

# **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 December
- Waste reduction resources





## Home Energy Saving Kits Loaning Scheme

Following two engaging energy advice clinics hosted by Fingal County Council, Codema's Home Energy Saving Kits are now available for staff to borrow. We remind the public that these kits are also available to borrow from all libraries in Fingal. They can be used to identify energy wastage in your home. For ideas on how you can save energy, please see [Codema's top tips](#).



### **Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant 2025**

We would like to commend the 40 incredible community groups across Fingal who delivered a wonderful variety of projects under the 2025 Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund, part-sponsored by the Department of Climate, Energy, and Environment. The creativity and commitment shown brought a real sense of pride to local areas, strengthened community spirit, and added colour and flair to our surroundings. From community clean-ups and planting projects, such as hedgerows, mini orchards, and wildflower meadows, to vibrant murals, mosaics with environmental messages crafted from litter-pick items, and local campaigns in collaboration with primary schools, these initiatives showcase the power of collective action for a cleaner, greener Fingal. We want to thank all the volunteers who put their time and energy into these projects. Well done to you all.

**Pictured above: a project by Howth Tidy Towns.**



## **Success at IBP Pride of Place Awards**

Congratulations to Coolmine Therapeutic Community, who have recently won the Climate Action and Biodiversity Award in the IBP Pride of Place competition. Their innovative "Recovery through Nature" programme uses nature as a support to their service users. Well done also to Rivervalley Community Centre, who were the runner-up in the Urban Neighbourhood Housing Estates category for the important role they play in the local community. Both nominees were supported at the award ceremony by Fingal County Council's Community Development Team, Mayor of Fingal Councillor Tom O'Leary, and Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly.

## Community Climate Action Fingal Opportunities



### Can you reduce existing emissions?

Phase 2 of the Community Climate Action Fingal Fund has now opened. Visit the [programme webpage](#) 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](mailto:CommClimateActionOfficer@fingal.ie).



## Environmental campaigns for December

Don't let the spirit of giving impact the spirit of environmental awareness. Consider more sustainable practices in the lead-up to Christmas to ensure you are keeping waste to a minimum. For more details, please visit our [Green Christmas](#) resource page.



## **Christmas Decoration Competition for Primary Schools**

**Closing on the 5th December**

Check the [Environmental Awareness page](#) for details



## Eco-tips for Winter

### "PostBack"- donating is easier now than ever

An Post, in partnership with Oxfam will now collect your donations for free. To see details on this scheme and to find out how you can order free donation bags, visit the [Oxfam website](#).



### 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](#).



## Brink Bank Reminders

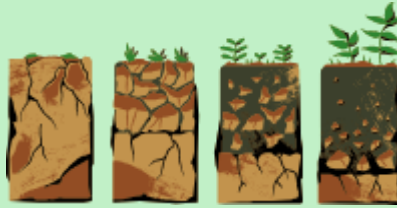
Bring Banks and civic amenity centres are busy over the Christmas period. If you find these resources are full when you arrive with your waste, please bring it home and return another day to responsibly dispose of it.

Leaving waste on the ground is considered dumping and can lead to a €150 fine.

Plan ahead and check what the opening days/times are of the recycling centres in Swords or Coolmine once they are announced [here](#).



## Environmental Dates



World Soil Day takes place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

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