Welcome to the Environmental Awareness and Climate Action Newsletter

What to expect from this issue:

- Updates from our team
- Community Climate Action Fund opportunities
 - Environmental campaigns for November
 - Waste reduction resources

Updates from our team



Losing the Thread: the Cost of Fast FashionShort film premieres in the Lighthouse Cinema

150 secondary schools attended an exclusive viewing of 'Losing the Thread', a documentary made by the 4 Dublin local authorities to highlight the impact of fast fashion on our environment. The premiere was a great success – thank you to all who left feedback on the day. To watch this short film, please follow the link below →

Losing The Thread - Documentary - My Waste



Climate Action in Fingal- Explore the Story Map!

Fingal County Council has created an interactive online map that shows climate action projects the Council is undertaking across the County. The map highlights initiatives such as energy efficiency upgrades, sustainable transport, biodiversity projects, and waste reduction initiatives. This map will continue to be updated throughout the year and can viewed here.



Fingal Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) Gathering

On October 9th the Fingal Climate Action Team in collaboration with the Fingal SEAI Sustainable Energy Community Mentors held an SEC networking day in Malahide Castle. The aim of this event was to:

- Highlight how communities across Fingal are improving energy efficiency and building resilience
- Explore funding and finance opportunities for local energy projects
- Create space to share ideas, network, and plan with like-minded groups
- Understand the barriers that SEC's face in developing Energy Master Plans.

Community Climate Action Fingal Opportunities



Can you reduce existing emissions?

Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Fingal Fund has now opened. Visit the <u>programme webpage</u> and watch the video on it to see how your community centre, club, or community organisation can apply. Fingal County Council might be able to support you.

Applications are welcome until the 22nd of December and can be sent to CommClimateActionOfficer@fingal.ie.

Environmental campaigns for November:

Reduce your energy usage (and bills)



To find more energy saving tips visit the <u>SEAI website</u>.

Borrow a Home Energy Saving Kit

Home Energy Saving Kits are available to borrow from libraries across Fingal. This kit, which includes user manuals and workbooks, will help you understand your energy and spot where heat might be escaping coming into these winter months.



Eco-tips for Autumn

#SmallCupBigChange

Remember that you can now borrow a reusable cup from a majority of cafés in Malahide and Rush thanks to Fingals new circular initiative to reduce single-use coffee cups. See the details of the campaign and a list of participating businesses here → **Fingal Reusable Cup Project**

#SmallCupBigChange



Leaf Mould Cages

The Community Leaf Mould Composting Project is now in full swing.

You can create your own leaf mould by following the **Leaf Mould** Checklist.

Borrow a Swap Shop Kit

Fingal County Council, in partnership with ChangeClothes, now offers free swap shop kits to community groups and schools. They are a great way to bring communities together. As Christmas approaches, why not consider hosting a Christmas jumper swap.To learn more, read the Swap Shop kit borrowing instructions here.

Zero Waste Resources:



- Check the <u>Seasonal Food</u> **Calendar** to ensure you're buying what's grown fresh and locally this month
- Visit the **Repair Directory** to see if what you have can be fixed before it is thrown away

Not sure what goes in what bin? Visit the My Waste website.

Environmental Dates



Clean Air Week takes place from the 17th to the 21st of November. Visit the Green Schools website to see the resources on offer to those who want to carry out 'No Idling' or Air Quality Surveys →

Clean Air Week Tools



Christmas Decoration Competition for Primary Schools

Check the **Environmental Awareness website** for details

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