



Fingal Community Facilities

Newsletter



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Spotlight on...Castleknock Community Centre



Castleknock Community Centre, established in 1995 in the Laurel Lodge area of Castleknock, is open seven days a week depending on demand and can cater for a wide range of activities. The aim of the centre to be positive place for the community allowing everyone to take part in:

- Sport - medium size sports hall available for a wide range of activities
- Leisure - community coffee shop to call in and grab a coffee and borrow a book from the community library
- Community Development - variety of meeting rooms that are suitable for a wide range of activities such as arts and crafts, training, meetings and a variety of youth activities
- Educational and Recreational Activities - Diverse classes run throughout the year to cater for all ages.

For more information, feel free to call or visit and staff will give you a timetable and show you how to book-in for activities. The centre always welcome new people





Laurel Lodge Art Exhibition Castleknock Community Centre

The Laurel Lodge Art group recently held their second art exhibition in the Castleknock Community Centre, which was a great success.

The Art Group has been an integral part of the Centre for over 15 years, with the exhibition now becoming an annual event providing a wonderful opportunity to showcase the incredible creativity and talent within the local community.



Congratulations to all involved.

Hartstown Community Centre want your feedback!

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Your fully refurbished state of the art local Community Centre is almost ready to reopen! I hope you, our community, are as excited as we are to open the doors and welcome you all back to YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE!

To help us serve you, our community, please click on the link below and take our online survey telling us what you would like to see in YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE!

<https://form.jotform.com/251903829455363>

Details on our opening will be posted soon!





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

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.



Community Centre Open Day 2025!



Fingal County Council, in partnership with the Fingal Community Facilities Network, are hosting an 'Open Day' for Community Centres in Fingal on the 5th and 6th of September, 2025.

Keep in touch with your local centre for their schedule of events to take place on the dates mentioned.



Free capacity building training for voluntary groups

Dublin Rural LEADER is excited to announce the launch of a free Capacity Building Training Programme for voluntary and community groups operating in the rural areas of Fingal, South Dublin, and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

They would greatly appreciate your support in spreading the word about this valuable opportunity to groups and organisations in your area or network.

This training programme is designed to empower local groups with the tools and knowledge they need to strengthen their governance, build sustainability, and increase their impact.

Modules will include topics such as:

- Good governance and compliance
- Fundraising and accessing grants
- Financial and project management
- Volunteer recruitment and retention
- Strategic planning
- Social media and digital communications

Training will run from September to November 2025 once a week online, with 2 workshops included at accessible venues across rural Dublin.

All training is free of charge, but places are limited and registration is essential.

➡ More details and registration form are available at:
<https://dublinruralleader.ie/training-capacity-building>



SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2025

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING COURSE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

FOR RURAL COUNTY DUBLIN

FREE 8 WEEK COURSE

Taking place in four locations across rural Co. Dublin

- Castletand Community Centre, Ballyroan
- Glenside Community Centre, South Dublin
- Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre
- Donabate Portrane Community Centre

• Online sessions

8-SESSIONS
GOVERNANCE, FINANCE, COMMUNICATIONS, MANAGING VOLUNTEERS, FUNDING SUPPORTS, NETWORKING, PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND MUCH MORE

REGISTER HERE

FOR FULL COURSE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT <https://dublinruralleader.ie/training-capacity-building/>



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Fingal Food Markets

Every Saturday from now to the end of September Fingal County Council presents a brand new market. No less than 11 brand new food and farmers markets take place around the county between now and the beginning of September. The venues are Swords Castle, Malahide and Donabate and there is a market in one of these three venues every week until the 27th September.



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Howth Maritime Festival

Dive into Howth in 2025!



Get ready for a splash of excitement as the Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival sails into the picturesque fishing village of Howth in September 2025. This is your invitation to a fantastic weekend filled with everything you love – from free family fun to toe-tapping live music – all while supporting our beloved local businesses

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Items of interest



Free SEAI Audit – SEAI's support scheme for energy audits (SSEA) offers SMEs a €2,000 voucher towards the cost of a high quality energy audit. In most cases, this will cover the total cost of the audit. Application to the scheme is easy, with automatic approval for eligible businesses.

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HSE courses – Free – These programmes are provided by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP), as part of its commitments to education and training in Connecting for Life, Ireland's National Strategy to Reduce Suicide (2015-2024). They are scheduled and coordinated locally, by the network of HSE Resource Officers for Suicide Prevention (ROSPs) and in partnership with other training agencies. More information on these programmes is available at www.nosp.ie/training.

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Employability : supporting people with disabilities to find or keep a job

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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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