunteeroftheYearAwards2026>

● Clubs of the Year Nomination Link:

<https://bit.ly/FingalSportscluboftheyear2026>

Closing date for all nominations is 5:00pm on Wednesday, 7th January 2026.