

Fingal Community Facilities

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applewood community centre
Ionad Pobail Choill na nUll



Facilities

- Large Sports Hall
- Three Meeting Rooms
- Childcare Facility
- Dance Studio
- Braille Signage
- Changing Rooms

Activities

- Adult education & Fitness
- Childcare, Scouts & Youth Club
- Community Events
- Sport, Dance, Drama
- Health & Wellbeing
- Bingo, Social Clubs, Active Retirement
- Church Groups
- Resident Association Meetings
- Birthday Parties
- Training & Development

Applewood Community Centre is open six days a week and we are always looking for new ideas for activities and events. We want the centre to be a positive hub for the community allowing everyone to take part in:

- Sport
- Leisure
- Community Development
- Educational and Recreational Activities

For more information, feel free to call or visit and we will give you a timetable and show you how to book-in for activities. We always welcome new people getting involved so we can build a better community for all.

The community centre opened in early 2013 as part of the Fingal Schools Model. It shares the campus with Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe and Swords Educate Together School.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2026

Community Centres Open Day

Countywide



A big THANK YOU to the Community Centres that opened their doors to showcase the hard work and resources made available throughout the Fingal Area and to encourage people to come and explore their Community Hub.

The Council wants to highlight the importance of community centres as spaces that bring residents together, motivating them to take part in the huge number of activities available and discover the different types of services that are provided.

Community centres are more than buildings, they are a core part of daily life in Fingal, supporting and serving local people. They bring people together, celebrate culture, support learning, and promote health and well-being. From classes and clubs to vital local services, they are places where connections are made, voices are heard, and communities grow stronger.

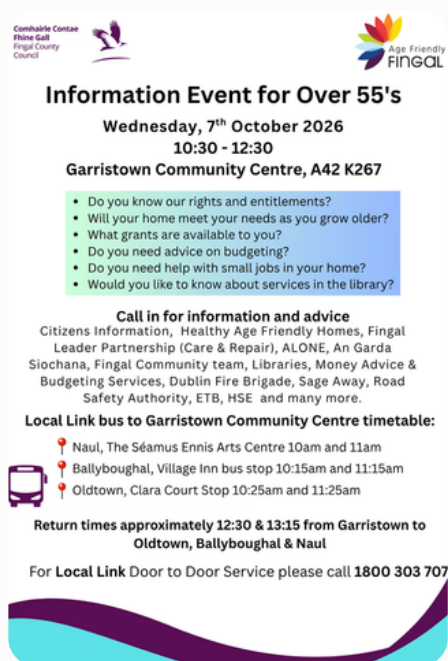
Active Cities Week

Countywide

Delivered in partnership with Fingal Community Department, utilising our community centres, and Active Spaces to deliver a suite of activities across the county.

This week-long celebration took place during European Week of Sport, highlighting the wide range of opportunities available for people of all ages and abilities to get active, connect with their communities, and enjoy the benefits of sport and physical activity.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS



Information Event for Over 55's
Wednesday, 7th October 2026
10:30 - 12:30
Garristown Community Centre, A42 K267

- Do you know our rights and entitlements?
- Will your home meet your needs as you grow older?
- What grants are available to you?
- Do you need advice on budgeting?
- Do you need help with small jobs in your home?
- Would you like to know about services in the library?

Call in for information and advice
Citizens Information, Healthy Age Friendly Homes, Fingal Leader Partnership (Care & Repair), ALONE, An Garda Síochána, Fingal Community team, Libraries, Money Advice & Budgeting Services, Dublin Fire Brigade, Sage Away, Road Safety Authority, ETB, HSE and many more.

Local Link bus to Garristown Community Centre timetable:

- Naul, The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre 10am and 11am
- Ballyboughal, Village Inn bus stop 10:15am and 11:15am
- Oldtown, Clara Court Stop 10:25am and 11:25am

Return times approximately 12:30 & 13:15 from Garristown to Oldtown, Ballyboughal & Naul

For Local Link Door to Door Service please call 1800 303 707

Wednesday, 7 October

Information Event for Over 55's

Garristown Community Centre

Residents aged 55+ are invited to attend a free Information Event, bringing together a wide range of organisations offering advice, support and practical information to help people plan for and enjoy later life.

A Local Link bus service will operate return journeys from Naul, Ballyboughal and Oldtown. A door-to-door Local Link service can also be arranged by calling 1800 303 707

From 10:30 to 12:30



Thursday, 10 October

Fairy Tale Sales

Mulhuddart Community Centre

Starting back Thursday, 10 October in support of our *Halloween Toy Fair*

Featuring a huge number of stalls selling an extremely wide variety of items

Accompanying *cosplay competition* from 2pm to 5pm, feel free to sign up on the day to be in with a chance to win an amazing prize!

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS



Thursday, 17 October

Children for World Children

Mulhuddart Community Centre

Children for World Children are coming to Mulhuddart Community Centre for an event planned Thursday, 17 October.

See the October edition of the FCFN Newsletter for more info or contact mulhuddartcc@gmail.com



Saturday, 24 October

Pride of Place Finals

Dublin Convention Centre

Communities in Balrothery, Howth and Huntstown represented Fingal in this year's Pride of Place Competition.

Inclusive communities, heritage and urban neighbourhoods featured in submissions.

The finals take place in the Dublin Convention Centre. We wish the very best of luck on the night to the three representing communities.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS



Tuesdays from 27 October

Beginner Pottery Classes

Blakestown Community Centre

Beginners pottery class starting in Blakestown.

13:00 to 15:00

Call into the centre to register or email info@blakestowncrrc.com



Saturday, 31 October

Fingal Festival of Fire

Swords Castle; Bremore Castle; Millennium Park

Get ready for a scorching Halloween night like never before! The Festival of Fire kicks off with an electrifying musical prelude that will set the mood for an unforgettable night.

Our breathtaking fireworks displays will light up the night sky. It's the perfect way to celebrate Halloween with friends and family.

From 18:30

Funding Point Local Digest

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.

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.

[See here for more information on supports available to community groups across Fingal](#)



Fingal Sports Equipment Grants

Fingal Sports Office support sports by delivering innovative programmes, providing training, leading and raising the profile of sport in the County while increasing participation in sport and physical activity across the County for all.

Fingal Sports Office is committed to supporting local sports clubs by providing funding opportunities for the acquisition of sports equipment. This booklet outlines the available funding categories, eligibility criteria, application process, and guidelines to assist clubs in enhancing their equipment and promoting sports participation within the community.

Up to €1500 is available for the Essential Sports Equipment Grant

Up to €4000 is available for the Large Sports Equipment Grant

Up to €500 is available for the Sports Activity Grant

[See here for more information](#)

Heart of the Community Fund 2026

Grants support youth services, elder care, food programs, mental health, and many other local initiatives that promote social inclusion, improve well-being, and strengthen community resilience.

- Supporting all four areas of The Ireland Funds' focus
- Investing in grassroots, community-focused work
- Listening to community leaders to provide flexible funding where it's needed most
- Helping to build capacity or meet core costs

Round 2: Arts and Culture

Will open September 2026

[See here for more information](#)

SHEIN Fabric of the Community Programme

The SHEIN Fabric of the Community Programme provides funding to community organisations, clubs, charities and other local organisations whose work makes a positive difference to the communities they serve.

The Programme is open to eligible community organisations, clubs, charities, not-for-profit organisations and other organisations that deliver a clear and positive benefit to a local community.

Applications must be submitted using the application process specified by SHEIN between 26th August to 1st December 2026 (inclusive) or such other application period as SHEIN may communicate through the relevant Programme channels.

Successful applicants may receive funding of €10,000 per award. One applicant organisation will be selected in each of September, October, November and December 2026, with each selected organisation receiving an award of €10,000. The successful applicant for each month will be announced each month

Email fotc@sheingroup.com for more info



eCollege

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](#)

COMMUNICATION WORKS
FOR THOSE WHO WORK AT IT.

Build confidence. Practice public speaking.
Connect with your community.

Toastmasters inspired
COMMUNITY
PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

- ✓ Grow as a speaker.
- ✓ No experience needed.
- ✓ No special preparation needed.
- ✓ We will share simple public speaking tips and practice together.
- ✓ You can bring a short talk on any topic you like.
- ✓ Everyone is welcome to explore.

DROP IN AND TRY IT OUT.
No registration needed.

Mulhuddart Community Centre
Church Rd, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, D15 R2VF

WHEN WE MEET

MONDAY	6:00 PM
SATURDAY	10:00 AM

Every week

For more information (if needed):
public.speaking.mulhuddart@outlook.co.uk

Public Speaking Club

Mulhuddart Community Centre

Grow as a speaker. No experience or special preparation needed. We will share simple public speaking tips and practice together.

Drop in and try. No registration needed. Limited places so register soon!

 Monday,  6pm
 Saturday,  10am

For more information email:

public.speaking.mulhuddart@outlook.co.uk

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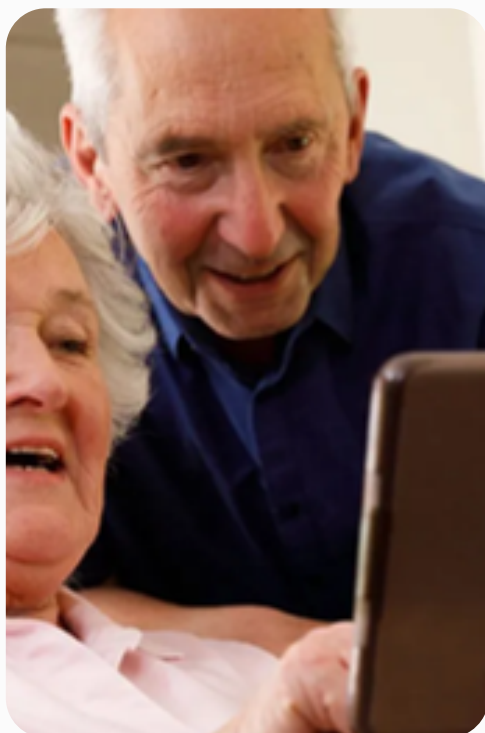
Carmichael

Dear Network Members,

Places are now available for 2026's online Carmichael training - [courses overview](#)

This will be limited to two courses per person. For more info on the training provided, email rachel.bruen@fingal.ie

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

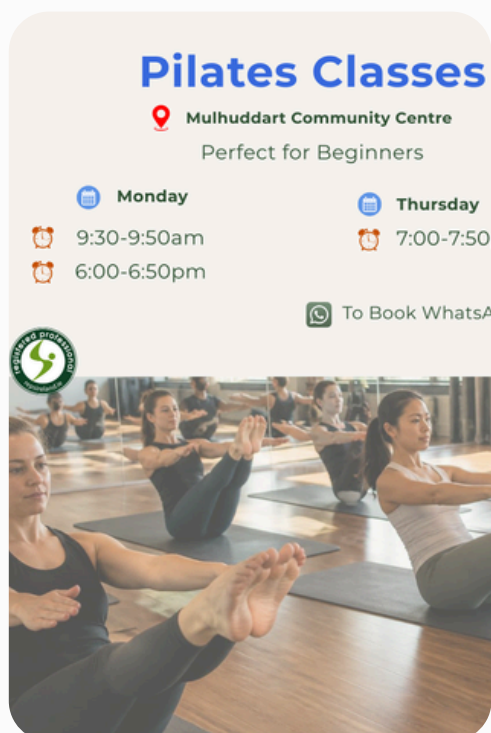


AI Ready

Get AI skills with short, trusted SOLAS courses that will help you with everyday tasks, funded by the Government of Ireland.

Start with the basics or jump straight into using AI for daily life, getting ahead in work, or helping you with admin tasks.

[See here for more information](#)



Pilates Classes

Mulhuddart Community Centre

Perfect for beginners, held Mondays & Thursdays at Mulhuddart Community Centre. Registered Professional.

Monday

Morning 9.30-10.30am

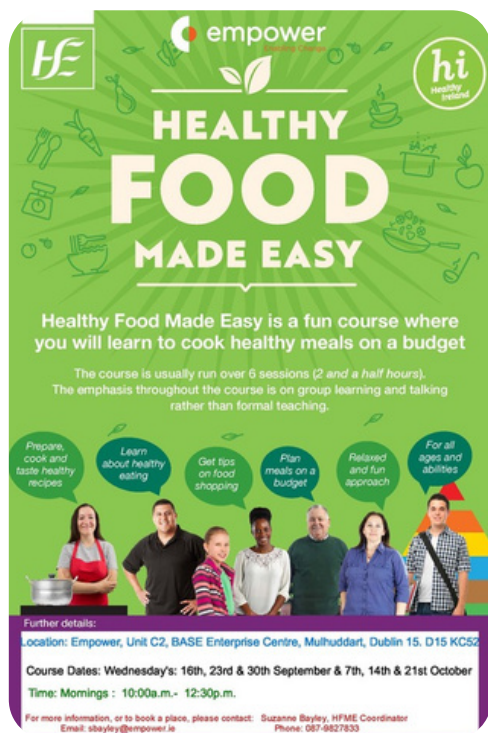
Evening 6.00-7.00pm

Thursday

Evening 7.00-8.00pm

To book, please contact via WhatsApp:

087 453 0880



Healthy Food Made Easy

Empower, Mulhuddart, D15KC52

Healthy Food Made Easy is a fun course where you will learn to cook healthy meals on a budget. The emphasis throughout the course is on group learning and talking rather than formal teaching.

16/09, 23/09, 30/09, 07/10, 14/10, 21/10

10.00-12.30pm

For more information and to book, contact:

Suzanne Bayley, HFME Coordinator

087 982 7833

sbayley@empower.ie



The poster is for 'Care & Repair' and features a man in a blue shirt working on a wall. It includes logos for 'Cumbria LEADER Phone Gull Fingal LEADER Partnership', 'Fingal County Council', and 'care+repair'. The text reads: 'VOLUNTEERS WANTED Got a knack for DIY? Put it to work for your neighbours. Care & Repair is looking for volunteer handypeople to help older people across Fingal with small jobs around the home. Small jobs can make a big difference. A loose handrail, stiff lock or small repair can help someone feel safer and more independent at home.' It lists tasks like 'Small DIY jobs & minor repairs', 'Doors, handles, locks & hinges', 'Curtain poles, shelves & fittings', 'Furniture assembly', and 'Smoke alarm fitting & battery changes'. It also lists requirements: 'Practical DIY or handyperson skills', 'Friendly and reliable', 'Comfortable helping older and vulnerable people in their homes', and 'A few hours weekly or monthly'. At the bottom, it says 'Your skills. Your time. A real difference. Even a few hours a month can help someone stay safe and independent at home.' and provides contact info: 'Interested in volunteering? EMAIL pczekala@fingalleaderpartnership.ie CALL 086 108 0315'.

Volunteers Wanted

Care & Repair

Countywide

Got a knack for DIY? Put it to work for your neighbours.

Care & Repair is looking for volunteer handypeople to help older people across Fingal with small jobs around the home.

Small jobs can make a big difference. A loose handrail, stiff lock or small repair can help someone feel safer and more independent at home.

What you'd help with

- Small DIY jobs & minor repairs
- Doors, handles, locks & hinges
- Curtain poles, shelves & fittings
- Furniture assembly
- Smoke alarm fitting & battery changes

Who we're looking for

- Practical DIY or handyperson skills (trade experience is a bonus, not a requirement)
- Friendly and reliable
- Comfortable helping older and vulnerable people in their homes
- A few hours weekly or monthly - whatever suits you

Interested in volunteering? Email pczekala@fingalleaderpartnership.ie or call @ 086 108 0315

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.

[See here for more information](#)

Free HSE courses

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.

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

Workplace Adaptation Grant

Helps employers and self-employed people make necessary changes to their workplace for an employee or future employee with a disability.

Funding of up to €25k is available, and more info can be found [here](#)

It also helps people with disabilities by providing up to €12k for assistive equipment or technology. It's available to employees and self-employed people who need specific tools to do their jobs effectively in the workplace or from home. More info on the equipment grant can be found [here](#)

Connect with your local community whilst exploring how we connect and understand the wider world



Host a free coffee conversation facilitated by Concern Worldwide's Global Citizenship team.

Coffee conversations provide:

🌍 Space for community groups, organisations, or businesses to think about and reflect on the connections between ourselves and the world that we live in

🧠 An opportunity to listen and learn from others

🔍 Time to dig deeper on global issues that we might see on social media or the news

👉 A moment to connect with community

To organise a facilitated coffee conversation for your group or community, or to discuss how this could be adapted for your group, email GCEoutreach@concern.net