



Membership Information/Newsletter

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Please circulate this email to other members of your groups

Fingal Public Participation Network or Fingal PPN is the framework for Public Engagement and Participation with Fingal County Council – it is an important mechanism for having your voice heard and influencing Policy. – Do you want more information – well send me an email to ppn@fingal.ie and I will get back to you!

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UPDATES FROM YOUR PPN

Topline Dates for your PPN Diary

- o 21st September 7pm to 9.30pm, Draiocht Theatre, Blanchardstown:
Launch FPPN and Website
- o 5th October 7pm to 9.30pm, Balbriggan Venue TBD:
Organise your Community Event & Funding Training,
- o 22nd October 10.00 to 4.00 pm, Institute Technology Blanchardstown:
Understanding Local Government &How to Influence Policy Training
- o 30th November 7pm- 9.30pm, Venue TBD:
FPPN Plenary & Charities Act & Governance Training

For more information or confirm your attendance please click here
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPX6HHR>

Fingal PPN Launch

We will be launching the website on Wednesday 21st September at 7pm in the Draiocht Theatre, Blanchardstown. Please come along and take the opportunity to meet and network with other groups. Refreshments will be provided. All members are welcome and encouraged to come.

Fingal PPN Website LIVE PILOT - 2nd August

Fingal PPN website will be live from 02nd August for a pilot phase of 1 month. Please go online to view and send back any comments, suggestions or likes (www.fingalppn.ie)

Vacancies for PPN Reps

There are still some vacant positions for PPN Representatives on various committees
As follows:

Joint Policing Committee – 1 Vacant Position – Community/Voluntary

Housing SPC – 1 vacant Position – Environment

Economic and Enterprise Development SPC – 1 vacant position – Environment

Arts/Culture and Community SPC - 1 vacant Position – Social Inclusion

If you are interested in taking up one of the above positions – let me know
ppn@fingal.ie (filling these positions may necessitate an election)

Communications and Promotion of the Fingal PPN

In order to keep our database up to date and to ensure that our members have access to all appropriate information – if you are no longer the best person to receive these emails on behalf of your group please let me know (if you have not already done so) by email/text/phone call – whichever suits you best – but please let me know.

Would you like us to visit your group to discuss the PPN – what it is all about – how you can participate etc. – or are you holding an event that we might attend and circulate info? – let us know by emailing ppn@fingal.ie

TRAINING & INFORMATION SEMINARS

Irish Transport Research Network 2016

Registration is now open for Irish Transport Research Network 2016, the annual conference of the Irish Transport Research Network, taking place on the new DIT Grangegorman Campus on the 31st August (workshop only) and 1st / 2nd of September 2016.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/irish-transport-research-network-conference-2016-tickets-25462597314>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Activities Funding

Fingal County Council Community Culture and Sports Division have a small budget to support Community and Voluntary Groups Activities in Fingal. For further information contact the Community Development Office 018905080 or Email community@fingal.ie or click <http://www.fingal.ie/community-and-leisure/grants-and-funding/>

Examples of eligible activities include

Events : Community, Cultural and Sports Initiatives, Community Culture & Sports events,

Environmental Enhancements : Trees, shrubs, lawn mowers, estate name stones, paint, brushes ,

Equipment : Sports, office, kitchen, arts & crafts,

Publications: Publications, local directory, e project/ website, newsletters.

Groups need to comply with the following

- Be a representative group with a constitution, elected mandate, have an AGM and regular meetings with 80% membership residing in Fingal
- Tax clearance certificate
- Bank account & appointed treasurer
- Illustrate ability to drawdown the funding
- Ability and show evidence of schedule to raise matching funds
- Illustrate long term sustainability

INFORMATION FROM THE COMMUNITY

The following is an information section which we intend to feature every month - if your group/organisation would like to include info in our next Newsletter – please email the information to ppn@fingal.ie no later than 10am on July 21st 2016 – articles to be no more than 70 words

Summer Project Funding Programme 2016 - €60k awarded to 40 community groups

The Summer Project funding scheme provides financial support to groups that offer activity programmes for children during the Summer holiday period. Projects must have environmental, community and civic awareness elements and include intercultural or integration activities. The Community Division of the Council sees this funding programme as a way of supporting the community sector in the context of the overall work Fingal County Council does especially at a time when resources are becoming more hard-fought over. Last year a total of 37 groups, including 5 new groups, almost 3,500 children and young people availed of the Council's Summer Project Funding, and this year it is hoped that the number of participants increases.

Rush Harbour Festival 29th July to 1st August

The much anticipated Rush Harbour Festival will return again this Summer from Friday 29th July to Monday 1st August. There will be some spectacular events lined up if previous years are anything to go by. This festival just keeps growing year on year and is not to be missed. You can find out more at [Facebook.com/whatsoninrush](https://www.facebook.com/whatsoninrush)

Rush Volunteer Fair 30th July to 1st August

As part of the Rush Festival, Fingal County Council Community Office will be running a Volunteer Drive over the festival weekend 2-6pm on 30th/31st July & 1st Aug at the Harbour. The groups who will participate will be Rush Failte Isteach, Men's Shed, Rush Astronomy, Tidy Towns, Rush Community Council, Rush Library / GIY Garden Project etc. There will also be an information stand for all groups including statutory agencies across the north Fingal area.

Swords Summer Festival 22nd to 24th July

Swords Summer Festival is back! The festival will take place over three days, 22nd – 24th July and will include the Fingal 10K Road Race.

This year's festivities will kick off with a very special fundraiser performance for the Swords Lions Club with the Three Tenors live in concert. Saturday will see Swords Main Street transform into a haven of FREE FAMILY FUN with bouncy castles, stilt walkers, face painting, music and entertainment. There will be lots more for children in our Magic & Music tent. The fantastic *Superfly* will take to the stage on Saturday evening in Swords Castle and are sure to have you dancing.

http://fingal.ie/news-and-events/events/swords_summer_festival/

Donabate Portrane Festival 4th to 7th August

The Donabate Portrane Summer Festival Committee have been hard at work since early this year in an attempt to be crowned top Festival of the Summer! There have been lots of fundraisers already and premium entertainment booked in Santoria Ireland's premier soul band. This promises to be a fantastic weekends entertainment

Dublin 15 Family Fun Day 28th August

Sunday 28th August – Dublin 15 Family Fun Day – Millenium Park – Blanchardstown

Millenium Park in Blanchardstown will host a Family Fun Day and a FREE event. It promises to be a fun filled afternoon for all the family. There is crazy golf, face painting, bouncy castles and lots more. So come along and join the fun, there will be something for everyone

Blanchardstown Area Partnership – Enterprise Department

Call us today to discuss your business ... we guarantee you we will have some value, no matter what stage your business is at.

Support with Back to Work Enterprise Allowance/ Short-Term Enterprise Allowance applications. Enterprise training includes Facebook, website and online marketing, Bookkeeping and taxation, Pricing, selling and creating a viable business plan

HAVE YOUR SAY

To view all consultations and make a submission – click onto Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal – <https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse>

- (1) Proposed Traffic Calming Measures - Church Road, Mulhuddart (19th August 2016)
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-traffic-calming-measures-church-road-mulhuddart-0>
- (2) PART XI - Proposed construction of Kellystown Cemetery and Access Road (off Diswellstown Road) on lands in Kellystown, north of Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club, Dublin 15. (11th August 2016)
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/part-xi-proposed-construction-kellystown-cemetery-and-access-road-diswellstown-road-0>
- (3) Proposed rapid build housing development adjacent to Pinewood Green Court, Balbriggan, Co Dublin (11th August 2016)
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-rapid-build-housing-development-adjacent-pinewood-green-court-balbriggan-co>
- (4) Proposed New Housing Development at Rowlestown, Co. Dublin (11th August 2016)
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/proposed-new-housing-development-rowlestown-co-dublin>
- (5) Review of Record of Protected Structures (29th July 2016)
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/review-record-protected-structures-may-2016>
- (6) Public Participation in the Identification of Bathing Waters for 2017 (25th July)
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/public-participation-identification-bathing-waters-2017-0>
- (7) Local Property Tax - Public Consultation Phase (29th July 2016)
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/local-property-tax-public-consultation-phase>
- (8) Lets Talk about Public Art (31st July 2016)
<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/lets-talk-about-public-art-fingal>

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

What do you think????

We would love to hear from you – was the information in this Newsletter relevant to you and your group? – was there something missing? – do you have suggestions on what information needs to be included? – please let me know if you have ideas/opinions/suggestions etc. so between us we can improve communication and make it more valuable and relevant! ppn@fingal.ie

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