

NEED SOME INSPIRATION? Check out the attached examples in the email,  
from walks held in cities around the world!

# FINGAL WANDER & TALK

16-22 SEPT  
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COMMUNITY-LED WALKS OR CYCLES, TO SEE YOUR AREA THROUGH NEW EYES!



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## Fingal Wander & Talk: Exploring Fingal on Foot and Wheels

**'Fingal Wander & Talk' is a free community initiative, that promotes walkable and cyclable neighbourhoods, through 'walking or cycling conversations' led by community members.**

**Free guided walks or cycles can take place at any time during European Mobility Week 16-22 September 2023**

**The initiative aims to:**

- 1. to experience active mobility in our neighbourhoods, and**
- 2. to explore our local areas.**

**Want to share your favourite hidden gems, coffee shops,  
community gardens or laneways?**

**Do you have a story to tell?**

**Want to highlight challenges and successes in your  
neighbourhood?**

A reminder that anyone can lead a 'Fingal Wander & Talk' Walk or Cycle- for we are all experts to where we live, work and play!

**[Apply here to hold a walk / cycle event](#)**

## What's Jane's Walk?

**This initiative is inspired by the Jane's Walk movement.**

Jane's Walk is a movement of free, citizen-led walking conversations inspired by Jane Jacobs, encouraging residents to explore and get to know their communities. Jane Jacobs (1916-2006) was an urbanist and activist who championed a community-led and inspired approach to city building.

## Where do the Walks or Cycles Go?

The walks/cycles get regular community members to tell stories about their local places, explore their areas and connect with neighbours.

Jane's Walk is about telling the story of your neighbourhood and that story does not need to be technical, academic, or filled with historical facts (unless you want it to be).

It's an opportunity to:

- celebrate your community
- shed light on important attributes
- honour the work of your neighbours
- get outside, get moving, and meet with your neighbours

## Who Can Lead a Walk/Cycle?

Anyone can lead a walk or cycle because everyone is an expert in their own neighbourhood.

## Step by Step Guide

### STEP 1 CHOOSE A TOPIC OR PLACE:

**If you are an organisation, please consider using this initiative to raise awareness about your activities.**

- Think of a local **place** you'd like to explore or a **topic** you'd like to share about
- Walks can happen anywhere—from bustling towns to suburban neighbourhoods. Most walks include 3-7 stops but can be shorter.

Examples are-

- Successes of the neighbourhood
- Local coffee spots
- Highlight great work done by local groups
- Evolution of the neighbourhood
- Gathering spots
- Cultural heritage
- Plants, trees or animals
- Notable figures
- Important architecture and interesting developments

Remember that this isn't a lecture, and you don't need to be an expert in history, architecture, heritage, or urban planning.

**TIP / You Don't Need a Script** If you're leading a walk or cycle, just have a few talking points about each area you're visiting. Part of the fun can be hearing what others who are joining your walk have to share about the places and sights.

**TIP / Fingal has some great resources online**

[Fingal Parks and Heritage Properties](#)

[Fingal Coastal Walks](#)

## STEP 2 PLAN A ROUTE AND STOPS AND SET A DATE SOMETIME DURING 16-22 SEPT:

- Make sure to include this information in the Walk / cycle Leaders form [FORM HERE](#)

## STEP 3 SHARE & PROMOTE YOUR WALK OR CYCLE

Fingal County Council will help with this, but you should also promote your walk yourself.

- Create a Facebook event or share on Twitter, Instagram and Tik Tok (hashtag: #MobilityWeek)
- Use the social media template attached to promote your walk
- Fingal County Council will help to promote the walk/cycle

**TIP / Loop in [emma.court@fingal.ie](mailto:emma.court@fingal.ie) about sharing about your walk via social media.**

**Fingal County Council can help get the word out too!**

## STEP 4 Walk or cycle! Get outside, move and have fun!!

### General Tips

**Share Community Voices:** Another great way to plan for your activity is by researching who in your community may want to share their knowledge and local history. Hearing directly about someone's lived experience makes a personal connection and is even more engaging.

**Incorporate Perspectives:** You can play a curatorial role on your activity by adding different voices, recruiting subject matter experts, and posing questions to generate discussion and highlight local knowledge. This can make for an even more dynamic activity!

**Embed accessibility in your activity:** While the nature of some neighbourhoods, routes, and the act of walking itself mean that not every walk will be fully accessible, we ask you to be conscious of accessibility and thoughtful about your route. Try to strike a balance between talking, movement, and rest. Think about stops that have access to water fountains, restrooms, benches, and shaded areas to recharge. Consider terrain, curbs, staircases, gates, and other barriers that could hinder someone's ease of movement.

**Stay Curious:** Don't worry about being an expert. You are a professional in your own experience of the city and you have plenty to share. Remember that this isn't a lecture. This is a conversation.

Sources:

<https://www.janeswalklondon.co.uk/lead-a-walk>

<https://efcl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Step-by-step-guide-to-create-a-Janes-Walk-EFCL.pdf>

Please note: These are free community walks/cycles. This initiative supports the principle of self-organisation and civic engagement. The walks submitted are not curated. The inclusion of any walk does not imply an endorsement from Fingal County Council of any specific perspectives or proposals.