



Local Authority Integration Team

January & February 2025

What's on in the North County 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

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**

Trad Sessions in Skerries



What is it?

A session is a casual and sometimes impromptu gathering of musicians who have come together to play traditional Irish music, with lots of fun and socialising as well!

When is it?

Friday the 24th of January from 4pm-6:30pm
Sunday the 26th of January from 8pm – 11pm

Where is it?

Joe Mays Pub, Harbour Rd, Townparks, Skerries, Co. Dublin

Event Details:

This is an un-ticketed event and is free to attend.

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?

Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan

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



Balbriggan Library

Kick off your year by joining your local library!

As well as access to books, this space offers additional amenities such as free WIFI, computer access, study areas, meeting rooms and printing services.

Why not participate in an event run by Balbriggan Library ?

A range of events take place in this space such as art classes and support groups

Get in touch directly at balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie or call (01) 8704401, to find out more about the weekly events

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

Phone: 01 841 7763

Website:

<https://adulteducationnorthcoountydublin.ie/>

Ardgillan Parkrun

What is Ardgillan parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!

When is it?

Every Saturday at 9:30am.

Where is it?

Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

More information/ Registration link:

This is a free event but make sure to register before you first come along <https://www.parkrun.ie/ardgillan>

Music & Wellness Workshops with Farah Elle



What is it?

As part of TradFest2025 uplifting workshops designed to nurture youth creativity, well-being, and joy through music! These sessions aren't just for performers—they're for any young person who loves to connect with music, movement, and self-expression. Participants must be aged between 13 and 18. No prior music experience needed – just an open heart and a love for sound!

When is it?

Saturday the 4th & 8th of January, from 12pm-2pm.

Where is it?

The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre, Main St, Naul

Registration link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdONDcGZMONqI7pu_qody2DbAtDBP3dPaLY9KtIE4tjm2IRkA/viewform

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:

