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Hello

Welcome to Fingal County Council's Community Development Office Information Booklet.

We are a skilled and extremely committed office within Fingal County Council, with a very experienced team working to develop strong communities. We have positive working relations with local voluntary groups and statutory agencies, we are committed to serving you, the public, through our wide range of programmes and services in our Community Centres. The Community Development Office invites you to participate in our community initiatives and welcomes suggestions on ways we can improve our service.

We have published this booklet to give you an insight into our valuable work. The booklet will provide you with information about the supports we provide to local community groups, our work in community centres, our partnerships with statutory agencies and the specific services we deliver to older people, members of ethnic minority communities, young people and children. In addition, we provide advice to those of you who are new to a neighbourhood or may have an idea on how to improve your community or want to volunteer. We hope you find this booklet helpful and informative.

Looking forward to helping you build better communities

Pat Queenan

Fingal County Council

Principal Community Development Officer

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Introduction

The work of the Community Development Office is key to Fingal County Council's commitment to putting people and communities first

David O'Connor, County Manager, Fingal County Council

Developing strong communities is at the core of Fingal County Council's Community Development Office. People living in strong communities are proud to live there, have opportunities to develop personally, socially and feel part of decisions that affect their area. The Community Development Office working within the Community, Culture and Sports Division is made up of a team of Community Development Practitioners, all working to develop strong communities through processes and innovative approaches such as training, mentoring, facilitation, funding and information.

A significant part of our role is to support local people, community and voluntary groups working within their area to deliver projects and initiatives that benefit the entire community. Partnerships with local statutory agencies are also central to the development of county wide services and support projects.

What Is Community Development?

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead, American Cultural Anthropologist

Community development is the process through which citizens participate in identifying and implementing solutions to overcome shared challenges and improve the quality of life for all. It is an approach to achieve social change, based on the understanding that disadvantage and social injustice cannot be tackled by top-down solutions alone. It challenges disadvantage and social inequalities.



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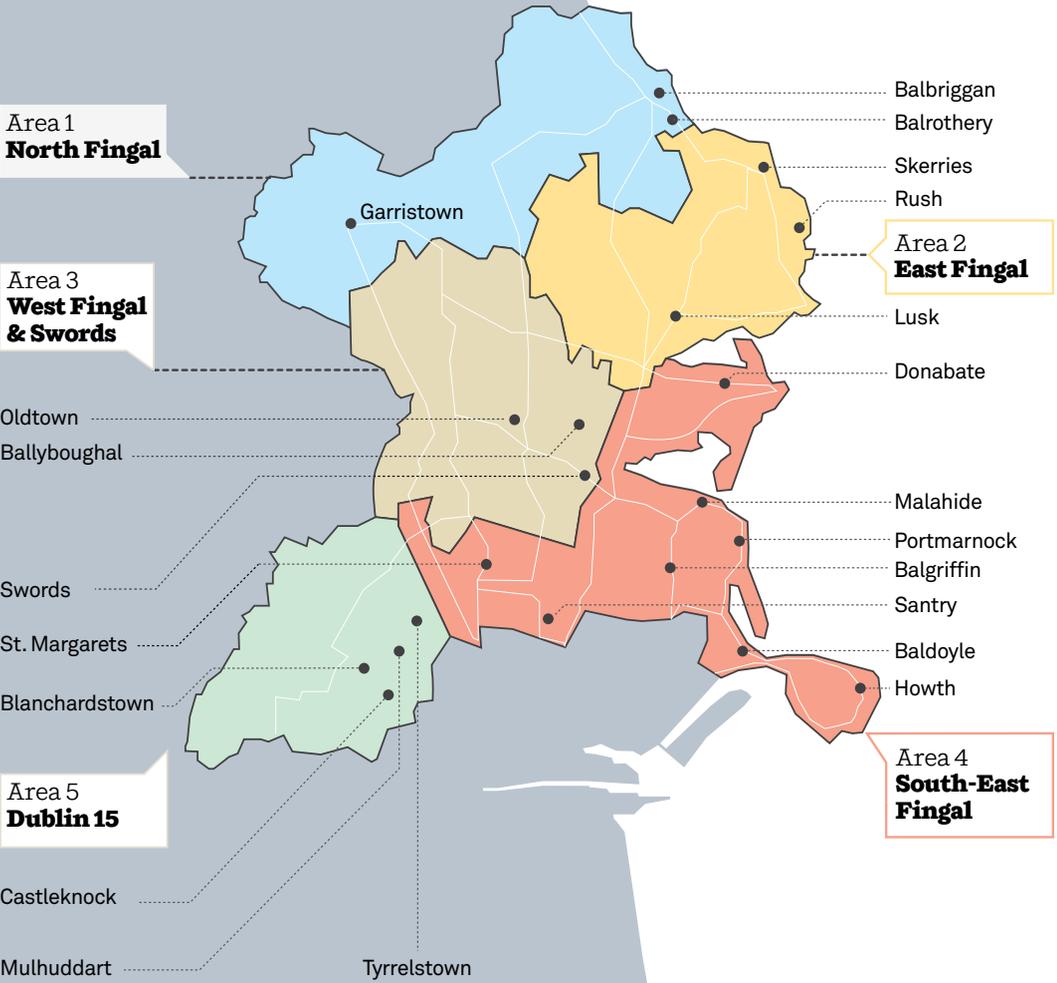
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Map

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Supports to Community Groups, Residents Associations & Networks

Supporting local groups to engage with people from their community is a primary goal of the Community Development Office. We can help your group develop programmes of action, implementing and evaluating services and planning for the future.

Residents & Estate Management Groups

Community Development Office supports the setting up and development of residents and estate management groups. We provide information on funding and community initiatives such as painting murals, estate clean ups, planting bulbs and flowers and community gardens. We also link groups to relevant local bodies, such as Fingal County Council's Departments and other statutory agencies and voluntary and community groups.

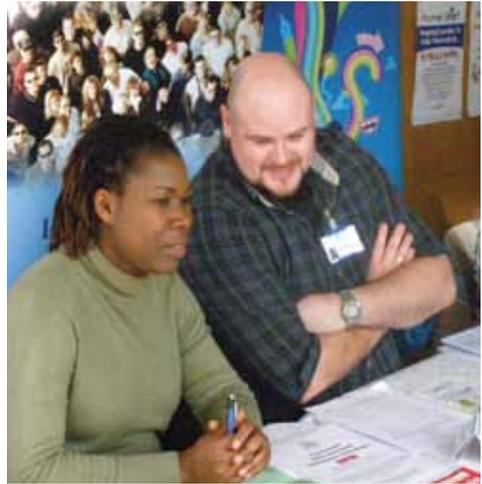
Did you know?

Approximately 100 people attended Meeting and Committee Skills training over the past 2 years

Group Training & Support

We provide Community groups with support to help them develop within the community. These include:

- **Helping your group to develop clear aims and objectives.**
- **Supporting local groups to assess local needs and develop future plans that engage with the community.**
- **Providing training, which includes: holding effective meetings, dealing with conflict, developing group constitutions and organising Annual General Meetings.**
- **Leadership training.**



Community Networks

The Community Development Office provides a structured form of support for current and emerging networks. We provide advice to help networks operate efficiently, effectively and with accountability to their relevant communities. The aim of this office is to *'strengthen communities across Fingal and to ensure that people have a sense of place and voice within their community'*.

Networks include:

- **Fingal Senior Citizens Forum** (pg 26)
- **Fingal Ethnic Network** (pg 20)
- **Fingal Community Voluntary Forum** (see across)
- **Disability Network**
- **Heritage Network**

Did you know?

84 community groups benefit from membership of Fingal Networks in the Disability, Ethnic and Heritage sectors

Training & Mentoring

The Community Development Office offers groups and organisations training programmes customised specifically for their needs. This training ranges from group development training to localised community education programmes and needs analysis planning.

We resource a wide range of training that helps groups to develop terms of reference, financial plans, sustainable strategies and change management programmes.

Fingal Community & Voluntary Forum

The Community Development Office supports the Fingal Community & Voluntary Forum. This forum was established to act as a representative, collective voice for community and voluntary organisations in Fingal. It provides advice and support on strategic issues to community and voluntary groups within the Fingal area.



Did you know?
The Fingal Community Development Office has led on local Community Research Projects in Tyrrelstown, Rivermeade, Ongar, Kellystown, Baldoyle and Swords over the past 5 years



Did you know?

On average 40 Fingal residents associations are supported by the Community Development Office each year

Deputations

From time to time residents associations request a meeting with Council Officials and Local Public Representatives to discuss issues affecting their estates.

The Community Development Office will advise and assist local groups participating in these meetings.

Community Research

Assisting groups to carry out local research on the needs of their area is a key role played by the Community Development Office. Research projects are often directly managed by the local community through the Planning for Real® consultation tool, surveys and questionnaires. Research is also commissioned by this Office and undertaken by an external specialist or researcher.

Community Awards

The Community Development Office celebrates the dedication of groups and individuals that have made a difference in their communities. Every year this award alternates between the community group or community person of the year.

Fingal Cleaner Communities Awards

Fingal Cleaner Communities Awards is a community-based, anti-litter competition run by Fingal County Council Environment Department. This is primarily a litter-awareness competition to enhance the appearance of residential and business areas. The Community Development Office supports your residents group in applying and preparing for this competition.

Funding

We support the development of local groups by funding, training, planning, community research, policy development and information publications.



Supporting Community Groups to Manage Fingal Community Facilities

Fingal County Council supports the design, development and management of community facilities. These facilities are built in partnership with Community Groups or the Department of Education and Skills. The facilities are managed by Voluntary Committees in some cases or Facilities Management operators.

The Fingal Schools Model

Fingal County Council in collaboration with the Department of Education and Skills, ensures a broad range of community needs are met in individual locations. This partnership maximises local investment and supports the school and community facilities capacity to facilitate emerging community needs.



Did you know?

Fingal County Council has invested €16 Million in the development and construction of 16 facilities/amenities



Diswellstown Shared Community facility

Community Facility Funding Scheme

The Community Facility Funding Scheme was established to support voluntary management committees in the day to day operations of community facilities.

To qualify for assistance, facilities must provide social, developmental and recreational opportunities and must have been identified as essential in supporting the work, aims and objectives of the Community Culture and Sports Division. These facilities must operate under license from Fingal County Council.

Did you know?

Fingal Community Development Office provides intensive support to 26 Fingal Community facilities each year

Policy & Procedures

The Community Development Office provides support to groups in the development of policies and procedures in line with best practice and legislative requirements.

While Fingal County Council and the Community Development Office do not provide advice or information in areas such as Health and Safety, Human Resources or Corporate Responsibility, where appropriate we do provide financial assistance to groups to source specialist help in these areas.



Parslickstown House

Corporate Governance

Some Community Facilities are Companies limited by Guarantee. The Board of Directors are made up of volunteers and key stake holders.

These voluntary boards face a uniquely demanding set of responsibilities and challenges. To help them in this role, Community Development Officers provide on-the-ground support to volunteer Directors through the provision of technical assistance, support and guidance.

Did you know?

The last 2 years has seen the completion and opening of seven new shared facilities in Ongar, Tyrrelstown, Phibblestown, Applewood, Flemington, St Brigids and Holywell

Business Planning

The Fingal Community Development Office provides resources to support management committees of new and existing facilities to develop business and operational plans to support sustainable operation of their facilities.

Groups are provided with an opportunity to explore new and innovative ways in which to further enhance and develop their facilities. Areas covered in the development of a business plan include:

1. Expanding on the mission/objectives
2. Review of the external environment (SWOT analysis, area profile, existing services)
3. Market analysis and strategy development
4. Financial analysis
5. Operational review

Did you know?

On average up to 56,000 people use a standard Fingal County Council Community Centre per annum



Corduff Sports Centre



Support the development of Community Centre Programme

The Community Development Office recognises the importance of the ongoing development of community initiatives in our facilities. A number of initiatives have been developed to encourage community participation and increase footfall in community centres and to give members of the local community an opportunity to engage in their local community facility. We support events such as Family Days, Christmas Family Days, Story Telling, Summer Programmes, Arts & Crafts, English Classes, Creative Activities, Book Clubs, Healthy Food Made Easy, Talent Shows, Afterschool Activities/Clubs, Happy Days Club, Parent & Toddler Groups, Coffee Mornings, Cinema Club, Home Work Clubs, Breakfast Clubs, Fitness Classes, Dance Classes and Senior's events.

Support to Community Centres Board of Management

The Community Development Office works with Community Facilities Committees and Boards of Directors. This office provides many supports, such as attending management meetings, in some cases, sitting as a director on the board, developing the capacity of volunteer representatives through the provision of training and providing information on possible funding opportunities.

Working in Partnership with Statutory Agencies and Local Development Groups

The Community Development Office has a history of working in partnership with statutory agencies and local development groups. These partnerships are about the delivery of specific projects where we work collaboratively to improve services and the well-being of an area. Such partnerships bring together and share the skills, knowledge and experience of organisations and effectively serve to maximise resources.

Fingal Representation

The Fingal Community Development Office represents the interests of Fingal County Council on various local bodies and organisations. Examples of these include the Blanchardstown Area Partnership, Fingal LEADER Partnership, local Community Policing Fora, local and regional Drugs Task Forces, Community Drugs Teams and single-interest organisations which promote the interests of specific groups such as older persons, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities resident in the county.



Community Representatives
in Council Chamber



Local Development Groups

Local Development Groups are joint initiatives between the Community Development Office and local organisations such as area partnerships, youth services, Community Gardaí, local schools, local community centres, community councils/residents associations, the Health Service Executive and other stakeholders. The primary focus of such groups is to share information and develop joint initiatives. Examples include:

- **Ongar Development Group**
- **Tyrrelstown Development Group**
- **Holywell Development Group**
- **Flemington Development Group**
- **Applewood Development Group**

Interagency Initiatives in Local & Community Development

The Community Development Office takes a leading role with local agencies on strategic planning, policy development, synergetic projects, challenging attitudes, advising on models of best practice, funding and updating national and local plans.

Examples of such Interagency Initiatives are:

- **Mulhuddart Priority Task Group**
- **Blakestown/Mountview Task Group**
- **Corduff Area Forum**
- **Social Inclusion Committee**

Did you know?

Each year the Community Development Office works in partnership with over 60 agencies and local groups on projects such as Local Development Groups, Priority Actions Groups, Shared Facility Management, D15 Community Interpreting Service, Fáilte Isteach, Summer Projects, Community Policing, and Halloween Activities

Develop Partnerships/ Collaborate on Joint Initiatives

The Community Development Office plays an integral or lead role in working in partnerships or developing joint initiatives.

Examples of partnerships include internal collaborations within Fingal County Council such as the Housing, Planning and Architects Department; interagency collaborations with the Department of Education and Skills, Blanchardstown Area Partnership and Family Resource Services; Multi-disciplinary collaborations with an Garda Síochána, Health Service Executive and Probation Services.



Examples of Groups We Work With

Safer Blanchardstown

Community Policing Fora

RAPID

Blanchardstown Area Partnership

Fingal Leader Partnership

Fingal Ethnic Network

Fingal Community Fora

Fingal Disability Network

Fingal Senior Citizens Forum

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg
(Fingal Youth Council)

Dublin 15 Education Group

Family Resource Centres

Fingal Volunteer Centre

Local Community Councils

Fingal Childcare Committee

Blanchardstown Youth Services

Swords Baldoyle Youth Services

Dublin and Dun Laoghaire

Education and Training Board
(DDLETB) formally the VEC

An Garda Síochána

Health Service Executive

Citizens Information Centre

Centre of Independent Living

Local Schools

New Communities Partnership

Jigsaw

Community Councils

Travellers Interagency Group



Special Projects

The Fingal Community Development Office works innovatively to help challenge issues that affect our communities. Our special projects and initiatives highlight the positive impact our work can have on individuals and communities.

Fingal First Step

The Fingal First Step Community Support programme is an initiative of the Community Development Office to target people living in large developing residential areas with new community centres. The programme's focus is primarily determined by the needs of the community, building community relations and participation.

Fingal Hello Neighbour

Fingal Hello Neighbour is one of a range of specialised programmes that fosters community spirit in Fingal. The Community Development Office directly supports the programme and encourages residents to actively engage with neighbours, the local resident association and local services.

Did you know?

5 First Step programmes have been established in the past 5 months



Men's Shed Initiative

Men's Sheds is a community based and non-commercial initiative which is open to all men. It provides a safe, friendly and inclusive environment where men are able to gather and work on meaningful projects at their own pace, in their own time and in the company of other men. Recognising the value of this initiative Fingal County Council has set up an Interdepartmental 'Men's Shed' Working Group with representatives from key departments of the Council and the men themselves. The Group are currently exploring suitable locations in Fingal to pilot a Men's Shed project. The Council is also supporting a feasibility study which will be carried out in association with the support of Age and Opportunity in conjunction with the men. The study will support men from the outset to deliver on the project in a sustainable way.

Hidden Treasures

The aim of Hidden Treasures is to instil a sense of continuity and history in Fingal. Supported by the Community Development Office, the project fosters internal collaboration between Heritage and Community Offices, local groups, voluntary organisations and the Heritage Council of Ireland to bring old and young together to build an understanding of the county's rich history and heritage.

Community Gardens

Community gardens provide a safe, recreational green space in which to relax and enjoy being outdoors. Communities get together to build their garden and grow some of their own vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers, thereby instilling a sense of ownership, pride and responsibility in local people. In the process of doing so, they learn gardening skills while contributing to keeping urban air clean. By interacting with one another, people will gain a sense of community.

Ethnic Communities & non-Irish Nationals

The Community Development Office and Community Centres support projects that specifically target ethnic groups such as Travellers and non-Irish nationals. Some of the Initiatives include Fáilte Isteach Conversational English, Community Interpreting, English Classes, Cultural and Educational Activities.

D15 Community Interpreting Services

Through the D15 Community Interpreting Services, the Community Development Office supports professional translation and interpreting services to the community and local agencies. This service is provided at a competitive rate by local people who receive training in Community Interpreting.

Fingal Ethnic Network

The Fingal Ethnic Network is a network of ethnic groups representing a variety of different nationalities living in the Fingal area. It provides a coherent and inclusive voice for ethnic groups in Fingal and promotes awareness of issues relevant to the 55 ethnic minority groups living in the county.

Did you know?

Approximately 30 groups are affiliated with the Fingal Ethnic Network



Fáilte Isteach

Fáilte Isteach offers conversational English sessions for groups and individuals for whom English is not a first language. Aside from improving participants' vocabulary, it provides an opportunity for people from immigrant and new communities to engage with local people in an informal and informative manner.

Fingal Intercultural Liaison Volunteer Programme

The New Communities Partnership trains liaison volunteers to work with people from different communities and with the local authority in order to assist in situations of cultural misunderstanding. The Community Development Office support the liaison volunteers to establish relationships both within the Community and with other Fingal Departments.

Did you know?

Fáilte Isteach in Tyrrelstown supports on average 75 people to attend conversational English classes and improve their language skills



Did you know?

Some 60 non-Irish nationals participated in the Community Development Office Beginners English Classes to assist their integration into their local community



Promoting the Civic Participation of New Communities

Promoting Civic Participation of Third Country Nationals through Local Authority Platforms is an initiative led by the New Communities Partnership and the four Dublin local authorities including Fingal County Council. This programme delivers a series of actions and activities aimed at supporting third country nationals to become participating citizens of the society in which they live.

Did you know?

Since 2009, the Community Development Office successfully applied to the Office of the Minister of Integration for €245,000 to support integration initiatives throughout the county

English Classes

As part of the First Steps Programme this Office provides English language classes to individuals with very low competency in English. The classes encourage the students to engage with the local community and challenges social exclusion.

Integration Funding

The Fingal Integration Funding Scheme has been in operation for 4 years in association with the Office of Integration. In that time, it has assisted groups in setting up a range of integration projects. Using a multi-agency approach, with an emphasis on working with children, teens, young adults and families, these projects break down barriers and build positive intercultural relationships.



Did you know?

Dublin 15 Community Interpreting Service has assisted 83 people through Community Interpreting Supports

Older People

Fingal County Council was the first Local Authority in the Dublin Region to become an Age Friendly County*. An Age Friendly Strategy for the county was developed with the help of older people throughout the county. A range of actions have been identified to address the issues raised by older people. The Community Development Office is supporting the development and delivery of actions which include health and fitness programmes, computer classes, Men's Sheds and an Age Friendly Town initiative. Fingal County Council community centres provide a central hub for activities targeting older people such as coffee mornings, church groups, active retired clubs and an array of evening classes.

Health, Fitness & Well Being

The Council in collaboration with students of the Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown and the Fingal Senior Citizen's Forum have delivered on two programmes of Health, Fitness and Well Being. The first Programme was a 10 week series of Exercise and Nutrition classes developed by the students with the involvement of the older participants. Older participants were provided with their own personal fitness programmes which they can continue to use in their own homes and students received credits for their course work, so a win win for all involved.

The second programme was a taster day for seniors in ITB. Students provided information sessions in horticulture, nutrition, ICT and gym equipment familiarisation. The day was followed by sessions in Council parks in Dublin 15, Malahide and Baldoyle. Council staff from the Parks and Community Divisions and members of the Civil Defence joined students and seniors for sessions using tone zone equipment.

*In 2011, Cllr Gerry McGuire, Mayor of Fingal and Cllr Tom Kelleher, Chair of the Fingal County Development Board signed the Dublin Declaration of Age Friendly Counties and Communities.



Mayor's Tea Dance

The Fingal Senior Citizens Forum has promoted the development of a Tea Dance circuit across the county. Many older people are nostalgic about the tea dances and dance halls of their youth, with TV shows like *Strictly Come Dancing* only reminding people of how they used to socialise.

The Mayor's Tea Dance brings the old dances back to life in Fingal. Participants are invited to come together to socialise, enjoy the music and make new friends.



Digitise the Nation

The Community Development Office and the Information Technology Department in association with the County Development Board and Gym Solutions provided computer sessions for 120 seniors in Fingal. Digitise the Nation was rolled out in Skerries, Portmarnock and Mountview with the support of the Community Centres and GAA clubs. The sessions were provided to familiarise older people with the workings of the computer and ranged from the simple turning on and off, to loading up precious photos and online banking. The sessions were a huge success in helping seniors to overcome fears with technology.



Safer Blanchardstown Seniors Event

As part of the Safer Blanchardstown Initiative, the Community Development Office works on the organising committee to host an annual senior’s event. The day comprises of refreshments, information stands, bingo, dance, music and entertainment and is an opportunity for the senior members of the community to come together on a social level.

Fingal Senior Citizens Forum

The Fingal Senior Citizens Forum has received substantial support from the Community Development Office. In the past 12 months the forum has grown its affiliated membership to 2,850. The executive committee is integrated into other services for older people in the community, and has three members on the Board of the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance.

Did you know?

The Fingal Senior Citizens Forum has 2,850 Members

Memory Makers

Memory Makers is an Arts and Craft competition that has been running since 1996 and celebrates the high standard of skills in Fingal. It is an event that invites over 55s in the community to submit their work, including paintings, sculpture, lace work, and knitting – whatever skill that provokes a memory for them to share.



Did you know?

Some 180 seniors from all parts of the county attended the Mayor's Tea Dance.

Did you know?

Some 120 older people participated in Digitise the Nation and a further 54 participated in the Fitness and Well-being Course



Young People & Children

Fingal's Community Centres provide local young people's groups with a place to meet and run their activities. A wide range of pastimes and pursuits are catered for, from sports, health and fitness, education, arts and crafts and music to uniformed groups, like scouts and girl guides to dance clubs, youth clubs and youth cafes. In addition young children are catered for through our parent and toddler groups, pre-school childcare and after-school groups.

Local Youth Awards

Fingal County Council is aware of the importance of engaging young people in social integration programmes. The Community Development Office has provided financial, training and technical support to youth projects and voluntary youth groups and supported participation in local and national Foróige Youth Citizenship Awards.

Mental Health Initiatives

The Community Development Office supported the Youth Mental Health Awareness Festival, participating in an interagency approach to the fund-raising and awareness initiative. The festival took place in Swords in December 2012 and incorporated the Fingal Film Festival, live bands and children's entertainment.



Did you know?

In 2012, 4,000 young people participated in Summer Project initiatives supported by the Community Development Office

Summer Project

The Fingal Summer Project Funding Scheme provides financial support to groups that offer activity programmes for children and young people during the Summer holiday period. Projects must have environmental, community and civic awareness elements and include intercultural or integration activities.

Family Fun Days

Family Fun Days are held in Fingal County Council Community Centres. The events are aimed at bringing the community together and to give local families an opportunity to take part in the activities on the day and promote and foster a community spirit.

Did you know?

In 2012, Fingal County Council supported two Family Days in Ongar and Tyrrelstown which were attended by over 3,000 local residents



Fingal County Council recognises the right of children and young people to have a say in decisions that affect them both locally and nationally, as outlined in the National Children's Strategy (2000). We do this by supporting Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg (Youth Council).

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg (Fingal Youth Council)

The Community Development Office provides administrative support to the Council's Economic and Social Development Division in the operation of Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg (Youth Council). This elected council allows young people in Fingal, aged 13-17, the opportunity to be involved in the development of local policies, and provides a forum for these young people to have their say in local and national issues of relevance to them. Delegates from Comhairle Na nÓg are also

elected to represent their local area at Dáil Na nÓg. Fingal County Council works in partnership locally with County Dublin VEC, Swords/Baldoyle Youth Services, Blanchardstown Youth Services and Balbriggan Youth Services to support the Comhairle. For further information please see www.fcnn.ie or www.comhairlenanog.ie or contact Rachel Lindsay, Fingal County Council Comhairle Co-ordinator, Fingal County Council Economic and Social Development Division, ph. 8906244.



Did you know?

Comhairle Na nÓg (Youth Council) are recognised by Government as the official structures in Ireland for participation by children and young adults in the development of policies and procedures relating to and of interest to them, both locally and nationally.



New to the neighbourhood?

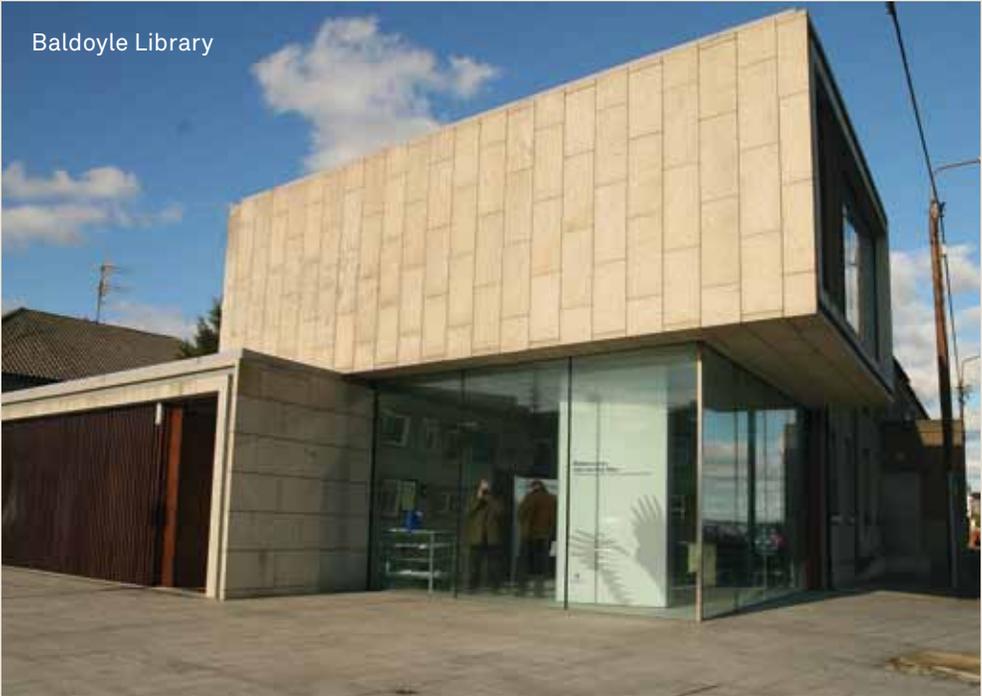
The Community Development Office encourages everyone that is new to a neighbourhood to find out what is happening in the area and get involved. Our communities have many organisations and activities that are always looking for volunteers to get involved. Organisations such as residents associations, sports clubs and music & drama societies, are always recruiting new members or looking for people to help in specific activities such as clean-ups, painting projects and coaching. We can advise you on how to get involved.

Visit your local Community Centre

Your local community centre is the ideal place to get a snapshot of what activities are happening in your area. The centre provides rooms and facilities to enable groups and organisations to meet and operate their services. The list of services and activities is extensive and varies depending on the facility, but in general you might expect to find; sports

and fitness activities, including martial arts classes, indoor football, keep fit, zumba, pilates, yoga, dance and aerobic classes; educational activities, including English language classes, Parent and Toddler groups, Childcare and After-Schools Programmes. To locate your nearest community centre check the list at the back of this booklet.

Baldoyle Library



Visit your Local Library

Your local library provides a service to meet information needs for all those living in the Fingal area. These needs range from information for education, training, and employment to requirements for recreation, entertainment and the use of leisure time. Libraries also offer free internet access. There is also a varied programme of events and activities taking place throughout the year in many libraries. These include exhibitions, lectures, storytelling, arts events and multicultural events. For more information on what your local branch library has to offer, contact Fingal County Council Library Section at **01 890 5524** or visit the website: www.fingalcoco.ie

Get Involved in a Local Group

Getting involved in a local group is a great way of meeting people and making new friends. It also allows you to share your expertise and knowledge and learn new skills. To find out about how to get involved, contact the Fingal Volunteer Centre at **01 820 9550** or visit the website www.volunteerfingal.ie

Join the Residents Group

If your estate has a residents group why not find out how you can join it. Most residents groups are open to new members. Involvement in your local residents group can also help you to meet people and make friends while working as a team to address issues/concerns affecting your estate, such as environmental enhancement, estate clean-ups, or getting involved in organising recreational/social activities, e.g. Summer Projects and Family Days. To find out if there is a residents group in your area contact the Community Officer working in your area.



Visit the Local Schools

Your local schools are often places with plenty of activities taking place for all the family. The Home School Liaison Teacher and the Parents Association often run courses and programmes for parents, including Parenting, Arts and Crafts and Personal Development. If there is a local Vocational school near you perhaps it provides VEC night classes every Spring and Autumn. Call in and find out what is happening in your local school – perhaps you might even think about getting involved in the Parents Association!

Sources of Information

Local Youth Services

provides information on youth-centred activities.

Local Notice Boards

often found in shops, Doctor and Dentist surgeries

Local Places of Worship

often have newsletters outlining their activities

Community Gardaí

can be contacted at the local Garda Station.



Do You... **Have an idea to improve your community?**

The Community Development Office facilitates groups in the development of their visions, aims, objectives and constitution from initial conception to fruition.

If you've got an idea to improve your area and build a better community, we'd love to talk to you. We can offer a wide range of community initiatives, including: training and development programmes, research, facilitation, mentoring and funding. Everything we do is based on helping you understand the principles of community development and how best to address issues you're passionate about in your community.

Did you know?

The Fingal Community Development Office set up 40 new initiatives in the past 12 months.



Do You... **Want to volunteer in your community?**

The Community Development Office offers advice and information for those who want to get involved in existing groups or projects in their area, we help local groups source volunteers and reward volunteering in the community.

Fingal Managing Volunteer Awards

We recognise the contribution that community and voluntary groups make to the social and cultural life of Fingal County Council through the Managing Volunteer Awards. These awards encourage volunteering organisations to put practices and systems in place that ensure volunteers are managed effectively with support from the Fingal Volunteer Centre.

Did you know?

480 new volunteers signed up with the Fingal Volunteer Centre in 2012.

On average, volunteers in Fingal contributed an incredible 21,544 hours to their community in 2012

Fingal Volunteer Centre

The Community Development Office is involved with the Fingal Volunteer Centre, which matches individuals and their skills with community groups looking for volunteers. The Volunteer Centre also provides best-practice guidelines for the management of volunteers and strategies for volunteer retention.

Advice & Information

We are always happy to direct people to local groups that are looking for volunteers and to services that provide information on volunteering opportunities.



Fingal Managing Volunteers Award
Gradam I mBainistíocht Oilríthe Deonach Fhine Gall

Activities in Our Community Centres

Our community centres provide local groups with a place to meet and run their activities for a nominal voluntary and community rental fee. Examples of activities include:

Creativity: Arts, Crafts, Drama.

Health and Fitness:

Boot camps, Circuit training, Slimming classes

Dance:

Ballet, Contemporary, Zumba, Hip Hop, Indian Classic Dance, Irish Dancing

Thematic Group Meetings:

Residents association meetings, Church groups

Education and training:

English conversation classes, First aid, Fáilte Isteach, English, Spanish and Irish classes, Bible studies.

Clinics:

Garda, TD and Councillor.

Uniformed groups:

Girl Guides, Scouts, Order of Malta, St Johns Ambulance

Music: Gospel choir, youth choir, music schools

Martial Arts:

Judo, Kung Fu, Tai Chi, Self defence, Shotokan Karate, Taekwondo

Support for Parents:

Parent & Toddler group, Parent & Toddler/Baby Dance, Parent & Toddler/Baby Music, Pilates, Pregnancy Yoga, Pre-school Childcare, After-school Clubs, Childcare, Theatre School, Yoga, Youth Club (Foróige), Zumba

Sports Groups:

Community Games, Rugby, Soccer, Gymboree, Gymnastics Volleyball, GAA, Cricket, Hockey, Badminton

Youth:

Clubs, Youth cafes, Youth projects and initiatives

Seniors: Active Retired Groups, Seniors groups, Senior Citizens Forum.

* Fingal County Councils supported Centres provide a wide range of facilities for Statutory, Voluntary and Community Groups



Fingal County Council Community Facilities **Community/Sports/ Recreation/Centres**

Applewood Community Centre

Address: Castleview Lawn
Bunbury Gate Road, Swords,
Co. Dublin
Tel: 01 807 9582
Web: www.applewoodcc.ie

Baldoyle Forum

Address: Baldoyle Community Hall,
Main Street, Baldoyle, Dublin 13
Tel: 01 839 5338

Blakestown Community & Resource Centre

Address: Blakestown Way, Dublin 15
Tel: 01 820 3096
Web: www.blakestowncnc.com

Castaheany Community Centre

Address: Littlepace Road, Clonee,
Dublin 15
Tel: 01 811 8670

Corduff Sports Centre

Address: Blackcourt Road, Corduff,
Dublin 15
Tel: 01 823 5000
Web: www.corduffsportscentre.com

Corduff Resource Centre

Address: Blackcourt Road, Corduff,
Dublin 15
Tel: 01 820 2490

Donabate & Portrane Community & Leisure Centre

Address: Portrane Road, Donabate,
Co. Dublin
Tel: 01 843 4546
Web: www.donabatecommunitycentre.com

Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre

Address: Diswellstown Road,
Carpenterstown, Dublin 15
Tel: 01 823 5555

Flemington Community Centre

Address: Hamlet Lane, Balbriggan
Tel: 01 841 5070
Email: info@flemingtoncc.ie

Holywell Community Centre

Address: Holywell Community Centre
Holywell (Beside Holywell Educate
Together),
Swords County Dublin
Tel: 01 897 1010
Web: www.holywellcc.ie

Huntstown Community Centre

Address: Huntstown Way,
Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
Tel: 01 822 0847
Web: www.huntstowncc.org

**Mountview Community Campus/
Fortlawn Community Centre**

Address: Lohunda Drive, Clonsilla,
Dublin 15
Tel: 01 821 8665
Web: www.mfcc.ie
Email: enquiry@mfcc.ie

Mountview Family Resource Centre

Address: 11 Whitechapel Crescent,
Mountview
Dublin 15
Tel: 01 820 6171

Mourne Community Facility

Address: Mourne View, Skerries,
Co Dublin

Mulhuddart Community Centre

Address: Church Road, Mulhuddart,
Dublin 15
Tel: 01 821 5120
Email: manager@mulhuddartcc.ie

Ongar Community Centre

Address: Ongar Road, Dublin 15
Tel: 01 8260366
Web: www.ongarcc.ie

Parslickstown House Ltd

Address: Ladyswell Road, Mulhuddart,
Dublin 15
Tel: 01 820 6416
Web: www.parslickstownhouse.ie

Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre

Address: Blackwood Lane
Portmarnock
Co. Dublin
Tel: 01 846 2122
Web: www.pslc.ie
Email: info@pslc.ie

Phibblestown Community Centre

Address: Phibblestown Road,
Phibblestown,
Dublin 15,

Rivervalley Community Centre

Address: Rivervalley, Swords, Co Dublin
Tel: 01 - 8409018
Email: communitycentrerivervalley@gmail.com

Rivermeade Community Centre

Address: Rivermeade, St Margarets,
Co Dublin

St Macullins Community Centre

Address: Lusk, Co. Dublin
Email: luskcommunity@yahoo.ie

Castleknock Community Centre

Address: Castleknock, Beech Park,
Castleknock, D15

St Ciarans Community Centre

Address: Hartstown, Dublin 15
Tel: 01 820 2777

Tyrrelstown Community Centre

Address: Holbstown Road, Tyrrelstown
Dublin 15
Tel: 01 827 4046
Web: www.tyrrelstowncc.ie

Rush Multi Purpose Community Centre

Address: Channel Rd, Rush, Co. Dublin
Tel: 01 890 5106

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