



Local Authority Integration Team

September & October 2024

What's on in Dublin 15?

Who is the Local Authority Integration Team?

Fingal County Council's Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) works with:

- Applicants for International Protection
- Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status
- Programme Refugees
- Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP)

Our role is to support and empower individuals integrating into Irish Society and foster a sense of belonging and inclusion. Our support includes access and signposting to language, employment, education and health supports.

Contact us at integration@fingal.ie

About This Newsletter

All events listed are free to attend!

For a comprehensive list of activities in your local area check out:

- **Fingal County Council's event calendar:**
<https://www.fingal.ie/events/fingal-events-guide-2024>
- **Fingal County Council's library events brochure:**
<https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-libraries-summer-2024-brochure>
- **Your local community centre:**
<https://fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie/centres/>

News

Updates from the IPO

- From 29th July 2024, the IPO will be accelerating the processing of applications from Jordan. Accelerated applicants undergo the same decision making process as all other international protection applicants, but have their cases dealt with in a more timely manner.
- The IPO is preparing to introduce online interviews for applicants. The online interview trial commenced this summer.
- More information: <http://www.ipo.gov.ie/en/ipo/pages/whatsnew>

Updates for BOTPs

- From 9th September 2024, Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection who live in a Designated Accommodation Centre where meals and utilities are provided no longer qualify for certain social assistance payments.
- More information: <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/894dd-beneficiary-of-temporary-protection-weekly-payment/>

Are you interested in volunteering?

Whether you're seeking a specific volunteer role or general advice, Fingal Volunteer Centre is here to help. It's free, and there's no pressure to commit if you're not ready.

Explore the national volunteering database for volunteer roles and opportunities in your area: <https://www.i-vol.ie/>

If you simply want to learn more, you can email info@volunteerfingal.ie or call 01 899 1921.

Fingal Festival of Fire

What is it: Get ready for an explosion of Halloween fun in Blanchardstown's Millennium Park.

7.00pm – Enjoy a Scary Disco
7.30pm – Fireworks

When is it: Thursday, 31st October, 6:30 - 8:00PM

Where is it: Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

More information: <https://www.fingal.ie/events>

Help Shape Inclusive Mental Health Services!

Are you someone who:

- Lives in IPAS accommodation, has applied for International Protection, holds Temporary Protection (Ukrainian Beneficiaries), or identifies as a migrant?
- Has used mental health services in Ireland?
- Holds a keen interest in improving mental health services for migrants and refugees in Ireland?

By signing up, you can expect:

- 6 in-person training sessions to become an advocate for yourself and others (Dublin 1, October - November 2024)
- Participation in a forum to work with mental health services and make them more inclusive
- Your participation costs reimbursed
- Certificate of attendance by Cairde and Peer Advocacy in Mental Health

Apply now for the Minority Ethnic Mental Health Engagement Training & Forum!

Contact Dallal via WhatsApp at 089 252 4414 or email Emilia at emilia@cairde.ie

Are you interested in taking a course?

The DDLETB offers a wide range of programmes for learners at different learning levels. There are part-time and full-time courses available for September 2024.

Contact your local centre for more information.

Email: baes@ddletbaes.ie

Phone: 01 821 2829

Website:

<https://www.adulteducationblanchardstown.ie/>



Culture Night

What is it: An evening of family-friendly activities including balloon modelling, makerspace tours, a Lego exhibition, traditional Irish music and much more!

When is it: Friday, 20th September, 5:45 - 8:30PM

Where is it: Blanchardstown Library, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15

More information: <https://www.fingal.ie/events/culture-night-fingal-libraries-2024-culture-night-blanchardstown-library>

Unison Festival 2024

What is it: Free music festival of summer sounds.

When is it: Sunday, 15th September, 12:00 - 7:00PM

Where is it: Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

More information: <https://unisonfestival.ie/working-on-it/>

Scan the QR code to visit our website:

