



Local Authority Integration Team

November & December 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

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.

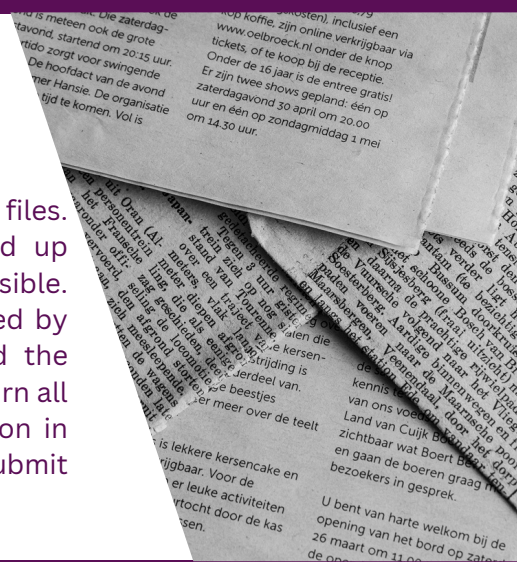
Skerries Forget Me Not Café

What is it: The cafe is free of charge and open to people living with dementia, their families, carers and friends. Come for tea and biscuits, a chat, to meet others on a similar journey and to learn more about dementia services in the area

When is it: Wednesday 13th November 11am - 1pm

Where is it: Skerries Harps GAA, Dublin Road Skerries, K34 HC89

More information: Phone or text 083 119 2972



Cultural Craft Workshop

What is it: Balbriggan Integration Forum presents a gathering to share culture through art



Where is it: Cairde, 16 Hampton Street, Balbriggan, K32PK40

When is it: Wednesday 13th November 2024

More information: Contact Balbrigganif@gmail.com



The Umoja Experience Concert

What is it: Celebrate the music of minority ethnic groups in Balbriggan

Where is it: Irish Institute of Music & Song, Church Street, Balbriggan, K32YV56

When is it: Thursday 14th of November

More information: Contact john@iims.ie



Balbriggan Christmas Lighting Up

What is it: Join the Balbriggan Community on Thursday 5th December at 6pm at George's Square to light up Balbriggan for the festive season.

When is it: Thursday, 5th December at 6PM

Where is it: George's Square, Balbriggan

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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