



Fingal Community Facilities

Newsletter



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Spotlight on.....Castaheany Community Centre



Castaheany Community Centre, constructed in 2008 as part of the Fingal Schools model, is open outside of school hours from 4 pm to 10 pm Monday to Friday and as requested on weekends. The centre can be found on the campus adjacent to Mary Mother of Hope National School in Littlepace, Clonee.

Why not or pop-in to reception with questions on bookings and availability? The centre's staff will be very happy to talk to you and are always looking for fresh ideas and welcome new groups.

Castaheany Community Centre strive to be a positive hub for the community allowing everyone to take part in:

- Sport – An indoor sports hall along with an outdoor multipurpose sports pitch available to hire from 4pm midweek and weekends.
- Leisure – Cater for children's party events with competitive pricing for bookings.
- Community Development – Community groups are always welcome to come in and use the facilities available, centres staff on hand to assist in the process.
- Educational and Recreational activities – Classes and events run throughout the year, why not call in and see if there is a class running you would like to take part in.

The centres staff will be on hand to to assist any new people that would like to find out what the centre offers, can drop in at reception or call on 01-8118670 to find out more





Hartstown Community centre - key handover event

The eagerly awaited re-opening of the Hartstown Community Centre is one step closer following the official handover of the facility to Fingal County Council on Friday the 22nd of August.

Full details on the event can be found on the [Fingal County Council webpage](#)



eCollege training



eCollege offer further education and training available to all, funded by SOLAS, with the aim of enhancing your skills and assisting towards career growth.

Courses are free to those over 18, with all training available and details to register found on the [eCollege webpage](#)



Carmichael Network training

Dear Network Members,

Places are still available for the online Carmichael courses for 2025.

This 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.

Fingal County Council encourage everyone to explore their local hub, with a full schedule of events found below

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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

Taking place in four locations across rural Co. Dublin

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

• Online sessions

CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING COURSE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

FREE 8 WEEK COURSE

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

REGISTER HERE

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LGIU case study - Governance manual for FCFN

Please see below best practice case study article -
Governance manual for the Fingal Community
Facilities network.

The study showcases the benefits of the manual in
assisting Community Facilities in developing
policies and best practice along with highlighting
the work of the Community Facilities team and
stakeholders in developing, from inception to
finished document, which continues to be updated.



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Win a mace Community Grant for your non profit

Funding Point



MACE Community Grants is open to
residents of the Republic of Ireland, except
employees of the Promoter, agents or
anyone professionally connected with the
promotion including MACE retailers and their
staff members.

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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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