

Message from Chris Sullivan - Chair of the Fingal Community Facilities Network

Welcome – As the current Chair of the Fingal Community Facilities Network, just wanted to touch base and give an a little insight as to what FCFN has given to me as the manager of Huntstown Community Centre by being a member and attending the Network meeting over the years.

In 2017 an idea came from the Community Development Office of Fingal County Council, to gather managers, staff and Board volunteers of the centres in Fingal Area to promote the varied of work community facilities across the county were achieving .

Since its inception the network has grown organically to meet the needs as they develop in community. With one of the biggest one being Covid in 2020, when the world was turned upside down. The FCFN formed the Remobilisation working group. This group supported the centres managers/staff to continue their work to meet and deliver services to the community that were most vulnerable and isolated under the strict Government Guidelines.

This was achieved and being part of this process highlighted the value of being part of this network even stronger.

As mention above the Network has grown and developed from the outstanding training that has been accomplished to the other sub groups that have been formed. Such as Keen to be green working group which was established to take a proactive approach to developing sustainable measures in support of climate action in community centres.

A web site development working group was set up to oversee the design and development of a web site for the network. This site is a great source of information for the community about their local centre and for the managers and Boards with the policy hub.

To end with currently the FCFN provides support to 38 community facilities and has over 60 registered members, and as the current Chairperson I could not be prouder and as a member I find the Fingal Community Facilities Network invaluable from the knowledge that is shared at the Network meetings along with the training received over the years. The support from the Fingal staff and the members when needed I am not surprised that the FCFN is now recognised as a critical support mechanism for all who are part of it.

Chris Sullivan

Chair Fingal Community Facilities Network





National Volunteering week 20th - 26th of May

Celebrating the contribution of volunteers who play a key role in overseeing the management of 37 Community Centres across Fingal. The theme this year is "something for everyone"



More information on the week can be seen through the FCFN website [here](#)

Fingal Biodiversity Events

Fingal County Council have released the brochure for the Fingal Biodiversity events programme, to take place in May and June 2024. The downloadable brochure can be found [here](#) and more further information can be seen on the [FCC webpage](#)



Fingal events guide 2024

A guide for events happening across Fingal in 2024 including concerts, festivals and fun days can be seen and downloaded [here](#)



National foods waste recycling week



Join Global Action Plan and Fingal County Council this National Food Waste Recycling week for a hands on workshop about composting, food waste and simple tips we can all take to reduce our waste.

Refreshments provided and all participants will receive a FREE brown caddy for food waste. Tickets can be booked [here](#)

Donabate Memory Cafe



Donabate Community Centre will host a memory cafe on the 29th of May, from 11am to 1pm. Heathy Age Friendly Homes and Affordable Live - IN Homecare will be in attendance. Refreshments will also be available on the day

Webpages and items of interest

Fingal County Council webpage - <https://www.fingal.ie/>

Fingal Community Facilities Network webpage - <https://fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie/>

Fingal Volunteer Centre - <https://volunteerfingal.ie/>

Fingal County Council Community and Sport Community Grants and Funding webpage - https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding_

