

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

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Hi there! Environmental Awareness Officer Claire Marshall here. Hope you are well. Please see below for updates to Fingal's Environmental Awareness Programme- check out our website [here](#)

HALLOWEEN AND SUSTAINABILITY



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Many Halloween costumes are made from cheap, synthetic materials that aren't biodegradable and end up in landfills after one use. Fast fashion + single-use plastics = big environmental impact. Let's rethink spooky season with more sustainable choices! 🎃🌱 Find our more here <https://www.fingal.ie/sustainable-living>

Did you know that food waste is one of the biggest contributors to climate change? The average Irish family wastes €700 a year on food waste! This Halloween make sure to use all parts of your pumpkins and dispose of them in your compost bins 🌍🎃



**DOWNLOAD ZERO WASTE HALLOWEEN WORKSHEETS [HERE](#)
PERFECT TO KEEP LITTLE ONES ENTERTAINED THIS MIDTERM!**



Buy Less. Rewear. Share.

REVERSE THE TREND

Textiles, which includes clothing, has the fourth highest impact on the environment and climate change, after food, housing and transport. Over 100 billion new items of clothing are made every year.

Less than 1% of material used to produce clothing is recycled into new clothing.

Wearing the clothes you already have for an extra 9 months can reduce their carbon footprint by 25%.

The fashion industry is estimated to be responsible for 10% of global carbon emissions, however only 31% of Irish people see a link between purchasing textiles and climate change.

Recent research from the Environmental Protection Agency found that textiles such as clothing and household textiles make up 9% of waste in the general waste bin.

For more information on the environmental impact that clothing and textiles have on our environment, visit mywaste.ie - Clothes and textiles

WHAT IS FAST FASHION?



THE TERM DESCRIBES THE QUICK TURNOVER OF FASHION TRENDS AND THE MOVE TOWARDS CHEAP, MASS-PRODUCED CLOTHING - WITH NEW LINES CONSTANTLY RELEASED.



WHAT'S THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF FAST FASHION?



PLASTIC POLLUTION

Fast fashion is made from low cost synthetic fabrics which are made from plastic and are non bio degradable. Washing synthetic clothes is one of the biggest causes of microplastics entering waterways.



WATER FOOTPRINT

It takes 2,700 litres of water to make one cotton t-shirt. That's enough water for one person to drink for 900 days or almost two and a half years!



CARBON EMISSIONS

the fashion industry produces about 10 percent of annual global carbon emissions, which is more than all maritime shipping and international flights combined

WASTE

Of the 100 billion garments produced each year, 92 million tonnes end up in landfills. To put things in perspective, this means that the equivalent of a rubbish truck full of clothes ends up on landfill sites every second.



SHORE TO SEA CAMPAIGN



WHAT IS THE SHORE TO SEA CAMPAIGN AND HOW TO GET MY COMMUNITY INVOLVED



Fingal County Council is launching an exciting new litter awareness campaign Shore to Sea. This aims to work with local community groups to highlight awareness around the detrimental impacts litter and pollutants can have on our precious marine life when placed in gullies.

A common source of litter placed in gullies are cigarette butts. Did you know that cigarette butts are not compostable, but in fact made of plastic? It can take up to ten years for butts to break down and they can leak toxic chemicals. Many of our gullies in Fingal are linked to the sea, so it is vital that people are aware to dispose of cigarette butts and other forms of litter in the correct bins.

Remember the sea starts here! Protect our marine life and dispose of litter correctly. Let's keep our waters clean, starting with our gullies!

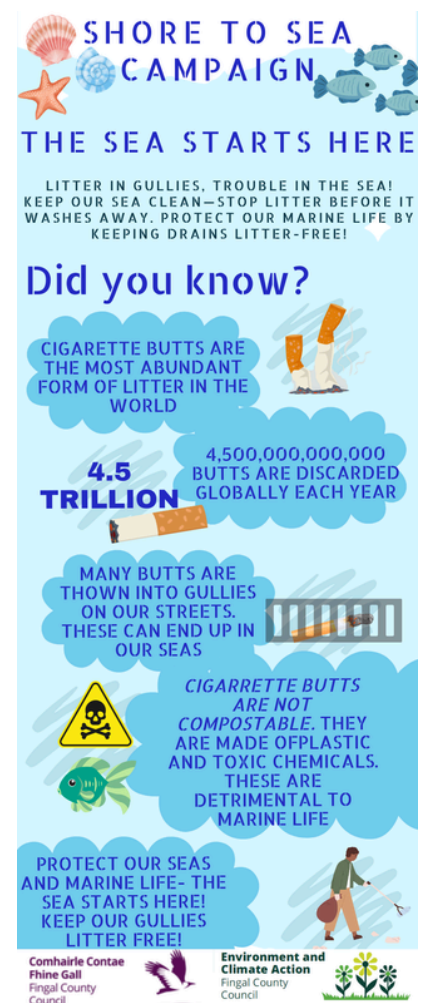
Want to sign up to use the Shore to Sea Stencils for your school or community group?

Please fill in the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/R0AHMRAFSr>

We are piloting this project under a limited basis. Our Environmental Awareness Officer will be in touch to discuss next steps with you and if your area is suitable.

[WATCH OUR AWARENESS VIDEO ABOUT VAPES AND PLASTIC HERE](#)



ANTI-LITTER ANTI-GRAFFITI GRANT UPDATES



WE WILL BE ADDING DETAILS OF THE ANTI- LITTER ANTI GRAFFITI PROJECTS HERE- WATCH THIS SPACE!

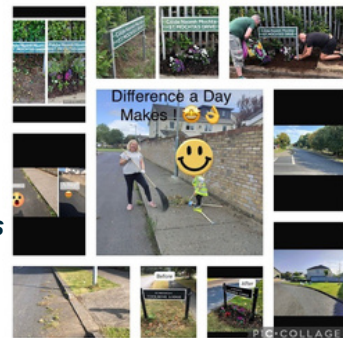
We are thrilled to recognize the incredible projects made possible through the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund. Your tireless efforts and creative initiatives in promoting zero waste, litter reduction, and graffiti prevention are truly inspiring. These projects not only beautify our communities but also set a powerful example of sustainability and civic responsibility.

Thank you for your dedication to making our environment cleaner, greener, and more vibrant. Your work is a testament to the power of collective action, and we can't wait to see the lasting impact of your innovative efforts!

Keep up the amazing work—together, we are creating a future free of waste and graffiti!



Rush Tidy Towns



St Mochta's Residents Association



We have some *very limited* spaces for Anti Graffiti Workshops with Street Art Ink. Contact claire.marshall@fingal.ie if you would like to avail of a fully funded space for your community/youth group!

JOIN US IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GRAFFITI. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY: SAY NO TO GRAFFITI!
Graffiti vandalism damages our public spaces, costs taxpayers, and harms our community pride. Let's work together to keep Fingal clean and beautiful for everyone.



REPORT GRAFFITI: Help us remove it quickly by reporting any incidents.
RESPECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT: Graffiti is illegal and destructive.
TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR COMMUNITY: Keep our spaces clean for all to enjoy.

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