

MARCH 2026

# FINGAL PPN NEWSLETTER



Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Fhine Gall  
Public Participation Network Fingal



## IN THIS ISSUE

PPN News

Funding Opportunities

Training

Consultations

Bulletin Board

[www.fingalppn.ie](http://www.fingalppn.ie)

Fingal PPN held their Linkage Meeting on the 26th February in the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport Central. There was an introduction briefing presented on the PPN and it's structures, and how members can participate.

Also, attendees sat with other members of their pillar to identify any issues in the County and a motion was discussed to be brought forward to Fingal County Council.

**Spotlight on New Members-**

**The below groups became Fingal PPN members in 2026 -**

- **Futsal Lab Ireland**
- **Howth Sailing and Boating Club**
- **Portrane Village Architectural Conservation Area & Rural Alliance (Portrane Village ACARA)**
- **Block A Residents Association Station Walk Portmarnock**
- **Meakstown Community Garden Group**
- **Laraghcon Residents Association**
- **Baldoyle Badminton Club**
- **O'Hanlon's Lane Residents Association**
- **St. Mochta's National School Parents' Association**
- **Blanchardstown Chess Club**
- **Rush Festival of Writing**
- **Rolestown Community Council**
- **Balbriggan Amenities Sea Swimming**
- **Regles Residents Association**
- **Cronan's Well Residents Association**



**Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail **Fhine Gall****  
**Public Participation Network **Fingal****



**The New Solutions Pilot Grants funding call is now open! This funding aims to support organisations testing innovative ideas that address key social challenges in Ireland.**

**The Pilot Grants help social innovators trial new products, services, practices, or models to achieve better outcomes in areas like:**

- Increasing access to employment for disadvantaged groups**
- Improving access to education for under-served communities**
- Enhancing personal and social development for at-risk youth**
- Using sport for social inclusion and wellbeing.**

## What's on offer:

Cash grants of €70,000 – €100,000 over two years

Access to the New Solutions Social Innovation Hub network and support services

A chance to pilot real-world solutions with lasting social impact.

**Deadline: 13 March 2026 at 6pm**

Full details here: [www.new-solutions.ie/pilotgrants](http://www.new-solutions.ie/pilotgrants)

Whether you're part of a charity, social enterprise, community group, or nonprofit, this is a great chance to bring your innovative idea to life and create positive change in communities across Ireland.



Rialtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland



Co-funded by  
the European Union



government supporting communities



**Our Community Heritage Grant Scheme is now open for applications. The scheme supports community/voluntary groups nationwide with heritage projects - built, natural, and cultural.**

**The maximum amount available per organisation is €25,000. The closing date for applications is 20th March 2026 at 8pm.**

**An annual grant scheme for community groups and not-for-profit non-governmental organisations to protect, share, and celebrate the heritage that matters to your community.**

**This scheme is intended to enable communities and heritage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to continue their work on existing heritage projects or to start new initiatives.**

**For more information please follow the link below**

**<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/community-heritage-grant-scheme-2>**

# ANTI-LITTER & ANTI- GRAFFITI GRANT 2026

This grant funds community projects to address litter and graffiti in Fingal.



**Closing Date**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Comhairle Contae  
Fhine Gall**  
Fingal County  
Council



**An Roinn Aeráide,  
Fuinnimh agus Comhshaoil**  
Department of Climate,  
Energy and the Environment

The Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Grant is administered annually by Fingal County Council. Each year, community groups across Fingal undertake a variety of initiatives funded through the scheme, contributing to enhanced public spaces and increased community engagement.

**Activities can include litter clean ups, painting of estate walls, painting murals, introducing areas for biodiversity in places prone to litter and dumping, and awareness campaigns for litter and cigarette butt disposal. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Climate, Energy & Environment.**

### **Who Can Apply?**

**A wide range of local groups can get involved; community groups, sports clubs, men's and women's sheds, residents' associations, scout groups, tenants' groups, and Tidy Towns committees. If you have an idea that will help your community tackle litter or inspire less graffiti in your area, let it be known. Total amount funded will not exceed €1,500 per application.**

### **Closing Date**

**Friday 17th April 2026 at 4:30pm**

**Application Form Please find the application form attached**

**Please email [environment.education@fingal.ie](mailto:environment.education@fingal.ie) with any queries you might have.**

## Funding

# Dublin Rural LEADER Programme Targeted Call for Community Facilities Enhancement



The poster features a background image of a rural landscape with a blue sky and green fields. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'Dublin Rural LEADER' with the tagline 'Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion'. Below this is a green box with the text 'LEADER Development led by local communities'. The main title 'Call for PROJECTS for Rural Dublin Communities' is prominently displayed in orange and black. A central white box contains the funding details, and a dark blue box at the bottom provides contact information.

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

**LEADER**  
Development led by local communities

## Call for PROJECTS

### for Rural Dublin Communities

**FUNDING UP TO €150K**  
**FOR PROJECTS FOCUSED ON:**

- Community Facilities Enhancement
- Access to Services
- Community Amenities

- Project value: €50K – €150K
- Grant rate: up to 75%
- Total budget: €700K

email: [rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie](mailto:rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie) ph: 01 8074282

## ⚡ What Can Be Funded?

**Investment in facilities, equipment, fixtures, and fittings that enable community organisations to expand or improve services and activities.**

**Initiatives that improve access to services and promote inclusion for hard-to-reach groups.**

**Capital projects emerging from Smart village Plans, Villages Health Check reports and Town Centre First Plans.**

## Who Can Apply

**Community groups, youth organisations, community councils, social enterprises, sports organisations, disability organisations, charities and groups representing communities with limited access to services or transport.**

**You must be located within the LEADER Operational Area.**

## How to Apply:

**Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**Download an Expression of Interest Form [here](#) or email for a form.**

**Contact for queries or submissions, email [rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie](mailto:rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie)**

## Important Dates:

**Call Opens: 3rd March 2026**

**Deadline for EOIs: 27th March 2026**

**EOI Assessment & Notification: 30th March -17th April 2026**

# Training

## Mental Health Peer-Support in Workplaces, Cycle Against Suicide



  
**Workplace**  
**Peer-Supporter**  
BY 



**More information here:**  
or ↓  
[cycleagainstsucide.com/workplace/](https://cycleagainstsucide.com/workplace/)



**At its core, Cycle Against Suicide's evidence-based workplace mental health peer-support training is about people supporting people. Our programme equips employees with skills & empathy to support colleagues facing stress or distress. Organisations who invest in mental health peer support training foster a culture of empathy and support which is key to unlocking the full potential of an organisation's human capital.**

The benefits are profound and far-reaching. Firstly, it **creates a compassionate network** within a workplace, forming bonds that extend beyond professional duties. Trained employees become the eyes and ears of the workplace, attuned to subtle shifts in their colleagues' well-being. This heightened awareness fosters a culture of genuine care and concern.

Secondly, our workplace mental health peer-support training **enhances communication and problem-solving skills**. Participants learn active listening and problem solving techniques, enabling them to offer empathetic understanding and help without judgment. This not only aids in early intervention but also cultivates an environment where individuals feel heard and valued.

Furthermore, our workplace peer-support training **enhances overall resilience**. Employees armed with the tools to support their colleagues will navigate their own challenges with greater ease. The reciprocal nature of mental health peer support training fosters a positive feedback loop, reinforcing a culture where everyone is invested in each other's success and well-being.

The benefits of Cycle Against Suicide's peer support workplace programme extend beyond the interpersonal dynamics of an organisation. **Companies that prioritise mental health peer support training witness a notable improvement in productivity and employee engagement**. By proactively addressing stress and distress, organisations can mitigate the impact on absenteeism and turnover, ultimately safeguarding their most valuable asset – their people.

By empowering employees to be advocates for mental health, companies create a workplace that not only survives but thrives.

*Our workplace peer-support training programme comprises 2 full days and accredits 13.5 CPD points.*

**[cycleagainstsuiticide.com/workplace/](https://cycleagainstsuiticide.com/workplace/)**

# Fingal Secure Bike Week 2026 funding from NTA



**The National Transport Authority has awarded €16,522 in funding for Bike Week 2026 activities to Fingal County Council.**

**Bike Week is a week-long celebration of the benefits of cycling. Bike Week 2026 will take place from Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th May. Fingal County Council's Active Travel unit will offer a variety of events throughout the County for every age group.**

**Fingal County Council say they are excited to welcome their largest audience to date to events across Fingal from Saturday 9th – Sunday 17th May 2026. Keep an eye on [www.fingal.ie/bikeweek](http://www.fingal.ie/bikeweek) for more info.**

# Newsletters



**Linked below is the February 2026 Newsletter**

<https://fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie/newsletter-february-2026/>



**Linked below is the February and March 2026 Newsletter**

<https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2026-02/feb-mar-newsletter-2026-18.pdf>

# Newsletters

## Environmental Awareness and Climate Action Newsletter



All past issues and the link for groups to subscribe below:

<https://www.fingal.ie/join-fingal-county-council-environmental-awareness-newsletter>



Irish  
Environmental  
Network

Linked below is the March newsletter.

: <https://conta.cc/4l08m8T>