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Mayor's Message



This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of Fingal County Council, which provides a valuable opportunity to take stock of where we've been and where we're going.

Since Fingal County Council's founding

in 1994, Fingal has witnessed tremendous change, and has benefited from the close attention and investment provided by a Council close to the people it serves.

The past 25 years have seen the growth and success of towns like Swords, Blanchardstown, Malahide and Balbriggan, the stewardship and development of our heritage sites, the expansion of infrastructure, housing and amenities, the growth and continuing success of Dublin Airport, and the flourishing of community groups, relationships and networks including the Fingal PPN.

We look forward to new opportunities in the coming years. These include continuing to tackle the housing crisis and developing the infrastructure, transport and community links forged by projects like MetroLink.

In the shorter term, there is much to do and much to talk about. Heritage projects involving works in progress at Swords Castle, Bremore Castle and the Casino at Malahide are an example of how the Council is working to improve, maintain and protect our invaluable cultural assets.

17 March sees Fingal celebrate St Patrick's Day, which will be a fantastic opportunity for all in our communities to come together to celebrate all aspects of Ireland and Irishness. There will be events across the county to take part in and we look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I welcome the coming Local Elections as a vital expression of democracy, helping to make Fingal a democratic, engaged and vibrant place to be.

It's Fingal's 25th – let's make 2019 a year to remember.

Cllr. Anthony Lavin
Mayor Of Fingal

Chief Executive's Message



Fingal has changed dramatically in the 25 years since its formation in 1994. Our communities have grown in population and in scale, infrastructure has been developed, our rich heritage and culture has been highlighted, and ties between the people of Fingal and the institutions that serve them have

been developed and strengthened. The future will involve further challenges and opportunities but we are continuing to lay the groundwork to ensure that we can continue to progress.

Meeting the challenge posed by the housing crisis remains a major priority. In 2018, we exceeded our target for the previous three years combined, and returned a delivery figure that was 107% above target. Homes have been delivered through a variety of programmes including construction, acquisitions and leasing and we are now focused on a three-year plan that will allow us to continue to inroads into reducing our housing list.

We have just launched of the public information and consultation process for the Council's Draft Climate Change Action Plan. This is a forward-thinking document and a vital part of our development that will help us deal with climate change and care for Fingal's natural environment. I encourage everyone in Fingal to get informed, get involved and have your say.

The MetroLink project is a major piece of infrastructure that promises to bring unprecedented growth and development to Fingal. From engaging with communities, businesses and stakeholders, to incorporating the route into our long-term planning, our proactive approach has ensured that we are ready to reap the benefits. I have been active recently in calling for a phased approach with the northern section of the route commencing while issues with the southern section are resolved.

As this year progresses, we will continue to work for the people in Fingal like we have done since 1994.

Paul Reid
Chief Executive,
Fingal County Council

CASTLE WEDDING BELLS

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce that the first civil ceremony has taken place in Swords Castle chapel.

Alan Duffy and Vivian Bom were the first couple to be married by civil ceremony in the chapel in the 800 year old medieval castle.

The castle was built around 1200 by the Archbishop of Dublin, John Comyn as a residence and administrative centre and is the best surviving example of an Archbishop's palace in Ireland. The chapel has undergone extensive reconstruction since 1995. The renovations include a new oak beamed roof, a timber gallery leading to the Chamber Block and new windows. The north window depicts a Jesse tree, inspired by windows in Chartres Cathedral.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin said: "Swords Castle is an important historical and cultural site for Fingal. The chapel is a beautiful



setting for a civil ceremony and I would like to congratulate Alan and Vivian on being the first couple to be married in this unique venue."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: "I'm delighted that we were able to facilitate Alan and Vivian's wedding. Swords Castle is an important heritage site and I look forward to the chapel's continued use as a wedding venue."

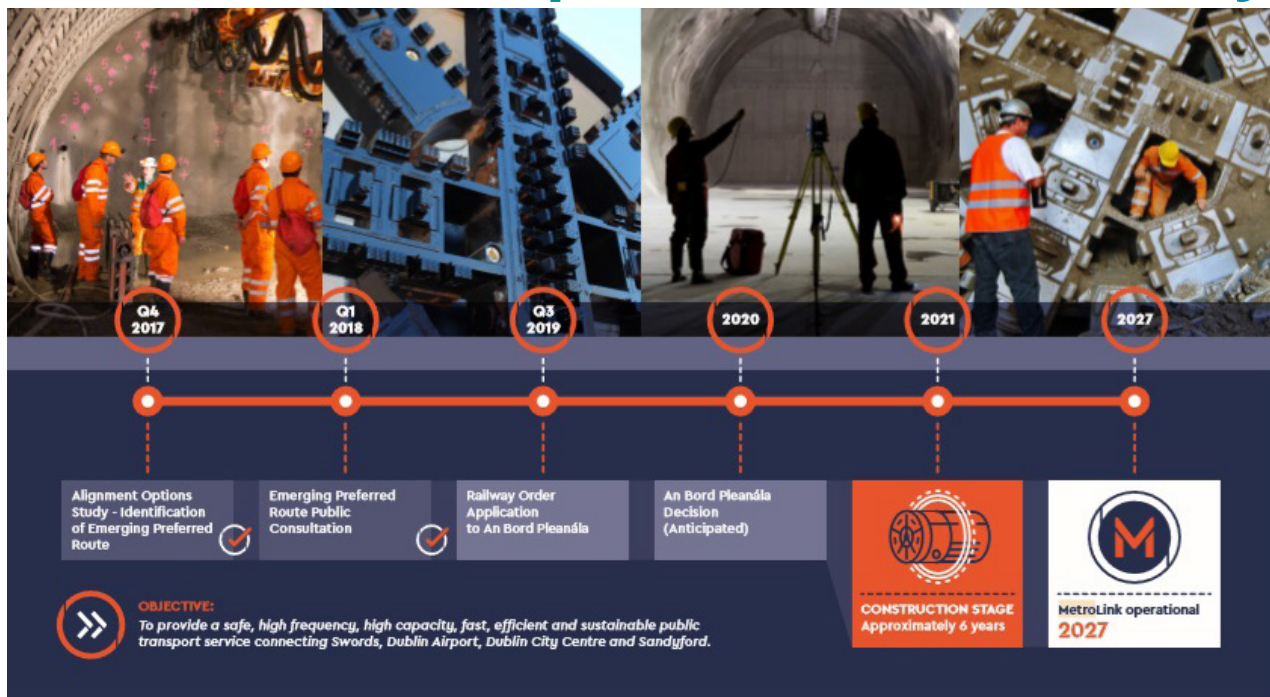
Fingal County Council is delighted to help couples plan their wedding. Those interested in availing of

the chapel should note that civil ceremonies need to be approved by the HSE well in advance of their wedding. The HSE register marriages and carry out all civil service ceremonies. For more information, please see: <https://www2.hse.ie/services/births-deaths-and-marriages/how-to-get-married-in-ireland/how-to-get-married-in-ireland.html>

Those interested in getting married at the chapel can make initial enquiries to Fingal County Council by emailing Swords.Castleevents@fingal.ie



MetroLink must proceed without delay



Fingal County Council Chief Executive Paul Reid has insisted that the MetroLink project to Swords, via Dublin Airport, should proceed without further delay, regardless of any issues relating to the southside aspect of the route, to ensure it meets its 2027 completion target.

In his Chief Executive's report to Council at the February monthly meeting in County Hall, Swords, Mr Reid stated it is "imperative" that issues relating to the route from the city centre to South Dublin should not hold up the construction of the route on the northside.

"If needs be, the project should be divided into two phases, north and south, with preference given to the northern phase to ensure it is completed on schedule in 2027," stated Mr Reid, who first made the suggestion in an article for the Q4 2018 issue of InBusiness magazine.

Fingal County Council is currently waiting on Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the National Transport

Agency to reveal their final preferred option following a period of extensive public consultation last summer. Their initial plan saw the original long-standing Metro North proposal being replaced by a longer route that now extends southwards from the city centre to Sandymount.

Mr Reid told councillors that the ongoing delays in relation to the publishing of the final preferred route had led to "genuine fears that MetroLink will not be in place by its 2027 target".

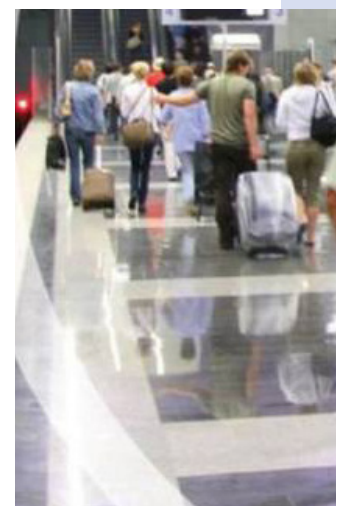
"This is not acceptable given the project's importance to North Dublin and the pressing need to link an ever-expanding Dublin Airport to the city centre and bring it into the national rail network," he said.

"As we seek to leverage and build on Fingal's key strengths in terms of our people, our communities, our built and natural heritage, and our existing and planned infrastructure, a key piece in our

development jigsaw is MetroLink.

"As we enter a period where there will be a greater focus on our efforts to combat Climate Change the provision of infrastructure like MetroLink will become even more important as it will encourage more people from Fingal and beyond to take public transport. Anybody who travels by car, bus or bicycle from North Dublin into the City Centre any weekday morning will be aware of the positive impact that MetroLink is going to have on commuter traffic.

"But, for that to happen within the outlined timeframes, we now need a clear commitment that the Northern route is going to be prioritised because we are ready for it and we need it. And, when we get it, our future is set to shine very brightly indeed."



AnnMarie Farrelly, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure at Fingal County Council, said that the local authority has already laid the foundations to transform North County Dublin when MetroLink arrives.

“Fingal will be transformed by the arrival of MetroLink, which will have wide-ranging positive implications for the county, and I am confident that this eagerly-awaited and missing piece of infrastructure will bring significant benefits to Fingal, and, in particular, Swords, with the creation of the Metro Economic Corridor which already facilitates opportunities along the route for high density, mixed use, employment-generating activity with a significant level of residential development.

“In anticipation of MetroLink coming, the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 takes full advantage of the opportunities created by the arrival of this key piece of infrastructure. The identification and promotion of the Metro Economic Corridor and other commercial and residential zonings are of strategic importance to the economy and well-being of the County’s residential and business/employment population.”



BALBRIGGAN SET FOR MAJOR TRANSFORMATION

Balbriggan’s Main Street and Harbour area look set for a massive transformation following a public survey taken by over 4,000 local people.

Over 25% of the local population aged over 11 took part in the Our Balbriggan survey to prioritise a list of suggested improvements for a €20m-plus transformation of the town.

Transforming the Main Street and connecting it to a reimagined Harbour area topped the board across all age groups in the public realm and placemaking pillar of the survey.

A Balbriggan leadership group, chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, President, Dublin City University, had prepared suggestions for a €20million-plus rejuvenation plan – an ambitious new vision for the town, shaped by the views of its population.

“We couldn’t have dreamed of this level of response, with a huge section of the community getting involved to imagine the possibilities in a transformed Balbriggan,” said Professor MacCraith.

“When asked to name the thing that people most valued about Balbriggan, the five most popular words

used were beach, community, people, sea and harbour. By connecting all of these, and creating a properly functioning town centre, we can build a bright future in a town with fabulous assets and a diverse and rapidly-growing talent base.”

Given a menu of potential improvements, there was an overwhelming desire to redevelop the heart of the Main Street opening up the centre of the town to Millpond Park and the Bracken River, with new landscaped civic amenities

In addition to the suggested improvements put before the people of Balbriggan in the survey there was also an option to submit a different idea which could improve Our Balbriggan.

“We have listened to the extraordinary response of the community who got involved and had their say,” said Fingal County Council Chief Executive Paul Reid. “An idea which strongly emerged in the survey results was the desire of the people of Balbriggan to have a swimming pool. “In response to this, provision is being made for a swimming pool in the Castlelands Masterplan. What we need to do next is to work through the most effective models to deliver and manage such a fabulous facility for the town.”



St Patrick's Day parades to draw large crowds

Huge crowds are expected to turn out to cheer on all the creative participants in the St Patrick's Day parades.

With the countdown well and truly on, this year's parades across Fingal are shaping up to be bigger and better than ever.

The Swords parade begins at 11am, the Balbriggan parade begins at 2 pm and the Blanchardstown parade begins at 3 pm.

There are also parades taking place in Rush, Lusk and Skerries which are organised by community groups. The Rush parade begins at 1 pm and the Lusk parade takes place at 1.30pm. In Skerries, the parade begins at 3 pm.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin said: "Saint Patrick's Day is a significant cultural event and the parades allow Fingal residents to celebrate in their communities. The St Patrick's Day Parades are an opportunity for residents to learn about local community groups and the businesses in their area. I look forward to seeing the diverse and creative floats at the Fingal parades this year."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: "Over 55,000 people attended the Fingal Saint Patrick's Day parades last year and I look forward to seeing the turn out for this year.



The Fingal Events team works to organise parades that are an entertaining and inclusive cultural celebration."

Davis Events have been again engaged by Fingal County Council to deliver the 2019 parades in Swords, Balbriggan and Blanchardstown. Fingal County

Council is partnering with St. Patrick's Festival in Swords and this will include the addition of a pageant float "Banba", representing the Celtic Goddess of Ireland. St. Patrick's Festival will work with community groups in Fingal to develop stories around Irish Tradition, diversity and Irish mythology.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE I BHFINE GALL

Tá Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl ó 1-17 Márta agus le linn na tréimhse seo beidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ag tabhairt tacaíocht agus poiblíocht don fhéile agus ag eagrú sraith imeachtaí. Tá Clár spreagúil agus éagsúil ag Fine Gall, le himeachtaí ag tarlú in Áras an Chontae, i Leabharlanna Áitiúla agus in Ionad Seamus Ennis. Beidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall ag poiblíú imeachtaí eagraithe ag grúpaí Gaeilge ar fud an chontae freisin.

Dé Céadaoin 6 Márta san Atrium Áras an Chontae Sord beidh Ceol, Craic agus Gaeilge leis na ceoltóirí Seán McElwain, Bernadette Nic Gabhann agus Eamonn Galldubh ag 7-9pm.

Beidh an scannán *The Camino Voyage* in Ionad Seamus Ennis, An Aill Déardaoin 7 Márta ag 8.30. Beidh *Lón le Gaeilge* i gCaisleán Shoird Dé Máirt 12th ó 1-2pm

I measc na n-imeachtaí sna Leabharlanna áitiúla beidh ceol le Antaine Ó Faracháin agus Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh i mBaile Bhlainséir 13th agus Baile Brigín 14th ag 6.30pm. Beidh Manchán Magan ag caint faoi Faoistiní Taistil i Mullach Íde 8th 2-3pm. Léifidh Sadhbh Devlin údar *Bí ag Spraoi liom* a scéal i 4 Leabharlann agus beidh Ballet Poulet i mBaile Bhlainséir 14th.

Seachtain na Gaeilge runs from 1-17 March and during this period Fingal County Council will sup-

port and publicise the festival and organize a series of events. Fingal has an exciting and diverse program, with events taking place in County Hall Swords, Local Libraries and the Seamus Ennis Centre. Fingal County Council will also publicise events organized by Irish language groups throughout the county in the Seachtain na Gaeilge programme available on website www.Fingal.ie. On Tuesday 6th March at the Áras an Chontae Swords, there will be Ceol, Craic and Gaeilge with musicians Sean McElwain, Bernadette Nic Gabhann and Eamonn Galldubh at 7-9pm. The film *The Camino Voyage* will be shown in the Seamus Ennis Centre Naul on Thursday 7 March at 8.30. There'll be a *Lón le Gaeilge* in Swords Castle on Tuesday 12th



from 1pm.

Events in local libraries include music by Antaine Ó Faracháin and Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh in Blanchardstown 13th and Balbriggan 14th at 6.30pm. Manchán Magan will talk about his travel experiences in Malahide library the 8th 2-3pm. Sadhbh Devlin will read her story *Bí ag Spraoi Liom* in 4 Libraries and Ballet Poulet will perform in Blanchardstown on the 14th. Is féidir clár Sheachtain na Gaeilge a íoslódáil ó www.Fingal.ie. lean muid ar twitter ag @fingalcoco @fingallibraries agus Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/fingalcoco>. Tuilleadh eolais eolas@fingal.ie

- **Ceol Craic agus Gaeilge, County Hall, Swords, Wednesday March 6th 7-9pm. All welcome**
- **Lunch with Irish Conversation, Chapel Swords Castle Tuesday March 12th 1-2pm**
- **Bilingual story-time - Sadhbh Devlin in 4 Libraries: Baldoyle 4th 10-11am, Howth 5th Donabate 6th and Garristown 7th March all at 3.30- 4.30pm**
- **Travel Experiences in Africa, India and South America - Manchán Magan, writer and broadcaster, tells stories from twenty years of travelling the world. A bilingual talk, comprehensible to Béarlóirí Malahide Library 8th March 2.00pm - 3.00pm**
- **Sean-Nós Singing & Traditional Music - Antaine Ó Faracháin (Songs/Fiddle) & Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh (Uilleann Pipes) Blanchardstown Library 13th & Balbriggan Library 14th both 6.30pm - 7.45pm**
- **Ballet Poulet - Fun dance and comedy duo bring mayhem and ballet to Blanchardstown Library 14th March 11.30-12.30 (Class visit), 3.30pm -4.30pm (open session).**

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Community Department helps create pride of place



Thriving local communities are what all local authorities aspire to. In Fingal, the Community Department puts in the work to make that happen. At the back end of last year, these efforts bore fruit as Corduff and Baldoyle won first and second place respectively in their categories at the Pride of Place Awards in November.

Fingal County Council Community Officer Rafe Costigan explains: "Pride of Place is a North-South competition on the island of Ireland for community development. We select up to five of the best communities, and they have an opportunity to showcase what's great about them in terms of the people and the linkages locally in the networks and the community work that's done."

Rafe adds that this is not just a Tidy Towns competition - it's about the people who make it happen, and communication, encouragement and planning are vital. "I work with my colleagues in Community, I go out to the groups and explain to them what it's all about and what they need to do. Then the work is done over the next few months."

The communities worked closely with Community Officers to develop their pre-

sentations. Louise Edmonds in Baldoyle and Linda Ennis in Corduff held regular meetings with community groups, ranging from Clean Up Corduff and Foroige to the Baldoyle Community Forum and the Forget Me Nots Choir.

The winner of the Urban Neighbourhoods category was Corduff, one of the oldest communities in the Blanchardstown area. Linda Ennis says that they were able to build on previous success. "Following on from the great work of Clean up Corduff and their award in the Cleaner Communities in 2017 we felt that there was an opportunity to highlight the tremendous voluntary work of the community. We felt that it would be an opportunity for the people of Corduff to showcase their community and show why they are proud to live there."

Preparations were laid early. In January, a call to a public information meeting led to a committee which was to mastermind Corduff's entry. This set in motion a flurry of activity, as Linda explains. "The main focus was on the preparation for the judges' visit in June. Running alongside this was the huge effort of the community in litter picking, planting, painting and linking with Fingal County Council Operations

to set a schedule of works."

As part of the preparations, a group of young people working with Foroige completed a centrepiece for the garden of Genesis Family Therapy Centre. This was overseen by Foroige volunteer and former cabinetmaker Kevin McDonnell.

"We came up with the idea to upcycle pallets and paint slogans on them," Kevin says. "We then made a tree from plywood, painted it and mounted everything on a wall frame."

The result contributed to a very successful presentation. Kevin says: "We showed them photos of years gone by - back in the 80s and 90s, we battled with drug and unemployment problems, and we showed them how we had changed things. Kids from the local school sang some songs and the local groups had tables laid with refreshments."

Following the victory in their category, Corduff looks set to continue its success. Kevin says: "Lots more joined-up thinking happened - I know Corduff will grow and improve."



Baldoyle's inclusion in Pride of Place was under the Coastal Communities category, in which the Aran Islands won first place. The second place showing by Baldoyle was a startling success for a community that had not been entered previously, and it was conceived and supported by Community Officer Louise Edmonds.

Louise engaged in regular meetings with a diverse group of committed groups and individuals. A major contributor was the Baldoyle Community Centre run by Heidi Bedell. Heidi says: "Pride of Place was challenging but very rewarding. Entering into the competition had a great effect on anyone who got involved, because it gave the chance to look at Baldoyle and really take stock of how much is going on and what huge community feelings are in the town, what a vast variety of people, projects and programmes that we have in quite a small area".

A touch of serendipity was involved when the search for a visual theme for Baldoyle began. Heidi explains: "We were thinking about Viking ships. I Googled "Viking ships pictures" on the internet, and a nice sketch of a Viking longship in a circle came up. Later on I went

into a church, and there it is on the wall - an almost identical carving of the boat in the circle.

"And then later on when a historian travelled down from Galway specifically to help us, it turned out that the drawing on Google was a copy of the carving that he had made 35 or 40 years ago! So that was one of the really magical coincidences," Helen relates.

Baldoyle's presentation to two contest judges was a complex affair, involving the Forum, the Community Gardens, a Community Archaeology group, the Family Resource Centre, and the Forget Me Nots Choir. Taking in gardens, libraries, and learning about the rich history of the area, the tour ended in the Community Centre. A musical display of community followed helmed by the Forget Me Nots Choir. Órla Horn founded the Forget Me Nots Choir five years ago, an inclusive choir welcoming people with Alzheimer's, disabilities, and their carers, it took centre stage - literally - for the crescendo of the presentation.

Órla says: "We delivered a repertoire around the coastal theme. So we did "I'd Like To Be Beside The Seaside". Heidi Bedell had written

an amazing poem about the origin of Baldoyle, and one of our elderly choir members recited it, and then we immediately went into "Michael Row The Boat Ashore" which was just a beautiful coastal song and knitted together the poetry and the music, and it was all local talent."

Heidi echoes Kevin's view of the impact of the pride of Place. She says: "It made groups work and interact with each other who might have been in operation for 20 or 30 years, but never had spoken to anybody from any of the other groups. It's had a super galvanising effect."

At present, work is well underway to find suitable groups to represent Fingal in the 2019 Pride of Place competition. The finals this year will be held in Kilkenny in November, and judging of the Fingal entries is expected in late June or early July.

Órla says: "We're very lucky to be in Fingal. I've worked with other councils as well and they all have their strengths, but when it comes to developing community Fingal is ahead of the curve. There's much more thinking, they put their money where their mouth is."

FINGAL CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The inaugural meeting of Fingal County Council took place on January 7, 25 years ago in 1994 in Newbridge House, Donabate as the newly established county council got up and running.

It was here that councillors and key staff of the new council gathered for the first time. This meeting saw Councillor Sean Ryan elected as the first Cathaoirleach of Fingal. The first County Manager of Fingal was Davy Byrne.

A specially designed chain of office to be worn by the Cathaoirleach was commissioned on November 2, 1993. Renowned goldsmith Patrick Flood designed a chain in nine-carat

gold with a Shield showing four symbols associated with the new county – the Raven, Wheat, a Cross and a Boat. It was presented to the first Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sean Ryan, at the inaugural meeting.

Fingal County Council was created after the 1993 Local Government Act which abolished the previous local authority, Dublin County Council. Fingal took over the administrative duties from Dublin County Council of the area composing of the old county of Fingal. The areas falling under its authority included the likes of Swords, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Howth, Skerries, Donabate, and



Malahide. Dublin Airport also came under the authority of the council, providing a significant economic block for the area.

Since that first meeting, Fingal has grown for the council and area. The population of the county in 1994 was close to 150,000 people, but according to the last Census in 2016, the figure has nearly doubled and now has a population closer to 300,000 people.



The 24 councillors that took their seats for Fingal County Council in 1994 were: **Balbriggan:** Ken Farrell, Trevor Sargent, Cathal Boland, Sean Gilbride, Jack Larkin. **Swords:** Sean Ryan, Tom Kelleher, Cyril Gallagher, Anne Devitt. **Mulhuddart:** Joe Higgins, Marian McGennis, Michael O'Donovan. **Malahide:** GV Wright, Nora Owen, Michael Kennedy, Bernie Malone. **Howth:** Michael J. Cosgrave, Joan Maher, Liam Creavan, David Healy. **Castleknock:** Sean Lyons, Tom Morrissey, Sheila Terry, Ned Ryan.



Fingal scoops LAMA awards

St. Catherine's Park, Dublin 15 was named Best Public Park and Fingal County Council's Electric Vehicle Charging on the Public Street Lighting System won the Best Energy Smart Initiative at the 2019 All Ireland Community and Council Awards at a ceremony in Croke Park Stadium.

provide the area of Dublin 15, Lucan and environs with an extensive amenity asset which encompasses all the natural conservation and wildlife aspects necessary for a viable sustainable public park, with continuous enhancement and development based on the needs of the community users at present and into the future. The Best Smart Initiative award for the use of public street lighting poles to charge electric vehicles provides recognition for this initiative one of the many ways, including our use of electrical vehicles, that Fingal County Council is working to mitigate climate change and contribute to sustainable communities."

The two winning projects were among 11 Fingal nominations for the Awards which are sponsored by IPB Insurance and organised by the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) in recognition of projects that are the joint effort of councils and community groups.

David Storey, Director of Operations Fingal County Council said "This award is recognition for St. Catherine's Park's dedicated team of staff, who pride itself in delivering a high standard of grounds and horticultural maintenance. Their commitment has helped St. Catherine's Park

Chief Executive Paul Reid paid tribute to all those involved in the various projects saying: "To get 11 nominations is a tremendous achievement and great credit must go to all the staff who were involved in the various projects."

In March 1994, a poll was conducted which asked the people of Fingal what they thought about the new council. It showed that 39 per cent of the population believed that the new council would serve the people better. In 2017, Fingal County Council ran a Residential Satisfaction Survey which showed that 64 per cent of the county was satisfied with Fingal County Council and the services which we provide to the community.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin, said: "This year, 2019, we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary as a council. Since the creation of Fingal County Council in 1994, the county has grown in many ways.

The 25th anniversary is a great opportunity to take stock of where we began, the progress we have made, and the opportunities we can develop in the future. The great work of the council and all of the staff throughout those years has made Fingal one of the best places to work and live in Ireland."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid added: "In 2019, Fingal County Council celebrates its 25th year since its foundation in 1994. Also, in May of 2019, we will see new elections for a new council that will serve in the period 2019 till 2024. In this regard, I would like to thank all of the elected members who served on this council since the period of 2014."





Public urged to get involved in Climate Change Action Plan

Fingal County Council is inviting submissions from the public in response to the Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024.

The Draft Action Plan has been developed by the four Dublin local authorities alongside the Dublin energy agency Codema.

As part of this public consultation process, Fingal County Council has been organising #Councils4ClimateAction public information events around the county. The SEAI were in attendance at all four events to provide advice and information on home energy efficiency grants and supports, and answer technical questions on home retrofits.

In order to make progress in addressing climate change, the Council aims to achieve a 33% energy efficiency improvement by 2020 and a 40% reduction in Greenhouse Gas emissions by 2040.

The Draft Action Plan outlines the actions being taken by the Council in order to achieve these targets. These include the complete use of LED public lighting across Fingal by 2021 and the introduction of more electrical Council vehicles. There are also plans for the development of new cycle networks across the County such as the Fingal Coastal Way, the Sutton-to-Malahide Cycleway, the Broadmeadow Way, the Harry Reynolds Road Cycle Route in Balbriggan and the Royal Canal Urban Greenway.

The Council also aims to further develop flood protection schemes in areas at risk in the County as well as nature-based solutions to the effects of climate change. These include the development of a monitoring programme of the habitats and species considered at risk of climate change in Fingal.

Speaking at the event, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin, said: "I am delighted that we have the opportunity to inform Fingal residents this evening about the work the Council is doing to address Climate Change. This engagement between Fingal Staff, SEAI representatives and Fingal residents is essential in helping the public give informed feedback during the ongoing consultation period."

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, said: "Climate Change is an urgent issue that affects us all and requires collaboration between Local Authorities and residents to implement effective solutions. I am delighted that the four Dublin local authorities have proactively worked together to find solutions and inform the public of how they can participate."

The Draft Climate Action Plan is a joint initiative between the four Dublin local authorities and Codema, the Dublin energy agency. The public consultation period is open until Monday, March 25 March. To make an online submission, visit: <https://consult.fingal.ie/ga/consultation/draft-climate-change-action-plan>

Valuation Office engaged in revaluation

The Valuation Office is currently engaged in a complete revaluation of commercial property in Fingal for rating purposes.

Revaluations are designed to produce up-to-date valuations for commercial and industrial properties to bring a closer and uniform relationship between the current annual rental values of commercial properties and their commercial rates liability by reference to values on a specific valuation date (September 15th, September, 2017 in this case).

The purpose of revaluation is to bring increased transparency and more equity to the local authority rating system. Revaluation does not raise extra revenue overall.

A revaluation took place in Fingal in 2009 effective for rating purposes from January 1 2010.

Current legislation provides that a further revaluation be carried out between five to 10 years of the original exercise. On October 6 2017, a Valuation Order was signed by the Commissioner of Valuation commencing this process for Fingal with a new valuation date of 15th September 2017. The revaluation process will conclude in 2019 and a new Valuation List will be published on the 17th September 2019 which will be effective for rating purposes from 1st January 2020.

Commercial ratepayers are advised to engage as appropriate with the Valuation Office throughout the process.



New ambitious Arts strategy for Fingal

Fingal County Council have formally adopted an Arts Plan for 2019-2025 that seeks to enable all in Fingal to access a wide range of arts and cultural experiences, to foster diversity of arts practice and to support artists of many different backgrounds.

Four key objectives feature in the plan: "Making Space for Art" will be achieved through developing creative spaces and environments. "Connecting People and Ideas" involves building relationships amongst organisations and individual artists. "Enabling Excellence" involves supporting artists through grants, awards and bursaries. Finally, "Developing Our Capacity" entails resourcing the Arts Office to effectively carry out its objectives.

Fingal Arts Officer Rory O'Byrne said: "Our primary wish is to grow Fingal's cultural capacity by retaining and attracting creative practitioners to live and work in Fingal. This will ensure culture continues to play a central role in people's lives and contribute in a positive way to building an inclusive and vibrant Fingal."

An important aspect of the plan is supporting the development of spaces where arts and culture can develop and thrive.

Director of Community and Housing Margaret Geraghty said: "This plan is a very strong statement of intent on behalf of Fingal in relation to arts and arts development over the next number of years. It supports our vision for the Swords Cultural Quarter as well as the development of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and Draiocht and the range of other arts providers in the county."

The Swords Cultural Quarter will benefit from a significant investment involving a state-of-the-art library, an arts centre with theatre, rehearsal and multi-use spaces, and animation of the external environment. The Balbriggan Socio-Economic Strategy will also be supported.

Chief Executive Paul Reid said: "This investment is evidence, if any is needed, of our commitment to the arts and of our understanding of the powerful and empowering role the arts can play in a community."



Vacant Housing Unit returns properties into use

A dedicated Vacant Housing Unit to ensure that numbers of empty houses around the county are kept to a minimum has been established by Fingal County Council.

As part of this, a specific Vacant Homes Officer has been detailed to manage the pressing need in bringing these properties back into use as demand for housing continues to grow.

Director of Housing Margaret Geraghty said that although the amount of vacant housing stock in Fingal is one of the lowest nationally, there is an urgency to bring vacant stock back into use and this has been recognised by Fingal County Council through its establishment of a Vacant Housing Unit.

She accepted that it could be a slow process to identify the owners of these properties as there could be whole range of reasons why a property had fallen vacant. "It is seldom the case that a property is vacant simply because somebody has decided not to live there. There are a range of reasons why a property might not be in use, so we try to open direct engagement with the property owner, the receiver, the bank or whoever it happens to be, to get the houses back into use."

In terms of its own stock, the local authority has continued to maintain a void rate of less than one per cent during 2018. "We have about 5,500 properties in our stock, which is an increase of 60 per cent over last 10 years. There has been a very substantial increase in social housing across the county, and we manage to maintain a very low vacant property level within our own stock."

She advised members of the public if they are aware of vacant homes to visit the Fingal County Council website, www.fingal.ie, or to email vacant.homes@fingal.ie.

Balbriggan skatepark to open during 2019

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce that construction of a destination-style skate park has commenced in Millpond Park, Balbriggan.

The classic plaza style facility is designed for families and spectators to appreciate as well as users and



will cater for a wide age-range and level of experience. Community engagement has been essential in this process. Before tendering for the project, Fingal County Council's Parks & Green Infrastructure

Division undertook a design workshop with the Balbriggan skate park Committee and local users to determine their requirements. A key element of the project was that the design of the skatepark be informed by the stakeholder feedback and complemented the character of Millpond Park.

The news has been welcomed by the Balbriggan Skatepark Committee. A spokesperson for the Committee said: "It is heart-warming to know that the local Balbriggan Community and Fingal County Council can work so constructively together towards the completion of such well-sought-after recreational projects. We know that the skaters and wider Balbriggan community alike will be very grateful for the support given to secure this well-needed sport facility."

Fingal County Council's Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure, AnnMarie Farrelly, said: "The skate park in Millpond Park will be a valuable addition for Balbriggan. The provision of services and amenities that allow residents access to public and recreational spaces is vital in developing healthy and happy communities."

The construction of the skate park follows the announcement of the Balbriggan socio-economic strategy in 2018. The strategy will deliver a multi-million euro transformation of Balbriggan's infrastructure, amenities and public spaces, including the construction of the skate park.



Progress on Greenways

Development of greenways across Fingal is a key part of the three-year Capital Programme and substantial progress has been made on a number of key projects over the past 12 months.

The benefits that greenways can deliver to communities are considerable in terms of climate change, economic development and leisure amenity, and so, in 2018, Fingal County Council established a project team to focus specifically on greenways in order to progress their delivery and secure funding to further develop a range of greenway projects across the county.

The two main flagship schemes currently being progressed are the Fingal Coastal Way and the Royal Canal Way.

During 2018 there has been

steady progress on a number of sections of the Fingal Coastal Way and last year planning permission was secured for the development of Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway, construction of which will commence in 2019.

A planning application is planned for the Sutton to Malahide section in late 2019, while further north, a planning application for the Broadmeadow Way, which will link Donabate to Malahide across the estuary, will be submitted in early 2019.

Fingal County Council also applied for funding under the National & Regional Greenway Fund to develop a greenway linking "Newbridge to Newgrange", running from Newbridge House, Donabate, along the Fingal coastline and Boyne Valley to Newgrange/Brú

na Boinne, and incorporating the East Coast Greenway, Fingal Coastal Way, Meath Coastal Way and Boyne Valley Greenway. Fingal County Council collaborated with both Louth and Meath County Council on this project and it is hoped work on the design of route options for that greenway can progress during 2019.

Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure AnnMarie Farrelly said that assuming that these projects proceed through the planning process in 2019, it is hoped to move to the detailed design and construction stages immediately thereafter.

On the Royal Canal Greenway the project is advancing and a public consultation process is now underway. Submissions can be made before Friday, March 22.



The meeting of the first Dáil in January 1919 was commemorated in the County Hall in Swords..

Meeting of first Dáil commemorated

An enthusiastic crowd including many from local Historical Societies enjoyed a very informative talk given by Dr. William Murphy, on the First Dáil in the Council Chamber, Swords

Fingal County Council, in conjunction with Rolestown/ Oldtown Historical Association were commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first meeting of Dáil Éireann in the Round Room in the Mansion House on January 21 1919. The talk attracted a cross section of elected members, past and present, including Dep. Mayor Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Darragh Butler, Cllr Cathal Boland and former Cllrs David O'Connor and May McKeon.

Catherine Keane from Fingal Local Studies and Archives introduced the main speaker Dr. William Murphy, who is based in the School of History and Geography, DCU and whose primary field of

research is modern Irish history, with particular expertise in the history of the Irish revolutionary period. His talk outlined political and social life after the 1916 Rising setting the scene for the establishment of the First Dáil. He spoke about the Elected Members of the Dáil and the different roles that they played within it and also discussed the effectiveness of the Dáil over its lifetime.

A lively question and answer session followed the talk before Mrs Una O'Brien, Chairperson of the Rolestown/Oldtown Historical Association, addressed the closing remarks, particularly in relation to the local involvement in the events of the era and brought the evening to a close by thanking the

speaker and those in attendance.

Twenty-seven MPs attended the first meeting of the Dáil and the proceedings were held in the Irish language, although translations of the documents were also read out in English and French. The members declared Irish independence, ratified the 1916 Proclamation of the Irish Republic, and adopted a provisional constitution. The First Dáil (Jan 1919 - May 1921) met 21 times, continuing to conduct its main business during the turbulent times of the era.



€150k grant for Corduff Sports Centre welcomed



Fingal County Council has welcomed the allocation of €150,000 to Corduff Sports Centre towards the upgrade and extension of the all-weather pitch under the Sports Capital Grants (SCP) programme.

Corduff Sports Centre operates under a licence agreement from Fingal County Council and works closely with the community development office on the operation and sustainability of the facility.

Fingal County Council applied for Sports Capital Funding to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport in 2018 for funding to resurface and extend the existing All Weather facility in Corduff Sports Centre. The Sports Centre works closely with other Council departments, such as the Sports Office, in the development of programmes for all ages, and the Operations Department on issues regarding the local area. The works will improve the quality and standard of the existing all-weather pitch; bring it up to FIFA approved standard and enabling competitive matches to be played.

Director of Operations, David Storey, said: "This is welcome news for Corduff Sports Centre and Fingal County Council. With these extra funds, we will be able to ensure that the community have top quality standard all-weather pitches available for use all year round."

Director of Housing and Community, Margaret Geraghty, added: "These extra funds for Corduff Sports Centre will allow for the improvements of the all-weather pitch, which will see more people in the community having the opportunity to use these great facilities on their doorstep."





Lá i Saol..... Gaeilgeoirí Leabharlann Bhaile Bhlainséir

Maireann Seachtain na Gaeilge ar feadh coicíse, ach i bhFine Gall, bíonn an Ghaeilge beo beathach i gcónaí.

Tacaíonn na comhaltaí foirne le tiomantas Chomhairle Contae Fhine don teanga a úsáideann í mar chuid dá lá oibre.

Gaeilgeoirí iad Aoife Carberry, Ciara Farrell agus Meadhbh Haicéid a oibríonn i Leabharlann Bhaile Bhlainséir agus tá fíor-ghrá acu don Ghaeilge. Tá cúlraí éagsúla ag an triúr acu sa teanga. Rinne Aoife agus Ciara staidéar ar an nGaeilge ar an tríú leibhéal, agus d'fhreastail Meadhbh ar bhunscoil Ghaeilge agus labhair sí Gaeilge sa bhaile. Ceapann siad go léir go bhfuil tábhacht leis an teanga. Deir Meadhbh: "Bhí baint mhór ag an nGaeilge le mo shaol, agus is iontach go bhfuil an deis agam í a úsáid san obair".

Cuireann an triúr seo seirbhísí laethúla ar fáil gan stró ar bith, agus tá siad sásta freastal ar an bpobal i nGaeilge nó i mBéarla. Cuirtear daoine faoi agallaimh ar

an raidió go minic, agus is minic go mbíonn baint ag an teanga le clár ar Phoenix FM.

Éascaíonn Leabharlann Bhaile Bhlainséir grúpa comhrá Gaeilge a chasann lena chéile sa leabharlann gach seachtain. Deir Meadhbh, "Tá siad an-chairdiúil agus cuireann siad fáilte mhór romhainn; tá leibhéal éagsúla Ghaeilge ag na rannpháirtithe go léir. Is iontach fios a bheith againn gurb áit atá sa leabharlann ar féidir leo cuairt a thabhairt uirthi chun an teanga a úsáid."

Tugtar an tacaíocht chomhsheasmhach seo don teanga faoi deara, chomh maith, i mbailiúcháin agus i stoc na leabharlainne. Luann Meadhbh go bhfuil "bailiúchán iontacha leabhar i nGaeilge agus iliomad leabhair iontacha ann do léitheoirí idir óg agus aosta."

Deir Ciara, "bhí leabharlannaithe agus foireann ann i gcónaí a raibh spéis acu sa Ghaeilge agus gur cuireadh leis an stoc le himeacht na mblianta. Tá bunús maith faoin teanga sa bhrairse seo.

Bhí mé ag oibriú anseo ar feadh sé mhí agus tá an t-ádh orm gur tháinig mé anseo go timpeallacht a thacaíonn leis an nGaeilge, ar gach leibhéal."

Is léir go nglactar le cur chuige réamhghníomhach chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn san imeacht speisialta, Blas Bhaile Bhlainséir, a bhí ar siúl don dara huair i mí na Samhna seo caite. Míníonn Aoife gur forbraíodh agus gur tacaíodh leis an teanga trí chur chuige comhtháite: "Rinneadh é a chomhordú i gcomhar le scéim teanga Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall agus le bliain na Gaeilge. Chuireamar códú i nGaeilge, taispeántas fir/mná grinn i nGaeilge, agus dúshlán náisiúnta ar siúl inar labhair daltaí i nGaeilge ar feadh lá amháin. Imeacht an-fhiúntach é a chuireann leis an úsáid a bhaineann daoine as an teanga, nó chun an caighdeán a chothú. Is féidir leis an imeacht an Ghaeilge a chothú go mór i measc daoine."

Luann Meadhbh an cuspóir seo, chomh maith: "ba mhian linn a chruthú go bhfuil spraoi leis an nGaeilge – ní gá duit gan ach an Ghaeilge a fhoghlaim ar scoil agus gur is leat rudaí spráíla

a dhéanamh tríd an teanga, chomh maith!”

Imeacht mór eile is ea Seachtain na Gaeilge i bhféilire na Gaeilge do Leabharlann Bhaile Bhlainséir. Anuraidh, rinne Deartháireacha Fanzini gníomh a chur ar siúl trí Ghaeilge, agus leag Ciara an bhéim ar “na daoine ón oiread sin tíortha agus cúlraí, daoine fásta agus leanáí ina measc a raibh taitneamh á bhaint acu as na himeachtaí. Cuireadh rang teagaisc iógairt roite ar siúl as Gaeilge, agus tháinig máthair aníos ina dhiaidh lena mac. Ní raibh ach beagán Béarla agus Gaeilge ar bith acu, ach bhain siad taitneamh as éisteacht leis an teanga agus as páirt a ghlacadh.”

“Ní ritheann aon bhrainte eile liom ina bhféadfaimis tráth na gceist boird a chur ar siúl go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge – tá sár-obair déanta ag na cailíní!”

Tá Aoife, Meadhbh agus Ciara dearfach agus díograiseach faoi thodhchaí na Gaeilge i Leabharlann Bhaile Bhlainséir. “Is mian linn feabhsú níos mó. Tá croífhóireann ann atá compordach agus sásta an Ghaeilge a úsáid agus is mian linn forbairt bhreise a dhéanamh air sin. Thug an Chomhairle, agus Oifigeach Gaeilge iontach, Bernie Kelly, an-tacaíocht dúinn. Bainimid an-taitneamh as seo go léir a dhéanamh, agus is mian linn a thaispeáint do dhaoine gur teanga bheo í an Ghaeilge.”

Idir imeachtaí éagsúla a eagrú agus freastal orthu, obair for-rochtana a dhéanamh le scoileanna áitiúla, an obair a dhéanann siad ar an raidió agus an tseirbhís dhátheangach a chuireann siad ar fáil, is cinnte go bhfuil Leabharlann Bhaile Bhlainséir ar thosach an tslua leis an nGaeilge a chothú i measc na ndaoine.



Crews remove 43 loads of rubbish from Wellview Park

Fingal County Council has completed a major clean-up of Wellview Park in Mulhuddart as crews from the Operations Department spent the equivalent of 100 man hours removing rubbish and waste illegally dumped in the open space.

In total, 43 loads of rubbish were removed from the park which consisted of 26 tractor and trailer loads, four lorry loads, and 13 van loads of waste during the course of the operation. The work is part of the continued role that the Local Authority plays in maintaining the parks in our communities across the county.

Senior Executive Officer, Paul Smyth, in the Operations Department said: “As part of our works programme in 2018, the Council approved the installation of a raised kerb (a stub wall) to protect the open space at Wellview which is subject to ongoing problems with stolen cars.

“On a recent inspection of the open space, and in advance of the installation of the wall, serious amounts of fly tipping was found around the perimeter boundary of

the open space.

“It was decided in advance of the works on the stub wall that this material needed to be removed to improve the overall look of the public open space.”

Crews undertook the works to clean this area from the Coolmine Fingal County Council depot. Two skips were also filled on the day and the yard of the park has a considerable amount of rubbish still to be moved. A third skip had to be ordered to remove the remaining waste along with 5 grab lorry loads of materials for disposal.

Mr Smyth added: “Our parks and green spaces are vital parts of the community, so I appeal to everyone to respect the work that goes into maintaining these areas. Anyone caught illegally dumping in the county will be prosecuted. If you suspect that any illegal waste activity is taking place at a site or location in Fingal, you should contact the council.”

Free phone 1800 2010 93 or email environment@fingal.ie to report illegal dumping in the county.



The final of the Battle of the Books was won by St Mary's NS in Garristown.

Wonderful final in Battle of the Books

Fingal County Libraries Battle of the Book final was won in a hotly contested competition by St Mary's National School, Garristown.

The final which took place in the Riasc Centre saw six Fingal schools take part in a quiz on "The Book of Learning" by E.R Murray and "Arthur Quinn and the World Serpent" by Alan Early.

Both authors were present to sign copies of the books, and the entertainment and quiz master for the morning was Reuben the Entertainer from RTE Junior Fame.

As well as reading the book, the children participated in various activities organised by Fingal Libraries on the themes presented in the

book. It was a hard-fought quiz with all children displaying an amazing knowledge of the content of each book.

After a tie-break, the Mayor of Fingal Anthony Lavin presented the winning team with their prize of a behind-the-scenes tour of Dublin Airport courtesy of the DAA.

This year's Battle of the Book involved St. Colmcille's GNS Swords, Powerstown Educate Together Tyrrellstown, St. Patrick's Senior NS Corduff, Rush NS, St. Mary's Garristown NS and St. Nicholas of Myra NS, Kinsealy.

The programme was launched by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Anthony Lavin in St. Colmcille's GNS, Chapel Lane, Swords



Demesne, Swords, Co. Dublin in September 2018.

Mayor Lavin said: "The 'Battle of the Book' competition is a fantastic way to get children involved in reading, and we congratulate all involved."

County Librarian Betty Boardman said: "Fingal Libraries is delighted to have the support of Maura Cassidy and the DAA again this year for 'The Battle of the Book!'"

Chief Executive of Fingal

County Council Paul Reid said: "Fingal County Council is committed to supporting education and building communities that value it. Reading is a vital skill and a wonderful habit for life, so it's positive to see so many schools taking part and putting in very impressive efforts".

The programme is designed to encourage children to read with confidence, to discuss a common book providing a shared reading experience and to ignite a 'reading for life' culture.

Library fines removed from all Fingal branches

MEMBERS of Fingal libraries no longer have to pay fines for overdue items and no existing fines will be collected.

Any library user who has overdue items can return them without having to pay overdue fines. Memberships can also be reactivated immediately and members will have full access to library services.

The removal of fines for library users is one of the actions included in the

national strategy, "Our Public Libraries 2022 – Inspiring, Connecting and Empowering Communities".

This strategy, launched last June, aims to improve access to and increase use of the library as a community hub. The five-year strategy is a joint initiative of the Department of Rural and Community Development, the County and City Management Association (CCMA) and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA).



County Librarian, Betty Boardman said: "Libraries are an invaluable resource for all in the community and we want to remove any barriers that might prevent people making full use of them. That is why we

are eliminating fines and other charges. Libraries are welcoming spaces where all members of the community can access knowledge, ideas and information, and where people can reflect, connect and learn."

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Fingal Libraries are on Social Media!



Business Desk

Search is on for best young entrepreneur

The search is on for Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneurs (IBYE) 2019 and the closing date is fast approaching.

Now in its 5th year, the competition, which has an investment fund of €2 million, is open to people between the ages of 18 and 35 with an innovative business idea, new start-up or established business. The closing date to enter this year's competition is Friday 15th March 2019. Entering is simple, with an online application system through the IBYE website.

Fingal has a strong track record of success in this competition. Just last year, two of the Fingal winners emerged triumphant at the National competition, including the winner of the National Best Start-Up category award won by Alan Hickey (WeBringg) of Castleknock, while Malahide's Kevin Kelleher (Ostoform) won the National runner-up "Best New Business Idea" category award last year.

With an IBYE investment fund of €50,000, Fingal LEO will award up to six investments to three category winners and three runners-up at county level. The local winners in the Best Start-Up and Best Established Business categories at county level will receive investments of up to €15,000 each and the two runners-up will each receive up to €5,000.

To enter, you must be between the ages of 18 and 35 should visit <https://www.ibye.ie/submit-form> to submit their applications. Further details are also available from www.localenterprise.ie & www.IBYE.ie.



LEO Fingal to host Enterprise Week

As businesses continue to prepare for the full impact of a potential hazardous crash-out BREXIT, the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is sending a clear message to small businesses to engage immediately to ensure they are adequately prepared for a worst case scenario, hard Brexit.

Fingal LEO has launched a series of business events and initiatives to take place during Local Enterprise Week this year, which takes place between March 4 and 8.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Anthony Lavin highlighted the necessity for all small businesses to use the opportunity as a stimulus to seek supports in preparation for a potential hard Brexit. "I am pleased to see that Fingal businesses currently trading with the UK have taken the implications of Brexit very seriously and are continuing to do their utmost to prepare for a worst case scenario. Through our Local Enterprise Office, Fingal County Council is providing advisory services and

assistance to our local businesses, to ensure that they are maximising the array of state supports on offer."

This year, Local Enterprise Week features a host of events and activities that are aimed at stimulating business activity locally, in conjunction with various key business support organisations and state agencies, including: Enterprise Ireland, Plato Dublin, Chambers of Commerce, Enterprise Centres, business financing organisations and many more.

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, said: "In Fingal, we relentlessly strive to be the best at everything we do. With Brexit just around the corner, our businesses face an unprecedented threat. It is imperative that we do our best to help them prepare. Local Enterprise Week is an excellent opportunity to network, keep up with developments and find the right supports for your business."

You can find out more at www.localenterprise.ie/fingal.

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Swords Castle and Townpark

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Tolka Valley Regional Park

Ward River Valley Regional Park



For a full list of opening hours and more details,
please go to:

<http://fingal.ie/community-and-leisure/>

Fingal County Council Recycling Centres



Coolmine Recycling Centre
Coolmine Industrial Estate,
Dublin 15.
(Beside Coolmine Fire Station)

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Swords, County Dublin
(Beside Swords Business Park)

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