



# Fingal Community Facilities

## Newsletter



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# Spotlight on...Rivervalley Community Centre



The Rivervalley and Rathingle Community Centre located in the Swords area, is open 9am to 10pm seven days a week. The centre support new groups in helping them establish into the community alongside hosting a wide range of current groups.

Rivervalley and Rathingle Community Centre is a positive place allowing everyone to take part in:

- Sport - A large sports hall available to hire for a range of activities.
- Leisure - Function room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for Community events.
- Community Development - Meeting rooms on site available for training, recreation and other activities.
- Childcare facilities on site.
- Sensory Spaces - Space available upon request to groups or individuals, this space is unplanned, last minute bookings are welcome.

The centre provide affordable community space for groups and organisations in the Rivervalley/ Rathingle and surrounding areas, contains a number of multi-purpose rooms ranging in size from 14.7m<sup>2</sup> to 68.5m<sup>2</sup> which can be used for various activities, training or meetings.

The Centre is also equipped with Wifi available throughout the building.

The Centre provides free meeting space for Residents Associations and room hire rates for other groups are very competitive.

For more information, feel free to call or visit the centre - new people are always welcome.





# Keen to be Green Facilities awards 2025

On the 15th of May 2025, the Community Development Office hosted the awards for the second core strand of the Keen to be Green programme 'water conservation' in Fingal County Offices Swords as part of Climate Action week.

These awards highlighted the efforts the Community Centre's have made in water conservation along with outlining the other core aims of the Keen to be Green charter.



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# Flavours of Fingal 2025



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Flavours of Fingal, Ireland's largest and most action-packed family friendly county show. This year's event is taking place on **Saturday 5th** and **Sunday 6th July**, at the beautiful Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate, North Dublin.

Taking place at Newbridge House and Farm, just 10 minutes from Dublin Airport, these beautiful rolling parklands come to life for 2 amazing days of music, entertainment, farming, food, sport and fun.



# Carmichael Network training

Dear Network Members,

I am pleased to inform you that we have secured funding for Carmichael courses for 2025.

Places will be limited to two courses per person. For more information on the training provided email

[Ciaran.Morgan@fingal.ie](mailto:Ciaran.Morgan@fingal.ie)

You are encouraged to engage with your boards to see if any of the directors would like to avail of courses on this training schedule.

**Carmichael.**



## Fingal Community Facilities Network event



The next Fingal Facilities Network members event will take place on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, in Malahide Castle and Gardens.

Training on the day will be from ASIAM, Irelands Autism charity. This interactive session aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of autism and its implications within Irish society. By exploring key concepts and strategies, attendees will be better equipped to foster an inclusive environment for Autistic individuals that use members facilities currently along with future users with this need.



# Fingal County Council Development Office

Central to the work of the Community Development Office is the development of strong, self-reliant and sustainable communities. Their role is to support local people through community and voluntary groups to deliver projects and initiatives in their communities. The office can help groups in a number of ways, including training, information & advice, group development and funding toward community activities.



## FUNDING

The Community Development Office provides support to community groups across Fingal County: groups such as residents' groups, Tidy Towns groups, environmental groups and other interest groups. These groups benefit their communities by encouraging integration, inclusion and add to the sense of community which is felt by those living in the area.

Your Community Development Officer will be happy to meet with groups to discuss funding options and other supports available through the Community Development office.

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