**Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall** Fingal County Council



# DUBLIN CLIMATE ACTION WEEK 2025 FINGAL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie

# Introduction

Running from May 12th-18th, this weeklong series of events will take place across the Dublin region offering a rich and varied schedule designed to inform, engage and inspire climate action. Activities include guided nature walks, hands on workshops, family fun days, expert led sessions and much more.

Whether you're passionate about climate action, curious to learn more or simply looking for ways to connect with your local community, there will be plenty of ways to get involved.

The week's events overview and online registration can be viewed at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie.

Keep up to date on Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 using the **#DCAW25** hashtag on social media and by visiting www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 is being organised and delivered by the partnership of Fingal County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (DM CARO).

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# Bookings

All events listed in this booklet are free of charge! Events can be booked through the Dublin Climate Action Week website by visiting www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie or by scanning the attached QR code.



DCAW 2025 Events

Throughout this booklet the below icons may be listed beside events, please carefully read below what these mean for each event.

#### **Booking Required**

Any events that have this icon, require booking (this can be due to the space available at the venue or the capacity of a facilitator to ensure a workshop is still engaging, informative and enjoyable for all). All events can be booked via the website www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie.

#### **Specified Age Group**

Any events that have this icon, have a specified age group that is most suitable for children that are attending e.g. 7-13 years of age.

### **Dublin Climate Action Week Launch**

Dublin Climate Action Week will be officially launched by the Mayor of Fingal County Council, Councillor Brian Mc Donagh and the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications, Darragh O'Brien.

# Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>



Join us in celebrating Dublin Climate Action Week at the Fingal Climate Action Family Fun Day at Millennium Park!

This festival and its activities are all free of charge and are organised in conjunction with the Active Travel and Climate Action Sections of Fingal County Council.

Come join us to look at a mobile aquarium and learn about marine science, play some recycled games, get your bike or clothes repaired, learn about food waste or have a go on a velodrome and much more!



# Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>

### Its Written in the Rocks Loughshinny Boathouse 1pm-4pm

Fingal County Council Arts Office is delighted to announce 'It's Written in the Rocks / Scríobhtar é sna Carraigeacha' by Louis Haugh, an event marking the end of his residency at Loughshinny boathouse.

This event will take place on Saturday 10th May from 1- 4pm at Loughshinny Boathouse and will comprise of an open studio featuring a selection of artwork made in response to the local biodiversity and geology and the launch of a new zine written in Irish titled; Scríobhtar é sna Carraigeacha, developed in collaboration with Ian MacGabhan, Irish Language Specialist & Educator.

Accompanying this open studio event are two scheduled walks around the local area, led by environment experts to discuss the unique biodiversity and geology of Loughshinny.

#### Schedule of Events

1.00pm: Welcome, Refreshments, Open Studio and Zine Launch
2.15pm: Geology Walk and Talk with Dr. Quentin Crowley, Professor in Geology and Director of Trinity College Centre of the Environment.
3.00pm: Biodiversity Walk and Talk with Lorraine Bull, Executive Biodiversity Officer, Fingal County Council
4pm: Close

**Attendees please note:** This is an outdoor event subject to favourable weather conditions, please dress accordingly for the day and wear appropriate footwear for the beach and rocky terrain. This event will be documented through photography and video recording. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



# All Week (12th-16th)

**Booking Required** 

### Business Briefing on Sustainability for the Food & Hospitality Sector Fingal County Council's Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Fingal County Council's Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department, in partnership with Fingal Chamber, is excited to announce they are hosting five Sustainable Business Briefings at locations throughout Fingal during Climate Action Week.

These briefings will be of interest to businesses in the Food & Hospitality Sector whether you are a café, restaurant, bar, hotel, bakery, food shop or food truck.

The Council is delighted to welcome Amy Irwin of Conscious Kitchens as the key speaker at these briefings. Amy is a passionate advocate for waste reduction and sustainable food practices who has guided many businesses on their sustainability journeys to achieve both cost savings and efficiency through sustainable practices.

You will also have the opportunity to hear from and talk to other businesses about their experience and sustainability journeys. If you want to learn more about sustainable business practices or you are curious about the small changes you can make to have a big impact on your business and the environment, this event is for you!

Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> - The Brooklyn, Swords - 3pm-4pm

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Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> - The Findlater, Howth - 3pm-4pm

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Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> - Skerries Sailing Club- 3pm-4pm

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Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> -Blanchardstown Library- 3pm-4pm

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Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> -The View, Malahide- 3pm-4pm

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# Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>

**Booking Required** 

### Home Composting Workshop GLAS Community Garden @TUD, Blanchardstown 2pm-4pm

Join Lee for this hands-on workshop, held in Glas@ TU Dublin, Blanchardstown. This workshop is suitable for complete beginners as well as people who have tried composting but would like help improving their compost. The workshop will give participants the opportunity to explore the following:

- Learn ways to compost, reduce waste and save money by turning organic matter into rich soil.
- What's in a healthy compost pile? What to use and stay away from.
- Understand the role of worms and other soil engineers in the soil.
- Explore the use of compost as a mulch.
- Get hands on practical experience preparing materials and making compost.



#### **Booking Required**

## **Bird Song Film Screening**

#### Blanchardstown Library 6:30pm-7:30pm

Birdsong (2024), directed by Kathleen Harris follows Irish ornithologist Sean Ronayne as he ventures to capture the sound of every Irish bird. Joined by his partner Alba, he sets out to record over 200 bird species in this gripping documentary. Join Fingal County Council in Malahide Library for this Dublin Climate Action Week screening.



# Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>

**VENUE CHANGE** 

### Home Energy Savings Kit Demo Malahide Library 2pm-5pm

Drop into Baldoyle Library from 2pm – 5pm on Tuesday, 13th May for a hands-on demo of Codema's Home Energy Saving Kit.

Learn simple, low-cost ways to cut your energy bills and boost home efficiency. Dublin's Energy Agency Codema will show you how to use the kit's five easy tools to check for heat loss, insulation issues and appliance energy use.

No booking needed – just drop in between 2pm and 5pm.

Free energy-saving tips and resources to take home!



**Booking Required** 

### Sustainability in the Home Applewood Community Centre 6:30pm-7:30pm

Join Nathalie and Diane in this interactive and prop packed session to discover some of the everyday impactful changes you can make at home to be more sustainable and save money. We will cover easy eco swaps that tackle reducing plastic, how to source clothes sustainably and reducing food waste. You will come away feeling more informed with a list of actionable tips to start or progress your sustainable living journey.



## Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Specified Age Group** 

**Booking Required** 

### Kids Zero Waste Cooking Class Castleknock Community Centre 3:30pm-4:30pm

Join children's cookbook author and food educator, Deirdre, from the multi award winning The Cool Food School for a fun, interactive zero waste kids cooking class! The children will use a carrot from top to tail and make 2 delicious recipes. This workshop is suitable for children aged 8-12 years of age.



#### **Booking Required**

#### **Specified Age Group**

### Biodiversity Lego Rush Library 6pm-7:30pm



Join Jessica Farrell in Rush Library for the LEGO® Bricks Family Workshop- a fun, creative learning experience for families with children aged between 7 and 13 years. In this workshop, families build together as a shared experience. They will be presented with a series of LEGO® building challenges and must find a nature-based solution together to solve it. Expect to build wildflowers and bees using Lego alongside Jessica.

# Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>

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### **Kids Zero Waste Cooking Class**

#### Flemington Community Centre 4:30pm-5:30pm

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# Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Booking Required** 

### Climate Conversations Skerries Little Theatre 5:30pm-6:30pm

Join us during Dublin Climate Action Week in the Little Theatre in Skerries to have conversations about climate change in a friendly atmosphere hosted by Jacinta Barrins. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided for all and in fact, Jacinta often starts by showing us in simple terms the connection between the cuppa and climate change! By encouraging conversations in a relaxed, open atmosphere, we can unravel and demystify terms used in climate science and collectively as a community grow to take climate action.



# Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Specified Age Group** 

#### **Booking Required**

### Biodiversity Lego Swords Carnegie Library 3:30pm-5pm



Join Jessica Farrell in Swords Carnegie Library for the LEGO® Bricks Family Workshop- a fun, creative learning experience for families with children aged between 7 and 13 years. In this workshop, families build together as a shared experience. They will be presented with a series of LEGO® building challenges and must find a nature-based solution together to solve it. Expect to build wildflowers and bees using Lego alongside Jessica.

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#### Community Gardens & Climate Change with Ciarán Conneely, Dublin Community Growers Blanchardstown Library 6:30pm-7:30pm

Join Ciarán Conneely of Dublin Community Growers for this special Dublin Climate Action Week talk on how a local community has reduced its carbon footprint through gardening. Ciarán will discuss solar panels and battery-operated tools, rainwater harvesting, local seasonal food, carbon sequestration, wildlife ponds and plants for biodiversity, recycling, composting and homemade fertilisers, and heritage fruit conservation.





# Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Booking Required** 

#### Your Sustainable Wardrobe Ongar Community Centre 3pm-4pm

Join this interactive session delivered by The Sustainable Life School to learn how to be more sustainable with your clothes. Get informed on the top environmental and social issues associated with the fashion industry and learn how you can make a positive impact by learning:

- how to source and pass on clothes sustainably
- which fabrics are better for you and the planet
- how to care for your clothes

You will come away ready to enjoy and create a more sustainable wardrobe.



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### Swap Shop Ongar Community Centre 4pm-5pm

Join us in Ongar Community Centre for a Swap Shop!

#### How It Works:

**Bring Your Items:** Gather gently used items that you no longer need or want.

**Swap:** Browse through the collection of items brought in by others and find treasures that catch your eye.

**Exchange**: Swap your items for the ones you want. It's that simple!

#### Why Swap?

**Reduce Waste:** Reduce waste and promote recycling by giving items a second life.

**Cost-Effective:** Save money by trading items instead of buying new ones.



Join us at the Swap Shop and be part of a movement towards a more sustainable and connected community!

# Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Booking Required** 

### Creative Redesign Workshop Castleknock Community Centre 3:30pm-5pm

Turn waste materials into resources in a fun and creative way with the Rediscovery Centre. Join Arran who will lead this hands-on repair workshop which will help you create coasters from unused fabric using basic hand stitching techniques. No prior experience is required.



# Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>

**Booking Required** 

### Sustainable Gardening Bayside Community Centre 4pm-5pm

Join Aoife Munn for an engaging and lively talk that looks into sustainable gardening with a spotlight on rainwater gardens. Come see the new rainwater garden that has just been installed in Bayside Community Centre and learn how you can take practices from this project to use in your own garden.

In this workshop you will learn:

- What nature-based solutions are and why they matter
- How rain gardens help manage storm water and support local biodiversity
- Sustainable gardening tips

Whether you're a gardener or just curious to see the space and how it works, the session will leave you inspired to bring nature-led practices into your garden.

Tea and refreshments will be available for all participants.



# Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Booking Required** 

### **Beach Walk & Talk with Clean Coasts**

#### Portmarnock Beach 2pm-4pm

Join us for a fun, hands on and informative workshop at Portmarnock beach where participants will learn about the importance of a clean beach for marine life, our coastal ecosystems and the effects of climate change.

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Important Information: This event will take place outdoors, please dress for the weather and wear appropriate clothing such as sturdy shoes and a waterproof coat.



**Booking Required** 

### Bird Song Film Screening Balbriggan Library 2pm-3pm

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# Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Booking Required** 

### T-Shirt to Tote Bag Workshop Mourne Centre, Skerries 2pm-4pm

Join The Rediscovery Centre to learn some upcycling skills that will help you make good use of your waste fabrics. Bring along an old or unused T-shirt and turn it into a tote bag, this Climate Action Week.



**Booking Required** 

### **Skerries Nature Walk**

#### Mourne Community Centre 12pm-2pm

Come join us for a fun and informative nature walk exploring the local flora and fauna in our area. We will start at the Mourne Estate Community Centre and walk towards the Ballist pit. This will be a lovely way to connect with nature. All are welcome. Wear boots or good walking shoes and be prepared for the possibility of a rain shower.



# Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>

### Kellys Bay Open Orchard- Caring for Our Young Fruit Trees Kellys Bay Orchard 2pm-4pm

Join us as we tend to the oldest and largest mini orchard in the Skerries Open Orchard Project. We'll kick off with a short introduction to the thinking behind our mini orchards and how they support biodiversity and climate action in Skerries. Then it's time to roll up our sleeves! We'll be clearing unwanted growth from around the base of the trees, giving them some well-deserved food and compost, and watering them—unless the rain does it for us.

After our hands-on orchard care, we'll make our way back to Mourne View Community Centre for some well-earned refreshments.

Please wear clothes you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and bring warm shoes if the weather is cool.





## Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>

### Family Fun Day Malahide Castle 11am-6pm

Join us in celebrating Dublin Climate Action Week at the Fingal Climate Action Family Fun Day at Malahide Castle!

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