

Fingal Community Facilities

Newsletter

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HUNTSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE



Facilities

- Medium-sized sports hall
- Meeting Rooms
- Community Coffee Shop
- Youth Room
- Artificial Sports Pitch
- Community Childcare Project

Activities

- Adult education & Fitness
- Art & Craft
- Birthday Parties
- Childcare, Scouts & Youth Club
- Community Events
- Dance & Drama
- Sport, Health & Wellbeing



We are competing for the 2026 Pride of Place awards, on our 25th anniversary as part of the Huntstown community,

We pride ourselves on embodying the true spirit of community—offering a welcoming, inclusive space where everyone is valued and respected, regardless of age, gender, or beliefs.



Our centre provides a wide range of educational, recreational, hobby, and fitness activities for all ages, while also serving as a safe and supportive environment for local groups, families, and individuals.

Community isn't just what we do—it's who we are.



eCollege

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](#)

COMMUNICATION WORKS
FOR THOSE WHO WORK AT IT.

Build confidence. Practice public speaking.
Connect with your community.

Toastmasters inspired COMMUNITY PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

- ✓ Grow as a speaker.
- ✓ No experience needed.
- ✓ No special preparation needed.
- ✓ We will share simple public speaking tips and practice together.
- ✓ You can bring a short talk on any topic you like.
- ✓ Everyone is welcome to explore.

DROP IN AND TRY IT OUT.
No registration needed.

Mulhuddart Community Centre
Church Rd, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, D15 R2VF

WHEN WE MEET

Day	Time
MONDAY	6:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:00 AM

Every week

For more information (if needed):
public.speaking.mulhuddart@outlook.co

Come speak. Learn. Grow.

Public Speaking Club

Mulhuddart Community Centre

Grow as a speaker. No experience or special preparation needed. We will share simple public speaking tips and practice together.

Drop in and try. No registration needed.
Limited places so register soon!

Monday, 6pm

Saturday, 10am

For more information email:

public.speaking.mulhuddart@outlook.com

Carmichael.



Carmichael

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 rachel.bruen@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.

AI Ready

Get AI skills with short, trusted SOLAS courses that will help you with everyday tasks, funded by the Government of Ireland. Start with the basics or jump straight into using AI for daily life, getting ahead in work, or helping you with admin tasks.

[See here for more information](#)



THIS MONTH'S EVENTS



Friday, 7 August to Sunday, 9 August

Donabate Portrane Summer Festival

Donabate

The Donabate Portrane Summer Festival is a community run family focused fun event, linking with Swim Ireland for their open water swimming event on Sunday

From 08:00 to 20:00



Friday, 7 August to Sunday, 9 August

Howth Root & Blues Festival

Donabate

40 free live performances across pubs and venues in Howth as well as several headline ticketed acts in the historic Abbey Tavern and Summit Inn.

Primarily featuring Irish roots and blues artists, along with an eclectic mix of blues rock, country, bluegrass and Americana.

From 10:00 to 00:00



Sunday, 9 August

Fingal Sports Festival

Malahide Castle, Malahide

FREE action-packed afternoon with over 20 different sports and activities to try, plus a live stage programme of fitness classes and demonstrations throughout the day, there's something for everyone.

From 12:00 to 17:00

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Thursday, 20 August

Vintage Picnic 2026

Millenium Park, Blanchardstown

This music festival for over 55s is back, with live and music and creative vintage. Bring your own picnic and avail of bus transport.

From 14:00 to 18:00



Saturday, 22 August to Sunday, 23 August

Blanchfest

Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

A free family festival celebrating community spirit in the heart of Blanchardstown. A welcoming day out filled with live music, entertainment and activities in a lively community atmosphere.

From 08:00 to 20:00

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

July

Flavours of Fingal

Newbridge House and Farm



FiFlavours of Fingal returned for its 2026 edition in Newbridge House and Farm, with a stronger focus to be an even more family friendly atmosphere.

With a plethora of stalls and activities in farmers' field, breathtaking equestrian displays by the house front, and the ever popular free family fun in the paddocks. These were two days packed full of local food, live music, and interactive activities.

The festival is Fingal's flagship and brought an enormous amount of teams and groups together in a reimagined and unforgettable way.

It was a huge success and another badge in the vest for, showing Fingal as a prime summer destination for families and friends

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

July

Festival in a Van

Rivervalley Community Centre



A mobile live arts event, Festival in a Van brought live performances to Rivervalley Community Centre this July.

Separately at Rivervalley, Darragh O'Brien Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and Minister for Transport attended the launch of the second round of the Climate Action Fund



Blakestown Community Resource Centre



Coffee Shop Assistant (Full Time)

The Coffee Shop Assistant supports the day-to-day operations of the Community Centre's Coffee Shop by delivering high-quality customer service, assisting with food preparation, ensuring high standards of hygiene and safety, and contributing to the smooth running of the café environment.

[See here for more info and to apply.](#)

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](#)

Calling all summer camp organisers

Looking for your perfect location for your summer camp? Mountview Community Centre has all the facilities you need!

We offer a large sports hall, astro pitch, meeting rooms, coffee dock, kitchen facilities and parking.

Book your dates and make a summer kids will remember

Email mfccampusreception@gmail.com

Call us on 01 821 8665

Connect with your local community whilst exploring how we connect and understand the wider world



Host a free coffee conversation facilitated by Concern Worldwide's Global Citizenship team.

Coffee conversations provide:

🌐 Space for community groups, organisations, or businesses to think about and reflect on the connections between ourselves and the world that we live in

🧠 An opportunity to listen and learn from others

🔍 Time to dig deeper on global issues that we might see on social media or the news

🤝 A moment to connect with community

To organise a facilitated coffee conversation for your group or community, or to discuss how this could be adapted for your group, email GCEoutreach@concern.net

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.



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

Fingal Sports Equipment Grants

Fingal Sports Office support sports by delivering innovative programmes, providing training, leading and raising the profile of sport in the County while increasing participation in sport and physical activity across the County for all.

Fingal Sports Office is committed to supporting local sports clubs by providing funding opportunities for the acquisition of sports equipment. This booklet outlines the available funding categories, eligibility criteria, application process, and guidelines to assist clubs in enhancing their equipment and promoting sports participation within the community.

Up to €1500 is available for the Essential Sports Equipment Grant

Up to €4000 is available for the Large Sports Equipment Grant

Up to €500 is available for the Sports Activity Grant

[See here for more information](#)

Heart of the Community Fund 2026

Grants support youth services, elder care, food programs, mental health, and many other local initiatives that promote social inclusion, improve well-being, and strengthen community resilience.

- Supporting all four areas of The Ireland Funds' focus
- Investing in grassroots, community-focused work
- Listening to community leaders to provide flexible funding where it's needed most
- Helping to build capacity or meet core costs

Round 2: Arts and Culture

Will open September 2026

[See here for more information](#)

Stelios North–South Business Cooperation Awards

Inspired by similar award initiatives in Cyprus, Greece and the UK, the Awards recognise entrepreneurs whose ventures bridge the communities of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

With a total prize fund of €500,000, the Awards offer both recognition and tangible support to foster innovation, job creation and lasting cooperation. The initiative is part of the Foundation's broader mission to give back to society in places where Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou and his family have lived and worked.

Deadline: 7 September 2026

[See here for more information](#)