

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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Fingal Local Community Development
Committee



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ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	EXPLANATION
CYPSC	Children & Young People's Services Committees
DLRCC	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
DEASP	Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
DEZ	Dublin Enterprise Zone
EETD	Economic Enterprise Tourism Development
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
FCC	Fingal County Council
FLP	Fingal Leader Partnership
IP	Implementing Partner
LAG	Local Action Group
LEADER	'Liasion Entre Actions de Developement de l'Economie Rurale' 'Links between the rural economy and development actions'
LCDC	Local Community Development Committee
LDC	Local Development Company
LECP	Local Economic Community Plan
LES	Local Employment Services
LDS	Local Development Strategy
MABS	Money Advice & Budgeting Service
NEETS	Not in Education Employment or Training
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PPN	Public Participation Network
PI	Programme Implementer
SICAP	Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme
SDCC	South Dublin County Council
TÚS	Community Work Placement Initiative

This report has been prepared in the context of Chapter 2, Section 128B (1)(i) Local Government Act 2001, as Inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which states that one of the functions of a Local Community Development Committee is: "to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submit"



Message from the Chair



Welcome to the 2018 Annual Report of the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The LCDC has primary responsibility for co-ordinating, planning and overseeing local and community development funding and the

preparation and review of elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

The LCDC provides oversight and coordination of a number of programmes and funds including the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP), the Communities Enhancement Programme (CEP) and the Healthy Ireland initiative.

Fingal LCDC is also central to Dublin Rural LEADER and the rural development programme. Oversight and co-ordination of the various programmes is supported and augmented by Fingal County Council, Pobal, and the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD).

This year saw the first year of the implementation of SICAP 2 (2018 – 2022) and sees continuity in the delivery of this programme by Empower. SICAP facilitates communities to work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders using a broad range of supports and interventions. Empower has continued to support disadvantaged communities and individuals in Fingal through targeted programmes focusing on individuals and groups. I would like to acknowledge the excellent performance of Empower in continuing to deliver on the goals and objectives of SICAP.

I would also like to acknowledge Fingal LEADER Partnership (FLP) for its role in the equally important Dublin Rural LEADER Development Programme. Rural development funding for County Dublin is administered by FLP and overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG). Funding for projects began to come on stream in 2018 and the challenge is to implement the funding over the course of the programme to 2020. We continued to work positively and productively with our partners in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South County Dublin County Councils. I would like to take this opportunity to thank former CEO of FLP, Dr Chris O'Malley in driving the Dublin Rural LEADER programme and

wish him well in his future endeavours. Equally I would like to welcome Eilish Harrington, FLPs new CEO into her new role and look forward to working with her in implementing this programme.

Another cornerstone of the LCDC is the input from the Public Participation Network (PPN), through the five PPN representatives on the committee and the link they make to the PPN. This link is vital to the relevance of the LCDC for our communities and the valuable and positive contribution they make to civic life in Fingal.

The work of the LCDC is supported by the staff in the Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Directorate of Fingal County Council. The success and relevance of the LCDC is heavily dependent on the commitment and expertise of the staff in the Directorate. I would like to commend the Director of Services, the Chief Officer all the staff in the Directorate for their work in developing and enhancing structures in the LCDC and partnerships with communities, government agencies, the business community and stakeholder groups.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support I have received from everyone involved in the LCDC for the past three years and have enjoyed working with the various stakeholders throughout my term. It has been a challenging task but has also been rewarding and memorable. I look forward to working with the new Chair and continuing to contribute to the LCDC in the future.

Dr Pat O'Connor

Chair Fingal Local Community Development Committee & Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group. Head of School of Humanities, Technological University Dublin.

Statement from the Chief Officer



The Local Government Reform Act 2014 gives legislative effect to the commitments in 'Putting People First', Local Community Development Committee's (LCDC) including the establishment of LCDC's in each local

authority administrative area, for the purposes of developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

The Guiding Principles of the Local Community Development Committee are to

- Have a clear focus on Social Inclusion, marginalised communities and the marginalised within communities
- Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as a key element in supporting sustainable communities
- Planning and programme implementation that makes the best use of available resources for citizens and communities

During 2018, the LCDC reviewed the implementation and progression of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016–21. The main conclusions drawn from the review process were that:

- The vast majority of actions in the plan were still considered valid and were progressing well
- The LECP 2016–2021 did not take account of BREXIT and this would need to be addressed in any new version of the LECP going forward
- Climate change and child centred actions should be prioritised in any future version of the LECP.
- Two or three big ticket county-wide actions could be identified, covering the areas identified above in any future version of the LECP.

The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is a key intervention for difficult to reach groups. Delivery is being overseen and managed by Fingal LCDC. SICAP aims to address poverty, long term unemployment and

social exclusion through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. The total budget for SICAP in Fingal in 2018 was €1,209,804 for which a contribution comes from the European Social Fund (ESF) Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014–2020 and the Youth Employment Initiative. The Programme Implementer, Empower achieved both its two key performance indicators (KPI's) for 2018 and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC.

The Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) has been established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) for the period 2014–2020 in the Dublin rural area. The LEADER Programme aims to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to encourage diversification of economic activity in rural areas. The allocated fund represents €6.37 million, and of this €4.74 million will be available for local projects in the region. There are 17 nominated members of the LAG, all of whom have a significant body of experience and expertise across the social, community, economic and environment sectors. The LAG is responsible for designing and implementing the LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS), making decisions on actions funded through the LDS and managing funding allocated to the LDS in the Dublin rural areas. Fingal County Council is the Lead Financial Partner for the LAG. During 2018, the LAG approved 27 projects totalling €924,340.40.

In 2018, the LCDC administered a number of programmes on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD). Projects approved for funding aligned with the strategies, objectives and actions of the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

There was a general consolidation of local community funding schemes under the new Community Enhancement Programme (CEP). Fingal's Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) approved the allocation of €477,189 to community and voluntary groups across the county under the Community Enhancement Programme

(CEP) 2018. €326,668 was allocated by the DRCD to Fingal LCDC in September in addition to the sum of €150,521 received in May. A total of 174 applications were received and 123 groups across the county were approved to receive funding under the CEP scheme. The CEP provides a flexible and targeted approach to funding those communities most in need and is aimed at addressing disadvantage as identified in the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan.

In October 2018 Fingal's Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) approved the allocation of €16,000 to local Men's Shed groups under the CEP Men's Shed Scheme, which will fund either the purchase of new equipment or small scale capital projects. Nine Men's Shed Groups across the region will each receive €1,771.33 from funding which was announced by the DRCD.

The LCDC also oversaw the completion and financial administration of the first round of the Fingal Healthy Ireland Programme 2017/18 and was successful in securing an additional €112,100 for Fingal projects under the second round programme 2018/19. In total 9 projects are being funded under the 2018/2019 round. Fingal's Local Community Development Committee and Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committees

(FCYPSCs) held a Healthy Ireland Stakeholder Day in Blanchardstown to assist with the formation of a strategic plan for the Fingal area. This plan now forms the basis for the expansion of the Healthy Ireland Programme in Fingal in the years to come.

The LCDC in 2018 moved from strategy development to overseeing the implementation of programmes and projects designed to support Local and Community Development and the positive impact of these will be evident into the future.

Declan Ryan

Chief Officer, Fingal Local Community Development Committee & Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group.



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Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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Members of Fingal LCDC

Back Row: Anthony Cooney, Alice Davis, Aneta Laska, Eilish Harrington, Ellen O’Dea, Anthony Brennan, Adeline O’Brien, Máire O’Brien, Laurence Ward,

Front Row: Cllr. Natalie Treacy, Declan Ryan, Pat O’Connor, Emer O’Gorman, Cllr. Tony Murphy, Una Caffrey

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- Planning and programme implementation that makes the best use of available resources for citizens and communities

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE LCDC ARE

- Prepare and arrange for the implementation of the Community element of a six year Local Economic and Community Plan.
- Co-ordinate, manage and oversee the development of local community development programmes.
- Review, monitor and revise actions and strategies set out to achieve the objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan.
- Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as a key element in supporting sustainable communities.
- Improve the co-ordination of all public funded local and community development programmes in the administrative area.

Note: Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 sets out the functions of the LCDCs.

The functions of a local authority regarding promoting the interests of communities as set out in Section 66 of the 2001 Local Government Act, delegated to LCDCs, section 128(2).

LCDC Member Profiles 2018



CLLR. TONY MURPHY

Tony Murphy is a craftsman goldsmith and a councillor on Fingal County Council representing the Balbriggan Ward. He has been in business in Balbriggan for more than 30 years. During that time he has been involved in commercial organisations, community initiatives and sport. Relevant roles and interests include: Former President and current executive member of Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce; Chair Balbriggan Creative and Cultural Quarter; Member of O'Dwyer's GAA and Glebe North FC.



CLLR. BRIAN MCDONAGH

Brian McDonagh is a Labour Councillor on Fingal County Council, first elected in 2014. Brian started work as a lifeguard and swimming teacher and then worked in factories and farms as a labourer, before moving into a sales career in the media and IT industry. He is a past pupil of Portmarnock Community School and has been appointed to the board of management of Portmarnock and Malahide Community Schools. Brian lives in Balgriffin and has a keen interest in planning and environmental issues as well as the arts.



CLLR. NATALIE TREACY

Natalie Treacy is an elected Sinn Féin Councillor for the Castleknock area. She attended Blakestown Community School and went on to attain a diploma in Supervisory Management from NCI. She is a Representative on the Safer Blanchardstown Policing Forum and is the Chair of the Board of Mountview Community Centre and Campus Facility and also a member of the Board of An Dráiocht. Natalie works full time as a Councillor on a variety of local issues. She is a member of the LCDC and represents all groups in her area through this committee. She is particularly interested in working to resolve the housing crisis in Dublin 15.



EMER O'GORMAN

Emer joined Fingal County Council at the end of October 2018 from Louth County Council where she had been the Director of Service with responsibility for Corporate Services, HR, Environment and European Relations for the past three years. She has 24 years of local government and semi-state experience in a range of departments and areas including Environment, Housing, Community and Enterprise, Economic Development, Corporate Services, HR, Procurement and Shared Services. Emer holds a Bachelors of Business Studies (Finance) and a Master's in Business Administration from NUI and DCU respectively.



OISÍN GEOGHEGAN

A Master of Business Studies graduate of University College Dublin, Oisín Geoghegan is the Head of Enterprise in Fingal County Council, since April 2014. Prior to this appointment he served 14 years as Chief Executive at the Fingal County Enterprise Board. Oisín previously held managerial positions in Export Sales and Marketing for Irish and Scandinavian manufacturers of industrial equipment in the food processing sector operating in the UK and Ireland. He is also currently Chairperson of the Network of 31 Local Enterprise Offices (two year term) and has many years experience chairing various enterprise development strategy groups and national committees.



DR. PAT O'CONNOR

Pat O'Connor is Head of School of Humanities, Blanchardstown Campus at the newly created Technological University Dublin. Pat holds a doctoral degree from the University of Manchester and has been involved in further and higher education for 30 years. Pat's teaching interests extend across business, accountancy and humanities and he has extensive experience in programme design in higher education. His research interests include higher education, research methodology and community development. Pat's community contributions include Chair of the Board of Management of St Patrick's Junior National School, Corduff and coach at Hartstown Huntstown Football Club.



ANTHONY COONEY

Anthony Cooney is Chief Executive Officer of Fingal Dublin Chamber of Commerce. Fingal Dublin Chamber is the representative of the business community covering the greater Fingal Region. Anthony has more than 20 years' experience at director level working with Private Equity Operators of businesses in the B2B and B2C sectors of major companies operating in both the UK and Ireland.



SIOBHÁN LAWLOR

Siobhán has a wide experience in the design and delivery of policies and services in the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection and the wider Civil Service and has worked in projects and initiatives across other EU public employment services. She is currently responsible for the delivery of welfare payments and activation services by over 360 staff across seven offices in north Dublin. Siobhán studied in the Institute of Public Administration and has a MSc. in Innovation Management from University of Ulster.



ÚNA CAFFREY

Úna is the coordinator of Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (FCYPSC). Úna's role is to support FCYPSC in its work to bring together a diverse group of agencies in Fingal to engage in joint planning and co-ordination of services for children and young people.

Úna is a firm believer in working together to achieve better outcomes for children and young people and supports the participation of children and young people to inform the work of FCYPSC.

Úna brings to FCYPSC a wealth of experience of working in the community and voluntary sector having worked for Focus Ireland, Barnardos, Fingal County Childcare Committee to name a few. In her previous role Úna coordinated the delivery of child protection training to early years professionals in Fingal. Úna lives in Donabate, is a parent of three teenage children and when not working, likes to keep fit. Úna is an active member of a local gym and running club and has completed six marathons since 2014.



ELLEN O'DEA

Ellen O'Dea is Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing in the HSE Community Health Organisation Dublin North City and County since November 2016. From 2002 she has worked in management roles within the HSE, previous roles include General Manager for Primary Care and Disability Services, Primary Care Manager & Occupational Therapy Manager. She has a particular interest in community participation in health and in previous roles set up community participation and engagement structures within the HSE. Ellen has a BSc (Hons) in Occupational Therapy, Diploma in Leadership and Quality in Healthcare and an MSc in Health Service Management.



ANTHONY BRENNAN

Anthony Brennan, Chairperson of Woodland Park Residents Association and board member of Rush Community Council, Anthony has always liked to be involved with community groups, working to be part of the Community and working with the Local Authority. The more the community groups work together he says, the more we get for each other.



ANETA LASKA

Aneta was born in Poland and came to Ireland with her family in 2001. She lives in Rush with her husband and two sons. Aneta is passionate about integration and networking with like-minded people to improve all human lives. While working in Citizens Information she gained an insight into the many issues facing migrants. She educated herself and successfully completed study at NUIM in Social Science. Aneta is an officer of Fingal Ethnic Network, a facilitator at Social Inclusion, Youth & Rural Development PPN Linkage group, a member of Fingal LCDC and Rush Community Council and a volunteer for Crosscare. She was a member of Programme Board of 3rd edition of Polska Eire Festival, which aims to strengthen integration and relations between the Polish and Irish communities. Aneta also started her own group called POLKA.



GERALDINE ROONEY

Geraldine Rooney is a Development officer with the Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living who provides house and garden maintenance, transport and information for people with disabilities who otherwise live independently. Empowerment and inclusion of people with disabilities is her passion and she has been involved with local community groups for the last thirty years. Geraldine is involved with the Dublin 15 Disability Peer Support Group which supports people with Disabilities to take part in their community and have their voices heard. The vision for Ireland is one where people with disabilities have freedom, choice and control over their lives and full participation in an inclusive society as equals.



BRÍD WALSH

Bríd Walsh is currently the Coordinator of the North Dublin Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force, having previously coordinated the Blanchardstown Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force for 5 years. Bríd has a particular interest in the social care field and has decades of experience of working with marginalised groups in the Fingal area in previous roles including as a Mediator, Rehabilitation Worker and Project Worker. Bríd has various 3rd level qualifications in counselling and rehabilitation and in previous years completed a M.Sc. in Social Science in Trinity College.



ALICE DAVIS

Alice Davis is an active Community Development worker and has been involved in Balbriggan Meals on Wheels for more than 10 years. Working as a trainer with Lir Anti-Racism Training & Education programme, she is registered with the Teaching Council of Ireland. She is a Board member of Balbriggan Meals on Wheels and Balbriggan Community Council.



MÁIRE O'BRIEN

Máire O'Brien, M.Sc. Environmental Science. Máire has been nominated by the PPN to represent Environmental issues on the LCDC. She is from Portmarnock and is involved with the Portmarnock Community Association and Beach Committee, An Taisce Coastcare Group. She is a lecturer with the Open University, formerly in Environmental Control and Public Health. Máire has an interest in most things environmental, especially water, fresh and salt.



LAURENCE WARD

Laurence Ward is a dry stock farmer near Oldtown, North County Dublin. His passions are GAA football and farming.

He is a member of Fingal Local Community Development Committee and Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group and also a member of Fingal Leader Partnership. Laurence is also County Chairman of Dublin Irish Farmers Association.



ADELINE O'BRIEN

Adeline O'Brien has worked in the not for profit and social enterprise sector for twenty years. Roles have ranged from Development Director (Cork Opera House) to Director of the Fundraising Institute of Ireland and CEO of an Education & Training facility for at risk young people and their families in Dublin 10. Adeline was a founding Director of the Cherry Orchard Regeneration Company, and a founding member of the Dublin 10 Restorative Practice steering group.

Adeline worked as Consultant in the not for profit sector particularly in the areas of Governance, Strategy and Management, Work & Organisational Psychology / Behaviour. Adeline also provided support in terms of crisis management, operational quality audits and evaluations. Adeline was appointed CEO of Blanchardstown Area Partnership in January 2017 and is leading a change management process including renaming the service to Empower CLG, during 2018.



EILISH HARRINGTON

Eilish Harrington took up the position of CEO with Fingal LEADER Partnership in September 2018. In this role Eilish works with her team to deliver the LEADER 2014-2020 programme across rural Dublin, Rural Social Scheme for Co. Dublin, the Jobs Club in Swords and the TÚS Scheme in the Fingal area. She has a background in Community Development and brings experience and knowledge in this field to her role in FLP. Eilish graduated with a BA Honours Degree in Public and Social Policy from NUI Galway. After her studies she worked with Special Olympics Munster as a Development Officer and most recently as Co Ordinator of EmployAbility Services West Cork.



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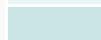
RETIRED MEMBERS 2018

Thank you to the following members whose attendance and valuable contribution to the LCDC during 2018 made for such a successful year. We wish you well in your future endeavours.

NAME	ORGANISATION	CATEGORY
Ed Hearne	Fingal County Council	Chief Executive's Nominee
Denise Curran	Health Services Executive	Head of Service, Health & Wellbeing
Jeff Murphy	Fingal Public Participation Network	Community Voluntary Interest
Adaku Ezeudo	Fingal Public Participation Network	Social Inclusion Interest
Roslyn Fuller	Fingal Public Participation Network	Community Voluntary Interest
Chris O'Malley	Fingal Leader Partnership	Local Development
Chris Harmon	Fingal Leader Partnership	Local Development

CATEGORY MEMBERSHIP OF FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) 2018

NAME	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Cllr. Tony Murphy	Local Authority Member Balbriggan/Swords	Fingal County Council
Cllr. Brian McDonagh	Local Authority Member Howth/Malahide	Fingal County Council
Cllr. Natalie Treacy	Local Authority Member Castleknock/Mulhuddart	Fingal County Council
Emer O’Gorman	Local Authority Official Chief Executive’s Nominee	Fingal County Council
Oisin Geoghegan	Local Authority Official Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O’Connor (Chairperson)	State Agency Higher Education Institute	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
Siobhan Lawlor	State Agency Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Dept. of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Una Caffrey	State Agency TUSLA	TUSLA Child and Family Agency
Ellen O’Dea	State Agency HSE	HSE Head of Service Health & Wellbeing
Anthony Brennan	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Aneta Laska	Community Voluntary Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Alice Davis	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Geraldine Rooney	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Máire O’Brien	Environmental Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Bríd Walsh (Vice Chair)	Community Interest	North Dublin Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force
Adeline O’Brien	Local Development	Empower
Eilish Harrington	Local Development	Fingal LEADER Partnership
Laurence Ward	Farming and Agriculture	The Irish Farmers Association
Anthony Cooney	Business and Employers	Chambers Ireland

	Public (statutory)
	Private (non-statutory)

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2018

NAME	20.02.18	26.04.18	22.08.18	19.09.18	06.11.18
Cllr. Tony Murphy	√	√	√	√	√
Cllr. Natalie Treacy	√	X	X	X	√
Cllr. Brian McDonagh	√	X	√	√	
*Ed Hearne	√	√	-	-	-
*Emer O’Gorman	-	-	-	-	√
Oisin Geoghegan	√	√	X	X	X
Pat O’Connor	√	√	√	√	√
Siobhan Lawlor	X	√	X	√	X
**Denise Curran	√	X	X	-	-
**Ellen O’Dea	-	-	-	X	√
Una Caffrey	√	√	X	√	√
Anthony Brennan	√	√	√	√	√
***Jeff Murphy	√	X	-	-	-
***Roslyn Fuller	-	-	√	-	-
***Aneta Laska	-	-	-	-	√
Alice Davis	√	√	√	√	√
Maire O’Brien	√	√	√	√	√
Brid Walsh	X	√	√	√	X
****Adaku Ezeudo	√	√	-	-	-
****Geraldine Rooney	-	-	√	√	X
Adeline O’Brien	√	√	√	√	√
*****Chris O’Malley	√	√	-	-	-
*****Chris Harmon	-	-	√	-	-
*****Eilish Harrington	-	-	-	√	√
Laurence Ward	√	√	√	X	√
Anthony Cooney	√	√	X	X	√
Number attended	17/19	15/19	12/18	12/19	15/19

Ed Hearne was replaced by Emer O’Gorman

**Denise Curran replaced Ellen O’Dea for maternity leave

***Jeff Murphy was replaced by Roslyn Fuller who was replaced by Aneta Laska

**** Adaku Ezeudo was replaced by Geraldine Rooney

*****Chris O’Malley was replaced by Chris Harmon who was replaced by Eilish Harrington

Present	√
Apologies	X

LCDC Funding

In 2018, the LCDC administered a number of programmes on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development DRCD. Projects approved for funding aligned with the strategies, objectives and actions of the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

Community Enhancement Programme



Fingal's Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) approved the allocation of €477,189 to community and voluntary groups across the county under the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2018.

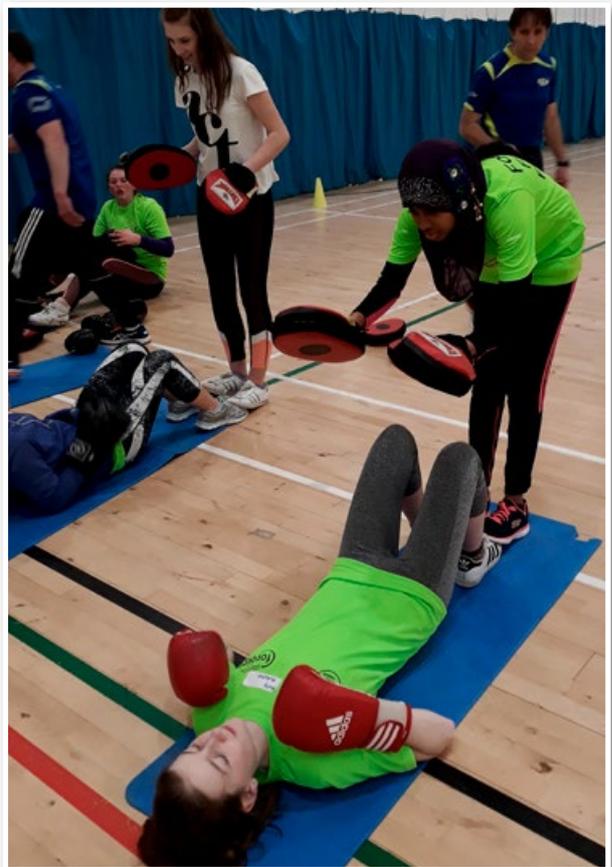
€326,668 was allocated by the Department of Rural & Community Development to Fingal LCDC in September 2018 in addition to the initial sum of €150,521 received in May. A total of 174 applications were received and 123 groups across the county were approved to receive funding under the CEP scheme.

The CEP provides a flexible and targeted approach to funding communities most in need and is aimed at addressing disadvantage as identified in the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan. The LCDC welcomed the additional funding which will allow investment in communities across Fingal. The LCDC looks forward to working with the many community and voluntary groups to bring their projects to fruition. The level of funding made available recognises the important role played by community and voluntary groups in addressing disadvantage in Fingal communities.

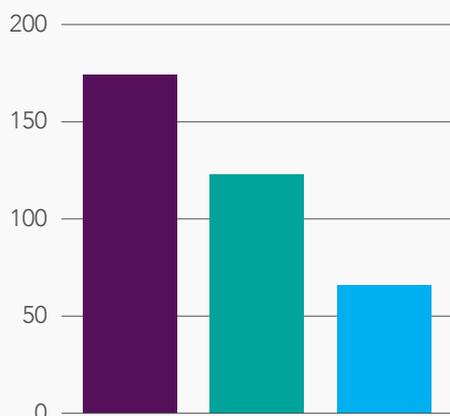


The Community Enhancement Programme supports a range of investments in all areas of communities such as childcare groups, playgrounds, the elderly, recreational groups, sports grounds, and landscaping.

The additional funding, received during the year, has been allocated in a way that takes deprivation levels into account and communities who need it most, whether in towns or rural areas, will benefit.

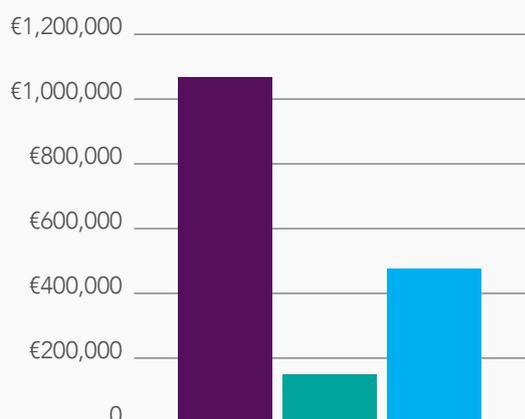


LCDC Funding Community Enhancement Programme 2019



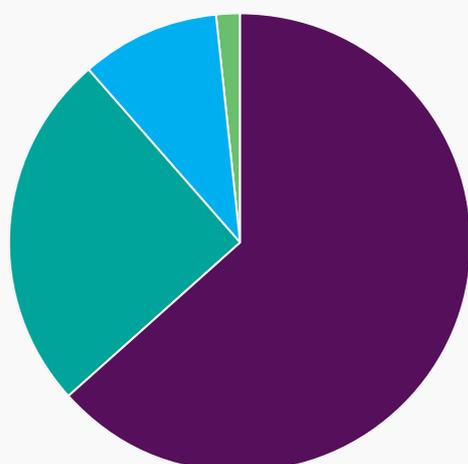
Submitted Applications

Total number	174
Approved in first round	66
Total approved	123



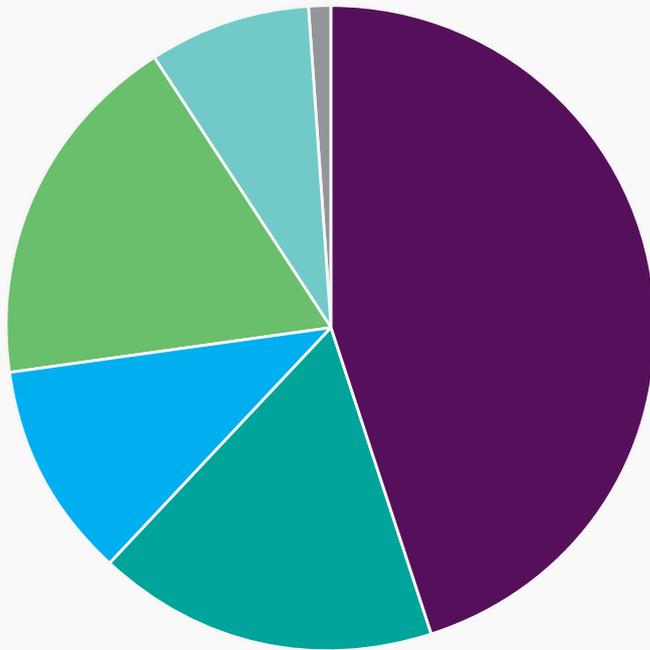
Total Amount

Total amount sought	€1,067,805.71
Initial money available	€150,521.00
Total available with extra funds	€477,189.00



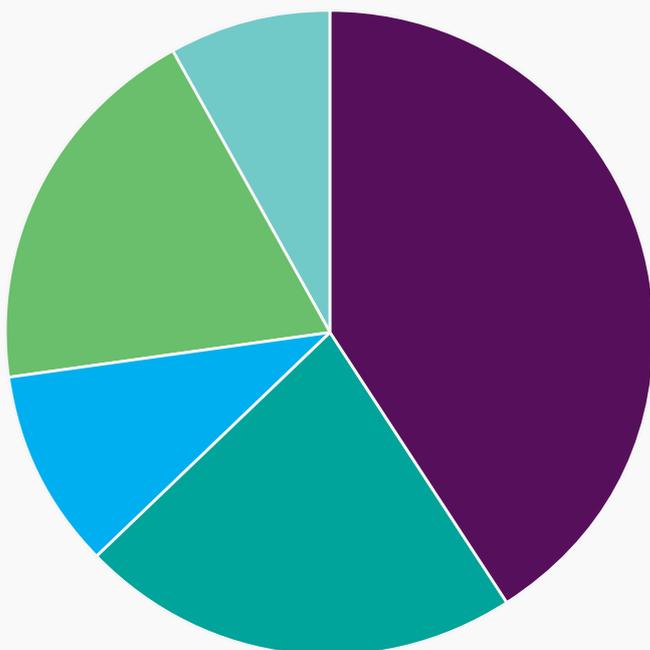
Funding Allocation by Project Size

Small Grants	78
Medium 1-6,000	31
Medium 6-25,000	12
Large	2



Applications Submitted by Area

Balbriggan	45%
Mulhuddart	17%
Castleknock	11%
Swords	18%
Howth/Malahide	8%
Other	1%



Successful Applications by Area

Balbriggan	41%
Mulhuddart	22%
Castleknock	10%
Swords	19%
Howth/Malahide	8%
Total	100%

Funding For Men's Shed Groups

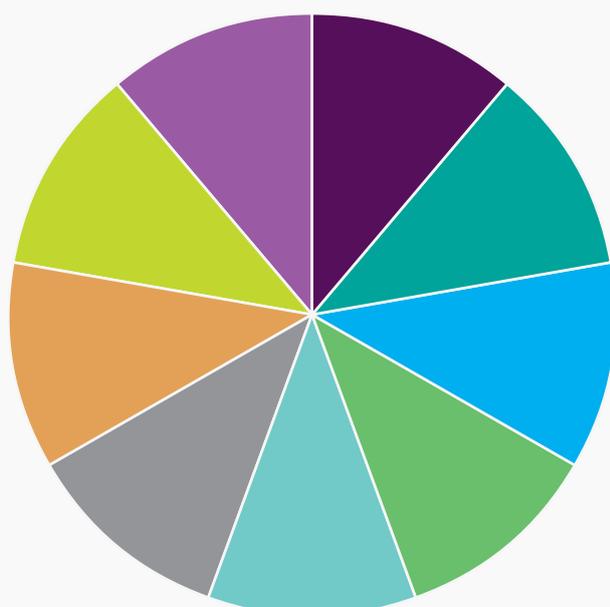
Fingal LCDC approved funding for 9 Men's Shed Groups across the region in 2018.



In October 2018 Fingal's Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) approved the allocation of €16,000 to local Men's Shed groups which will fund either the purchase of new equipment or small scale capital projects. In total 9 Men's Shed Groups across the region will each receive €1,771.33 from funding which has been announced by the Department of Rural & Community Development.



The groups to receive funding approval are based in Swords, Mulhuddart, Donabate/Portrane, Skerries, Rush, Balbriggan, Baldoyle and District, Fingal Vintage Society and Portmarnock and District.



Community Enhancement Programme Men's Shed Scheme

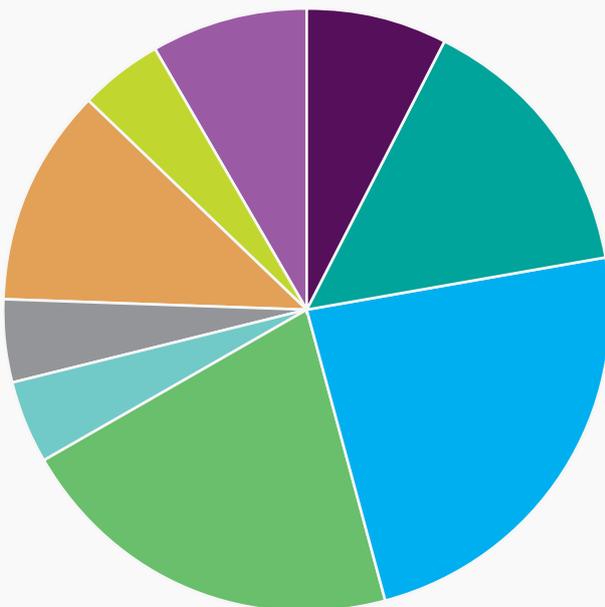
■ Swords Men's Shed	_____	€1,771.33
■ Mulhuddart Men's Shed	_____	€1,771.33
■ Donabate/ Portrane Men's Shed	_____	€1,771.33
■ Skerries Men's Shed	_____	€1,771.33
■ Rush Men's Shed	_____	€1,771.33
■ Balbriggan Men's Shed	_____	€1,771.33
■ Baldoyle & District Men's Shed	_____	€1,771.33
■ Fingal Vintage Society Men's Shed	_____	€1,771.33
■ Portmarnock & District Men's Shed	_____	€1,771.33
Total	_____	€15,941.97

Healthy Ireland



The LCDC also oversaw the completion and financial administration of the first Round of the Fingal Healthy Ireland Programme 2017/18 and was successful in securing an additional €112,100.00 for Fingal projects under the second round programme 2018/19. In total 9 projects are being funded under the 2018/2019 round.

Fingal's Local Community Development Committee and Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committees (FCYPSCs) held a Healthy Ireland Stakeholder Day in Blanchardstown to assist with the formation of a strategic plan for the Fingal area.



Healthy Ireland 2018/2019

■ Community Action on Alcohol (CAAP) including the development of Safer Alcohol Mark (SAM)	€8,500
■ Social Prescribing Programme Pilot	€16,500
■ Tobacco Free Fingal	€26,462
■ Get Fingal Cycling (Cycle For Life) Employment of a part-time cycling officer	€23,538
■ Development of kids and parents club	€5,000
■ Mulhuddart Activities for 5–9 years olds	€5,000
■ The Health and Wellbeing Project – Foróige FitFest	€13,000
■ Programme4Life Social Media Cyber Bullying Awareness	€5,000
■ A Holistic Approach to Child Health & Well Being in the Early Years	€9,100
Total	€112,100

Healthy Ireland Stakeholders' Day March 2018







Swords Castle



SECTION 2

Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016–2021

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The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides for the development of a 6 year integrated Local Economic and Community Plan to promote and support the economic and social development of the local authority area.

Fingal LECP recognises that local and community development interventions need to support economic activity from the ground up, while helping to combat social exclusion and poverty, through targeted interventions to improve education, training and employment opportunities within disadvantaged or marginalised communities. The LCDC has a key role arranging for the implementation of the community elements of the LECP as well as reviewing the economic elements of the plan.

The LECP provides a framework for strategic and



operational plans in the county. The objectives and actions of SICAP & the LEADER programmes are closely aligned in the high level goals and objectives as set out in the Fingal LECP



Local Economic Community Plan Implementation Review

In May 2018 a workshop was held in Balbriggan to review the Local Economic and Community Plan 2016–2021.

The workshop was facilitated by Des Moore, Head of Civic Engagement, Institute of Technology Blanchardstown.

The primary objectives of the workshop were as follows:

- To review the implementation of the LECP
- To establish the validity of current actions
- Identify areas where future action may be required
- Promote sharing, trust and collaboration among stakeholders

Its' secondary objective was to provide a facility

for conversations which would lead to greater partnership and action.

All 115 LECP actions were reviewed using a traffic light system.

The 6 themes were considered:

1	Enterprise and employment
2	Learning, training and working
3	Health, well-being and social inclusion
4	Leadership and community empowerment
5	Tourism, environment and heritage
6	Urban towns and rural communities



The main conclusions arising from the workshop were:

- The vast majority of LECP actions were considered valid and progressing well.
- The LECP 2016–2021 did not take account of BREXIT.
- Climate change and child centred actions should be prioritised in any future version of the LECP.
- 2 or 3 big ticket county wide actions could be identified, covering the areas identified above in any future version of the LECP.

Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan Workshop May 2018







SECTION 3

Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme 2018–2022



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Social Inclusion Community & Activation Programme



In March 2018 Blanchardstown Area Partnership (BAP) became Empower and looked forward to continuing their mission of promoting equality of opportunity, social inclusion and raising expectations across Fingal

Pictured are Mayor of Fingal Mary McCamley, Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Adeline O'Brien, CEO of Empower

The Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is a key intervention for the harder to reach groups. Delivery is being overseen and managed by Fingal LCDC. SICAP aims to address poverty, long term unemployment and social exclusion through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. The total budget for SICAP in Fingal in 2018 is €1,209,804 for which a contribution comes from the European Social Fund (ESF) Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014–2020 and the Youth Employment Initiative. The Programme Implementer, Empower achieved both its two key performance indicators (KPI's) for 2018 and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC.

Case Study 2018

As part of our SICAP reporting criteria, Empower had to produce a case study on a specific piece of their work, based on one of the three core themes of SICAP. The theme of the case study was agreed in advance with the LCDC. In 2018 the LCDC and Empower selected the core theme of Collaboration and produced a case study on the One-Step closer initiative.

One Step Closer was not a standard Job Seeking and Support Fair but specifically designed for the hard-to-reach target groups. Not only did it offer supported-employment opportunities to Community Employment and TÚS, it also identified barriers faced by clients and attempts to address them. These supports covered:

- Well-being: Personal development and positivity training and mental health supports
- Welfare and Financial Supports: Expert advice on budgeting, welfare entitlements, retaining secondary benefits, etc. from the Citizens Information Centre, MABS and DEASP
- Recruitment Advice: Internal SICAP information on CV preparation, job-seeking strategies and interview skills, as well as expert advice on presentation and dress from Dress for Success
- DEASP Supports: Including registering for Jobs Ireland, Intreo supports, Eures employment options, etc.



Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

2018

#SICAP

Providing the building blocks for local & community development in Ireland

WHAT WE ACHIEVED!



1,159 people
across Fingal were assisted on a 1-to-1 basis

68%
were unemployed



38%
from a jobless household



58

LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE



15 groups supported into decision-making structures



619

people participated in free life-long learning courses



656

education and personal development supports were extended to Children & families

319

 people

received employment & job training supports



109

 people set up a **NEW BUSINESS**

WHICH CREATED

112

FULL-TIME JOBS



170

YOUNG PEOPLE

not in work or studying were helped by education & job initiatives



Check out the SICAP YouTube video: youtu.be/OZ57HOxM64s



Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
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2014 - 2020
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Investing in your future
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Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2022 is funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and co-funded by the European Social Fund under the Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020



SECTION 4

Dublin Rural LEADER

2014–2020



The European Agricultural Fund
for Rural Development:
Europe investing in rural areas



Dublin Rural
LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

SECTION 4

Rural Development Programme – LEADER

Overview

The Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) has been established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) for the period 2014–2020 in the Dublin Rural Area. The LEADER Programme aims to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to encourage diversification of economic activity in rural areas. The allocated fund represents €6.37 million, and of this €4.74 million will be available for local projects in the region.

The Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group (LAG)

There are 17 nominated members of the LAG, all of whom have a significant body of experience and expertise across the social, community, economic and environment sectors. The LAG is responsible for designing and implementing the LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS), making decisions on actions funded through the LDS and managing funding allocated to the LDS in the Dublin rural areas. Fingal County Council is the Lead Financial Partner for the LAG.



Back Row: Laurence Ward, Cormac Shaw, Alice Davis, Eilish Harrington, Tom Kivlehan, Colm Ward, Maire O'Brien, Adeline O'Brien

Bottom Row: Sinead McKenna, Declan Ryan, Pat O'Connor, Emer O'Gorman, Tony Murphy

“The creation of a vibrant and sustainable rural economy, sensitively harnessing the natural resources and underpinned by learning and development, leading to resilient local communities”

The Dublin Rural LAG Vision Statement

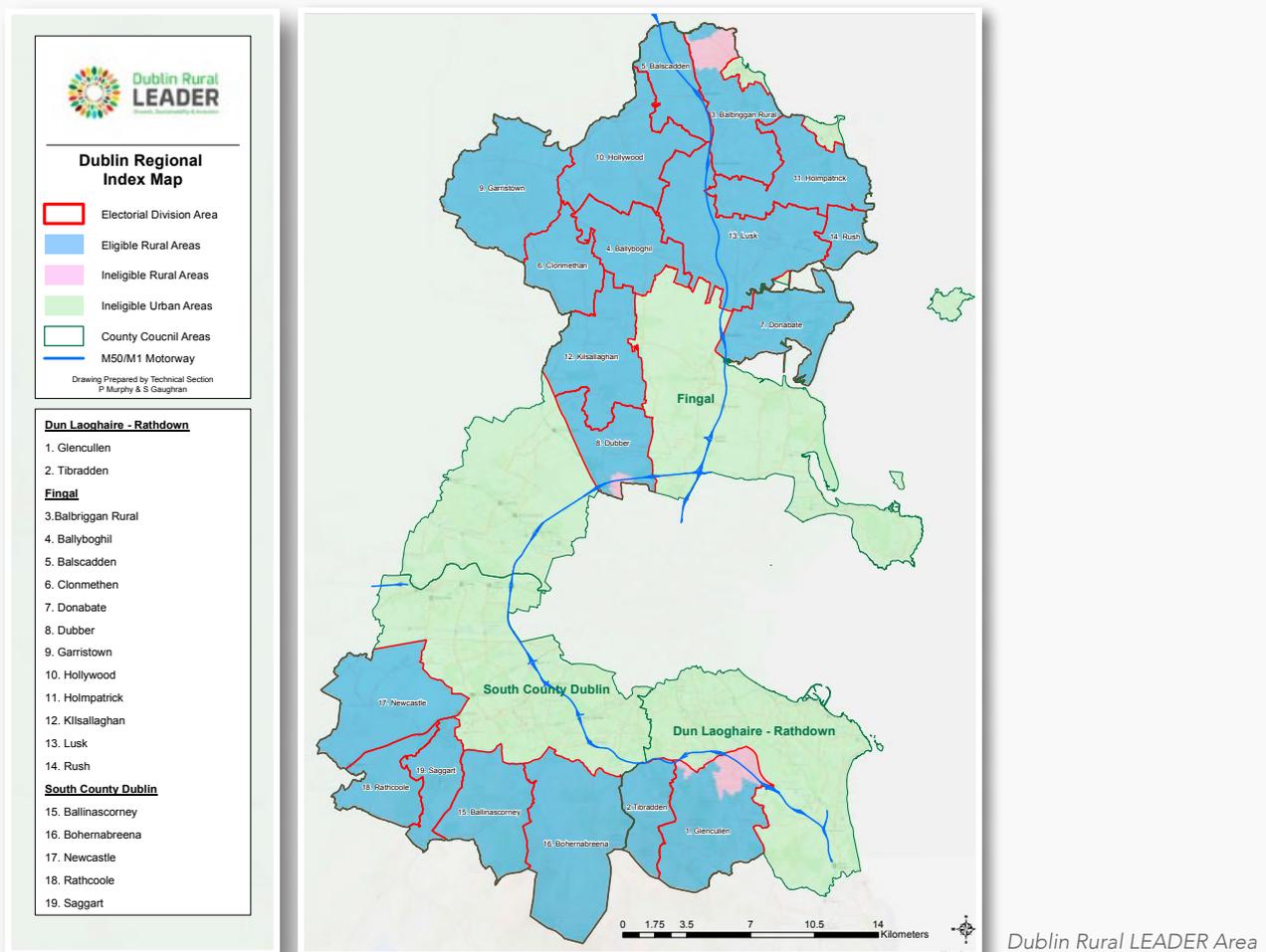
The Dublin Rural LDS has three themes and eight sub-themes as indicated below.

THEME	SUB THEME	BUDGET (percent)
Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation	1. Rural Tourism 2. Enterprise Development 3. Rural Town	50%
Social Inclusion	4. Basic Services for "Hard to Reach" Communities 5. Rural Youth	25%
Rural Environment	6. Protection and sustainable use of water resources 7. Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity 8. Development of Renewable Energy	25%

Source; Dublin Rural LEADER LDS Strategy, July 2016

The LAG area

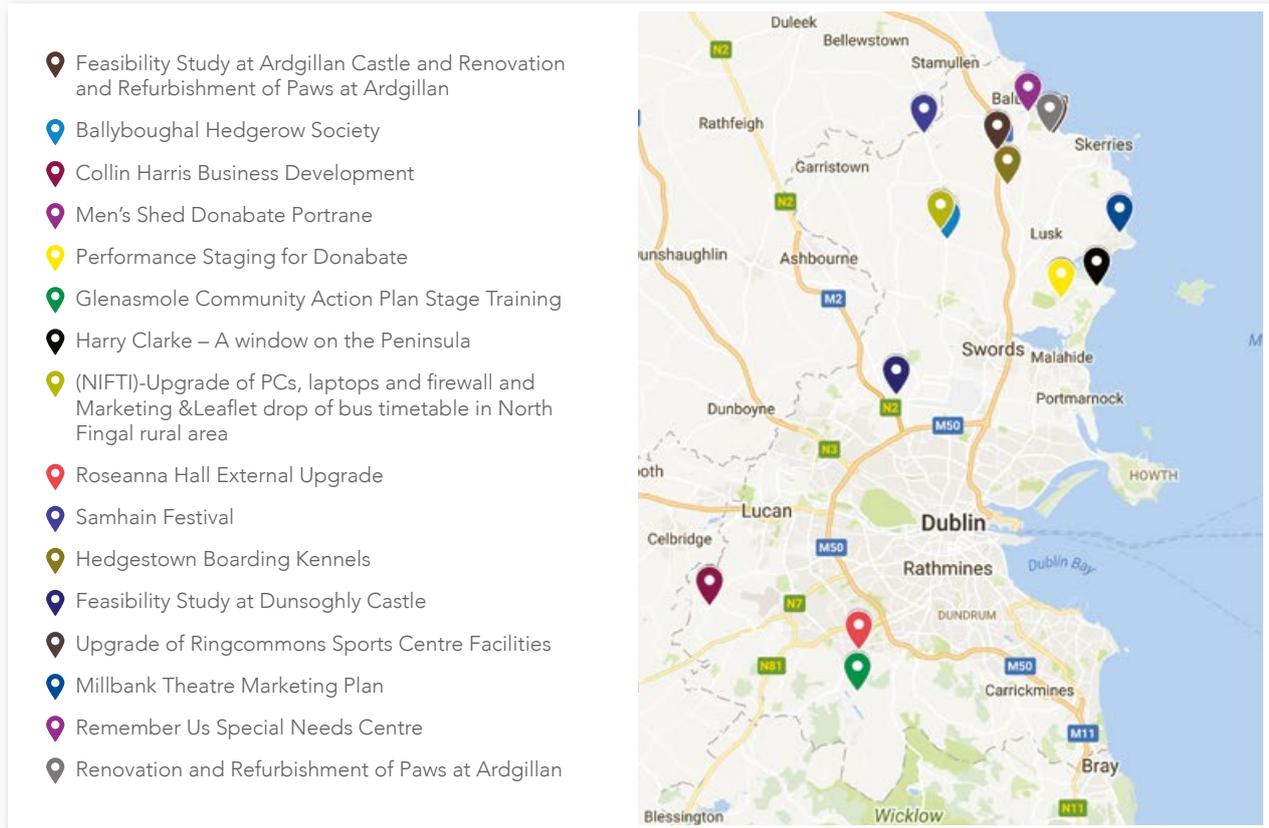
The Dublin Rural LAG geographical area encompasses the rural areas which surround the city of Dublin on three sides and is comprised of rural parts of the local authorities of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, and South Dublin, all within the County of Dublin.



Approved Projects

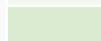
The LAG approved 27 projects totalling €924,340.40 in 2018. Two large scale projects were awarded LEADER funding this year for over €100,000. Hillview Self Catering Extension project was awarded €142,715 for the building of a 4 bedroom self-catering apartment for families visiting the Fingal region. The Pipers Garden Music Project was awarded €111,660 for acquiring outdoor sound and lighting equipment and appropriate covering for the outdoor area at the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre.

A geographical breakdown by area of approved projects can be seen in Figure 1 below.



Dublin Rural LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP (LAG) Members 2018

NAME	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Cllr. Tony Murphy	Local Authority Member	Fingal County Council
Emer O’Gorman	Local Authority Official, Chief Executive’s nominee	Fingal County Council
Oisin Geoghegan	Local Authority Official, Head of Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O’Connor (Chairperson)	State Agency, Higher Education Institute	Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
Colm Ward	Local Authority Official, Chief Executive’s Nominee	South Dublin County Council
Cllr. Paula Donovan	Local Authority Member	South Dublin County Council
Cllr. Peter O’Brien	Local Authority Member	Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council
Alice Davis	Social Inclusion Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Maire O’Brien	Environmental Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Eilish Harrington	Local Development	Fingal Leader Partnership
Laurence Ward	Farming and Agriculture	The Irish Farmers Association
Adeline O’Brien	Local Development	Empower
Tricia Nolan	Community & Voluntary Interest	Public Participation Network, South Dublin LCDC
Justin Byrne	Environmental Interest	Public Participation Network, South Dublin LCDC
Mary Corcoran	Community Interest	South Dublin LCDC
Cormac Shaw	Local Development	Dun Laoghaire -Rathdown LCDC
Tom Kivlehan	Environment Interest	Dun Laoghaire -Rathdown LCDC

	Public (statutory)
	Private (non-statutory)

Record Of Attendance

Dublin Rural LEADER LAG 2018 Meetings

NAME	24/1/2018	21/3/2018	23/5/2018	22/8/2018	17/10/2018	21/11/2018
Cllr. Tony Murphy	√	√	X	√	√	√
Ed Hearne	√	√	√	-	-	-
Emer O’Gorman	-	-	-	-	-	√
Oisin Geoghegan	X	√	X	X	√	X
Dr. Pat O’Connor (chair)	√	√	√	√	√	√
Billy Coman	√	X	√	-	-	-
Colm Ward	-	-	-	-	√	√
Cllr. Paula Donovan	√	X	X	√	√	X
Cllr. Peter O’Brien	√	X	√	√	X	X
Alice Davis	√	√	√	√	√	√
Maire O’Brien	√	√	X	√	√	√
Chris O’Malley	√	√	-	-	-	-
Chris Harmon	-	-	√	√	-	-
Eilish Harrington	-	-	-	-	√	√
Laurence Ward	X	X	√	√	√	√
Adeline O’Brien	√	√	√	√	X	√
Justin Byrne	X	X	√	X	X	X
Mary Corcoran	√	√	X	X	X	X
Cormac Shaw	X	√	X	√	√	√
Tom Kivlehan	√	√	√	√	X	√
Number attended	12/16	11/16	10/16	11/14	10/15	11/16

Ed Hearne resigned and was replaced by Emer O’Gorman

Billy Coman retired and was replaced by Colm Ward

Chris O’Malley resigned & Chris Harmon was the IP representative until Eilish Harrington was appointed

Larry O’Neill resigned & was replaced by Tricia Nolan

Present	√
Apologies	X



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