PRESS RELEASE

Community and Voluntary groups invited to register with the Fingal Community Network.

Fingal County Council Community Development Office is setting up a new way to connect with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Fingal. This new way of linking with the community will be called the Fingal Community Network.

The Fingal Community Network will bring together all groups and organisations working on a voluntary basis in Fingal. Being part of FCN will give groups the opportunity to participate at decision making and policy development level. Fingal Community Network will be the main link through which Fingal County Council will connects with the community & voluntary, social inclusion and environmental sectors.

As part of this process 4 Information Workshops (7.00pm to 9.30pm) will be held in October to provide an overview of the Fingal Community Network (FCN), outline the benefits of joining and facilitate registration.

- Monday 20th October: Dublin 15 Workshop Crown Plaza Blanchardstown

- Wednesday 22nd October: East Fingal Workshop, Marine Hotel Sutton (**Note : 8.30pm start**)

- Tuesday 28th October: Swords/ Mid Fingal Workshop, Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords

- Wednesday 29th October: North Fingal Workshop, Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan

Following registration, elections will take place at a meeting in November to select members of FCN to sit on important decision making committees of Fingal County Council, namely the 6 Strategic Policy Committees – (Transport, Planning, Arts Culture Heritage & Community & Heritage, Economic Development & Enterprise, Housing, Water & Environment ), the Local Community Development Committee and the Joint Policing Committee.

In order to vote in these very significant and important elections, your organisation must register with Fingal Community Network before 7th November 2014.

Full membership criteria and registration forms can be downloaded at http://www.fingal.ie/community-and-leisure/community-development-and-activities/fingal-community-network/ or email PPN@fingal.ie or telephone 01 8905618.

All registered organisations will be invited to attend the first plenary meeting of the Fingal Community Network on Saturday 29th November (10.00am to 3.00pm) Carnegie Court Hotel Swords.

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