

Fingal Community Facilities Newsletter



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Facilities

- Large sports hall
- Changing facilities
- Dance studio
- Community garden
- Electric car charging

Activities

- Classes
- Meetings
- Recreational activities



Opened in November 2024, Meakstown Community Centre is a state-of-the-art facility serving the heart of Dublin 11.

Located next to Meakstown's public park and playgrounds, the centre benefits from the addition of the nearby Bloom Community Garden, enhancing its role as a hub for local residents.

Managed by a dedicated team, the centre supports voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, and corporate users alike, ensuring flexible and affordable booking options.

For more information, feel free to call or visit and we will give you a timetable and show you how to book-in for activities.

FREE PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

Free Photography Course (16 weeks) currently running at Parslickstown House, funded by DDLETB.

The course is ideal for anyone interested in learning how to take better photos, exploring photography in a relaxed and creative environment, and meeting others from the community.

Every Tuesday
11am – 1pm
Parslickstown House Community Centre

To register, please call **01 815 1779**



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](#)

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Event Highlights



11 April

BELIEVE Balbriggan

Local sports clubs, community groups, businesses and services are gathering at Flemington Community Centre to celebrate talent and opportunity within the town.

From 12:00 pm to 5:00pm



17 April

Dream Space LIVE

Students will challenge common misconceptions, explore real-world ideas for inclusion and take part in simple activities that highlight how we can better support the Autistic community in Ireland.

From 10:30 am to 12pm

CARMICHAEL NETWORK TRAINING

Dear Network Members,

Places are now available for the online Carmichael training for 2026 - [courses overview](#)

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

Carmichael.



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



The Community Development and Inclusion Office prepared new sensory kits to mark the 19th year of World Autism Awareness Day on Thursday, April 2.

Staff assembled 20 sensory kits including toys and objects for community centres across the county.

These centres have been actively organising inclusion-focused events.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Parslickstown House

Social Enterprise Development Manager

Parslickstown House have a vacancy for a Social Enterprise Development Manager. This is a full-time position. Experience in leadership, community development, project management and business development essential.

Closing Date - 10 April

[Register your Interest](#)

Parslickstown House

Social Enterprise Administrator

Parslickstown House have a vacancy for a Social Enterprise Administrator. This is position is part-time and subject to CSP funding. Only applicants from the live register and Employment Activation Scheme are eligible to apply.

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Parslickstown House

Assistant Chef

Parslickstown House have a vacancy for an Assistant Chef. This is position is part-time and subject to CSP funding. Only applicants from the live register and Employment Activation Scheme are eligible to apply.

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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.

[See here for more information](#)

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.

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

The **Workplace Adaptation Grant** helps employers and self-employed people make necessary changes to their workplace for an employee or future employee with a disability.

Funding of up to €25k is available, and more info can be found [here](#)

It also helps people with disabilities by providing up to €12k for assistive equipment or technology. It's available to employees and self-employed people who need specific tools to do their jobs effectively in the workplace or from home. More info on the equipment grant can be found [here](#)

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.

[Funding Point Local Digest PDF](#)