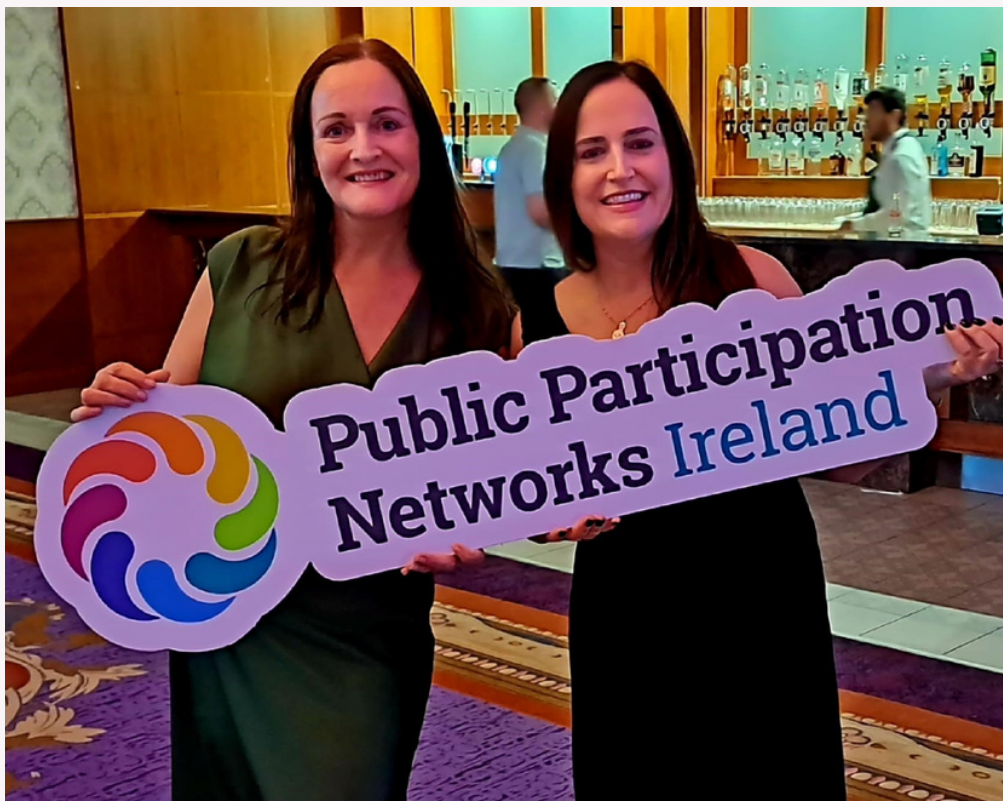


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FINGAL PPN NEWSLETTER



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The PPN National Conference 2026 will take place in the Hodson Bay Hotel on September 24th and 25th, and will be attended by Fingal PPN Staff and Secretariat.



The Fingal PPN Plenary meeting will take place on Thursday, 12th November 2026, in the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport Central.

Further details and registration link to follow.



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Public Participation Network Fingal

Spotlight on New Members-

The below groups became Fingal PPN members in August 2026 -

- **The Friends of St Columba's**
- **Garristown Village Life Group**
- **Seapark Residents Association**
- **Jackals Volleyball Club**
- **Corduff Community Association**
- **Really Cool Adventure**
- **The Good People Club**
- **Skerries Town Centre Residents Group**
- **Shelters Running Community**

Funding

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 opens on the 14th September 2026

[See here for more information](#)

The infographic is titled 'Fingal Sports Equipment Grants' and is set against a dark purple background. At the top, it features the logos for 'Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council' and 'Active Cities DUBLIN'. Below the title, there are three main sections. The first section, labeled '01', is for the 'Essential Sports Equipment Grant', which offers up to €1500 and is for daily training equipment. The second section, labeled '02', is for the 'Large Sports Equipment Grant', offering up to €4000 for larger equipment or projects. The third section is for the 'Sports Activity Grant', offering up to €500 for activities or events. A footer bar encourages following the organization on social media at @fingalsports.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORT

Active Cities DUBLIN

Fingal Sports Equipment Grants

01

Essential Sports Equipment Grant

Up to €1500 available

To help sports clubs purchase essential sports equipment needed for daily training and activities.

Clubs can apply for this grant annually
Clubs can only apply for one grant per year

02

Large Sports Equipment Grant

Up to €4000 available

To assist sports clubs in acquiring larger equipment or embarking on projects that demand a significant investment.

Clubs can apply for this grant every two years
Clubs can only apply for one grant per year

Sports Activity Grant

Up to €500 available

To assist sports clubs in delivering an activity or event that is open to both members and non-members of the club

Clubs can apply for this grant every year as well as Large or Essential Grant

Follow us on socials @fingalsports

Fingal Sports Office is committed to supporting local sports clubs by providing funding opportunities for the acquisition of sports equipment.

Follow the link below for more information on the available funding categories, eligibility criteria, application process, and guidelines to assist clubs in enhancing their equipment and promoting sports participation within the community.

<https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-sports-office>



Stronger Charities.
Stronger Communities.

13 Oct 2026, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Online

This three-hour session is drawn from Joe Houghton's new book 100 ways AI can help... Charities and Non-profits.

What will be covered -

- **Getting started safely — choosing a tool, turning off data sharing, and keeping donor and beneficiary information out of public chatbots**
- **Planning and piloting — the small first project that brings your board with you, and how to measure it candidly**
- **Grants and funder research — finding funders that fit, decoding guidelines, drafting and checking an application**
- **Communications and fundraising — appeals, newsletters, and telling a service user's story with consent and dignity**
- **Governance — board papers trustees will read, a first-pass risk register, and the questions your board should be asking about AI**
- **Safeguarding and data protection — GDPR in practice, and the material that never goes near a free tool**
- **Paying or not — what roughly €20 a month buys, and the non-profit programmes that cost nothing at all**

For more information and to reserve your place please follow the link [here](#)

Training

Free Sustainability Plan Website Launched for Communities Across Ireland

The Blessington Allotments Campaign and Blessington Tourist Office recently launched SustainabilityPlan.ie, which is a free online resource for schools, community groups, sports clubs and businesses to create their own bespoke sustainability plan.



Two community organisations in Blessington are working together to launch a new website encouraging communities throughout Ireland to create their own bespoke sustainability plans for free.

SustainabilityPlan.ie enables any small business, community group, sports club or school to benchmark their current sustainability performance, set measurable targets over the next five years, and plan how they will make further progress. Completing a sustainability plan provides a clear roadmap to reduce waste, cut emissions, improve biodiversity, and could be beneficial for future funding applications.

The positive response and support from the local community to previous projects inspired and informed the development of SustainabilityPlan.ie and a want to encourage and make it easier for other groups to take similar sustainability actions.

Consultation

Accessible and Inclusive Tourism in Ireland Survey Now Live



Your voice can help shape the future of tourism in Ireland. Through the Your Voice, Your Journey Visitor Consultation, Fáilte Ireland is seeking feedback from people who benefit from accessible and inclusive tourism when travelling in Ireland.

Insights gathered through the consultation will help improve understanding of visitors' experiences and expectations across areas including trip planning, transport, accommodation, attractions and visitor experiences.

Take part in the survey at the following link [Fáilte Ireland Accessible and Inclusive Tourism Survey](#)

SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week 2026

SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week is taking place this year from 19 to 27 September.

SDG Week forms part of the wider European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) which this year, will run from 18 September – 8 October.

A promotional graphic for SDG Week 2026. It features the 'Sustainable Development GOALS' logo on the left, with 'GOALS' in large blue letters and a colorful wheel of the 17 SDGs. To the right are logos for the Government of Ireland, ESDW 11 2026, and ESDN. The main text 'Take Part in SDG Week 2026!' is in blue. Below it, a paragraph describes Ireland's fifth SDG Week (19-27 September) as part of the wider ESDW (18 September - 8 October 2026). It mentions that last year's ESDW had nearly 4,000 activities across 39 countries and 100 events in Ireland. It states that SDGs belong to everyone and that the week is open to all. A three-step action plan is listed: 1. START NOW! (Think about how to promote sustainable development), 2. REGISTER (Upload your idea on the ESDW website), and 3. ACT! (Organize and promote your initiative). The bottom right corner features contact information for the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, including social media icons for Facebook and LinkedIn, and the website www.gov.ie/SDGs.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Take Part in SDG Week 2026!

Ireland's fifth Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week is taking place this year from **19 - 27 September**. It forms part of the wider European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW), which runs from 18 September - 8 October 2026. Last year ESDW saw almost 4,000 activities taking place across 39 countries, with almost 100 events taking place in Ireland.

The SDGs belong to everyone and SDG Week is open to all - individuals, groups, schools and colleges, businesses and institutions.

To take part, organize an event - however big or small - or highlight an activity or project that promotes sustainable development and join the annual week of action for the SDGs.

- 1 START NOW!**
Think about how you could promote sustainable development and plan an activity, project or event to take place during SDG Week
- 2 REGISTER**
Upload your idea on the ESDW website:
www.esdn.eu/esdw
- 3 ACT!**
Organize and promote your initiative during ESDW - **18 September - 8 October 2026!**
Explore which events are taking place and participate in activities near you!

DeptCEE
EuropeanSustainableDevelopmentWeek

Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
European Sustainable Development Network

For more information on sustainable development, SDG Week and ideas for taking part please see www.gov.ie/SDGs

Last year, ESDW saw over 3860 events taking place across 39 countries, with almost 100 events held across Ireland.

For more information on sustainable development, SDG week and ideas for taking part, please go to: gov.ie/sdgs.

Queries can be sent to SDGs@dcee.gov.ie.

Fingal Sports Office Sports Programmes

Our Purpose and Our Commitments



Fingal Sports Office is a member of Sport Ireland's Network of Local Sports Partnerships.

They 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.

Active Together Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-29

A team of sports officers provide community support to community groups, clubs, schools and business groups, and aim to create lifelong patterns of involvement in sport and physical activity. They do this by prioritising training and development for Sports volunteers and staff and supporting the development of a network of accessible, high-quality facilities to meet the needs of Fingal's growing communities. Fingal Sports Office also offer community initiatives to engage or reengage in sport or physical activity, you can find these programmes here - <https://sports.fingal.ie/>

If you have any questions about sport in Fingal you can contact any of the sports officers who will be happy to help you.

Meet the Sports Office Team [here](#)

Public Libraries are vital: New EU Report Calls for Stronger Recognition and Investment

A new report, 'Strengthening Europe through public libraries', published by the European Commission argues that the role of Public libraries has expanded far beyond traditional library services. Public libraries are now essential institutions that support education, digital inclusion, community resilience, democratic participation, cultural engagement, and social wellbeing.



Europe is home to an estimated 67,000 public libraries, welcoming around 757 million visits each year and serving approximately 75 million registered users.

In Ireland, libraries provide an important social and educational role, with over 17 million visits made every year by 765,000 registered members, 76 million items issued across 330 branch libraries and 30.5 mobile libraries (including one cross border service). Operated by Local Authorities, they play a vital role in ensuring equality of access to information, reading and learning material. In recent years, libraries have greatly expanded their offering and continue to adapt to the changing needs of their communities, with a roll-out of digital services including e-books, and access to journals and catalogues online and, in between 2012 and 2017, added 45 new or extended library branches. They also provide affordable internet access and support for people who may not own a computer, an important service, particularly in areas with low connectivity and/or high numbers of older people.



Developed by an Open Method of Coordination (OMC) group of 36 experts representing 25 EU Member States, the report urges policymakers to recognise public libraries as vital public services deserving sustained investment and strategic support. The findings come at a time when European societies are facing rapid technological change, demographic shifts, and increasing social and economic challenges.

The report also stresses that free access to public libraries should remain a fundamental principle, ensuring that every citizen can benefit regardless of economic circumstances.

Fingal Local Community Safety Partnership Meetings



Fingal North LCSP Public Meeting The Grand Hotel, Malahide. Fingal North LCSP will host their Public Meeting on Tuesday, 6th October from 7.15 -9pm in the The Grand Hotel, Malahide. Hot finger food, tea and coffee will be served from 6.30pm. An open invite will be issued to all citizens of Fingal North in the coming weeks. The LCSP encourages citizens to attend and raise issues of concern to them directly with the LCSP.



Fingal West LCSP will host their Public Meeting on Wednesday, 28th October from 7-9pm in the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown. Hot finger food, tea and coffee will be served from 6.30pm. An open invite will be issued to all citizens of Dublin 15 in the coming weeks. The LCSP encourages citizens to attend and raise issues of concern to them directly with the LCSP.

Upcoming Living Well Programmes



Living Well **A programme for adults with long-term health conditions**

The Living Well programme supports you to develop and enhance the skills that help you to live well with a long-term health condition(s) chronic pain condition(s) and helps people who are cancer survivors to better manage their health and daily lives. It's also for those caring for a loved one who is going through or has finished treatment. Two trained leaders run the workshops; one of the leaders lives with a long-term health condition. You'll learn techniques to deal with symptoms of chronic conditions, such as fatigue, pain, sleeplessness, shortness of breath, stress, and emotional problems such as depression, anger, fear, and frustration and much more!

Free upcoming programmes covering the integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County and Dublin North City & West

Programme	Venue	Day (x6)	Start date	Finish date	Time
Chronic Pain Self-Management	Chronic Pain Ireland, Carmichael Centre, D07 RHA8	Thursday	17 th September	22 nd October	10.30am - 1.00pm
Cancer: Thriving & Surviving	RCSI Smurfit Building, Beaumont Hospital, D09V2N0	Friday	18 th September	23 rd October	10.30am - 1.00pm
Chronic Health Conditions	OMNI Primary & Integrated Care Centre, OMNI Shopping Centre, D09 NX22	Tuesday	20 th October	24 th November	10.30am - 1.00pm
Chronic Health Conditions	OMNI Primary & Integrated Care Centre, OMNI Shopping Centre, D09 NX22	Tuesday	20 th October	24 th November	2.00pm - 4.30pm
Chronic Pain Self-Management	Blanchardstown Primary Care Services, Grove Court, D15 HNT2	Thursday	29 th October	3 rd December	10.30am-1.00pm
Chronic Health Conditions	Blanchardstown Primary Care Services, Grove Court, D15 HNT2	Thursday	29 th October	3 rd December	2.00pm-4.30pm

To register or for further enquiries please contact: Leah Harrington, Living Well Coordinator

Email: LivingWellDNCC@hse.ie

Phone: 087 365 4392

To find a programme in your area visit www.hse.ie/LivingWell



**Self-management
Support**



This is a HSE initiative and all management of the programme is managed at HSE level. The programme is managed by the HSE in the Dublin North City & West area. The programme is managed by the HSE in the Dublin North City & West area.

Newsletters



Linked below is the September newsletter

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



Linked below are the August and September newsletters

North County

<https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2026-07/north-county-august-september-newsletter-2026-2.pdf>

Mid East County

<https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2026-07/mid-east-august-september-newsletter-2026-1.pdf>

Dublin 15

<https://www.fingal.ie/media/23274>

Newsletters



Linked below is the September newsletter

<https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2026-08/september-newsletter.pdf>



**Irish
Environmental
Network**

Linked below is the September newsletter

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