



# Local Authority Integration Team

## September & October 2024

### What's on in North County?

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@volunteerfingal.ie) or call 01 899 1921

#### Unison Festival 2024

**What is it:** Free music festival of summer sounds.

**When is it:** Saturday, 14th September, 12:00 - 7:00PM

**Where is it:** Bremore Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin

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

## Fingal Poetry Festival

**What is it:** Presenting the very best of poetry and music from Ireland and elsewhere, both in English and in Irish, in an atmosphere that is welcoming, friendly and inclusive.

**When is it:** Friday, 13th September - Saturday, 14th September

**Where is it:** Skerries Mills

**More information:** <https://fingalpoetryfestival.com/about/>

## 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:

[balbriggan@ddletbaes.ie](mailto:balbriggan@ddletbaes.ie)

Phone: [01 841 7763](tel:018417763)

Website:

<https://adulthoodeducationnorthcountydublin.ie/>

## Culture Night

**What is it:** An evening of family-friendly events.

**When is it:** Friday, 20th September, 5:30 - 7:45PM

**Where is it:** Balbriggan Library, George's Square, Balbriggan

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

## 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](mailto:emilia@cairde.ie)

## Fingal Festival of Fire

**What is it:** Step into the enchanting world of Bremoore Castle, where history meets the mystical allure of Halloween.

6.30pm – Enjoy a Scary Concert

7.30pm – Fireworks

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

**Where is it:** Bremoore Castle, Balbriggan

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

Scan the QR code to visit our website:

