



Local Authority Integration Team

September & October 2024

What's on in the Mid-East?

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/>

Fingal Festival of Fire (Swords)

What is it: Join us in the heart of Swords for a Halloween celebration like no other. The park will come alive with the spirit of the season.

6:30PM - Enjoy a Scary Concert
7:30PM - Fireworks

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

Where is it: Swords Town Park, Behind the Castle

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

Fingal Festival of Fire (Malahide)

What is it: Explore the grounds of the magnificent Malahide Castle, surrounded by the magic of Halloween.

7:00PM - Enjoy a Scary Disco
7:30PM - Fireworks

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

Where is it: Malahide Castle

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

Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival

What is it: The Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival is a celebration of our deep-rooted maritime heritage and the delectable bounty of the sea. Dive into the heart of Howth's charming harbor, where fishing boats bob gently on the water, and the scent of freshly caught seafood fills the air.

When is it: Saturday, 7th September at 12:00PM - 8th September at 6:00PM

Where is it: Howth

More information: <https://www.fingal.ie/events/howth-maritime-2024>

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: swords@ddletbaes.ie

Phone: [01 840 8946](tel:018408946)

Website:

<https://adulteducationnorthcountydublin.ie/>

Culture Night

What is it: An evening of family-friendly activities including story-telling, face-painting, an art exhibition and much more!

When is it: Friday, 20th September, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Where is it: Malahide Library, Main St, Malahide

More information:
<https://www.fingal.ie/events/culture-night-malahide-library-0>

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 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

Scan the QR code to visit our website:

