

## Spotlight on... Blakestown Community Centre



Blakestown Community Centre was built in 1987 and is located beside Scoil Mhuire Junior and Senior Schools, on the Hartstown road in the Dublin 15 area.

The centre is open seven days a week (subject to demand) and can cater for a wide range of activities, so there will be something to interest you.

The centre's aim is to be a positive hub for the local community allowing everyone to take part in:

**Sport** - With a full size indoor sports hall available to hire on request, pictured below.

**Leisure** - A community coffee shop on site providing reasonably priced tea / coffee and food on site to user groups, local schools and the community.

**Community Development** - Meeting rooms available to hire for training or activities for all age groups. Additional Facilities include internet access and use of a projector that is included for all room bookings.

**Educational and recreational activities** - A dedicated youth space within the centre with activities and classes for young people.

**Childcare** - Community childcare and a pre school service on site.

Feel free to call in for a cup of tea and pick up a time-table and see what activities are taking place. The centre will show you how to book-in for activities. Don't be afraid to try out an event or class for the first time.



Connecting Communities

## 2024 Fingal Safer Halloween Scarecrow Competition

C Fingal County Council will be hosting our second Scarecrow competition in association with our Safer Halloween campaign to compliment a programme of Halloween and safety information activities taking place in Fingal towards the end of October. The idea is simple: come up with a concept for a scarecrow, build it from scratch, and we will display your scarecrow online for public vote. Fingal Safer Halloween Scarecrow encourages community groups and households to put their scarecrow making abilities to the test. More information & to enter with a photo of your scarecrow no later than Monday 14th October 11am click [here](https://rb.gy/wsxji) <https://rb.gy/wsxji>  
Best of luck to all involved!



## Position available - Community Sports Centre Assistant Manager Corduff Sports Centre

Corduff Sports Centre opens 7 days a week, subject to demand. FCRS are seeking to recruit a community sports centre assistant manager. The assistant manager will help the centre manager and will ensure the effective and efficient management and co-ordination of the human, financial, and material resources of the business.

This position would be ideal for a senior centre attendant looking to make the next step into management. For further role requirements and how to apply, please see the full job advert on the FCFN website, [here](#)



## Carmichael online training workshops

The Community Development Office are providing free online training workshops for staff who's Centres are part of the Facilities Network. The full list of courses available, along with dates and times, can be found [here](#) on the Carmichael website.

If you would like to avail of any of these workshops, please email [Ciaran.morgan@fingal.ie](mailto:Ciaran.morgan@fingal.ie) with the attendees full name and chosen session - a link to register will then be sent on.

\*Please note the workshops are non refundable to FCC and are limited to 2 per person to be given on a first come, first serve basis.



**Carmichael.**

## Keen to be Green Communities Festival - Flemington Community Centre Balbriggan

Keen To Be Green Communities organised a Green Festival in Flemington Community Centre Balbriggan to celebrate Climate Action Week 2024.

Promoting wider community engagement and Keen To Be Green's 5 Core themes; Waste Management, Water Conservation, Energy Efficiency, Biodiversity and Transport. The event was an opportunity to also deliver on the community focused objectives within FCC Climate Action Strategy 2024 – 2029. With a number of workshops such as the Cool Food School engaging children on reducing food waste, upcycling waste material, a swap shop, bike repair station, biodiversity workshop and information stands. The event was well attended and a great success, as can be seen in the video [here](#)



With support from Fingal County Council we are participating towards sustainable waste prevention and the improvement of our wider community and environment. With this in mind we would like to encourage users of this Community Centre to follow some guidelines:

- This is a Single-Use-Plastics-Free Centre
- Place all waste in the correct bins for recycling (a 3 bin system is in place)
- Follow all signage guidelines to aid waste disposal and recycling

We thank you for your support with this initiative. **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

## Community Climate Action Fingal

The Community Climate Action Grant is administered by Fingal County Council Environment, Climate Action and Sports Department.

The Community Climate Action Officer Sinead Fox is the point of contact - If you wish to be informed when the grant opens please email

[CommClimateActionOfficer@fingal.ie](mailto:CommClimateActionOfficer@fingal.ie) and you can be placed on the mailing list. You will then be notified you when the grant opens.



## Career Advice Sessions with Jill Barrett

Get job hunting tips, including interview techniques and advice on creating a winning CV, from career expert Jill Barrett. If you feel like you need to diversify or change your career, these sessions will help point you in the right direction. Dates, times and locations for the sessions can be seen below.

### Malahide Library

Monday, 7th October

Monday, 14th October

5:30pm – 7:30pm

### Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 9th October

Wednesday, 16th October

Wednesday, 23rd October

Wednesday, 30th October

5:30pm – 7.30pm



## 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\\_](https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding_)