

Welcome to the Environmental Awareness and Climate Action Newsletter

What to expect from this issue:

Updates from our team

Environmental campaigns for January

Waste reduction resources

Drop-in Energy Saving Clinic in Baldoyle Library



Drop in to Baldoyle Library from 10am-12.30pm on Tuesday, the 13th of January, for a hands-on demo of Codema's Home Energy Saving Kit, available to take out on loan across all libraries in Fingal. 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 heat loss, insulation issues and appliance energy use.

Relove Fashion - Submission Deadline Approaching



The end of January is the deadline for all Relove Fashion projects for the national contest run by the Rediscovery Centre. Laura Bannon from Baldoyle, who was a finalist last year, can be seen discussing her fantastic reworked 1980s debs dress [here](#). We look forward to seeing the upcycled looks that the young people of Fingal will create this coming year. For details on how to enter, please visit the [Relove Fashion website](#).

Tidy Towns - be a part of the action in 2026



The Tidy Towns groups in Fingal have been busy over the last year in collectively making Fingal a greener place. Clonsilla Tidy Towns, pictured above, won the 2024 Endeavour Award for uniting the community in keeping Clonsilla clean. Rush Tidy Towns also received the Community Action award from An Taisce's Ocean Hero Awards 2025. See the full list of winning Tidy Town groups in Fingal [here](#). Fingal County Council greatly admires the tireless work these groups undertake in the name of climate action. Volunteer with your local Tidy Towns in 2026 to make a real difference to your area.

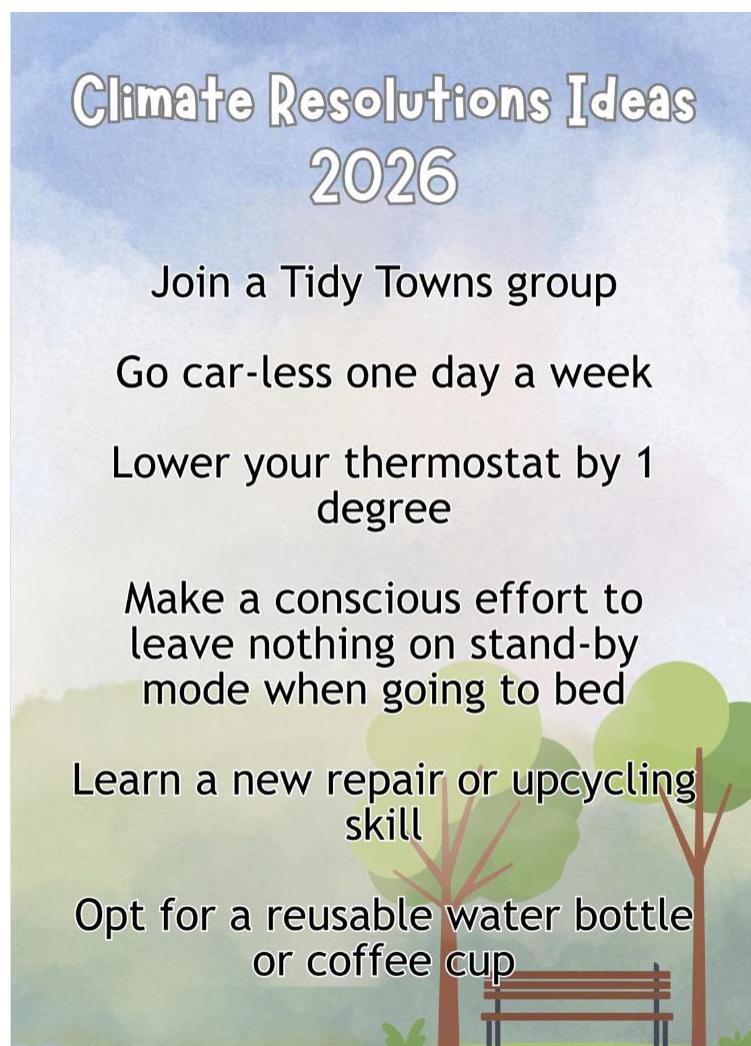
Community Climate Action Fund Updates



The image shows the logo for 'Community Climate Action Fingal'. The logo features a blue and orange design with the text 'Community Climate Action Fingal' and 'Funding Community projects to Reduce Emissions'. Below this, there are six small images representing different project categories: 'COMMUNITY ENERGY' (a lightbulb with a solar panel), 'TRAVEL' (a person on a bicycle), 'FOOD & WASTE' (a basket of fruit), 'LOCAL CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION' (a bird on a branch), and 'SHOPPING & RECYCLING' (a shopping bag with a recycling symbol). To the right of the logo, there is text for 'Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall' (Fingal County Council) and the Fingal County Council logo, which is a purple bird in flight. Below this, there is a green circular logo with the text 'WE'RE TAKING CLIMATE ACTION' and the Ireland Harp logo next to the word 'Ireland'.

Thank you to all who have applied for the second phase of the Community Climate Action Fund. The deadline has now passed, and the Community Climate Action Officer will be in touch to inform those who have been successful of the next steps. To familiarise yourself with this funding initiative, please click [here](#).

Climate Resolutions



Entering a new year invites us to reflect on our daily habits and think about how they can be improved. Consider factoring climate into your New Year's resolutions and commit to making 2026 a more sustainable, environmentally conscious year.

Christmas Decoration Competition Winners



Well done to all who contributed to the Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition this year. Winning pieces, which were made completely from recycled materials, were used to decorate the tree held in The Atrium of Swords' County Hall. The winners of the 2025 competition, who were awarded certificates, bundles of books and other biodiversity resources, are listed below:

- St. Francis Xavier Senior School
- Old Borough National School
- St. Helen's Senior National School
- Burrow National School

Eco-tips for the New Year

"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](#).



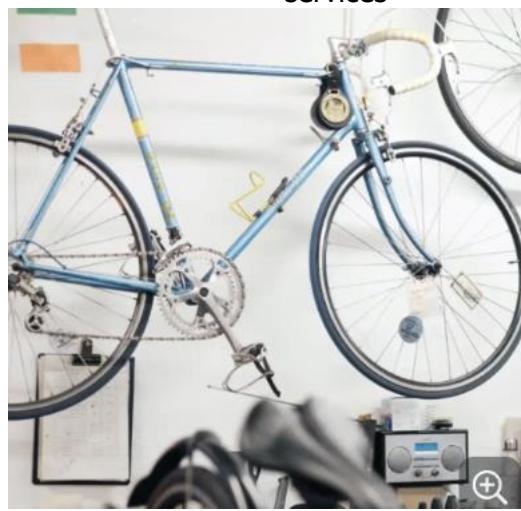
Borrow a Swap Shop Kit

Fingal County Council, in partnership with Change Clothes, offers free swap shop kits to community groups and schools. Received a piece of clothing as a gift over Christmas that doesn't suit you? Consider bringing it to a clothes swap. To learn more, read the Swap Shop kit borrowing instructions [here](#).



Start 2026 by getting organised and better informed about the zero-waste resources at your disposal:

- Visit the [Repair Directory](#) to see if what you have can be fixed before it is thrown away
- Plan your meals and try to shop seasonally and locally. Please consult the Stop Food Waste [Seasonal Calendar](#) for guidance.
- See [circular.ie](#) for a more comprehensive list of zero-waste tips and services



Post- Christmas Reminders

Please be mindful of disposing of extra gift packaging and batteries correctly. Not sure what goes in what bin? Visit the [My Waste website](#).



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- Christmas Tree drop-off points will be operating in Fingal between the 2nd and 16th of January. To see a full list of locations, click [here](#).
- Please recycle your bottles from Christmas celebrations at a bring bank. The new year is a busy time, so if they are full, come back another day instead of leaving them on the ground to avoid a fine.



Environmental Dates

Environmental Education Day takes place on the 26th of January.



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