

at 8pm next Thurs May 21 to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in The Royal Hotel, Main Street. All are welcome—members are free while admission for visitors/non-members is €8. Home to Rebels, Philanthropists, Industrialists, Creatives, and so much more, Historian and Liberties local Liz Gillis will discuss the rich history of The Liberties, one of Dublin's oldest communities.

Talk on Robert Barton

Dr. Chris Lawlor will present 'Robert Barton – A Remarkable Revolutionary' 26 Wednesday at 8pm next Tue week May 26 to the Roundwood & District Historical, Folklore & Archaeological Society in Roundwood Parish Hall, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome—admission is €3 for members and €5 for non-members.

INCHICORE

Get creative on Drawing Day

The country will become a giant sketchbook during National Drawing Day which returns on Saturday next.

Coordinated by the National Gallery of Ireland in partnership with more than 50 museums, galleries, arts centres and libraries. And everyone is welcome—from seasoned sketchers to first-time doodlers.

Among the free events in Dublin are:

*manuscript decorating workshop at the National Museum

*Mixed media drawing workshop at the Chester Beatty Library

*Drop-in drawing session at the international literature festival

*Drawing with nature family workshop at Richmond Barracks.

RANELAGH

Restaurant opens seven days a week

An award-winning Ranelagh restaurant is now open seven days a week, writes Jo Kenny.

Long regarded as a go-to for Pakistani cuisine in Dublin, as well as extending its opening hours, Kinara Kitchen has introduced a new Curry Club menu.

Available for dinner Monday to Wednesday, the Curry Club menu brings together Kinara Kitchen's best-loved dishes, served with pilau rice and naan for €22.

The new lunch menu, served Thursday and Friday from 12pm to 4pm and Saturday and Sunday from 1pm to 4pm, works for both quick midweek bites and more relaxed weekend dining.

The Thali Lunch plate offers a selection of curries, with the chef's choice spanning Lamb, Fish, Chicken or Vegetarian options.

For something more casual, the Khat a Khat remains a standout: an open naan topped with spiced chopped chicken, mango chutney and skinny fries,

which has built a following after appearances at Electric Picnic.

DUBLIN COUNTY

Ireland's only inclusive hyrox-inspired event returns

Members from Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) Clontarf joined more than 160 people with physical disabilities from across Ireland last week, writes Jo Kenny.

The event, hosted by the IWA at the Sport Ireland National Indoor Arena last week, was called the Fitness Inclusion Games, Ireland's only inclusive hyrox-inspired event.

The games feature a series of high-energy, adapted team challenges testing strength and endurance inspired by formats such as CrossFit and Hyrox but designed to be fully inclusive.

Now in its second year, the event highlights the ongoing challenges faced by people with disabilities in accessing gyms, training and sport spaces but also showcases the possibilities when barriers are removed.

Minister of State for Disability, Emer Higgins, who opened the games, said they are a "powerful example of what can be achieved when inclusion is prioritised in sport and physical activity".

"Events like this showcase talent, determination and community spirit of the athletes involved and their support network of IWA staff and gym coaches," said the minister.

"It highlights the importance of continuing to think inclusion first and to strive as a society for accessible opportunities so that everyone can participate fully in active life."

The Games are part of IWA's broader Fitness Inclusion Project, which has grown from a small pilot in Drogheda in 2022 into a national initiative, with programmes now running in locations including Navan, Tipperary, Galway and across Dublin.

"What we're seeing is the result of a movement that is growing across the country," said Declan Hamilton of IWA.

"These athletes are not just taking part, they are pushing boundaries, building confidence and showing what's possible when barriers are removed.

"The demand for inclusive fitness is there, and we hope to grow the programme with support. IWA wants to ensure people with disabilities can participate fully in their communities."

Radio club at Ardgillan Castle

The North Dublin Radio Club, EIONDR, will be active from Ardgillan Castle on Sunday May 24 for a public demonstration of amateur radio. The Club will be operating from within the castle itself and visitors are welcome to come along

between 10am and 5pm.

Ardgillan Castle Demesne dates from the 1730s when it became the family home of the Taylor family. It was purchased by Dublin County Council in 1982 and has a wonderful range of amenities which include castle tours, spectacular gardens, an art gallery, craft shop, playground, heritage trails and tearooms. The demesne is located near Balbriggan, Eircode K34 C984. Entrance and car parking is free.

Schools take home regional prize at energy awards

Students from Dublin took home top prizes from the An Taisce Green Schools' Energy Awards last week, writes Jo Kenny. Kingswood Community College was awarded the title of Greater Dublin Area Regional School of the Year, while the EVE Estuary Training Centre was named the Dublin Regional School of the Year.

Students from across Ireland taking part in the Green Schools' Energy Theme gathered with their teachers at the award ceremony, where they were presented with the Green Flag, recognising their outstanding work on the theme.

The Energy Theme, sponsored by EirGrid, operator and developer of Ireland's electricity grid, enables students to expand their awareness around energy conservation.

The Dublin students were among 10 schools nationwide who scooped awards at the ceremony.

As part of their entry, students from the EVE Estuary Training Centre held their own 'Switch Off' festival, while those from Kingswood Community College also held awareness campaigns to encourage those in their school to conserve energy.

So far this academic year, more than 3,700 students and 273 schools have engaged in the theme, including events such as regional workshops consisting of hands-on activities, artwork and experiments, which allowed them to learn more about where electricity comes from and how they can take steps to reduce energy consumption.

These workshops also allowed students to hear about how EirGrid is playing a leading role in decarbonising the electricity grid.

FINGAL

Simple things can make big difference on environment

Fingal residents are being encouraged to take simple, positive climate actions through a new animated video series launched by their county council, writes James Dillon.

The six-part series highlights the practical steps that individuals, households and communities can take to make a difference in everyday life.

They span from saving energy and choosing sustainable transport, to protecting biodiversity, reducing waste, building flood resilience and getting involved in local climate action.

The animations aim to show that meaningful change can start with small actions at local level. Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Grainne Maguire says. "By focusing on practical and affordable actions, we hope to empower people and communities to make positive changes that collectively have a real impact."

The initiative coincides with Dublin Climate Action Week.

The animations aim to encourage people to get involved in climate action in a practical and positive way.

As communities across the county take part in events and activities throughout the week, the series highlights the small everyday actions that we can take as individuals.

The series covers, Energy, Transport, Biodiversity, Circular Economy, Flood Resilience and Community Engagement.

CLONTARF

'Fitness Inclusion Games' show what can be done

Members of Clontarf's Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) welcomes more than 160 people with physical disabilities for the 'Fitness Inclusion Games' – the only inclusive hyrox-inspired event, writes James Dillon.

The games took place at Sport Ireland's national indoor arena. They involved a series of high-energy, adapted team challenges testing strength and endurance inspired by formats such as CrossFit and Hyrox but designed to be fully inclusive.

This is the second year of the games. The event highlights the ongoing challenges faced by people with disabilities in accessing gyms, training and sport spaces.

But it also showcases the possibilities when barriers are removed.

IWA Clontarf member Alan Fay, from north Dublin, was competing in the games for the second time.

"This year was even better than last year, and I have to thank all our coaches and volunteers for all their support. Last year at the games I was struggling and I said 'I can't keep going', but they kept me going and here I am again this year."

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The demand for inclusive fitness is there, he said.

STONEBATTER

No room for wheelie bins

Residents in Stonebatter and the north inner-city are being told their waste bag collection service will be withdrawn in July, and they will have to use wheelie bins instead, writes James Dillon.

But Sinn Féin by-election candidate, Janice Boylan, has submitted an emergency motion to Dublin city council to stop plans to end waste bag collection services.

She said the proposed switch takes no account of the fact that the homes involved are small terraced houses, with no front gardens and tiny backyards. There is no space inside to store wheelie bins.

She added: "It also does not take account of the tiny footpaths outside most of these houses. Wheelie bins

would make these footpaths inaccessible for people in the area with mobility issues or parents with buggies."

Ms Boylan added: "This decision is being made without any consultation with the residents in the area and with no alternatives explored."

Meanwhile Dublin city council has welcomed Phase 2 of the removal of plastic waste bags from the streets of the city-centre.

New waste compactors on Marlborough Place and Loftus Lane are installed in partnership with the waste collectors in Dublin city. Permission to present the waste bags on the street for collection was removed on Monday from all 110 streets covered in the Phase 2 area.

A statement from the council said the compactors will be available to everyone, including businesses and residents, based in the streets affected. Businesses and residents in the pilot area are being told to contact their waste collector to discuss the new options for collection.

SKERRIES

Vibrant weekend festival

Families, residents and visitors are all invited to the Mayor's Fest, a vibrant two-day family festival at Skerries Mill.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary is delighted to invited everyone.

The event takes place on Saturday 6/ Sunday 7 June. The festivities begin each

day from 2.00pm.

On Saturday, audiences will be enchanted by a magical Disney Princess Show alongside a hugely popular Taylor Swift tribute act.

On Sunday, performances from popular band Smash Hits and Skerries-based favourites Risky Business will take to stage delivering party favourites and keeping the atmosphere buzzing.

Mayor's Fest is free to attend, with no tickets required.

ARTANE

€250,000 refurbishment of store

Circle K is celebrating the completion of a €250,000 refurbishment of its store in Artane, Dublin.

The store upgrades include an expanded food offering, featuring a full hot and cold deli, an enhanced in-store bakery, and a wider grab-and-go range. Customers can also enjoy an extensive selection of cold beverages, an improved off-licence offering, and an elevated coffee experience, with a broader choice of barista-style favourites and speciality options such as matcha.

The refurbishment of the Circle K store in Artane has been completed with no disruption to customers or staff, with all existing roles retained. The store continues to be managed by its experienced local manager and team, ensuring continuity and familiarity for the community.

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council



ACQUISITION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACQUIRE LAND UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2024 AND ALL OTHER ACTS THEREBY ENABLING ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LANDS AT KELLY'S BAY, SKERRIES, COUNTY DUBLIN

Notice is hereby given that Fingal County Council in exercise of the power conferred on them by Section 45 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, intend to acquire by Order that section of the land described hereunder.

A copy of the map referred to in the Order may be seen and inspected at the offices of Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 and Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638, Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm (excluding Bank Holidays) from 14th of May 2026 to 12th of June 2026.

The map is also available on the Fingal County Council website www.fingal.ie/vesting-order

Further information may be obtained from Aisling Doyle, Senior Staff Officer, Property Services Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Telephone no. 01 890 5000, E-mail: property.mgt@fingal.ie.

Any person having an interest in the land to which this acquisition notice relates, may before the **12th day of June 2026** appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND INTENDED TO BE ACQUIRED

Open Space at Kelly's Bar, Skerries, County Dublin.

Dated this the 14th day of May 2026.

Natalie Dineen,
Administrative Officer,
Property Services,
Economic, Community & Cultural Development.