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Réamhrá Rory O'Byrne, Oifigeach Ealaíon Chontae

Le teacht an Acht Ealaíon sa bhliain 2003 bhí sé de riachtanas ag údaráis áitiúil Plean Ealaíon a scríobh agus a chur i ngníomh dá gceantair údaráis féin. Nuair a thosaíomar ag pleanáil dár bPlean Ealaíon Fhine Gall, bhí dhá rogha oscailte dúinn, fógraigh agus déan comisiú ar chomhlacht shainchomhairleoirí ealaíon lenár bPlean a scríobh, nó é a scríobh muid féin. I ndiaidh dúinn tamall gairid a chaitheamh ag plé le sainchomhleoirí ealaíon, bheartaíomar ar an tasc a dhéanamh muid féin.

Ón dtosach, bhí sé soiléir domsa agus do mo chomhleacaí Sarah O'Neill go raibh Plean réadúil agus cothromaithe uainn agus, níos tábhachtaí fós go mbeadh teacht ag na healaíontóirí a bhíonn muid ag plé leo ar bhonn laethúil go héasca air. Bhí sé mar aidhm againn chomh maith Plean Ealaíon a sholáthar a mhúscloídh spéis i ndaoine bheith páirteach sna healaíona laistigh dá bpobail féin. Cuid bunúsach de forbairt an Phlean againn ab ea dul i gcomhairle le saoránaigh Fhine Gall. Bhí orainn pobal na ealaíon a roinnt i sé fo-ranna éagsúla. Na grúpaí seo ná Ealaíontóirí (Profaisiúnta agus Neamh Phrofaisiúnta), Grúpaí Ealaíon, Lucht Féachana, Bunscoileanna, Meánscoileanna, Eagraíochtaí Ealaíon, Ginireálta/Poiblí. Scríobhadh ceistneoirí sonracha dos na sé grúpaí, agus seoladh níos mó na míle díobh amach.

Cuireadh ár bhfionn aighneachtaí scríofa a fháil in iúl i gcúig nuachtáin áitiúla agus sa phreas náisiúnta. Chomh maith leis sin, cuireadh sraith chruinnithe poiblí ar siúl le teacht ar thuairimí agus moltaí an phobail. Fuaireamar níos mó ná céad aighneacht. Bhí an próiseas chomhairle poiblí seo an-chabhraitheach chun riachtanais an phobail ealaíon, idir phrofaisiúnta agus amaitéireach, a fháil amach chomh maith leis an bpobal i gcoitine. Tá sé i gceist againn leanúint leis an scéim chomhairle seo le healaíontóirí, oibrítheoirí agus eagraíochtaí ealaíne, agus an pobal go ginireálta, mar pháirt de phróiseas leanúnach bhailiúcháin eolais do fhorbairt pholasaithe sa todhcháí.

Mar pháirt den phróiseas dearaidh, bheartaíomar ar ealaíontóir atá ag teacht chun cinn a fhostú leis an tréith fhótagrafaíoch den Phlean a léiriú. Chuaigh muid i gcomhairle le roinnt ealaíontóirí mar gheall air agus d'iarramar orthu samplaí dá saothair a sholáthar dúinn. Roghnaigh an painéal Dianne Whyte, fótagrafaí óg atá ina cónaí i mBaile Átha Cliath. Chruthaigh Dianne carn oibre a dhear pictiúr de ghníomhaíocht na nealaíon i bhFine Gall; tá bailiúchán den obair seo léirithe sa Phlean agus beidh sé seo mar bhunús do thaispeántas ealaíon I nDraíocht I 2007.

Chuaigh an doiciméad réitihe ós comhair an Chomhairle agus glacadh leis ar an 13ú Feabhra 2006 d'aon toil. Is mar thoradh díreach ar riachtanais an phobail na nealaíon I bhFine Gall gur cuireadh I gcrích agus gur glacadh lein an bPlean Ealaíon.

Cinnteoimidne, foireann ealaíon Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall, go gcoimeádtar na healaíona chun tosaigh ar chlár gnó an Chomhairle. Leanfaimid orainn ag obair chun a chinntiú go mbeidh teacht ag gach éinne, cuma pé áit gurb as dóibh, pé creideamh atá acu nó pé suíomh eacnamúil ina bhfuilid, ar ghníomhaíochtaí Ealaíon.

Rory O'Byrne
Oifigeach Ealaíon Chontae

Introduction Rory O'Byrne, County Arts Officer

With the 2003 Arts Act it became mandatory that local authorities were required to write and implement an Arts Plan for their administrative areas. When we began to plan for our Fingal Arts Plan, there were two options open to us, advertise and commission arts consultants to write our Plan, or write it ourselves. After a brief foray into the arts consultants market, we decided to take the task on in house.

From the beginning, both my colleague Sarah O'Neill and I were clear that we wanted a Plan that was realistic, balanced and most importantly easily accessible to all those arts practitioners with whom we deal on a daily basis. We also wanted to produce a Plan that would inspire people to get involved in the arts within their own communities.

Fundamental to the development of our Plan was how we consult with the citizens of Fingal. It became necessary to subdivide the arts community into six distinct groups. These groups were Artists, Arts Groups, Audience, Primary Schools, Second-Level Schools, Arts Organisations, General/Public. Detailed questionnaires were written for each of the six groups, and over one thousand were sent out.

Written submissions were also invited through advertisements placed in five local newspapers and the national press. In addition, a series of public meetings were organised to invite public opinion and suggestions. We received over one hundred submissions. This process of public consultation proved most useful in ascertaining the needs of the arts community, both amateur and professional, as well as the wider community. We intend to continue this dialogue with artists, arts practitioners, organisations and the community in general, as part of an on-going process of information gathering for future policy development.

As part of the design process, we commissioned an emerging artist to produce the photographic element of the Plan. A selection of artists were approached and asked to submit samples of work. The selection panel chose Dianne Whyte, a photographer based in Dublin. Dianne created a body of work documenting arts activity in Fingal; a selection of this work is illustrated in the Plan and this will form the basis of an exhibition at Draíocht in 2007.

The finished document went before Council and was unanimously adopted on 13th February 2006. The completion and adoption of our Arts Plan is a direct response to the needs of the arts community in Fingal.

We, the arts staff of Fingal County Council, will work to ensure that the arts remain high on the agenda of the Council. We will continue to work towards ensuring that all citizens, regardless of location, creed or economic circumstance have access to Arts activities.

Rory O'Byrne
County Arts Officer

Litir an Chathaoirligh An Comhairleoir Joe Corr

Ghlac Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall le Plean Ealaíon Fhine Gall 2006-2010 i mí Feabhra 2006. Mar Chathaoirleach ar Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall, agus tharr ceann na baill thofa ar fad, tá mé bródúil foilsíú ár straitéis cúig bliana a fheiceáil.

Tá an Plean seo ríthábhachtach do thodhchaí forbartha na nealaíon i bhFhine Gall agus dóibh siúd a oibríonn le, agus a bhaineann taitneamh as, imeachtaí cultúrtha. Tá sé mar thuairim coitianta le fada go bhfuil ról ríthábhachtach ag an gcultúr i ttreisiú gutha pobail áitiúil, i dtacú le daoine imeallaithe agus i gcabhrú le daoine oidhreacht uathúil Fhine Gall a chaomhnú agus a fhorbairt.

Ó thosaigh muid sa bhliain 1994, tá ról suntasach faighte ag na healaíona i seirbhís soláthar straitéiseach Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall. Le deich mbliana anuas tá céimeanna ollmhóra tógtha i bhforbairt an bhonneagar ealaíon laistigh d'Fhine Gall agus muid tar éis dhá Ionad Ealaíon a chruthú: Draíocht i mBaile Bhlainséir agus Ionad Cultúrtha Shéamus Ennis, san Áil. Tá na hIonaid seo mar shiombail chultúrtha don tír i láthair na huaire.

Ba mhaith liom modheolaíocht scríobhnóireacht an Phleain a luadh go speisialta. Tharla próiseas fada comhairle ón bpobal, inar éisteamar agus phléimear le tuairimí agus dearcadh an phobail agus an duine aonair i ngach ceantar i bhFhine Gall. Dá bharr, tá Plean Ealaíon ina bhfuil tuairimí an phobail lárnach ann ceaptha anois againn.

Tá mé muiníneach go bhfanfaidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall chun tosaigh ó thoabh soláthar na nealaíon de. Tá sé mar dóchas ionam trí sholáthar an Phleain seo, go gcruthóimid pobail bheoga, shláintiúla ar fud Fhine Gall.

Cathaoirleach
An Comhairleoir Joe Corr

Letter from the Cathaoirleach Councillor Joe Corr

Fingal County Council adopted its Fingal Arts Plan 2006-2010 in February 2006. As Cathaoirleach of Fingal County Council, and on behalf of the elected members, I am proud to see the publication of our five-year Arts Strategy.

This Plan is crucial to the future development of the arts in Fingal and to those who work and enjoy arts and cultural pursuits. It is long since accepted that the arts have a crucial role to play in giving voice to local communities, in supporting marginalised people and in helping preserve and develop the unique culture and heritage of Fingal.

Since our beginnings in 1994, the arts have enjoyed a prominent role in Fingal County Council's service delivery strategy. The last decade can bear witness to the giant strides taken to provide an infrastructure within Fingal with the building of our two Arts Centres: Draíocht in Blanchardstown and the Séamus Ennis Cultural Centre in Naul. These Centres have been widely recognised as cultural beacons within the county.

I would like to make special mention of the methodology adopted in writing this Plan. A long process of consultation with the public took place, and great pains were taken to listen to and take account of the views from communities and individuals in all parts of Fingal. As a result of these efforts we have an Arts Plan in which the views of the public have been central.

I am confident that Fingal County Council will continue to lead the way in its arts provision. It is my hope that through the implementation of this Plan, we will continue to build vibrant, healthy communities throughout Fingal.

Cathaoirleach
Councillor Joe Corr

Ráiteas ón mBainisteoir John Tierney

Tosaíodh Plean Ealaíon Fhine Gall 2006-2010 mar thoradh ar chomhairle, a cuireadh sa tsiúil ag ár bhfoireann ealaíon, le saoránaigh Fhine Gall, thar tréimhse sínithe ama. Dá bharr, is doiciméad tábhachtach é seo ós rud é go léiríonn sé na tosaíochtaí forbartha seirbhís agus soláthar ealaíon Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall. Tá sé mar cuid lárnach de mheon Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ó bunaíodh é gur maoin an phobail ar fad is iad na healaíona, agus go bhfuil sé de cheart ag gach saoránach, gan trácht ar a gcúinsí sóisialta, teacht a bheith acu ar na healaíona céanna.

Is fianaise na deich mbliana atá imithe, má bhí a léithéid d'fhianaise ag teastáil, do dhilseacht an Chomhairle maidir le forbairt na nealaíon. Tá dhá ionad ealaíon suntasach tógtha ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall sa chontae le déanaí: Draíocht in iar Fhine gall i mBaile Bhlainséir agus Ionad Cultúrtha Shéamus Ennis san Áil, i dtuaisceart Fhine Gall. Tá sé cruthaithe anois go bhfuil na háiseanna seo ar ardchaighdeán agus tá siad anois mar chroíthe cultúrtha ár gContae. Mar thoradh ar an dtiomantas seo, tá tuiscint agus meas níos doimhne againn orainn féin mar mhuintir Fhine Gall agus tá an iliomad deiseanna faighte ag daoine a gcuid cruthaitheachta a iniúchadh dá bharr freisin.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl do bhaill an Choiste Pobail, Chonláistí Caithimh Aimsire & Polasaí Ginireálta Straitéiseach, faoin gcathaoirleach Comhairleoir Anne Devitt, dá ionchuir sa Phlean. Mo bhuíochas chomh maith leis na baill tofa de Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall, a mhol an Plean d'aon toil i mí Feabhra 2006.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil chomh maith leis an nGrúpa Oibre Ealaíon dá rannpháirtíocht faoi leith sa phróiseas.

Ní mór a rá anois gur féidir bheith ag súil le cuir i ngníomh plean a dhéanfaidh saolta mhuintir Fhine Gall a shabhriú go mór.

John Tierney

Statement from County Manager John Tierney

The Fingal Arts Plan 2006–2010 is the result of an in depth consultation, undertaken by our arts staff, with the citizens of Fingal over an eleven month period. Consequently, this document is an important one as it clearly sets out the priorities for the future development of Fingal County Council's Arts Service and provision. Fingal County Council has, from its inception, championed the idea that the arts are the property of the people and that all citizens, regardless of their circumstances, should have equal access to them.

The past decade is evidence, if it were needed, of the Council's commitment to arts development. Two major cultural Centres have been provided by Fingal County Council in the county in recent years: Draíocht in the west of Fingal at Blanchardstown and The Séamus Ennis Cultural Centre at Naul, in the north of the County. These facilities have proved to be centres of excellence and have become the cultural hubs of our County. Our commitment to engage with individuals, artists and arts organisations has deepened our understanding and appreciation of ourselves as Fingallians and given countless opportunities to our citizens to foster their creativity.

I wish to convey my thanks to the members of the Community Recreation Amenities and General Strategic Policy Committee, under the chair of Cllr. Anne Devitt, for their input into the Plan. My thanks also go to the elected members of Fingal County Council, who unanimously approved the Plan in February 2006.

I would also like to thank the members of the Arts Working Group for their valuable participation in the process.

I believe that we can look forward in confidence to the implementation of a Plan which will enrich the lives of the people of Fingal.

John Tierney

ÉABHLÓID

Réasúnaíocht an Phlean Ealaíon

Tá sé mar riachtanas Plean Ealaíon a bheith ann faoi Alt 6 d'Acht Ealaíon 2003. Deir an tAlt: *Faoi Alt 67 d'Acht Ealaíon 2001, ullmhóidh agus comhlíonfaidh údarás áitiúil pleananna forbartha ealaíne laistigh dá limistéar feidhmiúil féin agus dá réir sin beidh sé freagrach as polasaithe an Rialtais i leith na n-ealaíon a chur i bhfeidhm.*

Is freagairt straitéiseach é Plean Ealaíon a ullmhú chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar ghanntanas forbairt ealaíon i bhFine Gall. Tugann sé deis do dhaoine a gcuid spéisie sna healíona a spreagadh agus a athnuachan, agus bheith páirteach iontu, agus cruthaíonn sé atmaisféir ina mbíonn daoine sásta dúshlán a bheth orthu agus sásta so saibhrítear a saolta de bharr na n-ealaíon.

Déanann Údarás Áitiúla socruithe gach lá a théann i bhfeidhm ar chaighdeán maireachtála daoine. Is páirt lárnach den phróiseis seo Pleanáil Chultúrtha. Tá tionchar díreach ag cultúr ar phobail, más trí chabhair dhíreach ó dheontais chuig grúpa drámaíochta áitiúil, scéimeanna d'éalaíontóirí cónaithe i scoileanna áitiúla, foráil ar shaothair ealíona poiblí nó áiseanna cultúrtha sainiúla a chruthú cosúil le Lárionaid Ealaíon atá i gceist.

Le deich mbliana anuas in Éirinn, tá tábhacht níos mó tagtha ar ról an chultúir agus na nealaíon i bpleanáil na rialtas áitiúil. Is slí éifeachtach iad na healíona cabhrú le rialtais áitiúla spriocanna sóisialta agus eacnamúla a shroichint. Sa réimse seo tá tionscnaimh fhorbartha sóisialta i gcomhthéacs cathrach agus tuaithe maidir le athnuachan eacnamaíoch, pleanáil cathrach, cuimsiú grúpaí imeallaithe sa sochaí agus cruthú timpeallacht fisiciúil ar ard chaighdeán

Tá sé mar phroinsabal lárnach ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall go mbeadh soláthar seirbhís ealaíon inbhuanaithe go hard ar an gclár gnó, agus déanfaidh siad dian iarracht a chinntiú go mbeadh deis chothrom ag gach saoránach, cuma cá as dóibh, a seasamh sóisialta, nó a suíomh eacnamúil, freastal ar, agus páirt a ghlacadh ins na gníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha i bhFine Gall.

EVOLUTION

Rationale for the Arts Plan

The provision of an Arts Plan for the county is a requirement under Section 6 of the 2003 Arts Act. The Section states that: *A local authority shall, for the purposes of section 67 of the Act of 2001, prepare and implement plans for the development of the arts within its functional area and shall, in so doing, take account of policies of the Government in relation to the arts.*

The preparation of an Arts Plan is a strategic response to address the needs of arts development in Fingal. It offers an opportunity for people to become engaged with, to invigorate and renew their interest in the arts, and to help create an environment where people are willing to be challenged and have their lives enriched through participation in the arts.

Local Authorities make decisions every day which impact on the quality of people's lives. Cultural planning is an integral part of this process. Culture has a direct impact on communities, whether it is through direct grant aid to a local drama group, artist-in-residence schemes in the local schools, the provision of public art works or the creation of specific cultural facilities such as Arts Centres.

Over the last decade in Ireland, the role of culture and the arts has assumed greater importance in local government planning. The arts can be an effective means of assisting local government to achieve social and economic objectives. These range from community development initiatives in urban and rural contexts to economic regeneration, urban planning, the embracing of marginalised groups and the creation of a high quality physical environment.

As a core principle, Fingal County Council will ensure that the delivery of a sustainable arts service remains high on its agenda, and will strive to ensure that all citizens, regardless of location, social standing or economic circumstance, have equal opportunity to access and participate in arts and cultural activities in Fingal.

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Public Sculpture Commission

Open Ground 2004

Una Keeley and Daniel Cullen

Ceramic

sited at County Hall, Swords



COMHTHÉACS

Ráiteas Misin Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall

An ráiteas misin againne ná *chun caighdeán maireachtála na ndaoine a bhfuilimid ina seirbhís a ardú.*

Bíodh is go bhfuil sé simplí, tá sé dúshlánach mar ráiteas toisc go bhfuil gá freastal ar dhaonra atá ag dul i méid go tapa sa cheantar údaráis áitiúil is mó fáis sa Contae.

Luachanna Lárnacha Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall

- *Cuimsitheach*
- *Forásach*
- *Éifeachtach*

Agus muid ag forbairt inár seirbhís dos na pobail seanbhunaithe agus na pobail nua mearfhorbarthacha, tuigeann Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall tábhacht na n-ealaíon i gcás forbairt féiniúlacht chultúrtha de, agus i gcás saibhriú saolta daoine. Cuireann na healaíona leis an eacnamaíocht áitiúil, le comhtháthú laistigh de phobail, le cur in aghaidh mothúcháin an uaignis agus le daoine a chumhachtú a d'fhéadfadh a bheith éagumhachtach nó ar imeall an phríomhsrutha.

Aithníonn Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall an gá atá ann dearcadh comhtháite a bheith againn i gcás forbairt na nealaíon amach anseo. Lena leithéid déanta, aithníonn sé go bhfuil saol cultúrtha saibhir agus éagsúil i bhFhine Gall. Is ó bheogacht agus éagsúlacht ár gcultúir a thagann a chuid láidreachta agus a chabhraíonn linn ár dtraidisiúin a cheiliúradh agus a fhorbairt trí mheán na nealaíon.

Ta Fine Gall ar an Údarás Áitiúil is mó tógáil sa ír. Léiríonn Daonáireamh 2006 gur 239,813 daonra Fhine Gall anois, is méadú 22% é sin laistigh de thréimhse ceithre bliana ó Dhaonáireamh 2002. Cuireann sé seo béim ar an ngá dearcadh pleanálta a bheith againn maidir le soláthar cultúrtha ón gComhairle Chontae.

Tá Oifig Ealaíon Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall suite laistigh de Rannóg an Phobail, Cúlúir agus Spóirt de Roinn an Áineasa & Conláistí Pobail. Bunaíodh an Oifig Ealaíon sa bhliain 1994 nuair a cuireadh tús le post Oifigeach Ealaíon an Chontae.

CONTEXT

Fingal County Council Mission Statement

Our mission statement is *to improve the quality of life for the people we serve.*

Despite the simplicity of the statement it is a challenging one given the rapidly expanding population base that has to be accommodated in the fastest growing local authority area in the County.

Fingal County Council's Core Values

- *Inclusive*
- *Progressive*
- *Efficient*

As we develop our role to serve our existing and rapidly developing new communities, Fingal County Council recognises the importance that the arts play in the development of cultural identity, and in enrichment of people's lives. The arts contribute towards the local economy, to social cohesion within communities, to combating feelings of isolation and to the empowerment of individuals who may feel powerless or distanced from the mainstream.

Fingal County Council acknowledges the need for a cohesive approach to future development of the arts. In so doing, it recognises that cultural life in Fingal is rich and diverse. It is the vibrancy and diversity of our culture which gives it strength and which lends itself to the celebration and development of our traditions through the arts.

Fingal County Council is currently overseeing the building of more housing than any other local Authority in the state. The 2006 Census shows the population of Fingal to be 239,813, an increase of 22% in the four year period since the 2002 census. This highlights the need for a planned approach to cultural provision by the Council.

The Arts Office of Fingal County Council is located within the Community, Culture and Sports Division of the Community Recreation and Amenities Department. The Arts Office was founded in 1994 with the establishment of the post of County Arts Officer.

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Artist in Residence
St Mary's National School
Garristown
June, 2006



English



Le linn don Oifig Ealaíon an deis a thabhairt do shaoránaigh Fhine Gall teacht ar, agus páirt a ghlacadh i, raon de imeachtaí cultúrtha, chum siad sraith de pholasaithe agus cláranna i gcomhpháirtíocht le gníomhaireachtaí agus grúpaí pobail áirithe.

Agus orthu siúd ná:

- Cláranna Ealaíontóirí sa scoil, áit is féidir le healaíontóirí profaisiúnta a gcuid scileanna a chur ar fáil sa seomra ranga agus fóram den mbriathar cruthaitheach a chur ar fáil.
- Is féidir le heagraíochtaí agus grúpaí ealaíona cúnamh airgeadais a lorg faoi Alt 6 den Acht Ealaíon 2003.
- Scéim sparánachta d'earnáil profaisiúnta na nealaíon, a thugann deis d'ealaíontóirí le stíleanna éagsúla a gcuid oibre a chleachtadh i Lárionad Thír Eoghain Guthrie ag Cúil Darach Contae Mhuineacháin.
- Seirbhís eolais ealaíona curtha ar fáil ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall, sheol an Oifig Ealaíon a gComhadlann Ealaíon Chontae www.fingalarts.ie. Cuireann an tseirbhís seo bunachar ar fáil de ealaíontóirí, daoine atá ag plé le ealaíon, grúpaí ealaíona, eagraíochtaí, ionaid, meáin agus acmhainní dos na healaíona i bhFhine Gall. Sa láithreán gréasáin seo tá íomhánna físeach, téacs, agus míoneolas ag baint le gach gné de phobal ealaíon Fhine Gall. Baineadh úsáid as an scéim Per Cent For Art chun bailliúcháin de shaothair a fhorbairt in áiteanna poiblí.

Luachanna Lárnacha de Sheirbhís Ealaíon Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall:

- Chun luach na nEalaíon a chur chun cinn mar pháirt riachtanach de fás phobail chuimsitheach chothrom agus go mbeadh mothúcháin dena bhféiniúlacht faoi leith acu.
- Chun cuimsitheacht a spreagadh agus rochtain níos leithne a chur ar fáil do gach éinne gur spéis leo bheith páirteach san hEalaíona.
- Chun seirbhís ealaíon a chur ar fáil i slí chóir, oscailte agus trédhearcach.
- Chun polasaithe inbhuanaithe a sholáthar i gcomhairle leis na Rannóga áirithe de Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall, eagraíochtaí caoi nó grúpaí pobail.
- Chun Polasaithe agus Nósanna Ealaíona áitiúla, náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta a thógáil san áireamh.
- Chun na healaíona a chur ar fáil do dhaoine míchumasaithe.

In providing the citizens of Fingal with opportunities for access and participation in a range of cultural activities, the Arts Office has devised a series of policies and programmes in partnership with various agencies and community groups.

These include:

- Artists-in-Schools programmes, wherein professional artists bring their skills to bear in the classroom and provide a forum for creative expression.
- Arts organisations and arts groups can apply for financial assistance under Section 6 of the 2003 Arts Act.
- A bursary scheme for the professional arts sector, which provides opportunities for artists from a variety of disciplines to develop their work at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Newbliss County Monaghan.
- An arts information service offered by Fingal County Council. The Arts Office maintains an on-line County Arts Directory www.fingalarts.ie. This service provides a database of artists, arts practitioners, arts groups, organisations, venues, media and resources for the arts in Fingal. The multi-media arts website features visual images, text and detailed information embracing the entire Fingal arts community. The Per Cent for Art Scheme has also been utilised to develop a collection of arts works in public spaces.

The core values of Fingal County Council's Arts Service:

- To promote the value of the Arts as an essential component in building balanced inclusive communities with a sense of their own identity.
- To promote inclusiveness and wider access for all citizens who wish to be involved in the Arts.
- To develop and deliver an arts service in a fair, open and transparent manner.
- To develop sustainable policies in consultation with the various Departments of Fingal County Council, relevant organisations and community groups.
- To take account of local, national and international Arts Policies and trends.
- To make the arts accessible to people with disabilities.

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County Arts Collection

cartoon for Night Canvas(s), 1989

John Kindness

Charcoal on Paper

sited in County Hall, Swords



Stairiúil

Is ceantar é Fine Gall, nó 'Contae Thuaidh Bhaile Átha Cliath' a tugtar air uaireanta, a bhfuil stair agus traidisiún saibhir ag baint leis agus is féidir rian de a fheiceáil chomh fada siar le cetihre mhíle bliain. Tagann an t-ainm *Fingall* (an leagan is luaithe den ainm *Fingal*) ón nGaeilge *fine* a chiallaíonn críoch nó náisiún agus *gall* a chiallaíonn strainséir nó coimhthíoch. Tá an dóchúlacht ann go bhfuil an cur síos seo ag tagairt do na Lochlannaigh a lonnigh go síochánta i bhFine Gall, áit is féidir a sinsir agus a dtionchar a fheiceáil in ainmneacha na ndaoine agus na logainmneacha

Geografach

Bunaíodh Fine Gall mar a ghlaoidimid anois air, mar thoradh ar an Acht Rialtais Áitiúil 1993, a lánscoir Comhairle Contae Bhaile Átha Claith agus a chruthaigh trí údarás áitiúla eile. Clúdaíonn Fine Gall achar de 450 cileaméadar cearnaithe, ón leithinis ag Binn Éadair go Baile Brigín theas ó thuaidh, soir go teorann na Mí le Baile Gháire agus ó theas go dtí an Life.

Déimeagrafach

An daonra a bhí ag Fine Gall ná 239,413 I nDaonáireamh 2006. Ba mhéadú 22% ar na ceithre bliana roimhe. Meastar sna réamh mheastacháin go leanfaidh an daonra ag fás ar an luas céanna is gur léirigh na figiúirí sa todhchaí luath. Tá an líon is mó daoine óga in Éirinn I bhFine Gall le 58% de daonra faoi aois a 35. Meán-aois an cheantair ná 28.5, in áit 34 atá mar mheán-aois an náisiúin.

Eacnamaíoch

Tá traidisiún láidir sa ghairneoireacht agus i ngníomháiochtaí tírdhreacha i bhFine Gall. Ba 'chiseán aráin' Bhaile Átha Cliath é go stairiúil de bharr a suíomh geografach. Tá Aerfort Bhaile Átha Cliath ar an ngeata idirnáisiúnta is mó agus is tábhachtaí in Éirinn, ní amháin sin ach is sóchmhainn eacnamaíoch shuntasach é d'Fhine Gall leis an méid is mó fosaíthe sa tír in aon áit amháin ann freisin. Léiríonn na háirimh ó 2001 gur thacaigh an tAerfort le 14,500 postanna lán aimseartha agus gur ghin sé €295m in ioncam bliantúil go háitiúil sa Chontae. Tacaíonn Aerfort Bhaile Átha Cliath go hindíreach le 26,000 post a ghineann €900m in ioncam bliantúil i mórcheantar Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Historical

Fingal, sometimes referred to, as 'North County Dublin', is an area rich in history and tradition which can be traced back four thousand years. The name 'Fingall' (the earliest version of the name Fingal) derives from the Irish *fine* meaning territory or nation and *gall* meaning stranger or foreigner. This description is probably referred to the Vikings who settled peacefully and integrated into Fingal and where their descendants and influence can be traced today in family and place names.

Geographic

Fingal, as we now refer to it, was established as a result of the Local Government Act 1993, which dissolved Dublin County Council and created three new local authorities. Fingal covers an area of approximately 450 square kilometres, stretching from the peninsula of Howth in the south to Balbriggan in the north, east along the Meath border to Garristown and south to the Liffey.

Demographic

The population of Fingal was 239,813 according to the 2006 Census. This figure represented a rise in population of 22% in the previous four years. Projections estimate that the population of the county will continue to increase in proportionate scales for the foreseeable future. Fingal has the youngest profile population in Ireland with 58% aged fewer than 35. The average age of residents of Fingal is 28.5, while the national average is 34.

Economic

Fingal has a strong tradition in horticulture and landscape activities. Given its geographic location, it was historically the 'breadbasket' of Dublin City. While Dublin Airport is Ireland's largest and most important international gateway, it is also a major economic asset for Fingal and is the single largest employer in the county. Calculations for 2001 indicate that the Airport directly supported 14,500 full-time jobs and generated €295m in annual income locally in the county. Dublin Airport also indirectly supports 26,000 jobs and generates an estimated €900m in annual income in the greater Dublin Area.

Draiocht Studio

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Sóisialta

Dar le daonáireamh 2003, tá breis is 11,000 duine ag maireachtáil i bhFíne Gall gurb as tíortha nach Éireann nó an Ríocht Aontaithe dóibh, 6% de dhaonra an chontae ina iomlán. Léiríonn meastacháin an POSE go rachaidh an nós seo i méid. Deir meastacháin Forfás go mbeidh 35,000 imirceach de dhíth gach bliain ar feadh 10 mbliana chun na folúntais poist a líonadh a tharla de bharr fás eacnamaíoch in Éirinn. Ag féachaint dúinn ar mheastacháin Forfás, déanfaidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall tréan iarracht na himeachtaí agus na tionscnaimh a dhéanann iniúchadh ar éagsúlacht agus cosúlacht idir cultúir an domhain a aithint.

Cultúrtha

Ó bunaíodh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall tá an-chuid athruithe feicthe sa Chontae maidir lena phróifíl chultúrtha agus lena sheirbhís soláthar ealaíon. Deich mbliana ó shin, d'fhéadfaí a rá go raibh próifíl Fhine Gall míchothrom agus neamh-fhorbartha. É sin ráite, tá gluaiseacht Ceoldrámaíochta agus Drámaíochta amaitéireach láidir i gcónaí ann. Tá borradh fós sa ghluaiseacht seo, le an-chuid Cumann tréan-bhunaithe ann. I dtéarmaí na nealaíon traidisiúnta, maíonn Fíne gall go bhfuil oidhreacht shaibhir sna healaíona traidisiúnta acu, ón gceol, amhránaíocht agus damhsa go cleamaireacht agus ceirdeanna traidisiúnta.

Tá dhá cheann des na gealaraithe ealaíne físeach is fearr sa tír san Ionad Ealaíon Draíocht i mBaile Bhlainséir. Tá sainspás stiúideo curtha ar fáil ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall d'ealaíontóirí profaisiúnta i nDraíocht agus i Sord. Tá Draíocht feistithe le closlúp ionduchtaithe do dhaoine a bhfuil allaire orthu. Chomh maith leis sin, tá an Comhairle tar éis úsáid a bhaint as an scéim Per Cent for Art agus tá deich saothar ealaíona comisinithe go dtí seo againn. Trí sholáthar airgid, a ceadaítear faoin Acht Ealaíon 2003, tairgíonn an Comhairle cúnamh airgeadais, sparánachtaí agus tacaíocht aontaithe do ghrúpaí agus ealaíontóirí profaisiúnta agus amaitéireacha. Ag tógáil déimeagrafach an óige san áireamh, cuireann an Comhairle cláranna oideachais agus for-rochtain suntasach ar fáil do dhaoine ar Bhunscoileanna agus iar-Bhunscoileanna.

Social

A feature of the population of Fingal is the relatively high percentage of residents who were born outside the State. The C.S.O. predicts that this trend will continue to increase further. Forfás, estimates that 35,000 new immigrants will be needed each year, over the next ten years, in order to fill positions and job vacancies created by economic growth in Ireland. Taking cognisance of the Forfás estimates, Fingal County Council endeavours to identify multi-cultural events and projects exploring the diversity and similarities between cultures.

Cultural

Since the establishment of Fingal County Council, the County has seen many positive changes in terms of its cultural profile and arts service delivery. A decade ago, the cultural profile of Fingal could have been characterised as uneven and underdeveloped. However, the county has always had a strong amateur musical and dramatic movement. This tradition continues to thrive with numerous well-established Societies. In terms of the traditional arts, Fingal can boast a rich legacy in the traditional arts from music, singing and dancing to mumming and traditional crafts.

Draíocht Arts Centre, in Blanchardstown, now provides two of the best visual art galleries in the country. Fingal County Council has also provided specialised studio space for professional artists at Draíocht and in Swords. Draíocht is also equipped with an audio-induction loop for the hard of hearing. In addition, the Council has utilised the *Per Cent for Art Scheme* and has commissioned ten artworks to date. Through provision of monies, as permitted under the 2003 Arts Act, the Council offers financial assistance, bursaries and allied support to professional and amateur artists and groups. Given the youth demographic of Fingal's population, the Council continues to fund and operate extensive outreach and education programmes in Primary and post-Primary schools.



BONNEAGAR

Ionaid Ealaíne

D'éisigh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall *Doiciméid Plé Ealaíon agus Cultúr* sa bhliain 1994. I roinn faoin dteideal *Na hEalaíona a Chóiriú*, chuir sé béim ar an ngá atá le bonneagar ealaíon a chruthú trí áiseanna cultúrtha a thógáil, go bhféadfadh na healaíona fás iontu.

Le blianta beaga anuas, tá na húdaráis áitiúla ar thús cadhnaíochtra ó thaobh fhorbairt, mhaoiniú agus chaomnú láthair ealaíon agus cultúrtha de laistigh dá limistéar riaracháin. I bhFíne Gall, tacaíodh leis an bpróiseas seo le cabhair deontais chaipitiúil faoin Scéim Dreasachta Forbartha Chultúrtha (S.C.F.D.) 1994. Rinneadh páirt-mhaoiniú do Draíocht agus Ionad Chultúrtha Shéamus Ennis faoin scéim S.C.D.F.

Mar pháirt dá thiomantas d'fhorbairt na healaíona i bhFíne Gall agus, níos beachta fós, i gceantar Bhaile Átha Cliath 15 ina bhfuil daonra ard, chomisiúnaigh an Comhairle tuairisc darbh ainm *Fuaimanna na mBruachbhailte* le Comhairleoir Ealaíon Declan Gorman. Cúis an dhoiciméid ná dearcadh an Chomhairle i leith pleanáil chultúrtha a chur in iúl agus na deacrachtaí atá ann na healaíona a sholáthar sa sochaí seo atá faoi chois ag na meáin-leictreacha – go háirithe sna bruachbhailte.

Caomhníonn Fíne Gall an saol cultúrtha i gcónaí agus tá na healaíona curtha ar fáil aige don phobail leis an dá ionad ealaíon atá forbartha ann. Is ionad ilfhóinteach é Draíocht do lucht na mbruachbhailte a chuireann drámaíocht, damhsa, ealaíona físeach comhaimseartha agus oideachas is for-rochtain pobail ar fáil. Is páirt ríthábhachtach anois é Draíocht den saol cultúrtha éagsúil agus fairsing ag Baile Átha Cliath 15. Is ionad ceoil traidisiúnta Ionad Cultúrtha Shéamus Ennis a bhfuil mar aidhm aige traidisiúin tuaithe a chaomnú sa cheantar ilathraitheach tuaithe seo de Fíne Gall. Tugann an dá ionad deis do mhuintir Fhine Gall gníomhaíochtaí ealaíne éagsúla ó Éire agus ó thar lear a fheiceáil. Maoiníonn Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Draíocht agus Ionad Cultúrtha Shéamus Ennis, le maoiniú sa bhreis ag teacht ó Chomhairle Ealaíon Éireann.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Art Centres

In 1994 Fingal County Council published an *Arts and Culture Discussion Document*. In a section headed *Housing the Arts*, it stressed the need to begin the process of building an arts infrastructure within Fingal through the development of key cultural facilities, within which the arts could flourish.

In more recent years, local authorities throughout Ireland have been in the forefront of developing, funding and sustaining arts and cultural venues within their own administrative areas. In Fingal this process was assisted through capital grants awarded under the Cultural Development Incentive Scheme (C.D.I.S.) 1994. Both Draíocht and The Séamus Ennis Cultural Centre benefited from part funding under the C.D.I.S. scheme.

As part of its commitment to the development of the arts in Fingal and, more particularly, in the densely populated Dublin 15 area, the Council commissioned a report entitled *Sounds of the Suburbs* by Arts Consultant Declan Gorman. The purpose of the document was to inform the Council's overall view of cultural planning and an examination of the challenge posed by the demands of the arts in contemporary electronic media-dominated society – particularly in the suburbs.

Fingal County Council continues to preserve cultural life and provide public access to the arts in Fingal through its development of two arts centres. Draíocht is a multi-purpose arts venue for the suburbs offering theatre, dance, contemporary visual arts and community education and outreach. Draíocht is now a vital part of the expanding and diverse cultural life of Dublin 15. The Séamus Ennis Cultural Centre is a traditional music venue which aims to develop and maintain rural traditions in the rapidly changing environment of rural Fingal. Both venues offer the people of Fingal the opportunity to experience a broad variety of arts activities from home and abroad. Fingal County Council funds both Draíocht and The Séamus Ennis Cultural Centre, with additional funding support from the Arts Council of Ireland.



Ealaín Phoiblí

Le fiche bliain anuas, tá béim níos mó curtha ag Rialtais Áitiúil ar shaothair ealaíne a lonnú in áiteanna poiblí. Ar fud Fhine Gall, tá an iliomad samplaí de ealaín phoiblí, agus cuireann gach saothar díobh le féiniúlacht pobail áitiúil agus le cultúr saibhir is éagsúil Fhine Gall.

Séard is ciall le ‘Ealaín Phoiblí’ ná saothair ealaíne atá suite i spás poiblí nó i bhfoigeanmh go bhfuil teacht ag an bpobal air. Le déanaí tá sé de nós ag an ealaín bheith neamh-fhíorach, gan a bheith ag feidhmiú mar chomórach ar dhuine nó eachtra stairiúil, ach chun cur leis an dtimpeallacht, bíodh sé den nádúr nó lámh-thógtha, ina bhfuil sé suite. Músclaíonn ealaín phoiblí idirghníomhaíocht sa phobal, san ealaín chomhaimseartha agus sa timpeallacht, a chuireann chun cinn an ealaín i saol laethúil na ndaoine.

An Scéim Per Cent for Art

Sa bhliain 2003 d’eisigh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall doiciméad darbh ainm *Coimisiún Idirghníomhaigh agus Comhtháigh*, a rinne tagairt don phróiseas choimisiú saothair ealaíne poiblí do Halla Chontae nua an Chomhairle. Ba mheabhúchán don Chomhairle é dá fhreagracht maidir le saothair nua a chomisiú i bhFhine Gall, agus ba chomhartha é chomh maith don phróiseas éachtach de choimisiú a tharla le tréimhse trí bliana. Scoir an dearcadh seo ós na gnáis agus bhunaigh sé meoin nua i measc na núdarás áitiúil i leith choimisiú saothair ealaíne poiblí.

Bailiúcháin Ealaíne Chathrach Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall

Sa bhliain 2000 thosaigh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ag ceannach oibreacha ealaíne ó ealaíontóirí gairmiúla. An cuspóir a bhí rompu ná bailiúcháin ealaíne comhaimsire a chothú agus a chur ar taispeáint sna foirgintí poiblí ag an gComhairle agus tacaíocht phraicticiúil a chur ar fáil d’ealaíontóirí gairmiúla Éireannacha. Tugann na bailiúcháin seans freisin do shaoránaigh Fhine Gall radharc a fháil ar ealaíon comhaimseartha ina gcomhlúadar áitiúil.

Cartlann Thraidisiúnta Fhine Gall

Tá oidhreacht shaibhir ag Fhine Gall sna healaíona traidisiúnta, sa cheol, san amhránaíocht, sa damhsa maraon le cleamaireacht agus na ceirdeanna traidisiúnta. Cuirfidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall roimhe trí bhíthin na Cartlainne thraidisiúnta, eolas um ealaíon thraidisiúnta sa Chontae a bhailiú agus cuntas buan a chruthú le taifead fuaime is fise ealaíontóirí is aisteoirí.

Public Art

The commissioning and placement of works of art in public spaces has become an important function of Local Government over the last two decades.

Throughout Fingal, there are many examples of public art, each helping to create a sense of identity in the local communities and to build on Fingal’s rich and unique culture.

The term ‘Public Art’ refers to artworks located in a public space or placed within a publicly accessible building. In recent times, contemporary public artworks tend to be non-figurative, the function of which is not to commemorate an individual or historic event but to complement the environment, either built or natural, in which it stands. Public art imaginatively stimulates interaction between the community, contemporary art and the environment, making art a more integral part of people’s everyday lives.

Per Cent for Art Scheme

In 2003 Fingal County Council published a document entitled *Commission Interact Integrate*, which made comment on the process of commissioning public artworks for the Council’s new County Hall. It was a reminder to the Council of its responsibility to commission new artworks in Fingal, and a witness to the remarkable process of commissioning which took place over a three-year period. This new approach broke with accepted norms and established a fresh approach to how local authorities commission public artworks.

Fingal County Council’s Municipal Arts Collection

In 2000 Fingal County Council began to purchase works of art from professional artists. The purpose was to build a collection of contemporary artworks, which would go on display in the Council’s public buildings, and to offer practical support to Irish professional artists. The collection also provides the citizens of Fingal with the opportunity to view the very best of contemporary art in their local communities.

Fingal Traditional Archive

Fingal can boast a rich legacy in the traditional arts, from music, singing and dancing as well as mumming and the traditional crafts. Through the Traditional Archive, Fingal County Council will endeavour to collect information relating to the traditional arts in the county and create a permanent record through audio and video recordings of traditional artists and performers.

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Public Art Commission

Flow, 2002

Vivienne Roche

Glass, Bronze, Plaster

sited in the Council Chamber

County Hall, Swords



Scéimeanna Maoiniú

Tugann Oifig Ealaíon Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall spreagadh agus tacaíocht do ghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha i bhFíne Gall trí bhíthin tacaíochta airgeadais do ghrupaí ealaíne agus do ghrupaí pobail faoi Alt 6 dAcht Ealaíon 2003. Sa bhliain 2005, bhronn an Comhairle deontaisí níos mó ná €55,000 ar cheol, ar dhrámaíocht, ar na h-ealaíona físe agus ar na gníomhaíochtaí traidisiúnta ealaíne sa Chontae. Sa tréimse céanna bronnadh deontaisí €60,000 ar mhór-fhéiltí pobail agus ar fhéiltí ceoil traidisiúnta.

Cruthaíodh na deontaisí d'aon ghnó don ghníomhaíocht agus don aisteoir go bhfuil éileamh fairsing air sa tír agus a chuirfidh go mór le saol cultúrtha Fhine Gall. Tá an tacaíocht airgeadais céanna ar fáil dóibh siúd a eagríonn féiltí ealaíne nó gníomhaíochtaí eile ealaíne ar bhonn bliantúil sa chontae.

Earnáil Ealaíne Gairmiúil

Tá sraith gníomhaíochtaí eagraithe ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall d'fhonn tacú leis an earnáil ealaíne gairmiúil a chuireann ar chumas ealaíontóirí a saothair a chur ar taispeáint i bhFíne Gall. Tá fostú maoinithe ag an gComhairle do ealaíontóirí ag scéimeanna Ealaíontóirí Cónaithe. Tá seirbhís chuimsitheach eolais againn ar www.fingalarts.ie a léiríonn deiseanna Scoláireachtaí Bliantúla agus comisiúnú ealaíne.

Sparánachtaí Ealaíontóirí

Ón mbliain 2001 chuir Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall deis ar fáil d'ealaíontóirí gairmiúla de bharr scéim Sparánachta Ealaíontóra coicís a chaitheamh ag Ionad Guthrie Thír Eoghain in Eannach Margaidh Chontae Mhuineacháin. Cuireann Ionad Guthrie Thír Eoghain timpeallacht shuaimhneach chiúin ar fáil d'ealaíontóirí d'fhonn tionscnaimh ealaíne a fhorbairt. Cuireann sé deis ar fáil freisin d'ealaíontóirí imoibriú le h-ealaíontóirí gníomhacha eile.

Is gradam bliantúil anois é sparánacht Ionad Guthrie Thír Eoghain a chuireann Oifig Ealaíne Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall ar fáil. Ní bhíonn an stíl ealaíne céanna i gceist ó bhliain go bliain d'aon ghnó chun seans agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do gach gné ildánach den ealaín i bhFíne Gall.

Funding Schemes

Fingal County Council's Arts Office encourages and supports cultural activity within Fingal by offering financial support to organised arts and community groups under Section 6 of the 2003 Arts Act. In 2005, the Council awarded over €55,000 in grants to music, drama, visual arts and traditional arts activity in the County. During the same period, €60,000 in grants was awarded to a number of large-scale community arts festivals and traditional music festivals.

These grants are specifically designed for events and performances which have a broad countywide appeal and which add positively to the cultural life of Fingal. Financial support is also available to those organising arts festivals or other cultural events on an annual basis in the county.

Professional Arts Sector

In order to support the professional arts sector, Fingal County Council has organised a series of events which enable artists to showcase their work in Fingal. The Council provides paid employment opportunities to Artists through the Artist-in-Residence Schemes. We also provide a comprehensive arts information service through www.fingalarts.ie which details opportunities such as the annual Bursary Scheme and the commissioning of public art.

Artists Bursaries

Since 2001, Fingal County Council has offered professional artists the opportunity, through its Artist Bursary Scheme, to spend two weeks at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig, Co. Monaghan. The Tyrone Guthrie Centre offers a peaceful and secluded environment for artists to develop artistic projects. It also affords the opportunity for artists to interact with other practitioners.

The Tyrone Guthrie Centre Bursary is now an annual award offered by Fingal County Council's Arts Office. The favoured art forms change from year to year, in order to ensure the support and diversity of arts disciplines in Fingal.



Oideachas agus For-rochtain

Teastaíonn ó Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall trí bhíthin a chlár oideachais agus for-rochtain in rochtaineacht gníomhach ealaíne a chur ar fáil agus rannpháirtíocht a spreagadh i measc gach earnáil sa phobal i bhFhine Gall. Ba mhaith linn cumarsáid agus tuiscint a chothú, comhthuiscint cultúrtha a mhalartú agus féin íomhá dearfach maraon le h-íomhá dearfach pobail a chruthú.

Tá clár cultúrtha á sholáthar ag an gComhairle dos na hAosaigh agus don Óige le bearta eagraithe agus maoinithe. Tacaíonn Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall le Bealtaine, féile bliantúil náisiúnta go bhfuil sé mar aidhm aige cruthaitheacht an Aosaigh a cheiliúradh.

An Óige

Tá an Oifig Ealaíon i gcomhpháirtíocht le scoileanna, grúpaí pobail agus údarais reachtúla áirithe chun ceardlanna a bhfuil dea-cháillíocht acu agus cláir Ealaíontóirí Cónaithe a bhunú. Tugann scéim an Ealaíontóra Conaithe deis cleachtadh ealaíne profaisiúnta a thabhairt go suíomh poiblí. A leithéidí Ceoil, Ealaíona Físe, Filíochta agus scríobhnóireacht cruthaitheach a bheadh i gceist. Tá na cónaitheachtaí seo dírithe ar thras ghearradh den phobal, le béim faoi leith ar riachtanais an Óige agus daoine le míchumais intinne nó coirp orthu. Tá sé i gceist ag na cláir seo tacú leis an obair a déantar lasmuigh des na curaclaim scoile agus chun deiseanna a thabhairt do dhaoine óga nach mbeadh acu de ghnáth.

Ré Foghlama ar Feadh an tSaoil

Cuireann an tseirbhís, trí bhíthin a chlár ealaíne, go mór le saol cultúrtha Fhine Gall. Tacaíonn ócáidí ealaíon i Leabharlanna poiblí go mór le bunú agus cothú grúpaí scríbhneoirí áitiúil. Is áit iad freisin inar féidir taipeántais agus drámaí a chur ar siúl ina mbrainsí faoi leith. Eagraíonn an Oifig Ealaíon agus Earnáil na Leabharlanna roinnt des na h-ócáidí seo lena chéile agus táid dírithe ar foghlaim ar feadh an tsaol. Tá caidreamh láidir fásta idir an Oifig Ealaíon agus na Leabharlanna ó bunaíodh an Comhairle agus rinneadar comh-fhorbairt ar an-chuid imeachaí cultúrtha ar nós an clár litríochta *Finscéal*.

Féiltí Bliantúla

Tacaíonn Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall le seacht bhféile ealaíne bliantúil go háitiúil. Bíonn na hócáidí seo, a mbíonn saorálaithe i gceannas orthu, ar siúl ar fud an chontae ó Bhealtaine go Deireadh Fómhair gach bliain. Leanann siad ar aghaidh go tipiciúil ar feadh deireadh seachtaine nó ar feadh seachtaine agus bíonn idir imeachtaí ceoil agus litríochta go sain 'Scoileanna' traidisiúnta iontu.

Education and Outreach

Through its Education and Outreach programme, Fingal County Council seeks to provide access to arts activity and encourage participation by all sectors of the community within Fingal. We aim to foster communication and tolerance and to promote cultural exchange and also to create a positive image of self and community.

The Council makes cultural provision for its senior citizens and young people through organised events and funded programmes. Fingal County Council supports Bealtaine, an annual nation-wide festival, which aims to celebrate creativity in older people.

Youth

The Arts Office has formed partnerships with schools, community groups and relevant statutory bodies to provide quality workshops and Artist-in-Residence programmes. The Artist-in-Residence scheme allows for professional arts practice to be brought directly into a community setting. These cover Music, Visual Arts, Poetry and creative writing residencies. The residencies are targeted at a cross section of the community, with particular emphasis on the needs of the young and people with physical and intellectual difficulties. The programmes seek to complement work outside the normal school curricula and to give young people access to cultural opportunities that they would not otherwise have.

Life Long Learning

The Library service, through its arts programming, significantly adds to the cultural life of Fingal. Arts events in Public Libraries offer support in establishing and sustaining local writers groups. They also provide for exhibitions and live theatre in the various branch libraries. Some of these events are jointly organised between the Arts Office and the Libraries Division and are aimed at encouraging life long learning. The Arts Office and the Libraries have enjoyed a close relationship since the inception of the Council and have co-developed many new cultural initiatives such as the annual literature programme *Finscéal*.

Annual Festivals

Fingal County Council supports seven annual locally-based arts festivals. These events, organised by volunteers, take place throughout the county from May to October each year. They typically last from a weekend to a week, range from music and literature events to specialised traditional Scoileanna.

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County Arts Collection

Selected art works by

John Kindness

sited in County Hall, Swords



Imeachtaí

Tá clárú bliantúil ar siúl ag an Oifig Ealaíon de thaibhléirthe agus imeachtaí i bhFine Gall. Is ócáid dé-bhliantúil an Féile Fótagrafaíochta Idirnáisiúnta Fhine Gall agus tá sé ar siúl le deich mbliana anuas. Sa bhliain 2006 bhí sé mar ardán d'oibreacha fhótagrafadóirí ó fiche tír éagsúil san Eoraip. Ócáid bhliantúil scríobhnóra is ea *Finscéal* agus tá sé ar siúl ó Aibreán go Samhain. Is Féile bliantúil Idirnáisiúnta Pháistí é *Spréacha* agus eagraítear é i gcomhoibriú le Draíocht, mar atá *Amharc Fhine Gall*, taipeántas bliantúil d'ealaíontóirí atá ag maireachtáil is ag obair sa chontae.

Comhpháirtithe

I Meitheamh 2005, d'eisigh an *Oifig Ealaíon Comhpháirtí dos na hEalaíona* creat-dhoiciméad a mhíníonn a dhearcadh nua maidir le comhpháirtíocht le húdaráis áitiúil mar seo a leanas: *scrúdaigh an chomhpháirtíocht atá againn le húdaráis áitiúil i láthair na huaire agus cruthaigh caidreamh níos oiriúnaí agus straitéisí chun a bheith in oiriúnt don timpeallacht nua.*

Cuireann Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall fáilte roimh dearcadh nua comhpháirtíochta a léiríonn tuiscint ar ghnó a chéile

Maoiniú

Tuigeann Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall go bhfuil gá le maoiniú ceart a bheith ann ionas gur féidir Plean Ealaíon a sholáthar. Aithníonn an Comhairle an ról atá ag na h-ealaíona i bhforbairt agus i gcothú pobal. De bharr a gcuid tuiscine maidir le tábhacht fhorbartha, tá acmhainní sa bhreis tugtha ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall don Oifig Ealaíon le cúpla bliain anuas don tseirbhís seo. Tá leibhéal foirmithe an Oifig Ealaíon méadaithe ó duine amháin go ceathrar laistigh de thréimhe cuíosach gairid ama. Chomh maith leis sin tá buiséad an Chomhairle don Oifig Ealaíon ardaithe ó €619,000 sa bhliain 2001 go dtí €1,516,000 sa bhliain 2006, ardú de 144% laistigh de thréimhse sé bliana. Táthar ag súil go ligfidh na cúinsí don bhuiséad fanacht ag an leibhéal seo, de réir bhoilscithe, le cinntiú go néireoidh le feidhmiúcháin an Phleain Ealaíon.

Events

The Arts Office continues to programme on an annual basis for performances and events in Fingal. The Fingal International Festival of Photography is a bi-annual event and is now in its tenth year. In 2006 it served as a forum for the work of photographers from twenty different European countries. *Finscéal* is an annual writers' event and extends from April to November. *Spréacha* is an annual International Children's Festival and is organised in co-operation with Draíocht, as is *Amharc Fhine Gall*, an annual exhibition for professional artists living and working in the county.

Partnerships

In June 2005, the Arts Council published *Partnership for the Arts* a framework document, which outlines its new approach to partnership with local authorities as: *review our current partnership with local authorities and devise a more appropriate, strategic relationship that reflects the changed environment.*

Fingal County Council welcomes a new partnership approach that is reflective of a closer understanding of each other's roles.

Funding

Fingal County Council acknowledges that, in order to deliver the Arts Plan, adequate funding must be in place. The Council recognises the role that the arts have to play in building and sustaining communities. In its acknowledgement of the importance of cultural development, Fingal County Council's budget for the Arts Office has committed increased resources over the past number of years to this service. The staffing level of the Arts Office has increased from one person to a current complement of four over a relatively short period of time. In addition, from a financial perspective, the Council's budget for the Arts Office has risen from €619,000 in 2001 to €1,516,000 in 2006, an increase of 144% over the six-year period. It is hoped that circumstances will allow the budget to maintain its current level, in line with inflation, in order to ensure the successful implementation of the Arts Plan.



AN PRÓISEAS

Breithnithe

Mar thús le léiriú an Phlean tosaigh an Oifig Ealaíon ar dhian phróiseas cruinníú eolais ó gach earnáil i bhFine Gall chun scrúdú a dhéanamh ar ról na n-ealaíon i saol mhuintir Fhine Gall. Bhí sé tábhachtach riachtanais an phobail a chinntiú agus timpeallacht a chruthú áit a bhféadfadh tionscnaimh cultúrtha bláthú. Aithníodh sé earnáil faoi seach sa phobal ealaíne agus pleanáileadh sain-cheistneoirí dóibh agus seoladh chucu iad:

- *Grúpaí Ealaíne*
- *Eagraíochtaí*
- *Ealaíontóirí Profaisiúnta*
- *Lucht Éisteachta*
- *an Pobal Coitianta*
- *Scoileanna agus Coláistí*

Cuireadh fáilte roimh fhógraí scríofa i gcúig nuachtán áitiúla. Chomh maith leis seo reachtáladh sraith cruinnithe poiblí ag fáiltiú roimh barúil agus moltaí ón bpobal. Chuidigh próiseas breithnithe an phobail go mór le deimhniú ar riachtanais an phobail i gcoitinne. Tá sé beartaithe ag an Oifig Ealaíon leanúint leis an gcomhrá le h-ealaíontóirí, le lucht ealaíne gníomhacha, le heagraíochtaí agus leis an bpobal i gcoitinne, mar chuid den phróiseas leanúnach cruinnithe eolais d'fhonn forbairt polasaithe sa todhchaí.

PROCESS

Consultation

As a starting point for the production of the Plan, the Arts Office began an intensive process of information gathering from all sectors of the community in Fingal in order to examine the role that the arts play in the lives of Fingallians. It was important to ascertain the needs of the community and to create an environment where multiple cultural projects can flourish. Six individual sectors of the arts community were identified, for which specific questionnaires were planned and dispatched:

- *Arts Groups*
- *Organisations*
- *Professional Artists*
- *Audiences*
- *the General Public*
- *Schools and Colleges*

Written submissions were also invited through advertisements placed in five local newspapers. In addition, a series of public meetings were organised to invite public opinion and suggestions. This process of public consultation proved most useful in ascertaining the needs of the arts community, both amateur and professional, as well as the wider community. The Arts Office intends to continue this dialogue with artists, arts practitioners, organisations and the community in general, as part of an on-going process of information gathering for future policy development.

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Professional Arts

Artist Vincent Brown's studio

Tinahealy, Co. Wicklow

June, 2006



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GNÍOMHAÍOCHTAÍ

Tá na h-aidhmeanna agus na gníomaíochtaí atá liostaithe thíos lárnach sa phlean. Bhí an próiseas cuimsitheach de chomhairle poiblí ríthábhachtach ó thaobh míniú na naidhmeanna seo. Léirigh aiseolas ón bpróiseas chomairle seo agus taighde breise chomh maith gurb iad seo a leanas na hábhair spéise agus cúraim is mó: Ionaid Ealaíon, Eolas, Maoiniú, Comhpháirtithe, Oideachas, Bonneagar agus Polasaithe, Ealaíona Profaisiúnta agus Rochtain na nealaíon. Tá gníomhaíochtaí oiriúnacha luaithe le gach téama a aithníodh ionas go bhféadfaí iad a chur i bhfeidhm.

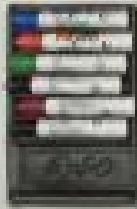
Le go sroichfidh an Comhairle na spriocanna atá ós a chomhair caithfidh sé comhoibriú leo seo a leanas: an Comhairle Ealaíon, an Roinn Ealaíon Spóirt agus Turasóireachta, an Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta, an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil, agus VEC Chontae Bhaile Átha Cliath. Maraon leis na Gníomhaireachtaí Stáit, déanfar aidhmeanna an Phleain a chomhlíonadh i gcomhar agus i gcomhpháirt le grúpaí pobail, scoileanna agus pobal na nealaíon ach go háirithe.

ACTIONS

Goals and Actions listed as follows form the core of this Plan. The comprehensive public consultation process has been central in informing these goals. Feedback from the consultation process and further research indicates that the major areas of interest and concern are: Arts Centres, Information, Funding, Partnerships, Education, Infrastructure and Policies, Professional Arts and Access to the Arts. Each theme identified has relevant actions to facilitate the implementation.

In endeavouring to achieve the individual goals set, it will be essential that the Council work in collaboration with the following; the Arts Council, the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, the Department of Education and Science, the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and also the Co. Dublin VEC. Aside from the formal State Agencies, the delivery of the actions in the Plan will be done in conjunction and partnership with local community groups, schools and the arts community in particular.

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Aidhm 1 Eolas

Seirbhís eolas ealaíne a chur ar fáil don phobal a bheadh ag tacú le gníomhaíochtaí ealaíon áitiúil.

Gníomhaíochtaí

- 1 Seirbhís eolais a chur ar fáil ag baint úsáid as bunachar ealaíontóirí, nuacht reatha, deiseanna agus féilire na nimeachtaí ag www.fingalarts.ie
- 2 Clár feasachán ríomhaire dé-mhíosúil a chur ar fáil chun go mbeadh rochtain níos fearr, agus go nglacfaidh níos mó daoine páirt sna himeachtaí ar fud na tíre.
- 3 Aitheantas an Oifig Ealaíon a fhorbairt, chun prófil ealaíon Fhine Gall a bhrandáil agus a chur ar an margadh.
- 4 Deiseanna a fhiosrú i gcomhpháirtíocht le heagraíochtaí poiblí/príobháideacha le gníomaireacht ealaíon i bhFíne Gall a phoibliú.

Aidhm 2 Rochtain agus Deiseanna

An chaighdeán is fearr d'ealaín chomhaimsire agus thraidisiúnta a sholáthar do mhuintir Fhine Gall laistigh dá gceantar féin.

Gníomhaíochtaí

- 1 Leanúint ag cur le Bailiúchán Ealaíne Cathrach an Chomhairle i gcónaí.
- 2 Cartlann a chruthú dos na bailiúcháin atá ann anois agus na cinn atá le teacht.
- 3 Traenáil theicnúil a chur ar fáil d'fhoireann an Oifig Ealaíon ionas go bhféadfaí cartlann a chur le chéile dos na healaíona traidisiúnta.
- 4 Taifead ar chaighdeán DVD des na healaíontóirí suntasacha traidisiúnta ó Fhine Gall a thaifeadadh, a eagrú agus a léiriú.
- 5 Oibriú i gcomhpháirtithe le himeachtaí ilchultúrtha a aithint agus na cosúlachtaí agus éagsúlachtaí idir chultúir an domhain a iniúchadh trí mheán na healaíne.
- 6 Cúnamh agus tacaíocht a thabhairt do dhaoine atá ag eagrú imeachtaí traidisiúnta.
- 7 Teach ar mhaoiniú ó *Deis*, scéim maoinithe an Oifig Ealaíon dos na healaíona traidisiúnta.
- 8 Gach deis a aithint chun maoiniú a sholáthar dos na healaíona traidisiúnta.
- 9 Raon Dealbha Poiblí a fhorbairt i bhFíne Gall.

Goal 1 Information

To provide a countywide arts information service, accessible to the public and supportive of local arts activity.

Actions

- 1 Provide an information service through the artists database, current news, opportunities and events calendar at www.fingalarts.ie
- 2 Produce a bi-monthly e-bulletin to increase access and participation for all arts events Countywide.
- 3 Develop an Arts Office identity, to brand and market the profile of arts activity in Fingal.
- 4 Explore opportunities in partnership with public/private arts organisations, to publicise arts activity in Fingal.

Goal 2 Access and Information

To provide Fingal residents with opportunities to interact and engage with the best of contemporary and traditional arts practice within their local communities.

Actions

- 1 Continue to enhance the Council's Municipal Arts Collection.
- 2 Develop an archive of the existing and future collections.
- 3 Provide technical training to enable staff of the Arts Office to develop an archive for the traditional arts.
- 4 Record, edit and produce DVD-standard recording of all significant traditional arts figures in Fingal.
- 5 Work in partnership to identify emerging multi-cultural events and projects, exploring the diversity and similarities between cultures through the medium of arts practice.
- 6 Provide assistance and support to those programming quality traditional events.
- 7 Access funds through *Deis*, the Arts Council's funding scheme for the traditional arts.
- 8 Identify all opportunities for additional funding in support of the traditional arts.
- 9 Develop a Public Sculpture Trail in Fingal.



Aidhm 3 **Forbairt agus Comhpháirtithe**

An clár ealaíne beoga atá ann a fhorbairt, a mhúslóidh spéis ón bpobal agus a chruthóidh comhpháirtithe.

Gníomhaíochtaí

- 1** An tréith idirnáisiúnta des na himeachtaí dé-bhlíantúla Fóta-Féile agus *Spréacha* a fhorbairt.
- 2** Oibriú i gcomhar le tionscnóirí tráchtála agus daoine eile chun go bhféadfaí úsáid a bhaint as suíomhanna stairiúla na tíre chun imeachtaí cultúrtha a chur ar siúl.
- 3** Comh-léirithe agus Comhoibrithe maidir le forbairt fadtéarmach bonneagar ealaíon breisithe a chruthú.
- 4** Comhpháirtithe a chruthú chun ionaid neamhspleácha inbhuanaithe a fhorbairt.
- 5** Cur chuige iomlánaithe a thosú maidir le cur i ngíomh an Phlean Ealaíon agus an Plean Forbartha Tuaithe agus Oidhreacht.
- 6** Módh a fhorbairt a thabharfaidh tacaíocht agus traenáil d'oibritheoirí Pobail, óige agus múinteoirí gníomhaíochtaí ealaíon a sholáthar.
- 7** Módh tacaíochta a chothú idir na hIonaid Óige agus Pobail.
- 8** Nascanna idirnáisiúnta a chruthú.

Aidhm 4 **Oideachas**

Le réimse a leathnú de thionscnaimh for-rochtaine agus oideachais i scoileanna agus ins an pobal áitiúil agus le treoirthionscail nuálacha a fhorbairt.

Gníomhaíochtaí

- 1** Moladh go fostaítear ealaíontóirí profaisiúnta sna scoileanna le go mbeisítear, go leithnítear agus go gcomhlánaítear an curcuclam scoile.
- 2** Cruthaigh agus forbair samhailtí de dea-chleachtadh agus soláthair taithí ealaíne maith do dhaoine ag gach aois agus spreag foghlaim ar feadh an tsaoil.
- 3** Breisigh agus forbair raon agus caighdeán na cláir d'Ealaíontóirí-sna-scoileanna.
- 4** Cum agus cuir i bhfeidhm cláir phíolótach fad téarmacha atá nuálach i gcomhpháirtíocht le scoileanna, ealaíontóirí profaisiúnta agus Gníomhaireachtaí Stáit caoi.
- 5** Scrúdaigh agus déan measóireacht ar gach clár oideachais.
- 6** Forbair *Clár Traenála Ealaíon Amaitéireach*.

Goal 3 **Development and Partnerships**

Continue to develop a vibrant arts programme, which will engage with the public and foster working partnerships.

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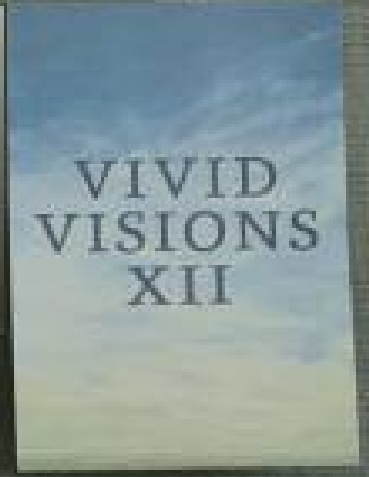
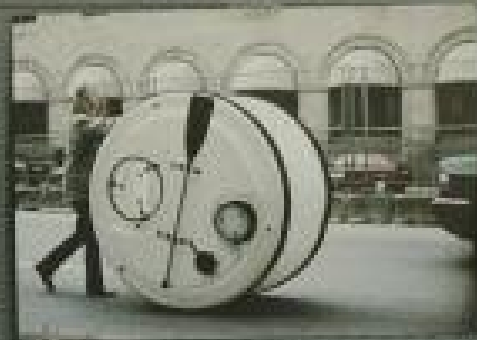
- 1** Build on the international element of the bi-annual Photo Fest and *Spréacha*.
- 2** Work in partnership with commercial promoters and others to explore all opportunities to utilise the county's historic sites for cultural events.
- 3** Identify co-productions and collaborations for the long-term development of an enhanced arts infrastructure.
- 4** Develop partnerships with others to develop sustainable independent venues.
- 5** Develop an integrated approach to implementing the Arts Plan with the County Development and Heritage Plan.
- 6** Develop a model of support and training for Community, youth workers and teachers in the delivery of arts activities.
- 7** Develop a model of support between Youth and Community Centres.
- 8** Develop further international links.

Goal 4 **Education**

To extend and develop the range of outreach and education projects to schools and the local community and to develop new innovative pilot projects.

Actions

- 1** Advocate the use of professional artists in schools, in order to enhance, broaden and complement school curricula.
- 2** Create and develop models of good practice that provide quality arts experience for people of all ages and encourage life long learning.
- 3** Enhance and develop the scope, range and quality of Artist-in-School programmes.
- 4** Design and implement new and innovative, long-term education pilot programmes, in partnership with schools, professional artists and relevant State Agencies.
- 5** Monitor and evaluate all educational programmes.
- 6** Develop an amateur art training programme.



Aidhm 5 **Bonneagar agus Polasaithe**

Le cuidiú i gcónaí leis an bhforbairt leanúnach do bhonneagar beoga i bhFine Gall agus le polasaithe inbhuanaithe ealaíon a chruthú.

Gníomhaíochtaí

- 1 Cruthaigh samhailtí d'ionaid ilfheidhmneacha i bhFine Gall, a bheidh in oiriúnt d'imeachtaí ealaíne agus riachtanais chultúrtha.
- 2 Bunaigh Páinéal Roghnú agus Sealbhú Ealaíne Poiblí.
- 3 Bunaigh painéal d'ealaíontóirí profaisiúta chomisiúin Ealaíon Poiblí.
- 4 Bunaigh polasaí i leith choimisnithe, tríd an scéim *Per Cent For Art*, de réir Treoirlínte an Náisiúin.
- 5 Forbair Polasaí Ealaíon don Óige.
- 6 Tosaigh iniúchadh féidreachta d'Fhéile Ealaíon náisiúnta bliantúil.

Aidhm 6 **Ionaid Ealaíon**

Spreag spéis agus gníomhaíocht sna healaíona trí mhaoiniú díreach agus forbairt leanúnach de Draíocht agus Ionad Cultúrtha Shéamus Ennis.

Gníomhaíochtaí

- 1 Tabhair gach seans cur agus breisiú leis an dá Ionad.
- 2 Cruthaigh timpeallacht sábháilte agus dearfach do dhaoine óga le foghlaim faoi agus bheith gníomhach sa chultúr.
- 3 Cinntigh go bhfuil clú ar na hIonaid bheith ar ardchaighdeán Ealaíon, agus go gcuireann siad tréimhse taitneamhach ar fáil don lucht féachana agus na rannpháirtithe.
- 4 Cruthaigh éiteas cáirdúil-do-leanaí i nDraíocht.
- 5 Forbair próifíl/eilimint idirnáisiúnta don obair in Ionad Cultúrtha Shéamus Ennis agus Draíocht.
- 6 Cuir le lucht féachana na nealaíon trí chlár oideachais agus for-rochtain a chur ar fáil.
- 7 Aimsigh foinsí nua maoinithe d'Ionaid Ealaíon na gContae agus forbair caidreamh ilbhliantúil leis an gComhairle Ealaíon maidir le maoiniú.
- 8 Comhoibrigh leis an Roinn Pleanála agus an straitéis forbartha don Chontae á fhorbairt aige.

Goal 5 **Infrastructure and Policies**

To further support the continued development of a vibrant arts infrastructure in Fingal and to develop sustainable arts policies

Actions

- 1 Develop new models for multi-functional venues in Fingal, which provide adequately for arts activities and cultural needs.
- 2 Establish a Public Art Selection and Acquisition Panel.
- 3 Establish a professional artist's panel for Public Arts commissions.
- 4 Establish a policy toward commissioning, through the *Per Cent for Art Scheme*, in line with the National Guidelines.
- 5 Develop a Youth Arts Policy.
- 6 Undertake a feasibility study for an annual countywide Arts Festival.

Goal 6 **Arts Centres**

Actively encourage access and participation in the arts through the direct funding and continued development of Draíocht and the Séamus Ennis Cultural Centre.

Actions

- 1 Maximise all opportunities to develop and enhance the infrastructure of the two Centres.
- 2 Provide a safe and positive environment for young people to learn and participate in cultural activity.
- 3 Ensure that both venues are recognised as centres of excellence for the Arts, and offer a 'quality experience' to audiences and participants.
- 4 Cultivate a child-friendly ethos at Draíocht.
- 5 Develop an international element/profile to the work of the Séamus Ennis Cultural Centre and Draíocht.
- 6 Generate new audiences for the arts through outreach and education programmes.
- 7 Identify new sources of funding for both Arts Centres and develop a multi-annual funding relationship with the Arts Council.

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Performing Arts
Draíocht
Blanchardstown
June, 2006



Aidhm 7 Na hEalaíona Profaisiúnta

Tabhair gach deis d'ealaíontóir laistigh de Fhine Gall breisiú lena stíleanna ealaíne agus a gcleachtadh profaisiúnta a fhorbairt.

Gníomhaíochtaí

- 1 Lean leis an maoiniú a fhaightear faoi Alt 6 d'Acht Ealaíon 2003.
- 2 Cuir imeachtaí ar fáil inar féidir le healaíontóirí profaisiúnta a gcuid oibre a chur ar taispeáint.
- 3 Ceannaigh saothair ealaíon ó ealaíontóirí chun an Bailiúchán Ealaíon Cathrach a fhorbairt.
- 4 Déan tréan iarracht spás stiúideo profaisiúnta a chur ar fáil i bhFine Gall.
- 5 Fiosraigh faoi thithíocht inbhuanaithe d'ealaíontóirí trí chomhpháirtíocht poiblí is príobháideach.
- 6 Bunaigh, ar bhonn bliantúil, ceardlanna forbartha do thraenáil profaisiúnta, le riachtanais phrofaisiúnta ealaíontóirí atá ag obair sa cheantar a shásamh.
- 7 Cruthaigh comhpháirtíocht inbhuanaithe idir Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall agus Comhairle Ealaíon na hÉireann is gníomhaireachtaí eile, le pobal ealaíon profaisiúnta Fhine Gall a threisiú.

Aidhm 8 Tacaíocht agus Maoiniú

Spreag agus tacaigh le himeachtaí ealaíne áitiúil trí sholáthar tacaíochta agus mhaoinithe.

Gníomhaíochtaí

- 1 Cuir ráiteas de threoirínte, critéir agus bealaí córa le maoiniú a úsáid ar fáil.
- 2 Craobhscaoil eolas maidir leis na critéir nua mhaoinithe.
- 3 Lean le maoiniú agus tacaíocht na nimeachtaí Ealaíon, faoi Alt 6 d'Acht Ealaíon 2003.
- 4 Scaip feachtas maidir le himeachtaí mhaoinithe ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall trí bhrandáil agus caidreamh poiblí díreach.
- 5 Déan meastóireacht ar chaidreamh mhaoinithe Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall le gach coiste fhéile, agus fiosraigh faoi choincheap mhaoiniú trí bliana dos na féilte, chun tacú le pleanáil meánach agus fad téarmach.
- 6 Tacaigh le costais fhorbartha agus taighde lucht féachana.
- 7 Forbair creat le go spreagtar gníomhaíocht sna healaíona agus in imeachtaí ealaíon i gcomhpháirtíocht le gnónna leasmhara.

Goal 7 Professional Arts

Provide opportunities for professional artists within Fingal to advance their art forms and develop their professional practice.

Actions

- 1 Continue to offer funding under Section 6 of the 2003 Arts Act.
- 2 Develop events to enable professional artists to showcase their work.
- 3 Purchase works of art from artists to develop the Municipal Arts Collection.
- 4 Endeavour to make provision for professional artist studio space in Fingal.
- 5 Investigate sustainable artists housing through public private partnership.
- 6 Establish, on an annual basis, professional development training workshops, in order to address the professional practice needs of artists working in the sector.
- 7 Develop sustainable partnerships between Fingal County Council and the Arts Council of Ireland and others, to strengthen the professional arts community in Fingal.

Goal 8 Support and Funding

Stimulate and support local arts activity through provision of practical support and funding.

Actions

- 1 Produce a statement of guidelines, criteria and clear application procedures for funding.
- 2 Disseminate information on the new criteria for funding.
- 3 Continue to offer funding and support to Arts events, under Section 6 of the 2003 Arts Act.
- 4 Raise awareness of events funded by Fingal County Council through increased branding and focused communications.
- 5 Re-evaluate Fingal County Council's funding relationship with each festival committee, and explore the idea of three-year funding for festivals, to allow for medium and long term planning.
- 6 Support developmental costs and audience research.
- 7 Develop a framework to promote the active participation in the arts and arts events funding, in partnership with business interests.

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MEASÚNÚ

Monatóireacht, Measúnú agus Athbheithnú

Is den riachtanas é go ndéanfaí monatóireacht agus athbheithniú tráthrialta ar Phlean Ealaíon Fhine Gall 2006-2010. Le fírinne, ba chóir go mbeadh fáilte roimh mheon oscailte na léirmheastóireachta chuidithigh agus roimh mheon leasaithe chun teacht le luachanna Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall a shásamh péacu iad a bheith go hiomlán gafa nó *ar an gcláí* i leth na n-ealaíón. Tá ábhairín solúbthachta ag an bPlean d'fhonn freastal ar thionscnaimh nua agus ar aischothú ó dhaoine atá rannpháirteach sna healaíóna.

Áireofar sa chlár bliantúil na bearta a bheidh i gceist don phobal don Chultúr agus don chlár spóirt.

Déanfar measúnú ar Phlean Ealaíon Fhine Gall mar seo a leanas:

- *Cuirfear tuairisc bhliantúil faoi bhráid Stiúrthóir Roinn Seirbhísí Caitheamh Aimsire agus conláistí Pobail, Léiríodh an tuairisc forbairt na bliana agus nithe práinneacha a bheidh le déanamh. Molfaidh an tuairisc leasaithe agus aguisíní is gá sa Phlean.*
- *Beidh an Oifig Ealaíon ag cothú dlúth-nascanna le healaíontóirí agus le heagraíochtaí i bhFhine Gall a chuirfidh le fóru an Phleain.*
- *Beartóidh moltaí an Phleain sa plean oibre bliantúil Pobail, Cultúir agus Spóirt.*
- *Beidh luach ar airgead i gceist sa Phlean.*
- *Rachfar i gcomhairle le Coiste Cuimsitheach monatóireachta Sóisialta agus an Plean á chur i ngníomh chun deimhin a dhéanamh de go n-áireofar fíor riachtanais an dreama uaigneach imeallach sa phobal.*

Cur i gcrích

Scrúdófar an plean ag coiste S.I.M.S. Fhine Gall agus díreofar ar mholtaí um leasaithe. Beidh Cumarsáid Idir-riarach riachtanach chun an Plean a chur i ngníomh d'fhonn malartú eolais agus d'fhonn monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar fhorbairt agus ar dhul chun cinn.

EVALUATION

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

It is essential that the Fingal Arts Plan 2006–2010 be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis. Ideally, it should be open to constructive criticism and amendment in order to ensure that it continues to accord with the values of Fingal County Council. The Plan should also aspire to meet with the wishes of the people of Fingal, whether they have a strong or passive involvement and interest in the arts. The Plan retains a degree of flexibility in order to respond to changing circumstances, new initiatives and ongoing feedback from interested parties engaged in arts participation.

The detail of the delivery on the Goals contained in the Plan and the Actions set will be embodied in the Community, Culture and Sports Division's annual Work Programme.

The Fingal Arts Plan will be evaluated in the following ways:

- *A report will be submitted to the Director of Services of the Community Recreation and Amenities Department on an annual basis. The report will outline progress during the year and set priorities. The report will also recommend amendments and additions to the Plan.*
- *The Arts Office will continue to develop strong links with individuals and arts organisations in Fingal, whose input into the implementation of the Plan will be sought.*
- *The recommendations of the Plan will determine the annual Work Plan for the Community, Culture and Sports Division.*
- *The principles of 'value for money' will be applied to the implementation of the Plan.*
- *The Social Inclusion Monitoring Committee (SIMS) will be consulted during the implementation of this Plan in order to ensure that particular regard is paid to the needs of the more excluded and marginalised members of the community.*

Implementation

The plan will be scrutinised by the Fingal S.I.M.S. Committee and any recommendations for amendments will be taken into account. Inter-Departmental contacts will be vital to ensure the implementation of the Plan and a mechanism to ensure regular exchanges of information and monitoring of progress will be developed.

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Consultation Process Arts Plan 2006–2010

Consultations with participants, facilitators, boards, steering groups and key personnel took place in the context of the pilot projects under this programme. These consultations formed the basis for evaluation and review and fed into the preparation of the draft Fingal County Council Arts Plan 2006–2010.

Sectoral Consultation

A copy of the draft Plan and a presentation of the Arts Development Programme was delivered to members of the Elected Members of the Council, and the SPC. The Arts Council/*an Comhairle Ealaíon*.

Public Consultation

A copy of the draft Plan was available for inspection by the public from 1-29 November 2006 at the following locations;
County Hall, Swords
Grove Road, Blanchardstown
Branch libraries
www.fingalarts.ie
www.fingalcoco.ie

Arts Sector Consultation

The following arts groups, organisations and individuals were invited to submit their views on the future development of the Arts in Fingal through written submissions.

Anti-Strophe Films
Ardgillan Writers Group, Skerries
Ashbourne Senior Citizens
Asls Theatre Company, Balbriggan
Balbriggan Community College
Balbriggan and District Historical Society
Balbriggan Educate Together Association
Balbriggan Senior Citizens
Baldoyle Active Retirement Assoc.
Baldoyle Musical and Dramatic Society
Ballyboughal National School
Balscadden National School
Balscadden Senior Citizens
Barn (Blanchardstown Asylum Seeker/Refugee Network)
Bayside Writers Group
Black Raven Pipe Band
Blakestown Community School
Blanchardstown Active Retirement Assoc.
Blanchardstown Community Gospel Choir
Blanchardstown Senior Citizens
Blanchardstown Youth Theatre
Burrow National School, Sutton
Castleknock Active Retirement
Castleknock College
Castleknock Community College
Castaheany Educate Together School
Castleknock Educate Together N.S
Castleknock National School
Colaiste Phadraig
Colaiste Choilm, Swords
Corduff National School, Lusk
Court Hall Special School, Mulhuddart
Coolmine Drama Circle
Coolmine Musical Society
Corduff Variety Group
Distortion Music Productions
Donabate/Portrane Educate Together
Donabate/Portrane Senior Citizens
Donabate/Portrane Summer Festival
Drama Fever, Swords
Dublin 15 Community Arts Festival
Festival Of Arts Balbriggan
Fingal Adult Literacy Service
Fingal Arts Centre, Rush (St. Maurs Trust)
Fingal Community College, Swords
Fingal County Youth Orchestra
Fingal Hedgerow Society
Full Circle Theatre Company
Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Swords
Garristown Tuesday Club Senior Citizens
Garristown Senior Citizens
Hartstown Day Activity Centre
Hartstown Community School
Hedgestown National School, Lusk
Holmpatrick School, Skerries
Holy Family Senior National School, Swords
Holy Family Junior National School, Swords
Howth Community Group Howth Guild I.C.A
Howth Photographic Club
Howth/Sutton Active Retirement
Information Centre for Immigrants, Skerries
Irish Hard of Hearing Association
Jim Archer
Junior Dublin Film Festival
Kilbride National School
Kilcoskan National School, The Ward
Kinsealy National School
Ladyswell National School
Loreto College, Swords
Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan
Loughshinny and Rush Historical Society

Arts Sector Consultation *continued*

Lusk Heritage Group
Lusk National School
Lusk Photographic Group
Lusk Senior Citizens
Malahide Active Retirement
Malahide and District Pipe Band
Malahide Community School
Malahide Musical and Dramatic Society
Marian Musical and Dramatic Society, Skerries
Mary Mother of Hope National School
Mary Queen of Ireland National School
Mhuire Iosef Junior National School Sutton
Mhuire Iosef Senior National School, Sutton
Mountview Senior Citizens
Naul National School
Naul Senior Citizen's Assoc.
Oberstown Boys Education Centre, Lusk
Oberstown Girls Centre, Lusk
Old Age Pensioners Committee
Old Borough National School, Swords
Platform Productions, Castleknock
Pobal Scoil Neasáin, Baldoyle
Pope John Paul II SNS, Malahide
Portmarnock Community School
Portrane Boys National School
Porterstown and Clonsilla Cultural Society
Portmarnock Art Group
Portmarnock Musical and Dramatic Society
Rinceoil Fingal, Rush
Riversdale Community College, Blanchardstown
Rolestown National School
Rockabill Film Society, Skerries
Rush Dramatic Society
Rush National School
Sacred Heart National School, Huntstown
Satellite Theatre Co.
Scoil An Duinninigh, Swords
Scoil Bride (Buachaill)
Scoil Bhríde G.N.S., Blanchardstown
Scoil Moibhí, Milverton, Skerries
Scoil Mhuire National School
Scoil Mhuire Junior School, Blakestown
Scoil Naisiúnta Realt na Mara, Skerries
Scoil Naomh Mearnóg, Portmarnock
Scoil Naomh Mochta, Clonsilla
Scoil Naomh Muire, N.S. Oldtown
Scoil Naomh Padraig, Donabate
Scoil Oilibheir, Clonsilla
Scoil Phobail Chuil Mhin, Coolmine
Scoil Rince Cualann, Balbriggan
Scoil Rince Ni Anglais, Hartstown
Scoil Sheamuis Ennis, Naul
Scoil Thomais, Castleknock
Skerries Active Retirement
Skerries Community Association – Festival Committee
Skerries Community College
Skerries Day Care (Sheltered Housing) Centre
Skerries Patrician Group
Skerries Tidy Towns Committee
Skerries Traditional Festival
St. Andrew's National School, Malahide
St. Brigid's National School, Castleknock
St. Brendan's National School, Loughshinney
St. Catherine's Dance Divas
St. Catherine's National School, Rush
St. Catherines Rush Senior Citizens
St. Ciaran's National School, Clonsilla
St. Colmcilles Boys National School., Swords
St. Colmcilles Girls National School, Swords
St. Cronan's Junior National School, Brackenstown
St. Cronan's S.N.S., Brackenstown
St. Dominic's High School, Sutton

St. Finian's Community College, Swords
St. Fintan's High School, Sutton
St. Fintan's National School, Sutton
St. Francis Xavier Primary School, Castleknock
St. Francis Xavier Senior National School, Castleknock
St. Georges National School
St. Helen's Junior National School, Portmarnock
St. Helen's Senior National School, Portmarnock
St. Joseph's Secondary School, Rush
St. Margaret's Mulhuddart National School
St. Margaret's National School
St. Margaret's Senior Citizens
St. Mary's Hospital and Residential School, Baldoyle
St. Mary's National School Drama Group, Garristown
St. Mary's National School, Baldoyle
St. Mary's National School, Garristown
St. Mary's Secondary School, Baldoyle
St. Michael's Special School, Skerries
St. Mologa's Senior National School, Balbriggan
St. Oliver Plunkett's National School, Balbriggan
St. Oliver Plunkett's National School, Malahide
St. Patricks' Hall Management Committee, Ballyboughal
St. Patrick's Junior National School, Corduff
St. Patrick's Senior National School, Corduff
St. Patrick's Junior National School, Skerries
St. Patricks S.N.S., Skerries
St. Peter and Paul's N.S., Balbriggan
St. Peter and Pauls N.S, Baldoyle
St. Philip The Apostle Junior National School, Mountview
St. Philip the Apostle Senior National School, Mountview
St. Sylvester's Junior National School, Malahide
St. Teresa's National School, Balbriggan
Sutton Park School
Sutton Young Dublin Symphonia (Malahide)
Swords Educate Together National School
Swords Historical Society Co. Ltd
Swords Pride Of Place Committee
Swords Senior Citizens Centre
Takenote Productions, Howth
The Cecilian Theatre Arts Group
The Lambay Singers, Donabate
The O'Dwyer Culture Group, Balbriggan
Third Day Chorale
Trinity House School, Lusk
Warrenstown House Special School, Blanchardstown
Vista Project

69 Artists on the Fingal database were also consulted