

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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LCDC
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Fingal Local Community Development
Committee



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ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	EXPLANATION
CEP	Community Enhancement Programme
CAF	Community Activities Fund
CYPSC	Children & Young People's Services Committees
DLRCC	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
DRCD	Department of Rural and Community Development
DSP	Department of Social Protection
DETE	Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment
DEZ	Dublin Enterprise Zone
EETCD	Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development
ESF	European Social Fund
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 Developpement 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 Programme
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
TUS	Community Work Placement Initiative
UESS	Ukraine Emergency Support Services

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"

Chief Officer and Chairperson Joint Statement



Welcome to the 2022 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 element of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 gives legislative effects to the commitments in 'Putting People First'. LCDC's were established in each local authority administrative area. Each LCDC has the responsibility of developing, coordinating, and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

Fingal LCDC provides governance, oversight and coordination of a number of programmes and funds, including the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP), the Healthy Ireland Fund and various Community Enhancement funding streams which were administered by the LCDC secretariat. SICAP facilitates communities to work collaboratively with stakeholders using a broad range of supports and interventions to tackle poverty and promote social inclusion and equality at a local level. The LCDC is also central to the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, which supports the local rural development in the rural areas of Fingal, Dublin Dun Laoghaire (DLR) and South Dublin.

Oversight and co-ordination of the programmes is supported and augmented by Fingal County Council, Pobal, the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) and the Department of Health.

The Public Participation Network (PPN) is another cornerstone of the LCDC. The four PPN representatives on the LCDC link back to the PPN, providing input into decisions taken by the LCDC and allowing the voices of PPN member groups to be heard. This link is vital to the relevance of the LCDC for our communities and a valuable and positive contribution to civic life in Fingal.

During 2022, the LCDC continued to monitor the implementation and progression of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP 2016-2021). The changing landscape for individuals and communities due to Climate Change, Brexit, the continuing fall-out from the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Ukrainian crisis and the cost-of-living crisis all brought new challenges which were successfully met by the LCDC and its stakeholders.

Fingal is in a strong position to develop and grow. Many LCDC supported initiatives administered in 2022 will be the foundation for the development and success of our local communities well into the future.

The annual budget for SICAP 2022 was €1,383,217. A contribution comes from the European Social Fund (ESF) Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020 and the Youth Employment Initiative. The SICAP Programme Implementer, Empower, achieved its two key performance indicators (KPI's) and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC.

The arrival of Ukrainians displaced from their homes because of the Russian invasion impacted significantly on SICAP 2022. Empowers' response was swift and practical as they responded to the needs of Ukrainian arrivals.

We would like to commend the huge response of the staff, particularly over the double bank holiday in March when the first Ukrainians arrived into Ireland. The DRCD allocated a further fund of €189,502 to Empower to support additional actions to meet the needs of Ukrainians arrivals.

The Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group (LAG) was established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) in the Dublin area. The LAG is responsible for designing and implementing the LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS). The allocated fund for the Dublin Rural area is €6.37 million and of this €4.74 million is available for local projects in the region. During 2022 the LAG continued to support community groups and enterprises in the aftermath of Covid 19.

The Healthy Ireland Programme continued delivery in 2022 with the support of the Healthy Ireland Committee and Fingal LCDC. The many community support grant schemes administered by Fingal County Council and Fingal Childrens & Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) during 2022 helped our communities in maintaining services as we emerged from the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Fingal LCDC also administered the Community Activities Fund of €301,042 under the Community Enhancement Programme in 2022.

We would like to commend the Director of Services, Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Department, and staff of the directorate for their work in supporting the LCDC and partnerships with communities, government agencies, the business community and stakeholder groups.

Finally, we would like to thank the LCDC members for their continued support during 2022 and for their excellent response to the challenges of delivering the various programmes during 2022.

Aoife Sheridan

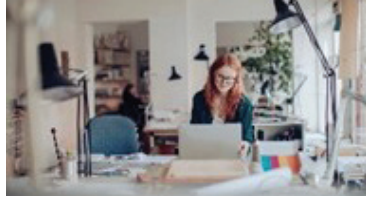
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Chief Officer Fingal LCDC

Laurence Ward

LAURENCE WARD

Chairperson Fingal LCDC



SECTION 1

Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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Members of Fingal LCDC attending the first 'in person' meeting post Covid 19

(L-R) Ian Lennon, Geraldine Rooney, Raghu Nath, Dr. Pat O'Connor, Felix Gallagher, Aoife Sheridan, Cllr. Cathal Boland, Cllr. Mary McCamley, Eilish Harrington, John Quinlivan, Seamus Hughes & Laurence Ward (Seated)

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 gives legislative effect to the commitments in 'Putting People First', 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.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- A clear focus on Social Inclusion, marginalised communities and the marginalised within communities
- Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as key element in supporting sustainable communities
- 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 1288 of the Local Government Act 2001 sets out the functions of the LCDC's

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)

Fingal Local Community Development Committee Members 2022



CLLR. CATHAL BOLAND

Cathal has 23 years' service as a Fingal Councillor (Rush Lusk Local Election Area). He served as Cathaoirleach/Mayor of the Local Authority on two occasions and Area Chair on numerous occasions.

A member of County Dublin VEC from '84 to 2004. He Chaired the Committee and many school Boards and The County Voluntary Youth Council. He also Chaired the Establishment Committee of the Tallaght RTC. (Inst' of Technology).

Cathal served on the County Enterprise Board. He is an Institute of Directors member. His background is as a Senior Manager in the Service industry and in recent years operated a General Management Consultancy, He has experience of Directorships across Voluntary Community and Commercial enterprises.



CLLR. MARY MCCAMLEY

Mary McCamley became a councillor for Fingal County Council in 2012 and has represented the area as a member of the labour party. Mary was mayor of Fingal during the years 2017/18 and has chaired the Area Committee Meeting on two separate occasions. Living in Mulhuddart since 2002, she originally lived in Finglas and retired from Connolly Hospital in 2012 having worked in the EHB and HSE all her working life. Mary is a grandmother and mother to two sons. She is a keen gardener when she has the time to potter and loves reading as a type of relaxation.



CLLR. JOAN HOPKINS

Joan lives and works in Baldoyle as a Community Development Manager of Baldoyle Forum, a registered charity. She has 20 years' experience working in Banking and Finance. Joan holds a Masters' Degree in Organisational Behaviour. Joan is a founding member and chairperson of Baldoyle Tidy Towns. Joan is passionate about biodiversity and making our communities more sustainable and liveable. Joan grew up working in her family's local business and wants to support businesses within the community.



JOHN QUINLIVAN

John Quinlivan is the Director of Services of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development in Fingal County Council. John has over 30 years of experience in local government, working in 6 Local Authorities in rural, urban, and metropolitan areas and in that time he has been involved in every function of local government. His current role is to advance the economic, community and cultural development of Fingal.



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 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 previously served as Chairperson of the Network of 31 Local Enterprise Offices and has many years' experience chairing various enterprise development strategy groups and national committees.



PAT O'CONNOR

Pat O'Connor is Head of School of Social Sciences, law, and Education in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Technological University Dublin. Pat holds a doctoral degree from the University of Manchester and has been involved in further and higher education for over 30 years. Pat's teaching interests extend across business, accountancy and humanities and he has extensive experience in programme design and review 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.



UNA CAFFREY

Una is the coordinator of Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (FCYPSC). Una’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.

Una 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.

Una brings to FCYPSC a wealth of experience of working in the community and voluntary sector having worked for Focus Ireland, Barnardo’s, Fingal County Childcare Committee to name a few. In her previous role Una coordinated the delivery of child protection training to early years professionals in Fingal. Una holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dublin Institute of Technology and a post grad in child protection from Trinity College Dublin.



IAN LENNON

Ian Lennon was elected to the LCDC in 2020 as a representative of the Community Voluntary Interest pillar of the Fingal PPN. Ian is the current chairperson of Naul Community Council and has actively volunteered in the community since 2017, having a passion for participatory practice, rural development, community-led initiatives, heritage-led regeneration, research and placemaking.

Holding a BSc (Hons) in Architecture, Ian is a current postgraduate Master of Architecture Student TU Dublin, previously volunteering with the Architecture Association of Ireland, Irish Architecture Foundation. Having previously participated in EU & US cultural exchange programmes.

As a resident of Naul, working at The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, a non-profit organisation, for the past 5 years, Ian is invested in creative community initiatives in Fingal.



AMAKA CHUKS

Amaka is an Employment Officer of the Irish Refugee Council. Amaka is passionate about people’s empowerment in teams of guiding the non-so privileged to gain control over their lives.

She is interested in a process that encourages individuals to be aware of the power they possess to actualise their dreams. She has demonstrated this experience in supporting people across different spectra of life especially (migrant women) through her work with the Irish refugee council. She has displayed enthusiasm also through her work with Home- Start the UK’s leading support for family and children and her work and advocacy with African Voice in Moston United Kingdom.

She is aware of the barriers that might keep people from being their best and actualise their potential. She has a BA in Social and Community Development and level 8 in Adult Guidance, Theory and Practice from Maynooth University.



FELIX GALLAGHER

Felix Gallagher is Social Inclusion Manager for Empower. Felix has 30 years’ experience working in the Social Inclusion Sector. Felix is passionate about empowering the most hard-to-reach and socially excluded in our society to ensure their voices are represented in developing anti-poverty and social inclusion strategies.

Felix has a BA in Business & Economics, Diplomas in Community Development & Leadership, and Supervisory Management.



SEAMUS QUIGLEY

Shay is the area manager for the Employment Services Division of the Department of Social Protection (DSP) in North Dublin. He has 20 years’ experience in all aspects of DSP services and is a graduate of Dundalk IT, Institute of Public Administration and the National College of Ireland. He sits on various committees in North Dublin and has a strong interest in GAA and soccer.



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 supporting Healthy Communities. Ellen has a BSC (Hons) in Occupational Therapy, Diploma in Leadership and Quality in Healthcare and an MSc in Health Service Management.



RAGHU NATH

Raghu works for Ireland Telugu association which is a non-profit, voluntary organization devoted to promote integration through Arts, Sports and Culture into mainstream of Ireland and also intends to identify and address social, cultural and educational needs of Ireland's Indian Community.

Ireland Telugu association organize several key programs such as IT Boot Camps, Health in your Hand Programs & Youth empowerment within our community for the benefit of immigrant People. I am very instrumental and pivotal for delivery off this project very regularly.

I also collaborate closely with the community policing to ensure crime and security issues are responded to in a timely and effective manner. I have participated number of workshops held at local garda in partnership with Joint policing committee for well-being of community and in building positive partnerships, through initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch, Community Alert.



BRÍD WALSH

With early careers in Irish Rail and Aer Lingus Bríd is the HSE Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force Coordinator for North Dublin. She holds a 1st class hon's MSc in Health Care Management, UCC and M.Sc. in Social Science from Trinity College among other 3rd level courses from UCD and the NUI. She plays a leadership role in national and regional structures including as chairperson of both the national network of Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force Coordinators in Ireland and the National DRIVE Oversight Committee and member of National Oversight Committee for the Drugs Strategy, the Healthy Fingal subgroup and others.



GERALDINE ROONEY

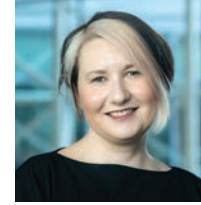
Geraldine Rooney is a Development officer with the Blanchardstown Center for Independent Living who provide services that are underpinned by the philosophy of independent living. All activities are aimed toward promoting independence, choices, options, rights and empowerment for people with disabilities. Inclusion of people with disabilities is her passion and she has been involved with local community groups for the last thirty years, working in BCIL for the last nineteen years, Geraldine graduated from Maynooth University with a certificate in Disability Studies and 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. Her interests include travel, reading and soccer.



ANTHONY COONEY

Anthony Cooney is CEO of Fingal Chamber of Commerce. Fingal Chamber is affiliated to Chambers Ireland and is representative of the business community covering the greater Fingal Region.

Anthony has more than 25 years' experience at director level working with Private Equity Operators of businesses in the B2B sectors of major companies operating in both the UK and Ireland specialising in the acquisition and management of "Recurring Income" organisations.



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.



LAURENCE WARD

Laurence is a dry stock farmer near Oldtown, North County Dublin. His passions are GAA football and farming. He is a member & chairperson of Fingal Local Community Development Committee. Laurence is also a member and chairperson of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group. Laurence has taken a new role as a member of the Farm Business Committee of the Irish Farmers Association.



EILISH HARRINGTON

Eilish Harrington is the CEO with Fingal LEADER Partnership since September 2018. In this role Eilish works with her team to deliver the LEADER programme across rural Dublin, Rural Social Scheme for Co. Dublin, Care & Repair Service in the North County, Ability and Tús Programmes 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 as Co Ordinator of EmployAbility Services West Cork.

Resigned Members of Fingal Local Community Development Committee



EMER O’GORMAN

Director of Services Economic Enterprise
 Tourism & Cultural Development

Chief Executive Nominee to Fingal
 LCDC
 October 2018 - April 2022



CLAIRE SHANAHAN

Department of Social Protection
 LCDC Member

November 2020 – October 2022



Fingal Public Participation Network



Fingal Public Participation Network Members
 (LR) Raghu Nath, Geraldine Rooney, Ian Lennon.

Fingal Public Participation Network

Fingal Public Participation Network (formally known as Fingal Community Network) is the local Public Participation Network and therefore is Fingal's new framework for public engagement. It will provide the structure to facilitate the two-way flow of information between the Local Authority and Community, Voluntary and Environmental groups. The network will enable residents of Fingal and community organisations to influence plans and policies for the future development of the County.

The FPPN brings together all groups and organisations working on a community and voluntary basis in Fingal. Being part of the FPPN gives your group the opportunity to participate at decision making and policy development level. Membership is FREE and as member community group you will benefit from



CATEGORY MEMBERSHIP OF FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) 2022

NAME	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Cathal Boland	Local Authority Member Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk	Fingal County Council
Mary McCamley	Local Authority Member Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	Fingal County Council
Joan Hopkins	Local Authority Member Howth/Malahide	Fingal County Council
John Quinlivan <i>Replaced Emer O’Gorman April 2022</i>	Local Authority Official Chief Executive’s Nominee	Fingal County Council
Oisín Geoghegan	Local Authority Official Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O’Connor	State Agency Higher Education Institute	Technological University of Dublin
Seamus Quigley <i>Replaced Claire Shanahan Oct 2022</i>	State Agency Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Department of Social Protection
Una Caffrey	State Agency TUSLA	TUSLA Child and Family Agency
Ellen O’Dea	State Agency HSE	HSE Head of Service Health & Wellbeing
Amaku Chucks	Community Voluntary Interest The Bold Women Association	Fingal Public Participation Network
Ian Lennon	Community Voluntary Interest Naul Community Council	Fingal Public Participation Network
Raghu Nath	Social Inclusion Interest Ireland Telugu Association	Fingal Public Participation Network
Geraldine Rooney	Social Inclusion Interest Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living	Fingal Public Participation Network
VACANT	Environmental Interest	Fingal Public Participation Network
Brid Walsh	Community Interest	North Dublin Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force
Felix Gallagher <i>Replace Adeline O’Brien April 2022</i>	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)

LCDC FUNDING 2022

The Community Supports Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme 2022

The Community Activities Fund (CAF) under the Community Enhancement Programme was launched by the Department of Rural and Community Development on 11th November 2021 by the Minister for Rural and Community Development (DRCD), Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD.

The CAF was administered by Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

The Community Activities Fund, a once-off fund supported groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with:

- Operating and running costs such as utility bills, rental/lease costs and insurance bills.
- The cost of repairs and improvements to facilities, purchase of I.T. equipment, furniture, tools, signage, training equipment etc.

Fingal County Council was allocated €301,042 in funding for community & voluntary groups across the county. This total amount comprises, €183,970 Current funding for us towards running & operating and €117,072 in Capital funding.

The LCDC evaluation committee agreed the criteria and recommended 30% of total funding be ring-fenced to provide small capital grants of €1,000 or less.

The projects were evaluated under the following headings:

- Expected impact arising from funding
- Degree of disadvantage of the area/group
- Deliverability

Three categories of disadvantage were identified:

- Groups operating in disadvantaged areas
- Group supporting disadvantaged people
- Groups disadvantaged from funding sources

228 groups/organisations submitted applications totalling €833,382.25 for a Capital fund of €117,072.00 and Operating & Running costs of €183,970

All completed applications were evaluated (viewed & discussed) by the LCDC Evaluation Committee and 111 groups were recommended for CAF Capital funding and 101 groups were recommended for CAF Current (Non-Pay) funding for use towards running/operating costs, with the approval of the LCDC.



HEALTHY IRELAND

Healthy Ireland, A Framework for improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025 is the national framework for action to improve the health and wellbeing of Ireland over the coming generation. It is being implemented on a local level as part of Fingal's Local Economic and Community Plan. The scheme is being administered by the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) under the remit of Fingal County Council on behalf of the Department of Health.

Fingal County Council received an initial funding of €334,460. Further funding of €41,574 was received during the period Jan to May 2022 to extend the roles of the Social Prescriber and Healthy Ireland Coordinator. A further fund of €15,000 was also granted to extend the role of the Social Prescriber until December 2022. While the Covid 19 pandemic caused many restrictions and hurdles in implementing the actions, each group found a way to continue with their project. Round three was successfully completed at the end of May 2022.

The Healthy Ireland programme of work in Fingal is supported by a Healthy Fingal subgroup of the LCDC.

The following table outlines the grants awarded in Round 3 (June 2019-May 2022)



GROUP NAME	€ AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT
Aster Family Centre	10,000	Young Persons and Parents Club
Aster Family Centre	10,000	Homework Club
Blakestown Mountview Youth Initiative	15,000	Cyber Safety
Foróige	46,360	Health & Wellbeing
Mulhuddart Community Centre	15,000	Activities for 5–9-year-olds
Empower	55,797	Social Prescriber
Empower	99,527	Healthy Ireland Coordinator
Empower	30,000	Community Engagement

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FUND

GROUP	€ AMOUNT	PROJECT
Children & Young People's Services Committee	32,050	Mental Health Projects
Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education Training Board	32,050	Recover College
Various Groups across Fingal were awarded small grants	Small Grants Scheme 30,000	Various

Healthy Ireland is a government led initiative aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of everyone in Ireland. The Healthy Ireland funding for Fingal 2022 was spread over two funding periods Round 3 (Jan-May 2022) and Round 4 (Jun – Dec 2022) with an additional €15,000 available as part of a social prescribing fund which ran from April – Dec 2022.



The Healthy Fingal Coordinator developed a Community Engagement and Communications Plan for Healthy Fingal which included undertaking brand awareness activities, creating a quarterly newsletter and information gathering. The first quarterly newsletter was published in early April 2022 and used community/sports activities to promote Healthy Fingal through the distribution of merchandise at events such as Community Centre Open Days, Men on the Move, Junior Park Run, Hello, How Are You Day. Healthy Fingal flyers were distributed through Fingal Libraries, Fingal Community Centers, HSE CH09 and Empower and pull-up banners have been distributed to continue to promote and raise awareness of the Healthy Fingal brand.

Empower, under the auspices of Healthy Fingal implemented a Social Prescribing Programme (SPP) for Fingal, to follow on from our Social Prescribing scoping action in the previous round. The funding was used to appoint a part-time Social Prescribing Coordinator and although Covid-19 restrictions required the service to initially be delivered online instead of in-person, Corduff Primary Care Centre



did hold a regular clinic throughout 2022. Healthy Fingal supported several projects throughout 2022 which were delivered by Aoibhneas Domestic Abuse Support, Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative Summer Project, Empower, Foroige, Mulhuddart Community Centre, Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB, Crosscare and Empower.



At the end of May 2022, Keira Brett the Healthy Ireland Coordinator from Empower, stepped away from the role. The position was advertised as a three-year contract through Fingal County Council. Niall McGuirk, was appointed as the new Healthy Fingal Coordinator

in December 2022. Niall's focus for 2023 will be around the reduction in smoking and vaping and a reduction in binge drinking.

In June 2022 Fingal County Council signed the funding agreement for Round 4 of the Healthy Fingal Programme with an initial fund for 2022-2025 of €175,000 awarded to Fingal County Council.

HEALTHY IRELAND FUNDING SCHEDULE 2022

GROUP	€ AMOUNT
HIF Social Prescribing 1st April to 31st December	15,000
HIF 1st June to 31st December 2022	40,000
HIF 2023	40,000
HIF 2024	40,000
HIF 2025	40,000
TOTAL	175,000



SECTION 2

Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan

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Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2022



The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides a stronger and clearer role for local government in economic development and community development.

Local Economic and Community Plans (LECP) support the sustainable development of our counties. First described in Putting People First: Action Plan for Effective Local Government and then formalised in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, they form the local element of the national development framework and support collaboration to increase the quality of life in our communities. This has never been more important as we look to support a sustainable recovery from the impact of the pandemic.

The primary aim of the LECP is to set out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of Fingal, both by the Local Authority directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders. The LECP is an important way to set out how Government and other stakeholders can work together to ensure that their initiatives, programmes, and projects support an improved quality of life for people living and working in the county. Part of the statutory responsibilities assigned to the Minister for Rural and Community Development (DRCD), under the Local Government Reform Act of 2014, is to support the development and implementation of the LECP.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) is charged with oversight of the Economic Elements of the LECP. Both Departments have worked together to develop guidelines to enable and support integrated planning for both community and economic elements as envisaged in the legislation. The process also included a broader consultation with input from other Government Departments, Local Authorities, Public Participation Networks (PPNs) and other members of the relevant Local Authority Committees, the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) and the Strategic Policy Committees (SPC). Fingal County Council looks forward to working with all stakeholders to support the development, through the LECPs, of strong integrated local frameworks that will provide the foundation for economic and social recovery and support sustainable development across the country over the next six-year period.

The overall vision for Local Government, “to promote the well-being and quality of life of citizens and communities”.

The process for the development of the LECPs will initially consist of four broad phases: preparation, public consultation, development of High-Level Goals, objectives and outcomes, and finalisation of the LECP, in 2023. This will be followed by a fifth phase for implementation that will include the Implementation Plan process and a sixth stage of monitoring, evaluation and review of the plan.



SECTION 3

Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme 2018-2023



Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

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Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2018-2023

The Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is a key intervention for harder to reach groups and individuals.

Delivery of SICAP is overseen and managed by Fingal LCDC. SICAP aims to address poverty, long term unemployment and social exclusion through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

The budget for 2022 was €1,383,217 for which a contribution comes from the European Social Fund (ESF Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL). The programme implementer achieved its two Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for 2022 (see table 1 below) and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC. The Horizontal Themes of SICAP are Equality Community Development and Collaboration.

These themes are fundamental to Fingal LCDC and Empowers' values and are evident through the strategies reviews, programme planning and daily delivery.

2022 – 2 Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)				
Goal		Target	Actual	%
Goal 1	LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS	45	45	100%
Goal 2	INDIVIDUALS	685	701	102%

Empower applies a person-centred approach to individuals under Goal 2 of SICAP. This allows individuals explore their options and identify the best course of action for them. The personal action plan agreed with a caseworker helps them jointly identify supports needed as part of their engagement with SICAP.

Based on completed personal action plans the needs more frequently identified among SICAP target groups included:

- Counteracting digital/food/fuel poverty
- English language skill deficits
- CV and interviewing
- Self-employment mentoring supports
- Access to affordable early-years services
- Lack of awareness of public health supports
- Housing supports



Empowers response to the Identified Needs of Individuals and Groups

FOOD POVERTY

Food Poverty is defined as the 'inability to have an adequate and nutritious diet due to issues of affordability or accessibility'. Target groups typically spend more of their overall budget on basic food essentials. Empower collaborated with Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group and the Vincent de Paul to provide a Traveller Foodbank. A Traveller Outreach Worker helped provide food parcels and fuel vouchers to the 7 Traveller Halting Sites in Dublin 15. Empower has also supported delivery of food parcels to the Roma community in Fingal.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Classes were provided to New Communities, who made up 53% of the caseload in 2022. Both structured and conversational Faite Isteach Classes took place.



ONE STEP CLOSER

One Step Closer offered job-seeking skills and training, in groups or on a one-to-one basis. 160 people received supports digitally or via workshops. 97 people set up their own business and 56 received follow up self-employment supports for businesses started in previous years.



EARLY YEARS SERVICES

Mulhuddart Parent and Child Group support young families. The local community centre provides a space to meet other families, receiving parenting support and information. Members of the group come from a broad range of ethnicities. Tyrrelstown Stay and Play Group meet up to support the development of their children and combat isolation. Empower also helped groups successfully source funding from Fingal County Council.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Balbriggan Integration Forum, a volunteer-led group believes developing positive intercultural relationship enriches the quality of lives in the area. A SICAP staff member aided the group, including supporting integration, educational needs as well as voter education and active citizenship. Team Zimbabwe is a football club and support group. They act as an information and support service as well as providing health and fitness training. SICAP supported them with equipment and links to the FAI, Healthy Fingal Coordinator and the Fingal Public Participation Network. A SICAP staff member links in with the Corduff Women's Group providing information on activities, funding, healthy eating, DIY, arts & crafts and a HSE approved wellbeing programme. Empower was successful in leveraging funding from different government department which helped support the target groups of SICAP.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

In total SICAP supported seventeen social enterprises in 2022. 45 full-time and 36 part-time jobs were supported. These include Afro Diaspora Centre, Aster Family Resource Centre, BASE Enterprise Centre, BEaT Enterprise Centre, Eggheadz, Grow Remote, Huntstown Community Centre, Ladybird Lane Childcare Service, Loving and Affectionate Family, Musicantia CLG, One Step Closer, Parlickstown Childcare Facility CLG T/A Little Learners Creche, Phoenix FM, Way2Work Ireland and Work Equal.

EMERGING NEED 2022

'Children and Families' was the chosen theme for the emerging need 2022. In total, 1,473 young people and children and 856 parents and guardians benefited through activities encouraging access to further education & training, family supports, preschool as well as welfare & wellbeing supports.

SICAP Response to the Ukrainian Crisis



Empower first became aware of Ukrainian refugees in Fingal on Wednesday 16th March. Refugees approached a SICAP worker. Their needs were assessed quickly. The SICAP team established the Empower Ukrainian Emergency Support Service (UESS). The flexibility of SICAP allowed Empower to respond immediately. Central to this was the transformation of the Empower Head Office into a Ukrainian Community Hub. Over the next four days, the double St. Patrick's Day Public Holiday weekend, SICAP staff worked tirelessly to transform our premises. On Monday 21st March, within five days of their arrival, we were fully operational.

In June 2022 the government announced a budget of €5m in funding for SICAP in recognition of the ongoing contribution made to the local community response to the crisis. Empower received a contribution of €189,502.

The number of refugees in emergency accommodation across Fingal continued to rise. The lack of transport to access services was identified as a major barrier. SICAP engaged a bus service to collect refugees from their accommodation and bring them to amenities including the Post Office, Banks, Library, Citizens Information, DSP & shops. Other supports included establishing a Greeting Area, Social Spaces and a Parent & Toddler Room.

Key ongoing actions undertaken by Empower include establishment of English language classes, Ukrainian Jobs Club and opportunities to engage social with local communities.



Members of the Ukrainian Community enjoy a visit to Newbridge House Donabate & a trip to the Ukraine versus Ireland match in the Aviva Stadium

SICAP 2022

Key Achievements



Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

702

Individuals assisted by SICAP (KPI 2)

45

LCGs assisted by SICAP (KPI 1)



122 people completed a lifelong learning course



32 people got jobs & 49 received iwork supports

97 people set up their own business





17 Social Enterprises received supports



15 LDC Collaborations received supports



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2018-2023 #SICAP

Providing the building blocks for local and community development in Ireland

WHAT WE ACHIEVED!



3193 PEOPLE

ACROSS FINGAL WERE ASSISTED ON A 1-TO-1 BASIS

67.5%
WERE UNEMPLOYED



44%
WERE FROM A JOBLESS HOUSEHOLD



90

LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE




34

GROUPS SUPPORTED INTO DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURES



1526 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN FREE LIFE-LONG LEARNING COURSES



11 159

EDUCATION AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTS WERE EXTENDED TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES

1965 people



received employment & job training supports



463 people set up a **NEW BUSINESS**

WHICH CREATED 480 FULL-TIME JOBS

343

PEOPLE GOT JOBS and 318 received in-work supports





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SECTION 4

Dublin Rural LEADER

2014-2022



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



Dublin Rural
LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

SECTION 4

The Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group

The Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) was established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) for the period 2014–2022 in the Dublin Rural Region. The LEADER Programme aims to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to encourage diversification of economic activity in rural areas.

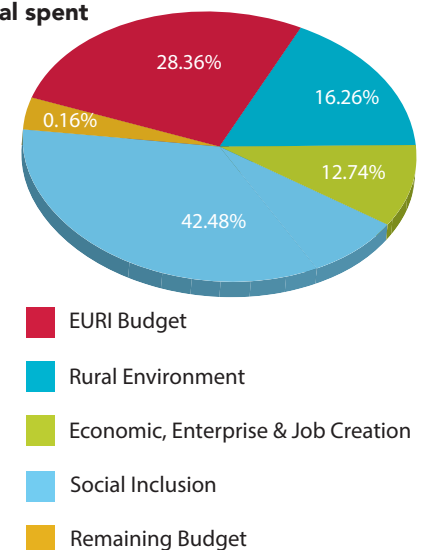
2022 was a positive and productive year for Dublin Rural LEADER. The funding continued to support community groups and enterprises in the aftermath of Covid-19, enabling them to adapt their offerings and diversify to meet new needs. The LAG approved projects across all themes and committed the entire Transitional Budget. The LAG submitted an Expression of Interest for the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme and were successful to proceed to the next stage of developing a new Local Development Strategy for Rural Dublin which will shape the next programme.

A breakdown of the projects approved in the 2021- 2022 LEADER Transitional Programme:

- Total number of projects approved under the Transition Programme was 36 to the value of €1,523,776 - €896,422 in 2021 & €627,354 in 2022.
- **Theme 1:** Economic, Enterprise & Job Creation - 6 Projects, value: **€194,393**
- **Theme 2:** Social Inclusion - 15 Projects, value: **€648,336**
- **Theme 3:** Rural Environment - 4 Projects, value: **€248,187**
- **EURI Projects:** 11 Projects, value: **€432,860**
- Dublin LEADER total money committed to date: **€6,580,651** (2014-2021 LEADER Programme plus Transition)
- Claims paid out to date: **€4,422,316.69** - 67%

2021- 2022 LEADER Transitional Programme	
Transitional Programme Budget	977,283
Withdrawn Projects	42,549
Decommittal added to Main Budget in 2022	72,015
EURI Budget	434,348
Total Budget	1,526,195
Expenditure	
1 Economic, Enterprise & Job Creation	194,393
2 Social Inclusion	648,336
3 Rural Environment	248,187
4 EURI	432,860
Total Spend	1,523,775
Remaining Budget	2,420

Actual spent



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Promoter Name:	Lambay Estate Ltd
Project Name:	EURI – Renewable Energy Optimization at Lambay Island
Theme:	Rural Environment – Development of Renewable Energy
Area:	Fingal
LEADER Funding	€120,961

Project Description

Lambay Island is an offshore island 3 miles from the coast of north county Dublin. It is part of Fáilte Ireland’s UltraLuxe market and attracts tourism from all over the world. The island is classified as an off-grid system from the point of view of its electrical supply and this is generated on the island using wind turbine and solar panels, a battery bank, and a backup generator.

Increased tourist requests and the reopening of the island for functions after the Covid 19 pandemic ended all visits to the island for approximately 18 months, has required that the island upgrade its renewable energy facilities to both cope with increased visitor numbers and to further decarbonize the energy load on site. LEADER funding assisted with the capital expenditure of additional solar PV panels to increase renewable energy generation on the island, renew the associated battery facility to ensure the matching of load and resources on the island and the upgrade of monitoring and reporting facilities on the island to make the carbon-free nature of the island more accessible and marketable by the island operators to visitors and guests alike.



Promoter Name:	Man O 'War GFC
Project Name:	Man O 'War GFC Community Walkway Project
Theme:	Social Inclusion – Basic Services
Area:	Lusk, Fingal
LEADER Funding:	€36,037.50

Project Description

Man O 'War GFC developed a walkway track around the perimeter of the grounds for use by the local community. The walkway is approximately 1km in length circling the full inside perimeter of the grounds. The walkway will be available for use by the local community, Man O 'War club members and local businesses such as Country Crest and Oberstown Detention Centre, both of whom are directly beside the club grounds.

The recent COVID-19 pandemic highlighted several ways that the club could serve the local community more and the development of a walkway is one such way. Developing this facility will bring more of the community into their grounds for more than just Gaelic games. It will serve the local community, many of whom are elderly, by provisioning a safe place free of traffic to get exercise. It would also be possible to facilitate organised walking groups, for example, men's walk and talk groups etc. The pandemic has highlighted how isolation for many has a detrimental effect on individuals and by creating a walking hub, the club will be providing an avenue and an opportunity for people to meet up for exercise.



Promoter Name:	Fingal LEADER Partnership CLG
Project Name:	Smart Village Training for Rural Dublin
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation – Rural Towns
Area:	Fingal/ South Dublin /Dun Laoghaire
LEADER Funding:	€49,962.60

Project Description

This training programme will train up to 60 people across 6 Villages in Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The Smart Villages training programme will inform participating communities, support evaluation of current resources and capacity, and enable planning for the future. This journey will be applied, as appropriate, to different thematic development areas:

- Digital Transformation
- Community Multi-Service Hubs
- Climate Change, Renewable Energy and Emission Reduction
- Health and well being
- Networking leadership and Communication tools for Communities and Businesses.
- The Circular Economy- Tourism and Social Economy

This programme will build capacity across the Dublin Rural LEADER catchment in the area of Smart Village concepts which will feature in the new 2023-2027 LEADER Programme.



Dublin Rural LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP (LAG) Members 2022

SECTOR	AGENCY	NAME	
Statutory	Local Authority Member, Fingal LCDC	Cllr. Cathal Boland	
	Local Authority Official, Fingal LCDC	John Quinlivan	
	Local Authority Official, Fingal LCDC	Oisin Geoghegan	
	Higher Education Authority Fingal LCDC	Dr. Pat O'Connor	
	Local Authority Official, South Dublin LCDC	Colm Ward	
	Local Authority Member, South Dublin LCDC	Cllr. David McManus	
	Local Authority Member, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy	
Non stat	Farming and Agriculture, Fingal LCDC	Laurence Ward (<i>Chairperson</i>)	
	Community & Voluntary Interest, South Dublin LCDC	Tricia Nolan	
	Environmental Interest, South Dublin LCDC	Justin Byrne	
	Community & Voluntary Interest, South Dublin LCDC	Prof. Mary Corcoran	
	Local Development, Fingal LCDC	Felix Gallagher	
	Local Development (Implement Partner), Fingal Leader Partnership	Eilish Harrington	
	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown – LCDC	Sharon Commins	
	Social Inclusion Interest, Fingal LCDC	Geraldine Rooney	

John Quinlivan replaced Emer O’Gorman

Felix Gallagher replaced Adeline O’Brien

Ann Lynch Fingal LCDC and Mark Fox Dun Laoghaire LCDC resigned

PUBLIC (STATUTORY)

PRIVATE (NON-STATUTORY)



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