



Local Authority Integration Team

November & December 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/>

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Updates from the International Protection Office

Implementation of Paperless Procedure

- The IPO is adopting a digital first approach, phasing out the use of paper files. This will improve the service to applicants and help the IPO to speed up processing times to give people decisions on their cases as quickly as possible. With effect from 1 September 2023, all correspondence must be submitted by email only to info@ipo.gov.ie unless the IPO has specifically requested the submission of original copies of official documents by post. The IPO will return all unsolicited documents sent by post to sender and will not take any action in relation to them. Applicants and their representatives may continue to submit any documentation they wish by e-mail.

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.

Fingal In Focus

What is it: **Exhibition of Photography**

When is it: **Launch event 2pm 11/11/24 and on display until Friday 15th November**

Where is it: **The Atrium, County Hall, Swords**

More information: **Swords Photographic Group's 2024 Exhibition will be launched by the mayor at 2pm on Monday November 11th. The exhibition will be on display throughout Social Inclusion Week**

Malahide Santa Parade

What is it: To kick off the festive season, the Malahide Santa Parade will take place on Sunday 1st December. Everybody is welcome to come along and enjoy festivities, with festive music filling the air from 3.30pm to await the start of the Santa Parade at 4pm.

When is it: Sunday, 1st December, 4-5PM

Where is it: Malahide

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

Swords Christmas Tree Lighting

What is it: Join the Mayor of Fingal on Friday 29th of November at 6PM outside Swords Castle

When is it: Friday, 29th November at 6-6:30PM

Where is it: Swords Castle

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



Swords Castle Christmas Markets

What is it: Step into a fairytale setting in the heart of Swords. The Castle, adorned with festive decorations, creates a magical backdrop for your holiday shopping.

Trading Hours:

Fri 29th Nov: 3pm to 8pm

Sat 30th Nov: 11am to 6pm

Sun 1st Dec 11am to 6pm

Sat 7th Dec 11am to 6pm

Sun 8th Dec 11am to 6pm

When is it: Friday, 29th November - Sunday, 8th December, 3-6PM

Where is it: Swords Castle

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

Update from the Ukraine Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team

Addendum to the Absence Protocol for BOTP Christmas 2024

It has been agreed that **for the period of 23 December 2024 - 08 January 2025 BOTPs will not be subject to the Absence Protocol and may travel freely (applications to UCTAT do not need to be made in advance)**. BOTPs must have returned to their State funded temporary accommodation by 08 January 2025, or risk losing that accommodation. During this time BOTPs must continue paying the mandatory contribution charge to their accommodation provider.

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