

Welcome to the Environmental Awareness and Climate Action Newsletter

What to expect from this issue:

- Updates from our team
- Eco-tips for May
- Waste reduction resources



Dublin Climate Action Week 2026

Dublin Climate Action Week is set to take place from May 11th to 17th this year. With a range of events planned across the Dublin region, there will be something for everyone! In Fingal, you can look forward to some fantastic workshops, talks, film screenings and immersive experiences, suitable for all ages and interests. The highlights of the week include two Family Fun Days, hosted by the Fingal County Council Climate Action and Active Travel Teams, in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown, on the 9th of May and in Malahide Castle on the 17th of May. All events are free to attend; however, most require booking in advance. To keep up to date and register your interest for an event, click [here](#).



Post Consumer Textile Campaign

My Waste has launched a new textile campaign asking citizens to ensure items such as clothing, paired footwear, and household textiles are clean, dry, folded, and neatly bagged before placing them in clothing banks, bringing them to your local civic amenity site, or donating them to charity shops. These simple yet important steps can give these items a second life and help support Ireland's transition to a circular economy. For more information on where to donate these items, click [here](#).

One Small Action for Nature – Fingal Schools Challenge

A competition for all schools ran over three weeks as part of the 'One Small Action for Nature – Fingal Schools Challenge'. To take part, schools were asked to complete one simple action for nature, submit one photo, and write one sentence describing what their class did to help nature.

Winning classes will receive a Bosca Dúlra Nature Box, each packed with biodiversity games, activities and resources for pupils. The closing date is today, 1st May, and winners will be announced on 6th May. Find out more [here](#).



Relove Fashion Final 15th April

Young people from all over Ireland gathered at Dublin City University (DCU) on the 15th of April for the largest Relove Fashion Final in the competition's history, celebrating creativity, innovation and sustainability in fashion. The finalists reimagined old clothes and other household fabrics, creating outfits from unwanted, and in many cases unexpected fabrics, including old umbrellas, pillowcases and shower curtains. All of the submitted outfits were required to be both washable and wearable, demonstrating not only creativity but also practicality and durability.

Well done to the Fingal finalists:

Alice Gallagher | Ardgillan College, Fingal County Council

Harafat Abimbola & Maryam Nour | Le Cheile Secondary School,
Fingal County Council



Our Energy Our Future

The Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment has launched its new Our Energy Our Future campaign outlining the crucial role of renewables in achieving energy security and reaching Ireland's renewable targets. The campaign webpage features a range of helpful resources, which can be accessed [here](#).



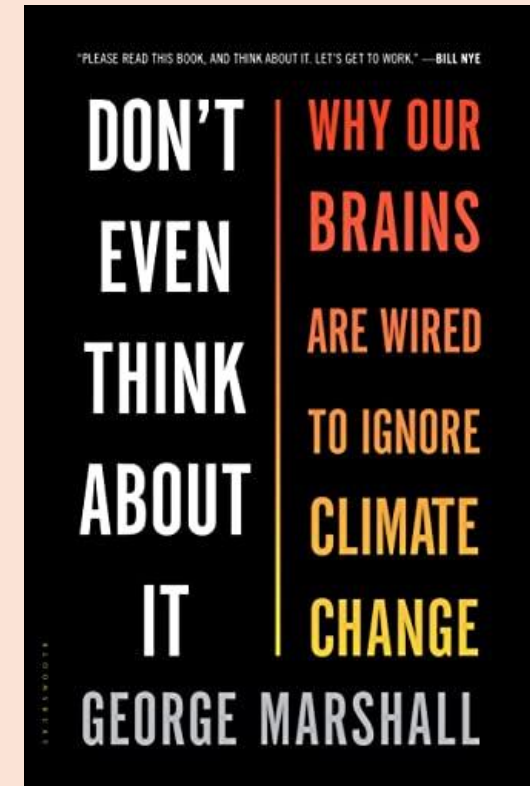
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House Warming Podcast

House Warming is a podcast series brought to you by SEAI, and is all about helping you to make your home a warmer, more energy efficient, and beautiful place to live. All episodes are available online [here](#).

Climate Action Team Recommendation

Why not include a climate action book on your reading list this month? Fingal Libraries have a huge suite of resources in hard copies, e-readers, audio, documentaries, etc. Check what your local library has in stock. For May, the Climate Action Team are recommending *Don't Even Think About It* by George Marshall.



Fingal Climate Stories Map

Interested in seeing how we are progressing with our Climate Action Plan targets? The Fingal Climate Stories Map is live and shows you the various projects undertaken across the County Council that contribute to Climate Action.

Did you know that over 35,000 environmentally friendly LEDs have been installed by the Operations Department to date? These have replaced the traditional street lights that consume high amounts of energy. To read more about this work and other success stories, click [here](#).



Climate and Sustainability focus for new Springboard+ Courses

Thousands of places in Springboard+ courses are now open for applications, with opportunities available in areas such as sustainability, offshore wind energy, circular economy and climate-related enterprise.

Springboard+ is managed by the Higher Education Authority and provides free and subsidised upskilling and reskilling higher education opportunities. To learn more click [here](#).



Eco-tips for May

The 20th of May is World Bee Day. See how you can protect this important pollinators by following these tips.

A vertical poster for World Bee Day. The background is a soft, light blue and green wash with faint illustrations of bees and honeycombs. At the top left, a bee is shown in flight. At the top right, a bee is shown near a honeycomb. In the middle left, a bee is shown near a honeycomb. In the middle right, a bee is shown near a branch. At the bottom, there are illustrations of daisies and grass. The text is arranged in a clean, modern font.

World Bee Day

20th May 2026

Help a bee in need – lay out shallow bowls of water with stones or pebbles in them so they can safely land and rehydrate

Build a “Bee Hotel” using sticks, twigs, recycled wood, plastic and tin

Protect hedgerows - they provide shelter and a year-round pollen pantry for bees

Take part in “No Mow May” - don’t cut away the dandelions and clover as they are an important food source for bees

Avoid pesticides. This will invite biodiversity into your garden and school grounds, and encourage bee health

Support or join the Fingal North Dublin Beekeepers' Association

Free Recycled Paint: For Community Spaces and Schools

Recycled paint is available for use by community groups in community spaces and for schools. Typically, the available colours are magnolia and grey, but other colours may be available from time to time. Be sure to specify whether you need interior or exterior paint. This paint is sourced from the Fingal Recycling Centres and processed by the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun as part of a waste prevention and circular economy initiative in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre.

To request paint, email paint@rediscoverycentre.ie with the following details:

- What you plan to paint
- The area to be painted (in square metres)
- Preferred colours



Borrow a Free Clothes Swap Kit

Fingal County Council, in partnership with Change Clothes, offers **free** clothes swap kits to community groups, sports clubs and schools. To learn more, read the kit borrowing instructions [here](#).

Zero-Waste Resources

April may be National Spring Clean month, but before you discard something you will only end up replacing, consider repairing, upcycling, or recycling it. Visit the [Repair Directory](#) to see if what you have can be fixed before it is thrown away. See circular.ie for a more comprehensive list of zero-waste tips and services.



May Circular Economy Hack: Become a Bee Hotel Custodian

With World Bee Day coming up, alongside warmer weather, seize the opportunity to go outside and create your own DIY Bee Hotel. See this [useful guide](#) for instructions.

Greener Living Guidance

Visit the [My Waste website](#) to see their full list of greener living resources.

Waste Reminders

Improve how you manage your school and workplace waste by using the bin guidance resources available [here](#).




















Please recycle your bottles at your nearest bring banks. If you are at work, consider designating a "landing area" for cans and bottles that can be used in the deposit-return machines.



What's in Season?

If meal planning is on your agenda each week, get to know what foods are in season – they are often more affordable and come with fewer "food miles".

Plan your meals and try to shop seasonally and locally. Visit the [Bord Bia website](#) to see what's in season now.

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| Shallots | French Beans | Broad Beans | Beetroot | Onion | Broccoli | Strawberry | Chives |
| In season | | | | | | | |
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| Pak Choi | Radish | Scallions | Aubergine | Mushrooms | Tomato | Cucumbers | Peppers |
| From Storage | | | | | | | |
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| Rooster Potatoes | Apples | Bramley Apples | | | | | |

Environmental Dates

Bike Week runs alongside Dublin Climate Action Week this year from the 9th - 17th of May. The Fingal County Council Active Travel team have organised a fantastic programme of events, and they will join the Climate Action team for the Family Fun Days in Millenium Park (9th May) and Malahide Castle (17th May). To see what's on during Bike Week 2026, click [here](#).



Click [here](#) to find all Environmental Awareness news and resources.

Click [here](#) to see what Fingal County Council is doing to address climate change.

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