Fingal Community Facilities

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Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre

You can find Fingal Liam Rodgers Community Centre in the heart of Kinsealy, Swords, Co Dublin. We are open seven days a week depending on demand and can cater for a range of activities.

Our mission is to provide a welcoming and safe environment so everyone in the local community can take part in: Sport, Leisure, Community Development, Educational and recreational activities

Contact us with any questions about booking and feel free to get involved in any of our activities.

See here for more information on the Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre





Staff

The team at Fingal Liam Rodgers Community Centre play an important role in supporting the local community, ensuring the centre is welcoming, accessible, safe and operating efficiently for everyone who uses its facilities on a daily basis

The mission of Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre is to be a positive focal point for the community of Kinsealy and to strive to meet the needs of the diverse local community in an inclusive way through the provision of space which supports the promotion of participation in sport, leisure, educational and recreational activities"

Stephen Ennis
Community Centre Manager

What's New

Like the Fingal Liam Rodgers on Facebook and Instagram or drop by myself or a member or the team are always happy for a chat and showcase what's running.

We always have workshops and childrens discos running along with our regular groups and clubs. We hope to have exciting new plans coming in the near future so keep an eye on the socials for more updates.



SPECIAL EDITION



New Manager

The **Fingal Liam Rogers Centre** recently welcomed a new manager.

Stephen Ennis has written a passage introducing himself to the wider network;

My name is Stephen Ennis, and I'm delighted to be the Manager of the Liam Rodgers Centre. I'm passionate about bringing people together and creating a welcoming space where everyone feels part of the community. I have been involved in community centres over 15 years and I enjoy meeting local residents, supporting community groups, and helping make the centre a vibrant hub for connection, friendship, and activities. I look forward to meeting more of you and working together to make the Liam Rodgers Centre a place everyone can enjoy and feel proud of.

A little bit about me outside of the centre!

I'm a Manchester United supporter — I know, I know, things haven't exactly been going to plan lately! 😂 But I'm an optimist, so I'm still hopeful we'll win the league by 2050! You have to have something to look forward to!

I still try to get out and play a bit of hurling with Craobh Chiaráin GAA. I say try because sometimes the body has other ideas! Chasing lads around a pitch is becoming a challenge, and I'm beginning to think that might be a job best left to the 20-year-olds. I'm happy to contribute from the sidelines if necessary! 😅

Music is another big interest of mine, and I have a very eclectic taste. I'll listen to pretty much anything.

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When it comes to food, I'm not too fussy. My motto is simple: don't give me Brussels sprouts, and we'll get along just fine! Otherwise, I'll happily eat what's put in front of me. 😊

I enjoy all sorts of sports and like to get out for a round of golf whenever I can. I'm definitely a sunshine golfer, though. If there's a yellow wind warning in place, you won't find me battling my way around 18 holes — unless, of course, I fancy donating a whole bag of golf balls to the local rough!

Most importantly, I'm always happy to have a chat, hear your ideas, or find out what's happening in the local community.

So, if you're passing by, drop in and say hello anytime the doors are open. Whether it's a quick chat, a suggestion for the centre, or just a bit of a catch-up, you're always welcome. I look forward to getting to know you all and making the Liam Rodgers Centre an even better place for everyone in our community!

Stephen Ennis
Community Centre Manager





New Manager

The **Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility** has also recently welcomed a new manager.

Have a read of what **Thomas O'Donoghue** has to say the network:

Hey Folks, My name is Thomas, I'm the new centre manager here at the RMYF.

The RMYF is a multipurpose & youth centre in the seaside town of Rush. I'm a local man, pretty much born and bred in Rush (yet somehow still a blow-in) and so I know first-hand the potential of the community and its potential for development and growth.

I'm hoping to help bring about some new initiatives and ideas to the centre and to help turn the RMYF into a cornerstone of the community.

Thomas O'Donoghue
Community Centre Manager



Safer Halloween

Countywide



The Halloween season was celebrated right across Fingal with a variety of hands-on and spectacular events.

Corduff Resource Centre ran a decoration workshop to the great amusement of its younger participants.

On Saturday October 31st, the Fingal Co. Co. Events team proudly presented the *Festival of Fire.* as the grand finale of this year's *Safer Halloween* featuring a musical prelude at three incredible locations across Fingal: Bremore Castle in Balbriggan, Swords Town Park and Millennium Park in Blanchardstown.

Positive Ageing Week

25/09 - 02/10

Hartstown; Baldoyle Racecourse;

Balscadden Community Centres



This year's Positive Ageing Week 2026 focused on Challenging Loneliness by encouraging connection, inclusion, and wellbeing among older adults with a variety of free events

The diverse array of activities included Healthy & Well-being morning, Line dancing, Chair Pilates and yoga classes, providing opportunities for participants to focus on their physical health and mental well-being.

Chair Pilates at Hartstown, Strength training at Baldoyle, and a talk from lifestyle medicine practitioner Liz O'Hagan at Balscadden were all well-received with positive feedback.

GLAS

TU Dublin Community Garden



The GLAS @ TU Dublin Community Garden has been nominated in the Excellence in Local Government Awards, recognising the project's outstanding contribution to community wellbeing, climate action, biodiversity and social inclusion.

Located on the TU Dublin Blanchardstown Campus, the GLAS Community Garden has grown from a small community initiative into a thriving hub that welcomes volunteers, schools, community organisations, university partners and local residents.

The garden was established in 2022 and has become a unique space where people can connect with nature, learn new skills, improve their wellbeing and take practical action for the environment.

IPB Pride of Place Awards

Huntstown Community Centre Named Runner-Up during Milestone 25th Anniversary



Huntstown Community Centre is celebrating a major double milestone after being named runner-up in the prestigious IPB Pride of Place Awards, coinciding with the centre’s 25th anniversary of serving the local community.

Nominated by Fingal County Council, the centre was recognised for the enduring commitment to fostering community spirit and addressing the evolving needs of the Huntstown Area and Dublin 15 residents.

Opened twenty-five years ago with a simple mission to build a warm and welcoming space for all, Huntstown Community Centre has grown into a vital lifeline for the area.



16 to 22 November

Fingal Inclusion Week

Countywide

This week-long celebration aims to highlight the positive work that community groups, agencies and other organisations are doing throughout the county to support inclusion, equality, and diversity.

Many events will take place across the County. All Fingal Inclusion Week events are free to attend and open to everyone.

From 00:00 to 23:59



Wednesday, 18 November

International Men's Day

Blakestown Community Resource Centre

A collection of practical and social events feature in support of International Men's Day.

This dedicated event at Blakestown CRC comes packed with information, activities, support for men of all ages,

All men welcome, please contact 01 820 3096 or 083 474 5174 for more information.

From 10:00 to 14:00



Tuesday, 24 November

Fingal North LCSP Public Meeting

The Grand Hotel, Malahide

Networking and refreshments from 6.30pm.
Public meeting from 7.15pm to 9.00pm.

From 19:15 to 21:00

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

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

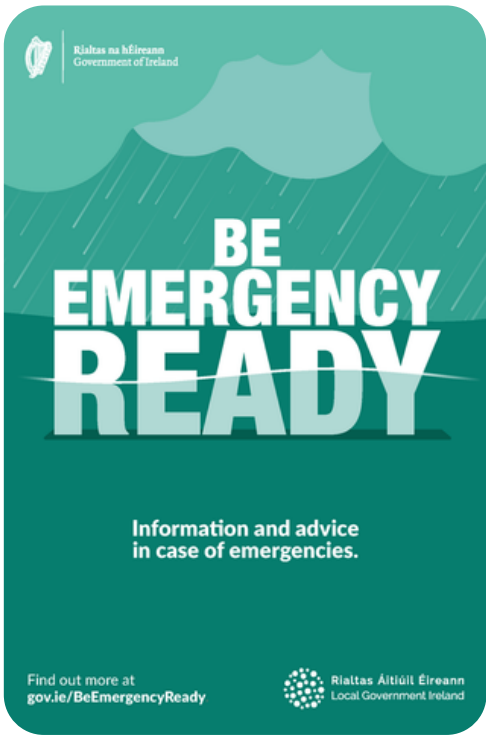
Carmichael

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.



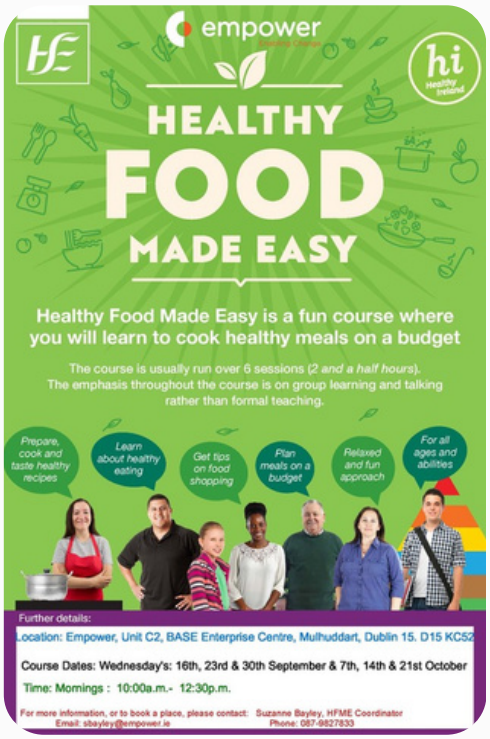
Be Emergency Ready

From storms and power cuts to flooding and health emergencies, Ireland can experience a range of emergencies.

Planning ahead and taking simple steps can help reduce disruption.

Find out how you and your household can prepare as part of the Be Emergency Ready campaign.

See here for more information



Healthy Food Made Easy

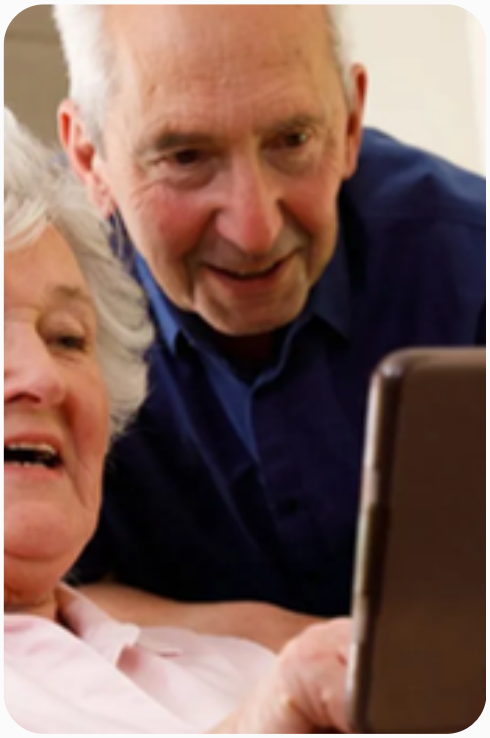
Empower, Mulhuddart, D15KC52

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



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



Public Speaking Club

Mulhuddart Community Centre

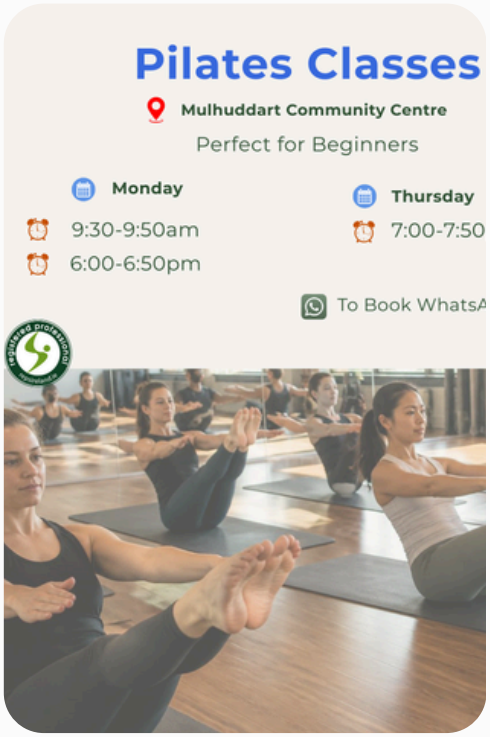
Grow as a speaker. No experience or special preparation needed. We will share simple public speaking tips and practice together.

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

📅 Monday, 🕐 6pm
📅 Saturday, 🕐 10am

For more information email:

public.speaking.mulhuddart@outlook.com



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



Community Centre Manager

Rivervalley & Rathingle Community Centre

Responsibility for day-to-day management of staff, services and the building, and actively promoting the Centre and all services. Applicants should have a proven track record in facilies, budget and staff management; community-based facility experience is desirable.

Flexibility is required as the centre operates 7 days per week.

Please send CV to ginnybrowne15@yahoo.com and annesweeney21@gmail.com



Volunteers

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.

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

Local Community Safety Surveys

Fingal West, Fingal North

The **Local Community Safety Partnerships** launched on Fri, 13 October the **North Fingal** and **West Fingal** Local Community Safety Surveys, which will remain open until 16 November.

The surveys will gather feedback from people living and working across Fingal and findings will help to inform future community safety priorities and actions in the development of a three-year plan.

Fingal County Council is calling on residents, community groups, voluntary organisations, businesses and local stakeholders to have their say on the safety issues that matter most in their communities through this survey.



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

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**

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

Menti Questions

Responses by Chris Sullivan, Huntstown Community Centre

What new activities or services would you like to see introduced in our community facilities Network?

- I would love to see managers talk about courses that they have completed to encourage others

What specific skills or topics would you like to see covered in future training sessions?

- Conflict resolution and complaints from the community.
- How to deal with aggressive customers

How do you prefer to receive training (e.g., in-person workshops, online courses, webinars)?

- In person or online

How can we make our community facilities more inclusive and welcoming for everyone?

- The WhatsApp group suggestion where we can share relevant items. Or a buddy system when a new manager starts.

What is one thing you love about our community facilities?

- Love meeting other like-minded people and sharing highs and lows.

What is one change you would make to improve our community facilities?

- That we sit in different seats and have 10 minutes to share who you are and which centre you are from.

Do you have any other suggestions or comments for us?

- No, I think it is a great network and the support received from Fingal is so valued.