



# Local Authority Integration Team

## January & February 2025

### What's on in the D15 Area?

#### 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/>
- **TradFest 2025:**  
<https://tradfest.com/events/trad-session-in-skerries-2/>
- **First Fortnight Festival 2025:**  
<https://www.firstfortnight.ie/>

#### News

##### Christmas Protocols/Plans

- **IPAS Absence Policy – to support IPAS Residents joining family and friends for Christmas there will be a permitted absence period 23 Dec 2024 to 6 Jan 2025**
- **BOTP Absence Policy - to support BOTP Residents joining family and friends for Christmas there will be a permitted absence period 23 Dec 2024 to 8 Jan 2025.**
- **Citywest Transit Hub Christmas Plans – closed for processing:**
  - **BOTPs – 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st December 2024 and 1st January 2025**
  - **IP applicants – 25th, 26th December 2024 and 1st January 2025**



#### St Brigid's Day Celebration

Mark the beginning of Spring and join us for a St Brigid's Day celebration on the **3rd Feb 2025**



For more information at:  
<https://www.eventsinfingal.ie/events>

#### CV Preparation and Interview Skills

##### What is it?

This course is a great step to improve your skills for employment. The course will cover topic like how to tailor your CV and interview preparation tips

##### Where is it?

DDLETB North West - Adult Education Service Blanchardstown

##### When is it?

Begins on the 10th of January and runs for 10 weeks  
Every Friday from **9:30am-12:30pm**

Castleknock Laurel Lodge Community Centre offers a wide range of weekly activities, such as:

- **Active Retirement Gaming Lobby**  
Every Monday from **3pm-4:30pm**
- **English Language Classes - Fáilte Isteach**  
Every Tuesday at **10am- 12pm** and **7pm - 9pm**
- **Scrabble Group (Advanced Players)**  
Every Wednesday **2pm - 4pm**
- **Community Bridge Club**  
Every Thursday **10am-12pm**

**For more information:**

<https://www.castleknockcommunitycentre.ie/community-groups.html>

## 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](mailto:baes@ddletbaes.ie)

Phone: [01 823 6532](tel:018236532)

Website:

<https://adulteducationnorthcoountydublin.ie/>

## Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

**What is it?** Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability is a 6-week programme, targeted at children and teenagers with additional needs. It aims to teach children to cycle a two-wheel bike independently.

**When is it?** Begins on Saturday 18 January between 12pm-1pm, runs for 6 weeks.

**Where is it?**  
Corduff Sports Centre

**Register here:**  
<https://forms.office.com/e/VCUAHPHr8N>

## Spinning Stories - Art Space

**What is it?** Accompanying the **The Subversive Stitch** exhibition, an Draíocht are hosting art workspaces for children. This space is designed for children aged 4-9 years, but younger and older siblings are welcome to take part.

**Where is it ?** First Floor Gallery, Draíocht, Blanchardstown

**When is it?** Saturday the **11th, 18th** and **25th** of January between **12pm-3pm.**



## 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

Scan the QR code to visit our website:

