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## New programme of supports for communities across Fingal.

An agreement was signed yesterday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 by Fingal County Council, the Fingal Local Community Development Committee, and Blanchardstown Area Partnership Ltd to deliver services designed to tackle poverty and social exclusion across Fingal.

As part of the roll out of government policy through the local government system, a public procurement process was put in place. Blanchardstown Area Partnership Ltd were selected to implement the new Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP), which replaces the previous Local Community Development Programme.

Blanchardstown Area Partnership Ltd will work with groups and individuals to reduce poverty and improve social inclusion through, amongst other things, access to life-long learning, training and social enterprise opportunities.

Paul Reid, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council commented, 'SICAP is an important programme aimed at delivering quality supports and interventions to the communities and individuals in Fingal most in need'. The programme will be overseen by the Fingal Local Community Development Committee, established as part of the Local Government Act 2014. For more information log onto fingal.ie



## End 24/03/15

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