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## Mayor's Message



As we begin a new year, I would like wish everyone health and peace in the year ahead. Since being elected Mayor in June 2021 the highlight for me has been the opportunity to meet with so many individuals, groups and organisations across the County, who all make a positive contribution to our community. These people are the unsung

heroes of Fingal and I wish to thank them for their contribution throughout the pandemic.

In the year ahead, Fingal County Council will continue to support all in our communities while restrictions are gradually being phased out and while also working on the Fingal Development plan 2023-2029, which will ensure quality of life for our residents and provide a vibrant place where all who live, work and visit are considered and valued.

It is vital that we take care of our health and wellbeing, with walking and cycling so important to our physical and mental health, the Council continues to create new opportunities for healthy choices. We want residents to have a variety of Active Travel and outdoor activities choices. The Council will be further implementing new walking and cycling infrastructure and land development to facilitate Active Travel and healthy living and this change is something which I and my fellow Councillors wholeheartedly support.

To enhance the infrastructure and amenities in Fingal, the Active Travel team and Councillors cycled in Dún Laoghaire and looked for inspiration from our colleagues in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council on their very successful Coastal Mobility Route.

The festival and events funding scheme is currently open for application until February 4th 2022. We hope this fund will encourage and support community groups to bring new events to the community this year as we reconnect and bring joy and excitement to people's lives.

Amongst many projects the council has been working on, the "Our Balbriggan" Regeneration Plan was awarded over €25m under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. We had the privilege to welcome Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD to Balbriggan and was briefed on our development plans to enhance the town centre and harbour.

There's no doubt 2022 will be a more optimistic year for everyone. There is plenty to be excited about and certainly long overdue, however as we have been in such unprecedented times for so long, I encourage anyone who feels anxious to go at their pace when returning to their activities.

-Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh

## Chief Executive's Message



It is hard to believe It has been nearly two years since the start of the pandemic, and each step of the way we have made enormous strides in our fight to protect ourselves and our community. I'm extremely proud of everyone across the County who has stepped up and done their part. As the government guidelines continues to

evolve, the Council will continue to provide high quality services to its citizens and make further progress in many ongoing projects.

The development of the Snugborough Interchange in Blanchardstown has been ongoing since 2021 and will continue to make head way in the next few months. This project is an essential step to help ease congestion issues and deliver significant improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and bus services in the Dublin 15 area.

I am so proud of all that we have accomplished in 2021. As a community we continued to live up to our reputation as a business-friendly, safe and family-oriented County with beautiful parks, open space and amenities for all to enjoy.

As part of our ongoing efforts to create inclusive play for all, Fingal County Council installed an inclusive wheelchair swing at Millennium Park, Dublin 15. The "We-Go-Swing" is the first of its kind to be installed in Ireland and helps kids of all abilities play together with no need to transfer children from wheelchairs.

We were recently part of a joint operation for end of life vehicles, removing 130 tonnes of waste including dumped cars, vans and trucks. Illegal dumping is not just unsightly, it also poses risks to wildlife and the environment. Our recycling centres in Swords Estuary and Coolmine are open Monday to Friday and welcome your waste for safe disposal. As a community we can all protect our soils and waters from waste pollution.

Our Active Travel team continues to take action on environmental change throughout the County, as they progress through several projects, like the 'Gear up for Training' and 'Safe Routes to School' cycling education and infrastructure upgrade initiatives. The recent launch of eCargo delivery bikes, also provides Fingal businesses with an alternative to motor vehicles for local area deliveries.

I wish you all a safe and joyful year to come.

Thank you for reading the first 2022 edition of the Fingal News.

-AnnMarie Farrelly

# Taoiseach briefed on Our Balbriggan projects

**Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD was briefed on the Our Balbriggan Regeneration Plan when he visited the town for the official launch of the Irish Institute of Music and Song.**

During a walk from the Our Balbriggan Hub in St George's Square to Balbriggan Harbour, the Taoiseach, who was accompanied by Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, was shown the sites for several major regeneration projects which have received funding from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF).

The Taoiseach and Minister spoke about the €50m regeneration project to the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh; Cllr Tony Murphy; and Cllr Grainne Maguire as well as Fingal County Council Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly; Director of Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Emer O'Gorman; and County Architect Fionnuala May. He also met with some of the Fingal County Council staff working on the project.

Among the projects the Taoiseach was shown was the Heart of Main Street, the one hectare area of natural green space along the Bracken River which, with the help of almost €7m in URDF funding, is going to be transformed into a Green Corridor linking Millpond Park with the centre of Balbriggan and leading to the Beach and Harbour. The Taoiseach was also



**Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD; Cllr Tony Murphy; Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD; Cllr Grainne Maguire; and Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh.**

taken to Quay Street, the Harbour and the Beach where over €11m of URDF support will transform the area on both sides of the Railway Viaduct.

Following the short tour, the Taoiseach said that he was very impressed with the Council's plans for the town: "I've been in Balbriggan before and I must say that I am impressed with the development that is underway here. The Our Balbriggan Regeneration Programme is really exciting, and I think will open up the wonderful natural beauty of this area and coastline and the public realm to enhance that."

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, said she was delighted to show the Taoiseach around Balbriggan and talk to him about what is planned: "The 'Our Balbriggan' regeneration project received a significant boost last year with the approval of over €25 million in URDF Funding. The town is set to be transformed through more than €50 million investment with an ambitious new vision, which will, with the support of all of our stakeholders,

realise the town's full potential.

"The Irish Institute of Music and Song will be at the heart of this I have no doubt. The construction of a 400 seat Concert Hall in Balbriggan is significant locally, regionally and nationally. Fingal County Council has been engaged with IIMS from the outset of their journey, with our Local Enterprise Office, our incredible Arts & Events Teams and Creative Ireland providing support to the project."

The Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly, said: "The awarding of over €25m under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund to projects in Balbriggan has allowed the Council to progress its plans to deliver a transformed town centre and harbour area. It was great to have the opportunity to show the Taoiseach and the Minister how things have progressed since we were awarded the funding last March."

# First sod turned on Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network in Mulhuddart

**The first step in the construction of new infrastructure at the Church Fields site in Mulhuddart, as the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh turned the first sod on the project.**

The Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network will create new connectivity to facilitate the development of the Church Fields Masterplan which will deliver housing, retail and community amenities to support the sustainable growth of Mulhuddart. The walking and cycling element of the infrastructure is funded by the National Transport Authority.

Fingal County Council's Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department recently appointed Fox Building and Engineering Ltd to deliver the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network. The work is expected to last 18-months on this element of the Church Fields plan.

Fingal County Council's Church Fields Masterplan initiative includes new transportation and parks infrastructure funded through the Affordable Housing Fund, from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, which will enable the delivery of almost 1,000 new affordable and social homes on this publicly owned 37-hectare site.

Work has already started on the construction of 67 homes on a part of the Church Fields landbank that isn't dependent on the new link road and the Mayor was joined in viewing this site by the Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar TD, the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman TD, Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach, Jack Chambers TD, as well as Councillors and Oireachtas members from Dublin 15.

There are a further 20 social homes currently under construction within the Church Fields landbank and a Part 8 planning application for another phase of 300 homes is currently at the public consultation stage. This will include 220 houses and 80 apartments with a tenure mix of 60% affordable purchase or cost rental and 40% social.

The Church Fields Link Road project will feature one of Ireland's first 'cycle-friendly' roundabouts, optimised for shared use by pedestrian, cyclists and motorists. It will be constructed in the middle of the new road which will run south from the existing roundabout on Damastown Avenue to connect with Wellview Avenue. It will also include segregated cycle and pedestrian infrastructure along both of these roads and through parkland adjacent to Church Road.

A new cycle route will be added, linking Damastown Avenue and Church Road Roundabout to Gaelscoil an Chuilinn and Powerstown Educate Together National School on Powerstown Road. This will include construction of new crossings on all arms of the existing roundabout, making walking and wheeling to schools in the area safer for students.



**Tánaiste Leo Varadkar, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh and Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien.**

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, is delighted to see this project commenced. She said: "It's a great day as work gets underway at Church Fields. Mulhuddart is a vibrant, young and diverse area and Fingal County Council has created a plan for Church Fields that will nurture a healthy community where Active Travel to schools, shops and sports is a way of life."

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien TD, who was present at the sod-turning ceremony, said: "Delivering homes is a top priority for me and this Government. We have very ambitious targets in our Housing for All plan and the development of Church Fields is a great example of how forward planning and co-operation by agencies like the NTA, who part funded this new Link Road and Cycle Network, along with the support from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Fingal County Council, can deliver a top class place for people to live and work while also representing value for money in public spending."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly said: "Church Fields is an example of the cross-departmental collaborative approach that Fingal County Council is taking to the development of our landbanks. The sustainable growth of Fingal is supported by the successful cooperation of departments within Fingal County Council and with external organisations such as the National Transport Authority."

Chief Executive of the National Transport Authority, Anne Graham said: "The NTA are delighted to provide almost €6m to Fingal County Council to fund the walking and cycling infrastructure elements of Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network. This infrastructure will enable the future residents of this key development area in Dublin 15 to make active transport choices from the outset and is a great example of cross agency collaboration and integrated transport and land use planning. The Church Fields Link Road project will include safe and attractive segregated cycle and pedestrian infrastructure including links to existing local schools."

# New road opens to improve access to Fingal

**The brand-new Hole in the Wall Road extension in Fingal has officially been opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien, TD, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland.**

The €12m project, which was co-funded under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF), commenced construction in February 2020 and will help to significantly enhance the local transportation network as well as address the anticipated housing needs of a quickly changing demographic in Ireland's youngest county.

The new connecting road and upgraded junction, on the border between Fingal and Dublin City, provides a direct link through to Drumnigh Road from Balgriffin and allows better access to Mayne Rd which runs to the picturesque coastline at Portmarnock and the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway. Completion of the high-quality roadway infrastructure means Fingal is delivering its third LIHAF project under the Rebuilding Ireland programme having already opened the Donabate Distributor Road and Rathbeale Road Upgrade.

Fingal is undertaking an ambitious housing programme that will ensure it boosts the number of social, affordable and private housing right across the county, including in the coastal area around Baldoyle and Portmarnock. The Council recently announced it was investing some €393m towards housing over the next three years, which will see it provide a large number of homes with a mix of different types and sizes suitable for a range of different households, including the elderly and others with specialist housing needs. Alongside this it will also create a range of community and other facilities to form complete and vibrant neighbourhoods.

As part of the Hole in the Wall extension, a new bridge was built over the River Mayne which forms part of the administrative border between Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council. To help boost Active Travel in the area, a new pedestrian and cycle path was also installed beneath the bridge and along the river to connect to pathways provided by others east and west of the bridge.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh said: "There is much to celebrate about today's opening. We have worked hard to ensure we have not only been able



**Lord Mayor of Dublin Alison Gilliland, Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien and Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh**

to improve safety, travel times, local access and connectivity for all road users, but importantly that the project helps underpin our ambitions to meet existing and future housing needs in the area.

"Fingal has committed nearly €400m towards progressing plans for more houses over the next three years alone, so it is crucial that we have the right supporting infrastructure like this in place in order for us to be able to deliver housing for those most in need in the community."

Commenting Minister O'Brien said: "I am delighted to be part of this momentous occasion. My Department provided significant funding of €4.7m through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) for the construction of the road. The aim of LIHAF is to fund the provision of essential infrastructure to enable residentially zoned lands to be developed.

"The opening of the brand-new Hole in the Wall Road extension will be of immense benefit to the people of Fingal and will provide for further residential construction, something we most certainly need here in the youngest and fastest growing county," he concluded.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Alison Gilliland said: It is great to see this major infrastructure finally open. It will greatly enhance the connectivity between our two local authorities making this particular stretch of road much safer. It also opens up better opportunities for much needed housing development. Dublin City Council took responsibility for the traffic communications elements of this project and will have a role in monitoring the junctions so as to ensure smooth traffic flow."

# New Director for Housing and Community Development

**Fingal County Council has announced that Robert Burns will take up the role of Director for Housing and Community Development from Monday, 24 January.**

In the position, Robert will be responsible for managing over 6,000 council-owned homes across Fingal as well as overseeing the delivery of 3,640 new homes between 2022 and 2026 to meet the Council's targets under the Government's Housing for All plan. He will also oversee community development and a number of other key services including integration and sport.

He brings a wealth of experience to the job, having served as Director of Service for Infrastructure and Climate Change in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council where he had responsibility for the management and delivery of infrastructure, public realm, active travel and climate action-related projects. This included the development of a coastal mobility route as well as village renewal projects in Blackrock and Dundrum. Previously, Robert worked as a Senior Executive Engineer with Clare County Council in the Housing Department.

Robert joins the council's executive team at a time when Fingal has committed over €390 million to deliver a significant housing programme under the Government's Housing for All initiative. He is taking over the role from Liam Burke who has been the Acting Director of Fingal's Housing and Community Development team following the departure of Margaret Geraghty last May to the Housing Delivery Co-ordination Office at the Local Government Management Agency.

Welcoming the appointment,

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, AnnMarie Farrelly said: "We are delighted to be able to bring someone of Robert's calibre to Fingal. Having his extensive experience and expertise on board will be invaluable to help drive the county to reach its ambitions around housing provision as well as developing the many community assets that benefit everyone who lives, works or visits here.

"I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Liam Burke for his leadership and expertise over the past nine months where he has led the Council's efforts around housing and community development, ensuring Fingal remained in a strong position to meet its targets, in what was a very challenging time."

On starting his new role, Mr Burns said: "This is an exciting time to be at the helm of one of the key departments within Fingal and I'm looking forward to playing a leading role in helping to build upon the excellent work already underway.

"I will be particularly keen to work with local communities and stakeholder groups to help ensure there is not only good quality housing built across the county, but that we can also deliver a strong regeneration and development programme which can transform and improve neighbourhoods for residents and visitors alike."

Currently Fingal manages and maintains a stock of around 6,000 homes and is working on the development of landbanks



**Robert Burns Director for Housing and Community Development**

at Church Fields in Dublin 15, Ballymastone in Donabate and Hayestown in Rush.

A graduate of Queens University Belfast, Robert has extensive experience as an engineering consultant and also worked at Irish Rail where he specialised in the project management of infrastructure projects. Robert has a keen interest in the fields of housing, sustainable development, transportation, community development, town and village renewal and climate action.



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# Community Monuments Fund

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**The Community Monuments Fund provides investment in our valuable archaeological heritage and helps the owners and the guardians of archaeological monuments to safeguard them in to the future for the benefit of communities and the public.**

The core aims of this Fund are the conservation, maintenance, protection and presentation of archaeological monuments. It will:

- **Enable** conservation works to be carried out on monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- **Encourage** access to monuments and improve their presentation;
- **Build resilience** in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.

In 2021 almost €270,000 in funding was allocated through Fingal County Council to eight projects including consolidation works at Castleknock Castle; repair of Kilsallaghan Graveyard wall and protection works to the burial site in the Ward River Valley. A number of surveys and conservation engineering reports were carried out at St Columba's towers, Swords, the churches of Malahide Demesne, St Marnock's and St Catherine's and Rush Tower house to inform future works and an archaeological audit of the Donabate-Portrane Peninsula was undertaken.

Fingal Heritage Officer, Christine Baker states 'There are over 1200 archaeological sites and monuments in Fingal. This fund provides an opportunity not



only for their protection and consolidation but for their interpretation and presentation making our archaeological heritage more accessible to all'.

Fingal County Council is now inviting applications under three streams to be carried out in 2022:

Stream 1 will offer grants up to €85,000 aimed at essential repairs and capital works for the conservation and repair of archaeological monuments

Stream 2 will offer grants of up to €30,000 for development of Conservation Management Plans/ Reports that are aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access.

Stream 3 will offer grants of up to €30,000 for enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/online) at archaeological monuments (including COVID 19 public health measures)

Private applicants or community groups who are the owners or custodians of monuments should:

- Complete Form CMF-A (relevant sections only)
- Attach a comprehensive Method Statement
- Submit to Heritage Officer, Fingal County Council before the 15 February 2022

Please contact the Heritage Officer with any queries, email [Christine.Baker@fingal.ie](mailto:Christine.Baker@fingal.ie)



# Fingal makes funding available for 2022 festivals and events

To help festivals and events taking place in 2022, the county is seeking applicants for new funding that will help support organisers to attract audiences after the setbacks and challenges many had faced during the last couple of years of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The County has a strong tradition of hosting events and festivals, many of which attract visitors from outside of Fingal and which bring significant benefit to the local tourism economy as a result.

Fingal's Director of Tourism and Cultural Development at Fingal, Emer O'Gorman said: "We know that supporting events and festivals right across Fingal not only has an economic benefit, but that it also helps to better connect communities and enrich people's lives. That will be particularly important as we look to shake off the extremely challenging times we've all faced and begin to look forward to an exciting calendar of events to enjoy this year."

There are three strands of support under the new financial package, each with a different level of funding:



Strand 1: will be targeted at smaller scale events, suitable for those that would attract audiences of less than a 1,000 people. That would see a maximum of €4,500 being made available.

Strand 2: for larger events that attract audiences of more than 1,000 people, with funds of up to €15,000 available.

Strand 3: is targeted at those groups looking at feasibility and long-term sustainability of a festival or event, with grants of up to €7,500 made available.

More details on the different strands that are available and what is required when applying for funding can be found on the Council's website: <https://www.fingal.ie/festivalandevents2022>.



Successful applicants must also attend Fingal County Council's Festival and Events training module (to be held in March 2022) which will include topics such as marketing, communications and insurance, Fingal County Council brand guidelines and health and safety.

The closing date for applications is 4 February 2022.



# Snugborough Interchange Progress



**Fingal County Council has awarded €19,550. The Active Travel team has been busy adding BAM Civil Ltd. have been working with Fingal County Council on the Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Scheme and are now 10 months into a 24-month contract programme. We have completed the 1200mm Foul Sewer Drainage diversion.**

In January and February BAM will continue to move existing drainage and utility services around Waterville Rd Junction. This will allow for the construction of new footpath and cycle lanes around the junction. As part of the realignment of the Old Corduff Pedestrian Route, the first precast arched structure was installed in December. This will form part of the permanent realignment of the N3 On Ramp once complete.

Piling works for the new bridge structures will also be completed in this period. All bridge foundations works will take place before the precast bridge beam installation in April 2022. Construction of retaining walls alongside the N3 outbound hard shoulder will be completed in this period.

For regular traffic management updates as layouts change to accommodate work on site please visit <https://www.snugboroughinterchange.ie/>

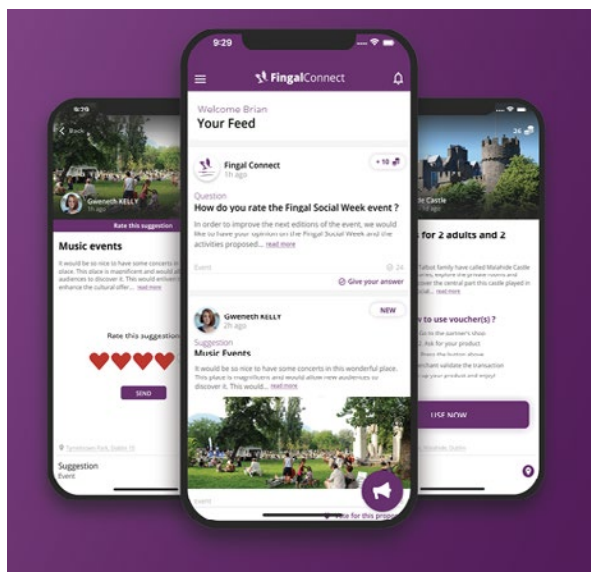
## Fingal Connect

**Fingal County Council are delighted to be launching Fingal Connect, a free web and mobile platform which is designed to improve the flow of information between residents of Fingal and their local authority.**

With Fingal Connect you can:

- Stay informed about the work of Fingal County Council
- Use our Fingal business directory
- Know what's happening with our Events Guide
- Participate in feedback surveys

Your participation on Fingal Connect is rewarded with points which can be converted into gifts and vouchers with Fingal County Council's local partners. Keep an eye on Fingal.ie and Fingal County Council's social media channels for the official launch date, coming later this year.



## 8 Easy New Year's Climate Resolutions

Looking ahead into 2022 why not kick start the new year by making some simple lifestyle changes that will help you be more climate friendly and environmentally aware. Here are 8 easy tips that will help you to be more eco-friendly in your day to day life.

1. Reduce your consumption-One key way to lower your carbon footprint is to reduce your consumption. If we buy less we prevent emissions being created. Most things we buy have multiple greenhouse gas emissions before they end up in our possession, from water resources and electricity being used in the production process to direct greenhouse gas emissions being generated throughout the transportation process, ending with how the product is disposed of when it's no longer of use to us.
2. Freeze leftover food -In Ireland alone 1 million tonnes of food waste is produced each year, that's enough food waste to fill Croke Park two and a half times! If we can prevent the food from becoming waste, by freezing or meal prepping, we can help reduce this figure.
3. Have a veggie day a week-A great and easy way to reduce your contribution to greenhouse gas emissions is to reduce your consumption of animal products, by having a meat free or veggie day once a week. Meat and dairy farming are the highest contributors to agricultural greenhouse gas emissions globally, and with population growth increasing so too will demand for these products. Reducing consumption can help reduce the increasing demand.
4. Use a reusable water bottle-Every week in Ireland over 1.5 million plastic bottles are generated. Plastic production has an environmental impact and the more plastic in circulation the more that can lead to plastic pollution, if it is not recycled. Less plastic is better for us and the planet, it's a win-win.
5. Get a reusable travel mug - Every hour in Ireland 22,000 single use cups are disposed of, that adds up to 200 million a year in Ireland alone. These cups can't be recycled and take 30 years to decompose. Many cafes and coffee shops offer discounts to customers who bring their own travel mug, so you'll be saving money each month while also reducing single use waste.
6. Avoid buying one-off outfits-Each year demand for clothing is increasing and with it the destruction caused by the fashion industry. The fashion industry emits about 10% of global greenhouse gases and requires huge quantities of fresh water



to produce garments, much of this water ends up as pollutant waste water. The less clothes we buy the fewer needed to be produced. Investing in good quality garments will mean you need to buy less often. Shopping in charity shops, vintage shops and swapping with friends are other great ways of extending clothes life cycle and keeping them in circulation, this helps to make the fashion industry more circular and less single use.

7. Use Less Energy- Borrow a Home Energy Savings Kit from Fingal libraries. The Home Energy Saving Kit has been developed to help you understand your energy consumption and identify the most important areas of your home for energy upgrades. It has five practical tools and six exercises which will help you conduct your own home energy audit and find the easiest and most effective areas to reduce your energy.
8. Calculate your Carbon Footprint-We've talked a lot about carbon emissions in this article and if you want to estimate your carbon footprint please visit: [www.epa.ie/climate/calculators](http://www.epa.ie/climate/calculators)

# Fingal Winter Pride 2022

Following the success of its inaugural Pride Festival in November 2021, Fingal County Council has announced that it will now be hosting a series of events over the winter months with the launch of Fingal Winter Pride.

The events have been organised to support LGBTQ+ community, friends and allies across Fingal. It will showcase the journey of pride and provide support through the provision of information at what is recognised as a particularly isolating time of year.

A highlight of Winter Pride will be the unveiling of the National Library's photographic exhibition Living with Pride. The exhibition will be on show in Swords and then Blanchardstown on the first leg of a national tour. The exhibition - which depicts the journey of pride in Ireland from the early 1990s - features images taken by trailblazing LGBTQ+ and civil rights activist Chris Robson.

Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Daniel Whooley said: "We are delighted to be the first location to host the wonderful Living with Pride exhibition. The images capture the bravery, determination, and ingenuity of LGBTQ+ activists as they fought to promote and achieve equality for all in Ireland and bring about the decriminalisation of homosexuality. It provides a great reminder about the importance of inclusion in our County which is a remarkably diverse one."

Through January and February 2022, several information and awareness raising sessions will take place across key locations in the County. The first event of these will be in Flemington Community



**Valerie McAllorum Byrne, Jed Dowling, Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride, Daniel Whooley, Deputy Mayor, Ciaran Hudson and Ger Robertson, youth service Crosscare, Eddie McGuinness Dublin and AnnMarie Farrelly CEO Fingal.**

Centre on the 25th of January at 11am with the support of members of Dublin Pride, LGBTQ+ Ireland, Outcomers, the Pride Gardai and members of the LGBTQ+ community, its friends and allies. Other sessions will take place on:

- 8 February 11am – 12.30pm The Cottage Community Centre, Lusk.
- 15 February 11am – 12.30pm Swords Library
- 22 February 11am – 12.30pm Blanchardstown Library

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council AnnMarie Farrelly said: "It's great that we have been able to build on the success of our inaugural Fingal Pride event by now offering additional support and tea and coffee mornings as part of our Winter Pride programme. The Council is committed to supporting the LGBTQ+ community, particularly during isolating times, and these drop-in sessions will be particularly helpful to people in our community."

As part of the Winter Pride campaign, Fingal's 33 supported community centres will be dressed in Pride bunting along with ten libraries across the County.

Please visit: [www.fingal.ie/integration](http://www.fingal.ie/integration) for up-to-date information of what events are taking place throughout Fingal Winter Pride.



**Memorial Quilt**

# All age groups join in to launch new Let's Play initiative in Rush

Let's Play Rush launch with key events aimed at developing a playful culture in the town. The EU initiative sees an URBACT Transfer Network in Ireland sharing good practice in sustainable urban development between cities and towns, with Rush one of five towns learning best practice from lead city Cork on how to develop play and placemaking actions.

As part of the initiative, Rush Library hosted Lego-building sessions for kids aged from 4 – 12 years. Led by Brick4Kidz, the outdoor play sessions paid tribute to the town's pirate heritage. The event was organised with the help of Rush Community Council.

The Rush Community Centre also sought to help the town's senior citizens discover their creativity with painting sessions delivered by artist John Carpenter.

The events were funded by Creative Ireland and organised by the Let's Play Rush URBACT Local Group (ULG) whose members are drawn from the Council, Local Councillors, Rush Community Council, Rush Tidy Towns, Fingal LCDC, Fingal CYPSC and Healthy Ireland.

Cllr Brian Dennehy, Chair of Rush ULG, said: "Our participation in this URBACT initiative will be a great opportunity to introduce and develop play and placemaking activities in the town. Rush ULG hopes



**Cllr. Robert O Donoghue, Librarian Amy Hanley, Rush community council Brian Doherty, Allison Bosonnet, Bricks 4 Kids, Cllr. Brian Dennehy, Brendan O Reilly, Rush Tidy Towns, Aoife Sheridan and Janette Scott, Fingal County**

to run a number of events and projects over the next year, bringing play to the fore for people of all ages in Rush and benefiting from the knowledge of our partners in the URBACT network."

Brendan O'Reilly, Chair of Rush Tidy Towns said: "We are very excited to be working with Rush Community Council and Fingal County Council in rolling out this URBACT initiative in Rush through a series of events and projects related to the Playful Paradigm. Our first two events on Saturday 20 November 2021 were a great success, with the youth and senior citizens of the town involved."

Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department, Fingal County Council, said: "The Council is excited to be involved in a second URBACT initiative, with Balbriggan already involved in the Iplace Network. These networks strengthen Fingal's connections to Europe and provides the Council with an opportunity to learn best practice lessons from its partners. Let's Play Rush will involve the implementation of small-scale actions in Rush and build collaborative relationships with community stakeholders to increase the opportunities for play in the town and to maximise the public use of the town's beaches, parks, library, theatre, playgrounds, green spaces and harbours."

For more information on URBACT go to: <https://urbact.eu/playful-paradigm-0>



# Local Fingal Writers selected for Words Ireland National Mentoring Programme

Fingal County Council Arts Office partnered with Words Ireland to provide professional development opportunities to support Fingal writers through the Words Ireland National Mentoring Programme. Four local writers, Niamh Donnelly, Mark Kielty, Shauna Smullen and Lisa Walsh have been selected by Words Ireland to receive professional literary mentoring over the next eight months from an acclaimed Irish writer of their choice.

After a national call out, over 40 writers were selected from a total of 339 applicants. Fingal County Council Arts Office funded the literary mentorship along with the Arts Council of Ireland to guarantee that the best applicants from the county would be selected. Their support will ensure that the chosen mentees will receive this potentially life-changing support free of charge. It is also an investment in the long-term literary reputation of the region.

Director of Services, Emer O’Gorman said “As part of Fingal County Council’s ongoing commitment to professional artists we were delighted to partner with Words Ireland in 2021 in the delivery of mentoring opportunities to support Fingal writers in the development of their craft. Due to an increase in demand for this opportunity four recipients were selected this year and I am confident this award will be of great benefit to them.”

What this means to the selected writers is clear from their comments including: “I’m hugely grateful to be accepted onto the programme and for the opportunity to develop my work under the expert eye of my mentor Oisín McGann” - Mark Kielty and “My mentor Ferdia MacAnna has really helped me to get a grip on what I’m trying to do with my work and how to go about doing it. But most importantly, he has given me the confidence to aim high. I truly think this is one of the best artists’ support schemes out there.” - Niamh Donnelly

Lisa Walsh commented “I’m very grateful to receive a mentorship award from Words Ireland, which gives me the opportunity to be mentored by the very talented Elaine Feeney, award winning author and Poet. Thanks so much to Fingal County Council for their support.” While Shauna Smullen said “With



Fingal County Council’s generous funding of this opportunity, I am absolutely thrilled to be able to work with Joanna Walsh, a writer I have admired for a long time. Not only does this mentorship give me the time and space to develop new writing, it also validates and recognises my creative efforts.”

The mentoring process involves four meetings between the selected ‘mentee’ and their chosen professional writer. The mentor reads up to 10,000 words of the awarded mentee’s writing in advance of each, then shares their hard-earned critical feedback and advice. The hope is that the chosen mentees will go on to write great works of literature to match or beat the quality of their mentors. It is a form of peer-to-peer teaching that is increasingly popular in literature, formalizing the process whereby masters pass on their craft to students.

## About The Worlds

The National Mentoring Programme is run by Words Ireland. It is a grouping of seven national literature resource organisations aimed at supporting writers and developing new audiences for literature. These seven organisations that make up the collective include: Literature Ireland, Children’s Books Ireland, Irish Writers Centre, The Stinging Fly, Poetry Ireland, Munster Literature Centre, and Publishing Ireland. Its programme is funded by the Arts Council of Ireland, but the board work on a voluntary basis. It is chaired by Michael McLoughlin, Chair of Penguin Random House, Ireland. [www.wordsireland.ie](http://www.wordsireland.ie)

# Active Travel In Fingal

## Local Businesses Get Pedal Powered with eCargo Bikes

Three businesses in the Fingal area are pedalling into the busy festive season with brand new eCargo bikes from Fingal County Council. These state of the art eCargo bikes are intended to replace the use of motor vehicles for local area deliveries. As part of its commitment to climate action and providing sustainable travel alternatives, Fingal County Council is providing the bikes free of charge to the businesses for 12 months.



Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, David Storey Active travel and Anthony Altitude Coffee at the launch of eCargo bikes

The initiative launched with delivery of the first two eCargo bikes to businesses in Malahide and Donabate with further launches happening next week in Rush. The bikes have been branded for each business and have been purchased by Fingal County Council. Maintenance of the bikes will be handled by Bleeper Bike for the duration of the pilot.

eCargo Delivery Bikes are just one of several sustainable travel projects run by the Department of Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel. Fingal County Council has in recent months worked with sports clubs on the 'Gear up for Training' cycling education initiative and is in the process of upgrading school cycling infrastructure across the county, through the 'Safe Routes to School' programme as well as undertaking a county wide programme of upgrade works on cycle lanes to ease walking and cycling commutes for Fingal residents. This project further extends the reach of Active Travel to the business community for the first time.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh celebrated the simplicity of the project. 'Bike delivery is not a new concept. There was once a time when all local businesses delivered their goods in the basket of a bike. Today we can get back to basics by using pedal power and reap the benefits of this timeless solution. Delivery riders don't need a driving licence, bikes are cheaper and easier to maintain and insure than a car or van and are much easier to park too! All of these factors make eCargo bikes an ideal solution for businesses of all sizes.'

David Storey, Director of Services for Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel, says the team is delighted to extend their sustainability offerings to the Fingal business community. 'We are delivering the first BleeperBox eCargo bikes to participating

businesses, and I'm delighted to see this project getting underway. We are giving businesses access to an affordable, sustainable and climate friendly option for delivering to local customers.

Throughout the next 12 months we will monitor how the bikes are used, what impact this switch to bike delivery has on how they do business and the impact on the environment compared to their usual delivery methods. We will also be getting regular feedback from the businesses themselves on how customers are responding.'



Andrew and Linda from Village Garden Centre Malahide

# More than 250 bike parking spots added in 2021

The Active Travel team has been busy adding new cycle parking across Fingal. Fingal County Council have provided free bicycle parking racks for installation at schools and clubs as well as adding racks in towns and villages across the county. Installations began in September 2021 and to date we have added 258 new bike parking spaces around the County.

45 schools and 39 sports clubs responded to a call for applications and have received free bike racks which they installed themselves.

A specialist contractor was appointed in September 2021 and, from September to November of 2021, 74 separate bike parking racks were installed across the county. Each allows for locking of two bikes. This provided a total of 148 new bike parking spots in locations including parks, playgrounds, beaches, retail areas, graveyards and town and village centres.



## Fingal County Council Artists' Support Scheme 2022

**Fingal County Council invites applications from artists for up to €5,000 of an award towards travel and professional development opportunities, a residency, or the development of work.**

The award is open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, literature and dance.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently live in the Fingal administrative area.

The funding is for projects or initiatives which will take place between 01 May and 31 December 2022. Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 26 February 2022 at 4pm.

For further information and to apply please visit:

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# Youth Sport Grant Scheme



**Fingal County Council has awarded €19,550 to 46 sports clubs throughout Fingal under the Youth Sports Grants Scheme.**

Councillors approved the funding which will see €425 allocated to each of the successful organisations.

This year's Funding Scheme focuses on funding the purchase of equipment to enable sports clubs working with young people to return to safely to their sport following Covid-19 restrictions.



The Fingal Sports Office, part of the network of Sports Ireland Local Sports Partnerships, invited sports clubs to apply for a small grant under this scheme. Successful applicants had to meet a number of criteria such as to have sport for young people as its primary focus and have a voluntary management committee with elected officers.

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council AnnMarie Farrelly said: "We are delighted to see this significant funding being granted to sporting organisations across Fingal. Our sports clubs play such a pivotal role in the health and wellbeing of our community. I would like to commend all the volunteers who give their time and energy to their clubs."

Deputy Mayor of Fingal County Council Cllr Daniel Whooley said: "Fingal County Council received many applications for this year's fund, which shows the interest in the initiative. Sport is an extremely important part of the lives of young people, I am delighted that this is being recognised. Providing this funding ensures that young people in Fingal can continue to enjoy playing sport in their local clubs."



# Joint operation removes 130 tonnes of waste

**A major End of Life Vehicle (ELV) operation was completed at a site at Barn Lodge in Finglas, as Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Unit removed 80 cars and 65 commercial vehicles from the Dublin 11 site.**

A total of 130 tonnes of waste was also removed as part of the operation and brought to a licensed waste facility for disposal. The vehicles which were abandoned were being illegally dismantled causing environmental pollution. Burning of waste was also taking place on site.

Once cleared the site was secured using security fencing and earth berms to prevent re-entry. A combination of waste enforcement inspections, drone surveys and Garda patrols will be utilised to prevent further illegal activity at the site.

A multi-agency approach was used involving An Garda Síochána, Customs, Social Protection, the Roads Safety Authority, the Waste Enforcement Regional Leads Authority (WERLA), the National Transfrontier Shipment Office (NTFSO), Fingal Waste Enforcement officers and vehicle assessors.

Deputy Mayor of Fingal Cllr Daniel Whooley said: "This was a significant and highly successful operation to undertake alongside key enforcement agencies in Fingal. It is utterly unacceptable that there is this level of waste crime going on, particularly given the often-hazardous materials involved and the fact that owners of old cars can deposit these free-of-charge at an authorised centre. "This type of illegal dumping not only costs huge

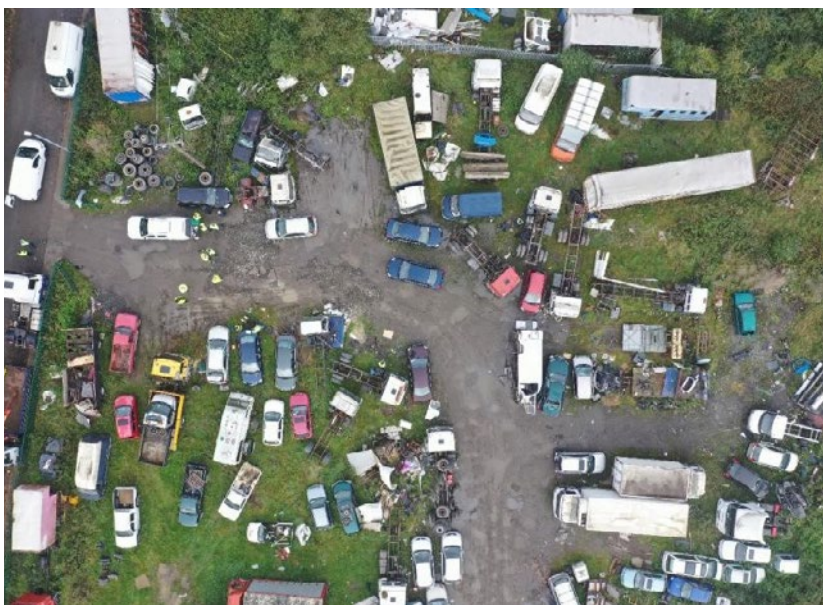
sums of money to clear up but it also poses a serious hazard to the environment and communities across Fingal. I'd like to thank all those involved in tackling this blight on our community and for helping make sure we can find and quickly stop these criminal operations from taking place."

Dave Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Change & Active Travel at Fingal County Council said: "Being able to rid the area of this unauthorised dumping of ELVs is a big win for us as this was fast turning into a junkyard for old cars. Targeting this type of criminal activity remains high on our agenda, so I'm thankful for the great inter-agency cooperation that has made this operation possible."

It's the owner's legal responsibility to bring their scrap car to an authorised treatment facility (ATF) who can safely dispose of the vehicle and issue a certificate of destruction. ATF's are permitted facilities authorised to treat and recover end of life vehicles. They have the necessary infrastructure for handling ELV's so that they're dismantled in an environmentally friendly manner with hazardous materials removed.

Fingal's Waste Enforcement Unit continue to focus efforts on illegal ELV yards with 60 sites cleared and closed down within the past two years as part of an ongoing ELV project. For vehicles found illegally dumped, a fixed payment notice will be issued to the registered owner or upon summary conviction in the district court a fine of up to €5,000 can apply.

Owners of old cars can deposit these free-of-charge at an ATF, with three located within Fingal:



-Gannon's City Recovery & Recycling Services Ltd: [www.gannonscityrecovery.ie](http://www.gannonscityrecovery.ie)

-Industrial, Agri & Engineering Salvage Ltd. (IAES): [www.scrapmycar.ie](http://www.scrapmycar.ie)

-St. Margaret's Recycling and Transfer Centre Ltd.: [www.stmargaretsrecycling.ie](http://www.stmargaretsrecycling.ie)

Further information on End of Life Vehicles is available at ELVES or by contacting Fingal County Council's Environment Section on [environment@fingal.ie](mailto:environment@fingal.ie).

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# Christmas in Fingal 2021





**Edel, Nicole and Zach Garvey at the Enchanted Cycle at Millennium Park, Blanchardstown.**



**AnnMarie Farrelly, CEO of Fingal and Active Travel team at the Enchanted Cycle Millennium Park, Blanchardstown.**

## Fingal Library eServices and eResources

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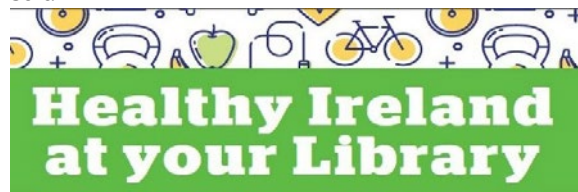
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The Healthy Ireland at Your Library service is available in all local libraries across the country

### Healthy Ireland at your Library

Healthy Ireland at your Library – A new year, a new you? With better health and well-being being a steadfast in the most popular lifelong goals, your local Fingal County Library offers a myriad of resources to help you on your way! Healthy Ireland, a government-led initiative, is a national strategy which aims to create an Irish society where physical and mental health is enjoyed by all and is valued and supported by and accessible to all strata of society. The Healthy Ireland at your Library programme places your local library as a valuable informational hub, providing an extensive range of FREE resources, services and supports to patrons and community alike.

# The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre Spring Programme

The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre has been busy preparing a series of concerts, cinema and comedy events for all to enjoy in the next coming months.

The next upcoming events features:

- 5 February Ardán performance featuring emerging female Irish traditional musicians
- 10 February Access Cinema viewing RIDERS OF JUSTICE
- 11 February Live in concert with Maria Butterly, launching her brand new single titled 'HERO'

Tickets are extremely limited, and must be booked in advance.

Tickets are available now and for more information please see: <https://www.tseac.ie/all-events/>



## Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022

This international Irish language festival will take place between March 1st and March 17th, and the motto of the festival is to give the Irish language a try - Bain triail Aisti - Try It.

We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in Fingal again this year and Fingal County Council is currently putting together a programme of events.

If you are organizing an event for SNAG and would like to include your event in that programme please contact Bernie Kelly at [eolas@fingal.ie](mailto:eolas@fingal.ie).

There will be plenty of content to enjoy on our Social media to celebrate and promote the language and culture. All information will be available on the Fingal County Council website [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie)



# Fingal Inclusion Week 2021- It's for everyone!

There was something for every taste in the fantastic programme planned for the third Fingal Inclusion Week with over 76 events taken place around the County. The week, which ran from November 15th to November 21st 2021 is an initiative of Fingal County Council and the Fingal Public Participation Network.

The Fingal Inclusion Week objective was to highlight the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Fingal.

Mayor of Fingal Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh said: "I would like to commend the many Community and Voluntary groups who answered the call to get involved in Fingal Inclusion Week and it is wonderful to see the diverse range of workshops and events, including in-person events which are possible this year. The week provided an opportunity to connect and have fun at activities like coffee mornings, singing, rugby or baking and workshops on subjects like mindfulness and internet safety while also providing a platform for groups to showcase their services and activities."

AnnMarie Farrelly, Fingal County Council Chief Executive, stated: "Fingal has a strong vibrant community and voluntary sector working together with the Fingal County Council Community Office to provide services and combat Social exclusion across the County. The isolation experienced by many during Covid 19 served to further highlight the importance of social inclusion for our health and wellbeing. Fingal Inclusion week provided an array of activities and workshops to enjoy will also have the lasting effect of highlighting the services and activities available and enabling people to access them and get involved."



**Natasha Bagnall, PPN, CE of Fingal, AnnMarie Farrelly, Brian Arnold, Steering Group Rep, Mayor of Fingal, Seana O' Rodaigh, Janette Scott, r and Valerie McAllorum-Byrne, Fingal Team**

Stephanie Obijiakui, Fingal Inclusion Week Steering Group acknowledged: "Social Inclusion is one of the pillars of Fingal PPN so the Steering Committee are delighted to see the fantastic response from PPN members in getting involved in this initiative for the third year running and have valued working alongside the Community Development Office in the development of Inclusion Week."

Fingal Inclusion Week is a very important week to highlight the excellent work being done by community groups and the Fingal County Council, and the Public Participation Network to combat social exclusion.

The week also raised awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens in Fingal. Participating organisations and community groups such as the Migrant Support Services, Rush Senior Citizen, OWLS The Childrens Nature Charity, Black Raven Pipe Band hosted coffee mornings, showcases and outdoor activities.

Fingal Inclusion Week also provided a platform for groups and services such as Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living, Mental Health Ireland, Naul Community Council, St. Brigid's Parish Church Choir, Blanchardstown, and Fingal Ethnic Network which informed people about their activities and how to get involved.

For more information see: <https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-integration>

## The Future of Europe sessions at Blanchardstown

**A series of healthy debates have taken place in Blanchardstown Library as European Direct hosted three "Conference on the Future of Europe" events aimed at gaining local insights into what challenges and opportunities currently exist across Europe and encouraging the people of Fingal to share their thoughts on what could be done to help shape a common future.**

There was a comprehensive range of topics discussed throughout the sessions, with ideas proposed during the events submitted to a dedicated website where other insights from all over the European Union (EU) are collected.

Kicking off proceedings was a session focused on Youth and Education, with members from Comhairle na nÓg at the Fingal County Council chamber in Swords. Attendees examined education policy at an EU level and discussed what they would change, what could be improved and what recommendations they would make to decision makers.

This was followed by an insightful session on the topic of Migration and Integration, held with the members of the Fingal Integration Forum, the Fingal Ethnic Network and by participants currently based in Lebanon, Germany and Afghanistan.

The group discussed how migrants could best be

supported in contributing to European society and how the EU could best help to foster successful integration of migrants.

Finally, an online session with the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O'Gorman TD took place, with debate around the topic of Disability and Employment. Both the briefing meeting and consultation were attended by members of the Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living as well as several disability activists.

During the meeting, participants gave their views on how the EU could support the recruitment of people with disabilities into the workplace and proposed ideas on what the EU could do to make it easier for people with disabilities to integrate and remain in the workplace.

Fingal Integration Officer Valerie McAllorum Byrne said: "Integration is about interacting with others, understanding and respect between cultures in a community, where all residents are enabled to fully participate and contribute to their communities, irrespective of their nationality, ethnicity, religious or cultural background."

For more information on Conference on the Future of Europe: <https://futureu.europa.eu/>



**Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh with participants for the Future of Europe Conference**

## Funding for the development of the first ever Town Centre First Plans

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has announced €2.6 million in funding for all local authorities across the country to deliver the first-ever Town Centre First Plans. Among the 26 towns selected is Lusk and Fingal County Council has secured funding of €100,000 to support the development of a unique master plan for the town.

This initiative is a key part of Our Rural Future – the Government’s ambitious five-year strategy designed to reimagine and revitalise Rural Ireland, in hopes to tackle dereliction, vacant properties and make town centres more attractive places to live, work, socialise and run a business.

With funding for the project now secured, Fingal County Council will work closely with local community groups, retailers and the other members of the Town Teams in devising and delivering on the objectives of their respective master plans.

In developing a master plan, the council will be building on the ‘Lusk Vision 2030: Lusk for Life’ Strategic Plan a community-led action plan for Lusk town commissioned by the Lusk Community Council. The action plan set out long-term strategies for the



future development of the town and presents the best interest of the current and future citizens.

AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, said: “I am delighted that our application for funding under the Our Rural Future has been successful, and I look forward to seeing this exciting project launch in the next coming months.’

Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, Mayor of Fingal, said: “I am delighted that the Council’s application for funding in developing Lusk has been successful. Lusk is a bustling town with a bright future ahead.”





## Fingal By Numbers

**7,719**

The number of Teams meetings that took place in September 2021. 24,821, calls took place, and 621,773 emails were received or sent by the Council.



**14**

The number of facilities Fingal illuminated and funded 18 festive projects in the County throughout the Christmas period.

**1,386**

The number of planning decisions which had been made to the end of November 2021. There have been 1,186 decisions to grant permission (86%) and 199 refusals of permission (14%).

**€440,000**

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department issued in funding to 145 applicants in 2021 under the Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme by Fáilte Ireland.

**355**

trees were planted at 11 locations in Dublin 15 and in the Howth Malahide area.

**417**

The number of LED Upgrade works carried out during September in:

- Dun Emer, Lusk
- Portmarnock
- Dublin Road, Lusk
- Malahide Road (part two)
- Malahide Road
- 132 Fingallians roundabout

**39%**

The percentage Fingal has reduced in energy, beating its initial target of reducing energy consumption of 33% in the decade to 2020. The Council is now tasked, under its Climate Change Action Plan, with reducing its 2009 energy consumption levels by 50% by 2030.

**17.72**

The total tonnage of textiles collected for recycling in November 2021

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