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1. Activities performed since October 2025 (Fingal)

Fingal Consortium Meeting & Conference – 29th October 2025/ From Isolation to Inclusion – A Collaborative Approach

A unique opportunity to combine a flagship annual event coordinated by Fingal Older People's Council with the 4th Consortium meeting of Korale. The combined event placed the critical issues of isolation and social exclusion among older people firmly on the agenda. Over 150 older people attended – round table discussions helped to shape actions in the new policy instrument



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2. Progress/steps towards policy change

Fingal's latest **Age Friendly Strategy (2026–2030)** was officially launched on January 16, 2026, by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Tom O'Leary, at County Hall in Swords, County Fingal.

Fingal Age Friendly
Strategy
2026 – 2030

- Updated Strategic Objectives
- Strengthened Governance arrangements
- Integration across council services
- Greater focus on outcomes and monitoring
- Enhanced participation of older people
- Incorporation of European and Good Practice
- Transition to Implementation phase



1. Activities performed since April 2026 (online meeting)

Monitoring the Implementation of the Policy Document

The Fingal Age Friendly Alliance met in May and August to review progress of the actions in the policy document

No.	Action	Description	Lead Partner(s)	Supporting Partners	Timescale	Indicators	Target Areas
1.7	Programme to tackle loneliness and isolation among older people	Continue to support groups to develop and engage with Walk & Talk	Sports/Active Travel	Get Ireland Walking	2025-2028	Increased presence of Walk & Talk Groups from 5 to 15 across the County	Entire County
May 2026		4 x groups currently active in Fingal: Swords, Rush, Lusk and Malahide					
Challenges		Currently no capacity to increase the number of groups.					
August 2026		9 groups currently active in <u>Fingal</u> : Swords, Rush, Lusk, Malahide, Santry, Castleknock, Mulhuddart, Donabate and Corduff. Numbers on each group vary week to week					
Challenges		Identifying walk leaders where needed for new groups and staffing resources to keep checking in on progress					

Action 1.6: Monthly Sing-a-long sessions for over 55s /**Action 1.7:** Corduff Walk and Talk

Action 7.5: Extend Intergenerational Practice (IGP) in Fingal

Learnings from Korale: Connect 55 - Implementation of the learnings from Vienna's Hobby Lobby project

One day per week in a community centre has been designated as a 'drop in' hub for older people, free of charge, no sign up or commitment required, weekly activities:

Crafts, Acorn tablets, wellness hub, sing a long, advice and information

Tutors giving time free in exchange for free space for their own use.

Progress/steps towards policy change & our expectations for the coming months:

- **Priority will be placed on embedding Age Friendly principles across council services**
- **Strengthening governance and partnerships,**
- **Delivering targeted actions to support healthy ageing and social connectedness**
- **Monitoring progress through clear outcomes and performance indicators**

Implementation – Monitoring – Review

- **Annual Implementation Plan**
- **Quarterly monitoring & review meetings of Fingal Age Friendly Alliance**
- **Older People's Council will play a key role in reviewing action plan**
- **FCC Interdepartmental team will convene as needed in advance of key projects**
- **Annual Progress Report**



Turning European Learning into Local Action

– The Korale Influence

- Whole system implementation – moving beyond individual projects to embedding Age Friendly principles across council services, partner organisations and community planning
- Korale Informed approach – apply European learning on loneliness prevention, social connectedness, intergenerational engagement and community led solutions to local policy and practice
- Stronger collaboration and accountability – introducing enhanced partnership structures, greater involvement of older people in decision making and clearer performance measures to track outcomes and impact

Thank you!

Obrigado

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Bedankt

Tak

Gracias

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