



Local Authority Integration Team

September & October 2025

What's on in the Mid-East Area?

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- Programme Refugees
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Our role is to support and empower individuals integrating into Irish Society and foster a sense of belonging and inclusion. Our support includes access and signposting to language, employment, education and health supports.

Contact us at integration@fingal.ie

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- **Culture Night 2025 website and social medias**
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International Protection Applicant (IPA)

- From July 2025, the IPO will be accelerating the processing of applications from Pakistan. Accelerated applicants undergo the same decision making process as all other international protection applicants, but have their cases dealt with in a more timely manner.
- You can renew your Immigration Residence Permit (IRP) card online, through the Irish Immigration Service portal. You can apply to renew your registration up to 12 weeks before it expires, it is important to allow enough time for your application to be processed.

Fingal Festival of Fire

What is it? A Dazzling Halloween Extravaganza in Swords and Malahide

When is it? Friday, 31st October, starts at 7pm

Scary Disco @ 7pm
Fireworks @ 7:30pm



Where is it? Swords Town Park, Behind the Castle & Malahide Castle

More information: <https://www.fingal.ie/events>

Adult Education Courses

Balbriggan Adult Education Service have a range of free* part-time and full-time courses

What are they? There are courses available in:

- Healthcare / Nursing Studies
- Special Needs Assisting
- Office Skills / Business Administration
- Childcare
- Digital Marketing
- Computer / Digital skills
- Reading & Writing
- English Language
- Beauty Therapy

When? Courses begin from September 2025

How long? Qualifications can be gained over a one or two year period

How do I apply? You can apply online at www.adulteducationnorthcountydublin.ie or contact Kevin McCabe at kevinmccabe@ddletbaes.ie or 01 841 7763

Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival

What is it?

The Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival is a celebration of our deep-rooted maritime heritage and the delectable bounty of the sea. A great day out with lots of free family fun, live music and the chance to support local businesses.

Where is it?

Howth

When is it?

6th & 7th of September at 12:00PM - 6PM

More information: <https://www.fingal.ie/events/howth-maritime>



Magic of Stories

Come join Fingal Libraries for their annual Festival of Children's Literacy!



When is it? September 27th, 11am - 4pm

Where is it? Swords Castle

More information: To learn more about the event, as well as the poetry and short story competitions, visit the Fingal website.

You can also pick up a FREE Magic of Stories Activity Book at any Fingal Library.

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone

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When is it?

Monday 29th of September,
6th, 13th and 20th October,
from 10am to 11.30am

Where is it?

Swords Library

More information:

These sessions focus on Android phones. iPhone users are welcome but may find that some topics don't apply.

Contact us at SwordsLibrary@fingal.ie or at (01) 8905582 to book your place.



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Malahide Library Events:

6pm-8pm

6pm-7pm

7pm - 8pm

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Children's Face Painting with Romina Roe

Harp Music Recital with Patricia Daly

Comedy show, Reuben the Entertainer

Pop-Up Art Gallery

For more events taking place in Fingal, check out www.culturenight.ie

Are you interested in volunteering?

Find out more information about volunteering at one Fingal Volunteer Centre Pop-up's taking place in libraries across Fingal, upcoming sessions include:

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Swords Library, Sep 15th, from 2pm-4:30pm

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Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP)

- Did you know that your Temporary Residence Card (TRC) has an expiry date, which is written in red. If your TRC is expired or due to expire within the next 3 weeks, you can renew by emailing trcrenewals@ipo.gov.ie.



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