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Dublin Region Local Authorities to deploy 1,650 EV charge points by 2025



At Harbour Plaza, Dún Laoghaire, the Dublin region Local Authorities (LA's) launched Dublin's first Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy which will see 1,650 charge points deployed by 2025.

The Housing Adaptation Grant is 80% exchequer funded through the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, with 20% funding from the relevant local authority. Fingal County Council will receive a total of €3,480,028.

Ireland's Climate Action Plan (CAP) targets 100% electric vehicle (EV) sales with approx. 1 million EVs planned to be on the road by 2030. The Dublin region represents 25% of Ireland's car fleet and has a significant role to play in the decarbonisation of the country's transport system. The four Dublin region LAs are working together to deploy EV charging infrastructure in order to support and accelerate this transition. A map of public EV charge point locations can be found [here](#).

An Cathaoirleach of dlr, Lettie McCarthy was joined with the Deputy Mayor of Fingal Councillor Daniel Whooley, Mayor of South Dublin County Council Peter Kavanagh and Councillor Noeleen Reilly representing the Lord Mayor Dublin, to launch the expansion of publicly available charge points in Dublin.

David Storey, Director of Services for Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel at Fingal County Council & chair of the EV steering group said:

"There is a need for significant improvement in the number and type of charging points across Dublin. It's important that we support people as they transition to using Electric Vehicles and take into account the varying needs of those who live in places where they cannot easily plug their vehicle in to charge. There is an estimated 34,000 who will rely solely on public charging spaces. This strategy is a step forward in that mission."

An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Lettie McCarthy said

"The Dublin Region Local Authorities are leading the charge to roll out this key infrastructure across the County. This is an important step forward toward the decarbonization of Dublin's transport system and meeting our climate change ambitions".

The Dublin Metropolitan Area (DMA) are currently identifying priority areas that require the installation of residential charging solutions supported by the four Local Authorities, which will take into

account location factors while ensuring distribution and provision is fair and equitable.

We are asking the public who currently own or lease an EV to express their interest for a charge point in their local neighbourhood, e.g. car park, sports club, schools etc. This may not guarantee a charge point will be installed in that location but will help the Dublin Local Authorities to identify areas where there is local need.

Several trials of different charger types are already taking place across the DMA with plans to actively support the deployment of public charge points in the short term.

Grants available for EVs

The Department of Transport supports the purchase of a new battery electric vehicle (fully electric) offering grants of up to EUR5,000 (dependant on the price of the vehicle) through registered dealerships.

The four Local Authorities of DLR, Fingal, Dublin City and South Dublin along with Smart Dublin and CARO formed an EV steering group to coordinate and support the delivery of charging infrastructure across the four Dublin Local Authorities. The steering group developed an EV charging strategy which can be found [here](#) and outlines the number and types of charge points that should be delivered across Dublin between now and 2030

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Funding

There has been a wide range of funding grants made available within the area of Dublin:

Name	Funding
Blanchardstown Brass Band	€800
Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living	€700
Blanchardstown Tidy Towns	€400
Castleknock Celtic FC	€2,200
Castleknock Community Centre	€3,000
Castleknock Community Centre	€1,575
Catholic Guides of Ireland - Dublin 15	€800
Children4WorldChildren	€1,425
Children4WorldChildren	€700
D15 Disability Peer Support Group c/o Blanch Centre for Ind. Living	€800
Phoenix FM	€3,500
Dublin 15 Community Drugs Team	€3,500
Dublin 15 Community Drugs Team	€1,260
St Brigids Photo Group	€1,020
St Brigids Castleknock Community Centre CLG	€3,000
Meakstown Community Council – Dublin 11	€ 3,000
The Village Porterstown Residents Association	€ 2,133
Blanch. Active Retirement Group	€3,000
St Brigids Castleknock Community Centre CLG	€1,575
Tritanium Triathlon Club /Mulhuddart	€1,000
Corduff Community Resource Centre	€370
Swim Ireland /Blanchardstown NSC	€1,000

Dear Resident,

Summer is here and I would like to update you on some work that I have been doing in developing our communities.

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Bay Meadows

Bay Meadows is a beautiful new estate in Hollystown, Dublin 15 with 112 homes. Recently I had the time to go and visit this new development. I dropped off my spring newsletter with various updates provided for its residents. I was also greeted by some residents that were incredibly happy to have moved into this lovely estate.



Solar Panel Bins

Fingal have ordered and confirmed 150 of the smart compactable bins. These environmentally friendly bins will have an internal compactor which increases the litter capacity by 6-8 times of that of a normal street bin. As part of this initiative two bins have been installed in Main Street, Blanchardstown & Castleknock Village, and preparation of 3 further plinths in Mulhuddart Village. Main Street Blanchardstown & Carpenterstown have been carried out. It will also have a foot pedal for hands free use and internal sensors that notify the council staff when the bin becomes full.



Bottle Banks

With new estates such as Bay Meadows, Bellingsmore and Hollywoodrath being developed, there is a need to promote environmental factors and reduce littering around the area of Hollystown. There are no accessible bottle banks in Hollystown, the closest bottle bank being Coolmine. As your local councillor I do not want littering to be a concern for residents. Therefore, I have been working closely with Fingal County Council and requested that they find a site to put in a bottle bank. Fortunately, the Active Travel Department are investigating a site for this area.

In addition, Fingal arranged to have multiple bottle banks painted and power washed in Dublin over the last few weeks.



Snugborough Interchange Upgrade Project

Bridge central piers, columns and the central pier head beam were completed in April and following four nights of scheduled road closures on the N3, bridge beams were positioned in place to form the main bridge structure over the N3 motorway, a significant milestone for the project. The project is currently on schedule with an expected substantial completion by Q2 2023. More information on the Snugborough Interchange can be found on:

<https://www.snugboroughinterchange.ie/>

Road Structures

As your local Councillor I have noticed upon taking trips to and from Mulhuddart that the structures around this area need an update, especially the widening of Church Road in front of the cemetery. The southern section of Church Road will be considered for active travel upgrades as part of the five-year plan.

Please feel free to contact me about any concerns within the community or follow up on my social media accounts for regular updates.

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Taking in Charge

There are several estates that should be ready for taking in charge in the September meeting. Two of which are Hollywoodrath and Bay Meadows. I am delighted to share that I have been working on this project for the last two to three years and it is great to see the work that I have put in come to life.





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All fun, games and learning as Fingal launches new play policy to enrich lives



Fingal County Council has today unveiled which outlines how the Council intends to improve the provision of play facilities, activities and other initiatives for children across Ireland's youngest the county.

Along with a new running track and an all-weather pitch suitable for a range of sporting codes, there will be work undertaken to build connecting paths, as well as blue badge and bicycle parking spaces. The project is anticipated to be completed by Q1 2023.

The policy comes after a public consultation which asked what could be done to provide a framework for the provision of safe, accessible, inclusive, natural, and engaging play spaces for all young people up to the age of 17. The Council believes that delivering an engaging play program will help supports children's mental, physical and social development.

While the latest population details have not yet been published, the 2016 Census showed that Fingal had around 25,000 children under four-years-old, a figure which is expected to increase greatly as the County continues to grow - Fingal grew by 8 per cent over the five years to 2016, a figure more than twice that of the state overall.

With such a burgeoning population in coming years, Fingal wanted to ensure it was ready to boost play infrastructure needs to match those of residents. The objective of the new Space for Play policy is to ensure that play spaces right across Fingal are being appropriately planned, developed and managed, along with being assets that would be valued by the community.

Launching the policy in Skerries, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh said: "We all know and understand about the vital importance of play for everyone, be it children, teenagers or those of us young at heart.

Over the last two years we have all realised the need to maximise our open spaces to the best of our ability. With Space for Play we will actually embed planning principles and guidelines that will be included in the Fingal Development Plan going forward, helping ensure that the children of Fingal will not only enjoy the fundamental right to play in a safe and stimulating environment, but that we are creating recreation opportunities that can bring the wider community together to play, socialise and relax.

Chief Executive of Fingal AnnMarie Farrelly said: Fingal has the youngest population in Ireland and is one of the fastest growing areas that is attracting more and more families to move here. Space for Play recognises that providing natural play spaces of the highest quality for children and teenagers is essential for their happy and healthy development.

"We want to make Fingal a better and safer place for children to play and with today's launch we are ensuring that the provision of space for play will be paramount in our planning and development decisions, not only around residential and parkland, but the public realm in its entirety."

Fingal currently manages a network of play spaces on Council managed land ranging from playgrounds of various scales in local and regional parks, to Multi-Use Games Areas and skate parks. The Play Policy will provide the basis on which the current and future play provision throughout the County will be developed to the highest quality in line with international best practice.



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BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN – HAVE YOUR SAY

The Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 to 2030 has gone on display for public consultation up to **Tuesday 5th July 2022**. All documents related to the Draft Action Plan can be viewed on the consultation portal:

<https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/draft-fingal-biodiversity-action-plan-2022-2030>

The Biodiversity action plan has an impressive range of objectives to develop and enhance biodiversity in Fingal. Unfortunately, only 32 out of 100 objectives have the necessary funding to be implemented at this stage and the remainder may not be implemented at all unless more funding becomes available. I am making a submission to the consultation calling for all the objectives in the plan to be properly funded and implemented. We have to act urgently to overcome the crisis in biodiversity which is already having a devastating impact on plant and animal species and ecosystems.

EARLY YEARS EDUCATION – CHURCHFIELDS

There is a major shortfall in pre-school childcare and education services in our area and Fingal has the lowest proportion of community-based, not-for-profit early childhood services in Ireland - only 6% compared to a national average of 26%.

A motion which I submitted recently calling for a not-for-profit childcare service to be provided in the new Churchfields housing development, Mulhuddart, to meet the need for affordable early years care and education was agreed unanimously by Councillors for Dublin 15: "That the Chief Executive ensures that the childcare facility which will be provided as part of the Churchfields Development should be a community, not for profit service."

The Community development section of Fingal County Council has agreed to start a review of the use of Council-owned facilities to facilitate community childcare facilities: community childcare facilities within the Churchfields Development will be considered as part of this review.

PHOENIX PARK SURVEY

The Office of Public Works is developing a parking strategy for the Phoenix Park. As a first stage, a public survey will run from Wednesday, 15 June to Friday, 8 July 2022 online at

<https://www.systra.ie/en/phoenix-park-survey>

The feedback from the survey will inform development of a draft parking strategy. A further non-statutory public consultation will take place in late autumn 2022 to seek the public's views on the draft parking strategy.

Any parking strategy has to be inclusive and ensure that the Phoenix Park is accessible to everyone, including walkers, cyclists, older residents and people with mobility difficulties.



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MAYOR'S AWARDS

Congratulations to all the local community and voluntary groups who were nominated for the Mayor's Awards held on 9th June. Well done to the team at Castleknock Community Centre, Laurel Lodge, who won the special recognition award for Castleknock local electoral area due to their support for older residents during the Covid-19 lockdowns and to Chris Sullivan, Huntstown Community Centre, who won the special recognition award for the Ongar area.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Please find below the community grants awarded to community groups in Dublin 15 which were approved at the last Council meeting:

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Corduff Sports Centre Corduff	1831.00	Foróige Blanchardstown UBU All Dublin 15	2000.00
Corduff Resource Centre Corduff	1000.00	Foróige Corduff	2000.00
Luttrellstown Community Centre	1000.00	Foróige Mulhuddart	2000.00
Mulhuddart Community Centre	2000.00	Foróige Phibblestown, Ongar, Clonee	1500.00
Blakestown and Mountview NYP Blakestown	2000.00	Foróige Youth Participation Dublin 15	1000.00
Connect Summer Camp, Blanchardstown	1000.00	Foróige WEB Project, Fortlawn	1500.00
Tyrrelstown Community Centre Tyrrelstown	1000.00	Foróige Teenage Health Initiative Group All Dublin 15	2000.00
Ongar Community Centre Ongar	1000.00	Foróige Huntstown	1500.00

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Bloom 2022

Now in its 16th year, Bloom has become one of Ireland's largest showcases celebrating the best of Irish horticulture, food and drink. Originally created to promote plants, garden design, horticulture and gardening, Bord Bia's role in promoting food and drink has allowed Bloom to develop further. The show has grown into something which not only makes for a great day out, but also offers a huge range of practical information on everything from gardening, to growing fruit and vegetables, cooking and culture.

According to Bord Bia:
 "Bloom spans over 70 acres in the Phoenix Park and in 2019 (our last physical event) showcased 22 show gardens, 14 postcard gardens, some 50 floral and botanical art displays, 160 retailers, over 100 food and drink producers and more than 100 live talks, demonstrations and family friendly activities. The growing visitor numbers to the show reflects the public's passion for horticulture and food, and Bloom is now viewed as one of the unmissable events in the nation's summer calendar."

This year 19 stunning show gardens will form the centrepiece of Bord Bia Bloom. The show gardens are one of the events most popular attractions, not only as a source of inspiration, but also entertainment through imaginative story-telling, creative concepts and addressing important local and global issues such as the environment, human health, sustainable food production and housing

The Peter McVerry Trust will take part for the first time with the Pathways to Home garden, designed to represent the journey from homelessness and sleeping rough to living in a safe and secure home; while the Croí Cardiovascular Garden aims to educate visitors about heart health. The new Green Cities Europe initiative,

will feature a show garden highlighting the opportunity to make our public spaces greener through well considered planting and design; Aldi's Sustainable For-rest Garden will showcase forest gardening, one of the oldest eco-friendly horticultural practices; and two of this year's show gardens will focus on creating accessible garden spaces including gardens by Enable Ireland and 2020 Super Garden winner, Mark Hoey, who will recreate his wheelchair friendly garden.

Ireland's sustainable food production systems will also feature in a number of the gardens at this year's event including the National Dairy Council Sustainable Dairy Garden which will highlight the role of lush green pastures in producing quality milk; The Organic Edible Garden will showcase how best to grow a range of organic edible crops (vegetables and fruits) in tandem with nature, and the Eat Well, Live Well feature garden will showcase Ireland's fresh produce industry with a planting display of in-season fruit, vegetables and potatoes.

Re-create a Show Garden at Home

Building on the success of its Easy Steps to Dream Gardens initiative, Bord Bia is bringing two of the garden designs – The Nature Enthusiasts Garden and The Shared Spaces Family Garden – to

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the show garden area this year. Created to help people plant their own show garden at home, each garden has been designed by an award-winning designer and comes with an easy-to-follow planting plan and planting list that can be implemented at home, according to the time, space and budget available. Visitors keen to recreate the designs can purchase the Irish grown plants featured in each garden from participating garden centres around Ireland.

Green Inspiration

With the environment and sustainability top of everyone's agenda, there will be plenty of opportunities to engage with experts in environmental protection and sustainability; the Gardening and Sustainable Living Stage will feature curated talks from a range of speakers, while the Conservation Zone returns with some of Ireland's most prominent conservation organisations including the Irish Woodland Trust and the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

In bringing more of the show under open air this year, Bord Bia has created a new outdoor Nursery Village where visitors can meet, seek advice and buy plants from some of the very best plant nurseries in Ireland. Amateur gardening displays will be celebrated in the Postcard Gardens, which are small, but perfectly formed gardening showcases from community groups nationwide.

Bord Bia is also running a number of sustainable initiatives at the festival, from providing a free shuttle bus service and an increased number of bicycle parking spaces, to ensuring that all food and drink packaging sold on-site is fully compostable or recyclable. Many of the show gardens will highlight environmentally friendly practices and systems, such as rainwater collection, pollinator-friendly planting, habitats for wildlife, and greener building materials in order to inspire visitors to make changes at home.

Delicious Food & Family Fun

As always, the Food Village is set to be a hive of activity with more than 90 food producers showcasing the best of Irish food; from chocolate to smoked salmon, cheese to beetroot juice, artisan sausages, fresh vegetables and meats, coffee and jams – it will be a feast for the senses! The Bloom Inn will offer the finest craft brews and spirits from all over the country.

The Quality Kitchen stage will feature some of Ireland's leading chefs including Neven Maguire, Rory O'Connell, Fiona Uyema, Catherine Fulvio, Edward Hayden, Gary O'Hanlon, Shane Smith, Mark Moriarty, JP McMahon and Brian McDermot. There is also an opportunity for kids (aged 8-14) to join Quality Kitchen favourite, Neven Maguire, in a cook-along on stage by entering a competition – full details on how to enter will be released on Bord Bia's social media channels on Friday, 6th May.

There is plenty of fun for all of the family at Bord Bia Bloom with the Minions show garden sure to attract attention from younger visitors! Live music can be enjoyed at the YouBloom stage; attendees can also enjoy one of the interactive performances and live demonstrations taking place in the Food Dude's Kids Zone; or browse the many retail exhibitors at the festival in the Grand Pavilion. Two on-site restaurants, the Country Crest Food Fayre and Farm Shop and Bistro Bloom will offer indoor and outdoor dining options and there will be a wide range of tasty food options from artisan food trucks located around the sites

Bord Bia

Bord Bia is the Irish government agency charged with the promotion, trade development and marketing of the Irish food, drink and horticulture industry. Bord Bia's mission is to drive through market insight and, in partnership with industry, the commercial success of a world class Irish food, drink and horticulture industry. For more information, visit the Bord Bia website at www.bordbia.ie.

Defibrillator Donated to Castleknock Village

Castleknock TidyTowns regularly partners with local business leaders to help make Castleknock a better place to live, work, learn, play, shop and visit. Together we are making a difference.

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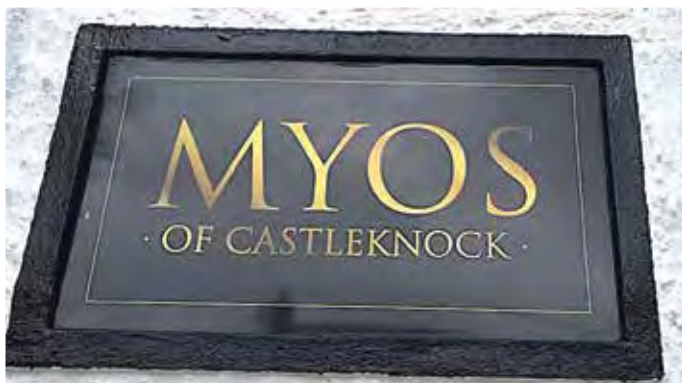
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THE FOOTSTEPS OF GIANTS

The Giant's Causeway is an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, the result of an ancient volcanic fissure eruption. It is located in County Antrim on the north coast of Northern Ireland, about three miles (5 km) northeast of the town of Bushmills.

It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986 and a national nature reserve in 1987 by the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland. In a 2005 poll of Radio Times readers, the Giant's Causeway was named the fourth greatest natural wonder in the United Kingdom. The tops of the columns form stepping stones that lead from the cliff foot and disappear under the sea. Most of the columns are hexagonal, although there are also some with four, five, seven or eight sides. The tallest are about 12 metres (39 ft) high, and the solidified lava in the cliffs is 28 metres (92 ft) thick in places.

Much of the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site is owned and managed by the National Trust. It is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Northern Ireland, receiving over 998,000 visitors in 2019. Access to the Giant's Causeway is free of charge: it is not necessary to go via the visitor centre, which charges a fee. The remainder of the site is owned by the Crown Estate and several private landowners.

Around 50 to 60 million years ago, during the Paleocene Epoch, Antrim was subject to intense volcanic activity, when highly fluid molten basalt intruded through chalk beds to form an extensive volcanic plateau. As the lava cooled, contraction occurred. Horizontal contraction fractured in a similar way to drying mud, with the cracks propagating down as the mass cooled, leaving pillarlike structures, which also fractured horizontally into "biscuits". In many cases, the horizontal fracture resulted in a bottom face that is convex, while the upper face of the lower segment is concave, producing what are called "ball and socket" joints. The size of the columns was primarily determined by the speed at which lava cooled. The extensive fracture network produced the distinctive columns seen today. The basalts were originally part of a great volcanic plateau called the Thulean Plateau, which formed during the Paleocene.

According to legend, the columns are the remains of a causeway built by a giant. The story goes that the Irish giant Fionn mac Cumhaill (Finn MacCool), from the Fenian Cycle of Gaelic mythology, was challenged to a fight by the Scottish giant Benandonner. Fionn accepted the challenge and built the causeway across the North Channel so that the two giants could meet. In one version of the story, Fionn defeats Benandonner. In another, Fionn hides from Benandonner when he realises that his foe is much bigger than he is. Fionn's wife, Sadhbh, disguises Fionn as a baby and tucks him in a cradle. When Benandonner sees the size of the "baby", he reckons that its father, Fionn, must be a giant among giants. He flees back to Scotland in fright, destroying the causeway behind him so that Fionn would be unable to chase him down. Across the sea, there are identical basalt columns (a part of the same ancient lava flow) at

Fingal's Cave on the Scottish isle of Staffa, and it is possible that the story was influenced by this.

In overall Irish mythology, Fionn mac Cumhaill is not a giant but a hero with supernatural abilities, contrary to what this particular legend may suggest. In *Fairy and Folk Tales of the Irish Peasantry* (1888), it is noted that, over time, "the pagan gods of Ireland [...] grew smaller and smaller in the popular imagination, until they turned into the fairies; the pagan heroes grew bigger and bigger, until they turned into the giants". There are no surviving pre-Christian stories about the Giant's Causeway, but it may have originally been associated with the Fomorians (Fomhóraigh); the Irish name Clochán na bhFomhóraigh or Clochán na bhFomhórach means "stepping stones of the Fomhóraigh". The Fomhóraigh are a race of supernatural beings in Irish mythology who were sometimes described as giants and who may have originally been part of a pre-Christian pantheon.

The Bishop of Derry visited the site in 1692. The existence of the causeway was announced to the wider world the following year by the presentation of a paper to the Royal Society from Sir Richard Bulkeley, a fellow of Trinity College, Dublin. The Giant's Causeway received international attention when Dublin artist Susanna Drury made watercolour paintings of it in 1739; they won Drury the first award presented by the Royal Dublin Society in 1740 and were engraved in 1743. In 1765, an entry on the causeway appeared in volume 12 of the French *Encyclopédie*, which was informed by the engravings of Drury's work; the engraving of the "East Prospect" appeared in a 1768 volume of plates published for the *Encyclopédie*. In the caption to the plates, French geologist Nicolas Desmarest suggested, for the first time in print, that such structures were volcanic in origin.

The site first became popular with tourists during the 19th century, particularly after the opening of the Giant's Causeway Tramway, and only after the National Trust took over its care in the 1960s were some of the vestiges of commercialism removed. Visitors can walk over the basalt columns that are at the edge of the sea, a half-mile walk from the entrance of the site.

The causeway was without a permanent visitors' centre between 2000 and 2012, as the previous building, built in 1986, burned down in 2000.[20] While preliminary approval was given for a publicly funded (but privately managed) development by then Environment Minister and DUP member Arlene Foster in 2007, the public funding was frozen due to a perceived conflict-of-interest between the proposed private developer at the DUP. Ultimately, the private developer dropped a legal challenge to the publicly funded plan, and the new visiting centre was officially opened by 2012. Its construction was funded by the National



Trust, the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, the Heritage Lottery Fund and public donations. Since opening, the new visitor centre has garnered mixed reviews from those visiting the causeway, for its pricing, design, contents and placement across the causeway walk descent. In 2018, the visitor's centre was visited by 1,011,473 people.

There was some controversy regarding the content of some exhibits in the visitor centre, which refer to the Young Earth Creationist view of the age of the Earth. While these inclusions were welcomed by the chairman of the Northern Irish evangelical group, the Caleb Foundation, the National Trust stated that the inclusions formed only a small part of the exhibition and that the Trust "fully supports the scientific explanation for the creation of the stones 60 million years ago." An online campaign to remove creationist material was launched in 2012, and following this, the Trust carried out a review and concluded that they should be amended to have the scientific explanation on the causeway's origin as their primary emphasis. Creationist explanations are still mentioned but presented as a traditional belief of some religious communities rather than a competing explanation for the causeway's origins.

Some of the structures in the area, having been subject to several million years of weathering, resemble objects, such as the Organ and Giant's Boot structures. Other features include many reddish, weathered low columns known as Giant's Eyes, created by the displacement of basalt boulders; the Shepherd's Steps; the Honeycomb; the Giant's Harp; the Chimney Stacks; the Giant's Gate and the Camel's Hump.

The area is a haven for seabirds, such as fulmar, petrel, cormorant, shag, redshank, guillemot and razorbill, while the weathered rock formations host numerous plant types, including sea spleenwort, hare's-foot trefoil, vernal squill, sea fescue and frog orchid. A stromatolite colony was reportedly found at the Giant's Causeway in October 2011 – an unusual find, as stromatolites are more commonly found in warmer waters with higher saline content than that found at the causeway.



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Cruinniú na nÓg 2022 Fingal Programme launched

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce an exciting and varied programme for Cruinniú na nÓg which takes place on June 11, 2022. Cruinniú na nÓg, Creative Ireland's annual day of free creative activity for children and young people, has gone from strength to strength since its launch in 2018. It is an event that is unique to Ireland and is the flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland's programme Creative Youth which aims to "give every child practical access to tuition, experience and participation in art, music, drama and coding by 2022".

Working in partnership with the 31 Local Authorities and supported by RTÉ, Creative Ireland works tirelessly to create a day where families and young people can participate in a wide range of fun creative activities that are all free.

Fingal County Council's Cruinniú na nÓg programme has been collaboratively developed by the Creative & Cultural team which is made up of cross departmental representatives with skills in many different areas of expertise. The result of the teams' hard work is a programme full of events that is guaranteed to arouse curiosity, spark interest and ignite the imagination and most of all encourage the young people across the county to tap in to their creative side and have fun.

We are delighted that this year the programming is live with an outdoor element and features events and workshops in all Fingal libraries throughout the county such as coding classes, storytelling, manga drawing, creative writing for teens and much more.

Following on from the success of the Story trail launched in Ardgillan Castle last year, a second Fingal Story trail will be created in Kenure woods in Rush and will follow the story of the Lonely Beast by Dublin author Chris Judge. Fingal Arts office have held an open call for proposals and four projects have been

awarded through this. These projects aim to creatively engage young people through providing access to arts practitioners of the highest standards and include projects in placemaking/ architecture, music and interactive art. Cruinniú na nÓg 2022 will be a day filled with happy memories for all of the families, children and young people that get involved.

Full programme details including information on how you can get involved are available by visiting <https://www.fingal.ie/cruinniu-na-nog-2022> or on the Fingal County Council Social Media Channels.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Seana O'Rodaigh said "I am delighted to launch Fingal's programme of events for Cruinniú na nÓg which is packed with variety and will generate great excitement among the young people of the county. The Cruinniu programme is an important part of the services offered to young people by Fingal and allows for access to creative activities in an inclusive and accessible way."

AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council commented "The programme being launched for Cruinniú na nÓg is testament to the commitment and imagination that has gone in to its development. Since 2018, the Cruinniu programme has become integral to the summer schedule of events in Fingal and a great opportunity for young people in particular to engage with creativity"



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Fingal County Council Represented by three groups in the 2021 Pride of Place Finals in Killarney

Fingal County Council was represented by three groups in the finals of the 2021 IPB Pride of Place competition taking place in the INEC in Killarney next week. The 2021 Finals were held over until May of this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Bayside Community Association, Rush Tidy Towns and the Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living all competed for Fingal in the competition which recognises the best in community development on the island of Ireland.

Now in its 20th year, the competition, organised by Co-operation Ireland, the north-south body set up after the Good Friday Agreement, is part of a drive to foster better community relations on the island of Ireland. Pride of place invites local authorities in Ireland, north and south to nominate the groups and communities which make a difference in making communities places to be proud of.

Fingal County Council has an excellent record in this competition, having picked up the Local Authority of the Year Awards in 2017 and having had almost 20 winning community groups over the last two decades.

This year Bayside Community Association (BCA) is took part in the Urban Neighbourhood's category. BCA, supported from its inception by the Community Development Office of FCC has embarked on some innovative projects in recent years including the Standing Stones project in Alden park and the Community Orchard in the middle of the estate.

Rush Tidy Towns entered in the category of population over 5000.

This hard-working group produced an outstanding community mural during lockdown and are busy all over the town with environmentally friendly and climate action projects.

The Blanchardstown Centre for Independent living (BCIL) provides a focus for those living with a disability in Dublin 15 and its Peer Support Group produced Fingal this year in the category of Community Resilience. The challenge for those living with disabilities in the community was accentuated during the pandemic and BCIL engaged in some challenging projects during the lockdown years including the development of a Community Garden in Corduff, Dublin 15.

Speaking ahead of the awards Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh said: "Having met all three groups and witnessed their incredible work, I would like to wish them the very best of luck in this prestigious competition and reiterate the huge importance of the community and voluntary sector in the life of the county".

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council AnnMarie Farrelly added; "The great work of our voluntary groups, and the strong support they get from our Community Development Office is crucial to the community wellbeing of the county and I want to wish all three groups great success on the night. "

The finals were held in the INEC in Killarney on the evening of Monday May 16th and can be viewed on www.prideofplace.ie

Launch of the Fingal Maker Space at Blanchardstown Library

The new Fingal Maker Space at Blanchardstown Library has been officially launched by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, Deputy Mayor Cllr Daniel Whooley, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council Anne-Marie Farrelly, County Librarian Betty Boardman and Senior Executive Librarian Lilian Whelan.

The Maker Space at Blanchardstown Library is a multi-use, creative and educational community space. It houses a range of facilities and tools including laptops, a 3-D printer and a vinyl cutter. This accessible, dynamic and inclusive space is at the heart of Fingal Council's commitments under the Creative Ireland initiative. The Fingal Community Maker programme aims to build and support creativity in communities within the Fingal area.

The Maker Space team works with schools in the Fingal area

to provide young people with opportunities to take full advantage of the facilities on offer. They also work in partnership with the Technical University of Dublin to provide adult education opportunities. The space facilitates STEAM learning in an informal setting for students that complements their in-school learning.

The Fingal Maker Space is run by Creator in Residence Kate Delaney from Make Create Innovate. Kate is supported by Rhona Byrne, Andrew Carson and Catrina Carrigan. The team has developed a range of inclusive workshops aimed at all ages and

backgrounds. These workshops aim to foster curiosity, creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills among participants.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh said: "The Fingal Maker Space is a democratic and inclusive space open to all members of the community and it aims to encourage informal and community learning in an accessible place where young and old can play, design, innovate and learn."

This innovative library led project will enhance learning opportunities and community facilities in Fingal"

County Librarian Betty Boardman said "The new Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library provides an innovative, creative and collaborative environment for the community in Dublin 15 and in the wider Fingal area. Public libraries have always been early adopters of new technology and the Makerspace follow in this tradition offering opportunities to the public to learn and to develop ideas."

Information about upcoming workshops and open evenings can be found on the Fingal Libraries Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

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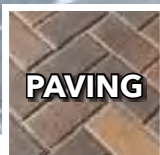
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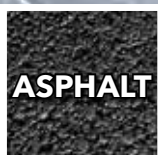
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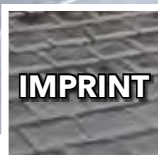
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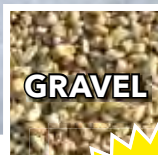
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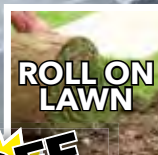
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Fingal has become the inaugural host for Ireland's first ever pop-up swimming pool, with the Swim Ireland initiative set to bring swimming to communities right across the country.

In partnership with Fingal County Council and Sport Ireland, Swim Ireland wanted to improve the opportunity and experience for all level of swimmers to access somewhere local, so found an innovative solution by bringing the first of its kind pop-up pool to communities. Every 12-weeks the pool will move to new locations on its journey around Ireland, with an ambitious target of providing 750 swimming experiences a week.

Standing poolside with Irish Olympians Ellen Walshe, Deputy Mayor of Fingal Cllr Daniel Whooley said: "This is an innovative approach towards getting people of all ages to swim and to build up their confidence in the water, particularly as we approach the summer. Fingal is committed to developing sporting facilities for both the young, and the young at heart, throughout the County, and I am delighted we are able to host this first of its kind pop-up pool in Ireland."

Holding 45,000 litres of water, the 12m by 3.4m structure will remain in Donabate until mid-July before setting off to its next destination. The pool itself is sheltered from the elements in a hard sided marquee, and there is a ramp and a hoist meaning the pool can cater for all types of swimmers. It makes it the ideal place to learn to swim, hone skills or just remember how great it feels to block out the world and dip your head in the water.

Welcoming the initiative, Robert Burns, Director of Housing and Community Development at Fingal County Council, said: "It's so important for people of all ages and abilities to have the skills and confidence to be safe in the water. Having this fantastic addition in Fingal over the next few months provides somewhere that not only allows people to take part in enjoyable pastime but can also teach participants about how to be safe in the water."

"We look forward to working more closely with Swim Ireland to make swimming more accessible locally and help ensure we can properly educate people on safe practices in and around water."

Launching the pool in Donabate, Minister for Sport Jack Chambers said: "This is about bringing a pool into the heart of a community and integrating it with our education system. We boast some 6,000km of coastline in Ireland, so it's important we

deliver water safety lessons to as many people as possible – this new and innovative pilot will help us achieve that, along with encouraging active participation for all groups in the community."



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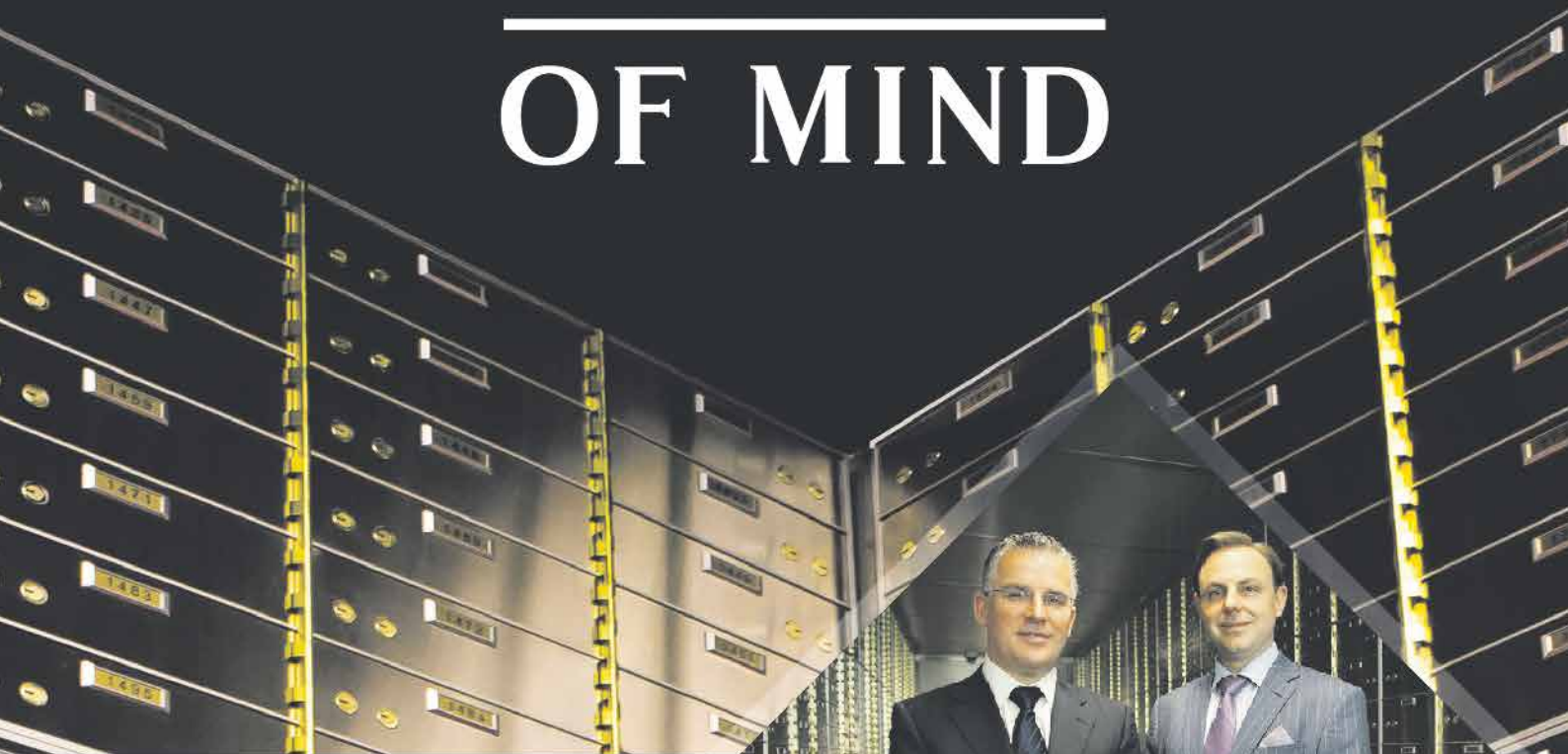




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Devastating failure to plan for special classes by Department of Education lets down parents and children

Cllr John Walsh (Labour, Dublin West) called on the Department of Education to act urgently to address a crisis in the availability of places in special classes for autistic children in Dublin 15, following a packed public meeting organised by Autism Dublin 15 in the Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown, on 16th May 2022: '47 children on the autism spectrum need places in special classes in post-primary schools in the next three years, but only five new places are available as of today, based on the outcomes of a survey conducted by primary school principals. This is a devastating failure in forward planning by the Department of Education and the shortfall in special classes has caused untold stress and anxiety to parents and children with autism.'

Cllr Walsh also called on the Minister for Special Education, Josepha Madigan TD, to ensure that Danu Community Special School was properly supported and resourced: 'It is scandalous that over two years after Danu became the first special school to be established in Dublin 15, the school still does not have a full time behavioural therapist and the Department of Education has no plans to provide Danu with the same consultancy grant previously received by 14 other special schools who have been able to employ a full time behavioural therapist. The parents in Danu had to fight to get agreement for their school in the first place and both parents and children have now been badly let down'.

Walsh also called on the Department of Education and Education and Training Board to provide a dedicated, purpose built special school for second-level students with autism at the Institute of Horology, Blanchardstown, in line with a recommendation recently made by Councillors for the area: 'Danu is at capacity on its current site and has no room to expand: but over 35 children in primary schools in D15 will need a Post-Primary Special School place between 2022 and 2025.'

The Area Committee for Dublin 15 unanimously agreed a motion presented by Cllr Walsh, jointly with Cllr Mary McCamley and Cllr Howard Mahony:

"That this Committee deplores the current plans by the Department of Education and Skills and Dublin Laoghaire Education and Training Board to locate Danu Community Special School permanently in the existing building for Rath Dara Community College, as this proposal fails completely to meet the essential educational needs of students in Danu and undermines the viability of Rath Dara Community College and that this Committee calls upon the Minister for Education and Skills and on DDLETB to provide a stand-alone, purpose built and dedicated school for Danu Community Special School, which should

be located on the site of the Institute of Horology, Blanchardstown.

A spokesperson from the Department of Education responded saying:

Ensuring that every child with special educational needs gets a suitable education is a priority for the Department of Education.

This year, the Department of Education will invest in excess of €2 billion, or over 25% of the Department's budget in the area of special educational needs support. The numbers of special education teachers, special needs assistants and special class and school places are at unprecedented levels.

The Department's policy on supporting children with special educational needs has changed and evolved on foot of evidence-based policy advice from the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) which takes account of international perspectives.

Significantly, the focus of education provision for children with special educational needs has changed from a model that is diagnosis-led to one which is driven by the needs of the child. The Department's policy focuses on ensuring that all students with special educational needs can have access to an education appropriate to meeting their needs and abilities. This policy ensures that the majority of children with special educational needs attend mainstream classes with their peers.

Such placements facilitate access to individualised education programmes which may draw from a range of appropriate educational interventions, delivered by fully qualified professional teachers, with the support of SNAs, special education teachers and the appropriate school curriculum.

In circumstances where children with special educational needs require more specialised interventions, a continuum of education provision extends including access to special school or special class places, where lower pupil/teacher ratios apply and there are other supports available. There is therefore not one preferred educational environment for children with special educational needs, rather there is a model which takes into account the identified educational needs of individual pupils.

Since 2011, the number of special classes in mainstream schools has increased from 548 to a current total of 2,148 for the 2021/2022 school year. Of these, almost 1,900 special classes cater for students with autism.

Recognising some of the difficulties experienced by parents in securing appropriate school placements, over the last two years, the Department of Education and the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) have worked closely on a more streamlined and joined up planning process which has ensured a targeted approach



to meet demand for special needs placements ahead of each new school-year. Overall, this intensive intervention has seen an additional 300 special classes, providing 1,800 new places, already opened nationwide for the 2021/22 school-year.

The NCSE has responsibility for co-ordinating and advising on the education provision for children nationwide. It has well established structures in place for engaging with schools and parents. The NCSE seeks to ensure that schools in an area can, between them, cater for all children who have been identified as needing special class placements.

The NCSE is currently engaging in a process of establishing new special classes for the 2022/2023 school year and beyond by looking at local information in relation to projected demand for future special class places.

NCSE is also supporting the expansion of special school provision generally with additional capacity in Dublin announced in March last.

The Department is also considering the overall special education placement requirements of the Dublin area in particular to ensure a supply of placements coming on stream to meet emerging demand. A range of measures to meet additional SEN capacity demands have already been put in place including the utilisation of spare capacity in existing schools and delivery of additional SEN capacity within the scope of existing building projects.

The Department is committed, in conjunction with the NCSE, to continue to work with parents, schools, patrons and all stakeholders to ensure that there are sufficient appropriate places for students with additional needs and to support all students to achieve their potential.

Where a suitable school placement cannot be found for a child, a grant is paid to the parent so they can employ a teacher to provide tuition in the home. It is intended as a short term measure while a school placement is being sought. The provision of health related supports, for example, speech and language therapies are provided by the HSE.

Specialist provision for students with autism in Dublin 15

There are 32 primary schools, 12 post-primary schools and 1 special school in Dublin 15.

There are currently 30 primary special classes for children with autism and 9 post-primary special classes in Dublin 15 for children with autism. Each special class caters for 6 students. Each class has 1 teacher (primary)/ 1.5 teachers (post-primary) and 2 SNAs for 6 students. There is one special school in Dublin 15 which was established in 2019.

In 2021/22 4 new primary special classes for children with autism and 2 new post-primary special classes were established in Dublin 15.

At a current date, the NCSE has sanctioned the establishment of 3 new primary special classes for children with autism and 2 new post-primary special class for children with autism in Dublin 15 for 2022/23. Some of these classes require building works and there is close engagement between the Department of Education's Building Unit, the NCSE and the school to ensure building projects are completed for 2022/23.

While schools continue to notify the NCSE of details of students enrolled in special classes for 2022/23, it is expected that all special classes in Dublin 15 will operate at capacity in 2022/23.

Requirement for additional post-primary special classes in Dublin 15

The NCSE is working collaboratively with schools, their patrons and the Department of Education to establish special classes to meet the forecasted requirement. There is a range of supports available to schools that open special classes, including advice and continuous professional development support through the NCSE.

The NCSE is aware of an immediate need for 1 additional post-primary special class for 2022/23. The NCSE has been in contact with a number of schools in the area and is at an advanced stage of engagement with 2 schools and their patrons to establish additional special classes for 2022/23.



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Roderic O’Gorman TD and Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

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50% cheaper fares for young people

We have introduced even further reductions for young people, and made public transport 50% cheaper for anyone between the ages of 19 and 23, and students, through the introduction of the new Young Adult Leap Card. Anyone who already holds a valid student leap card will not have to do anything. They will get the half price fare automatically. Anyone who is eligible for a Young Adult card, can log on to student.leapcard.ie and select New Card and follow the instructions online.

This new public transport initiative for young people is a result of engagement between Comhairle na nÓg, myself as Minister for Youth, and the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan, and I want to

thank them for their proposals. This win is a testament of how working together with young people can bring about positive change that will help to tackle climate change and create healthier communities.

The reductions in public transport fares will make a real difference to people of all ages, helping people to keep more money in their pocket, while also supporting our climate ambitions by reducing traffic congestion and emissions in our towns and cities.

As a Party in Government, the Greens have made history by reducing public transport fares, as the country had not seen a reduction in fare prices since 1947. These cheaper fares will increase usage of sustainable and low-emissions public transport, and help us all to make transport choices that will reduce our carbon footprint.

Improved local bus services in Blanchardstown

Local bus services are also improving for people across Blanchardstown, with the expansion of the BusConnects network. The new N4 bus commenced on 29 May, connecting Blanchardstown Shopping Centre to Point Village. Significantly, the N4 route will pass Dublin City University via Collins Avenue, and improve commuting by providing increased frequency of services and additional capacity. On weekdays, the N4 will arrive every 10 minutes, with frequency every 10-15 minutes on Saturdays and every 15-20 minutes on Sundays. This new route is replacing the 17A.

Community and voluntary groups in Fingal welcome new funding boost

Fingal's Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) has approved over €300,000 in grant funding to community and voluntary groups across the county under the 2022 Community Activities Fund (CAF). Funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, the 2022 scheme was launched nationally by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD.

Over 200 grants will be paid to groups across Fingal under the scheme. This will help with running costs such as utility bills, insurance and in some cases rental or leasing costs. They will also be supported with funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, and the purchase of equipment such as defibrillators, furniture, tools. Signage, laptops, printers, lawnmowers, canopies, among others.

The Community Activities Fund provides a flexible and targeted approach to funding those communities most in need. The fund is aimed at addressing disadvantage, as identified in the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan and also at this time supports local community and voluntary groups with reopening costs resulting from COVID-19.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Seána Ó Rodaigh, welcomed the large number of grants approved, saying: "The Community Activities Fund provides invaluable support to a broad range of organisations, particularly at a time when operating costs for

many groups are rising sharply. The amount of funding made available reflects the vital role played by those groups making a real impact on the ground right across Fingal, be it community centres, Scouts and Guides, childcare providers, sports clubs, support services for older people or drama societies."

Declan Ryan, Chief Officer of the Fingal LCDC, said: "The Community Activities Fund has proved very popular, with a huge number of applications received from local groups across the county. Every effort was made by the Fingal LCDC to support as many groups and projects as possible with the available funds. We will look to support local community and voluntary groups with similar funding initiatives as they become available in the future."

Mary Harford, Group Leader of the 89th Bremore Scout Group said: "The grants will enable us to buy much needed equipment for our young people and will also help us cover our operating costs for the year without worrying where the money will come from."

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New Mayor

Councillor Howard Mahony (Fianna Fáil) has been elected as the 17th Mayor of Fingal at the annual meeting of Fingal County Council which was held recently in County Hall, Swords.

Cllr Cathal Boland (Non Party) was elected as Deputy Mayor. Cllr Mahony - who represents the Castleknock Local Electoral Area - succeeds Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh (Labour) who handed over the chain of office this afternoon. He was unopposed in the election for Mayor.

Joining as a councillor in 2016, Cllr Mahony spent over 30 years serving in An Garda Síochána where he was a Detective. He has a strong interest in community issues.

Cllr Boland was also unopposed in the election for Deputy Mayor. He represents the Rush-Lusk Local Electoral Area and succeeds Cllr Daniel Whooley (Green Party). A member of the first Fingal County Council in 1994, Cllr Boland was previously Cathaoirleach in 1998 and 2001, as well as serving as Fingal's Deputy Cathaoirleach in 1997.

Tributes were paid to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Ó Rodaigh by fellow councillors who thanked her for her commitment to championing initiatives to the benefit all of Fingal and her dedication to delivering programmes to support mental health, youth and issues impacting women. AnnMarie Farrelly, Fingal County Council's Chief Executive also presented Cllr Ó Rodaigh with a Commemorative Medal and a Photograph Album recording her year in office.

Cllr Ó Rodaigh thanked Cllr Whooley for his enthusiastic support



Mayor of Fingal, Cllr
Howard Mahony

as Deputy Mayor throughout the year and thanked her colleagues on the Council for the generous support they have given during this time. She was particularly heartened by the decency and kindness fellow councillors had displayed and believed that this only strengthened her belief that elected members can make a real difference to those they serve.

Also:

- **Cllr Gráinne Maguire** (Independent) was elected as Chair of the Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area Committee.
- **Cllr Mary McCamley** (Labour) was elected as Chair of the Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart / Castleknock / Ongar Area Committee
- **Cllr David Healy** (Green Party) was elected as Chair of the Howth-Malahide Area Committee.

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CASTLEKNOCK VILLAGE FESTIVAL

The inaugural Castleknock Village Festival was a tremendous success.

I'd like to thank everyone who made it happen, from my own committee, to the Castleknock 5k Run committee, to Fingal Co Council, to all the community groups and businesses who took part. The pandemic hit us all hard. For two years there were very few opportunities for the community to come together so to see so many people, of all ages out enjoying what our village has to offer was magnificent to see. Castleknock is a wonderful village, but it shouldn't just be a place to pass through. We want to make it a village that everyone can enjoy. Hopefully by becoming an annual event the Castleknock Village Festival will help make that happen.



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FINGAL CYCLING WITHOUT AGE BRINGS JOY OF CYCLING TO OLDER PEOPLE

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce the launch of Cycling Without Age Fingal, which officially began with a celebratory cycle at St. Catherine's Park, Lucan on Wednesday, 18 May.

Cycling Without Age is a movement that started in Denmark in 2012, led by social entrepreneur Ole Kassow. Ole wanted to help older people get back on their bicycles, but needed a solution to their limited mobility. The answer was a trishaw and he started offering free bike rides to the local nursing home residents.

Trishaw bikes offer a very comfortable cycling experience for passengers and cyclists with deep, secure seats designed for maximum safety and electric power assistance helping the cyclist to efficiently manage the load as they move. The Cycling Without Age initiative isn't just about cycling, it is about meeting the social needs of older people by providing social connection and inclusion.

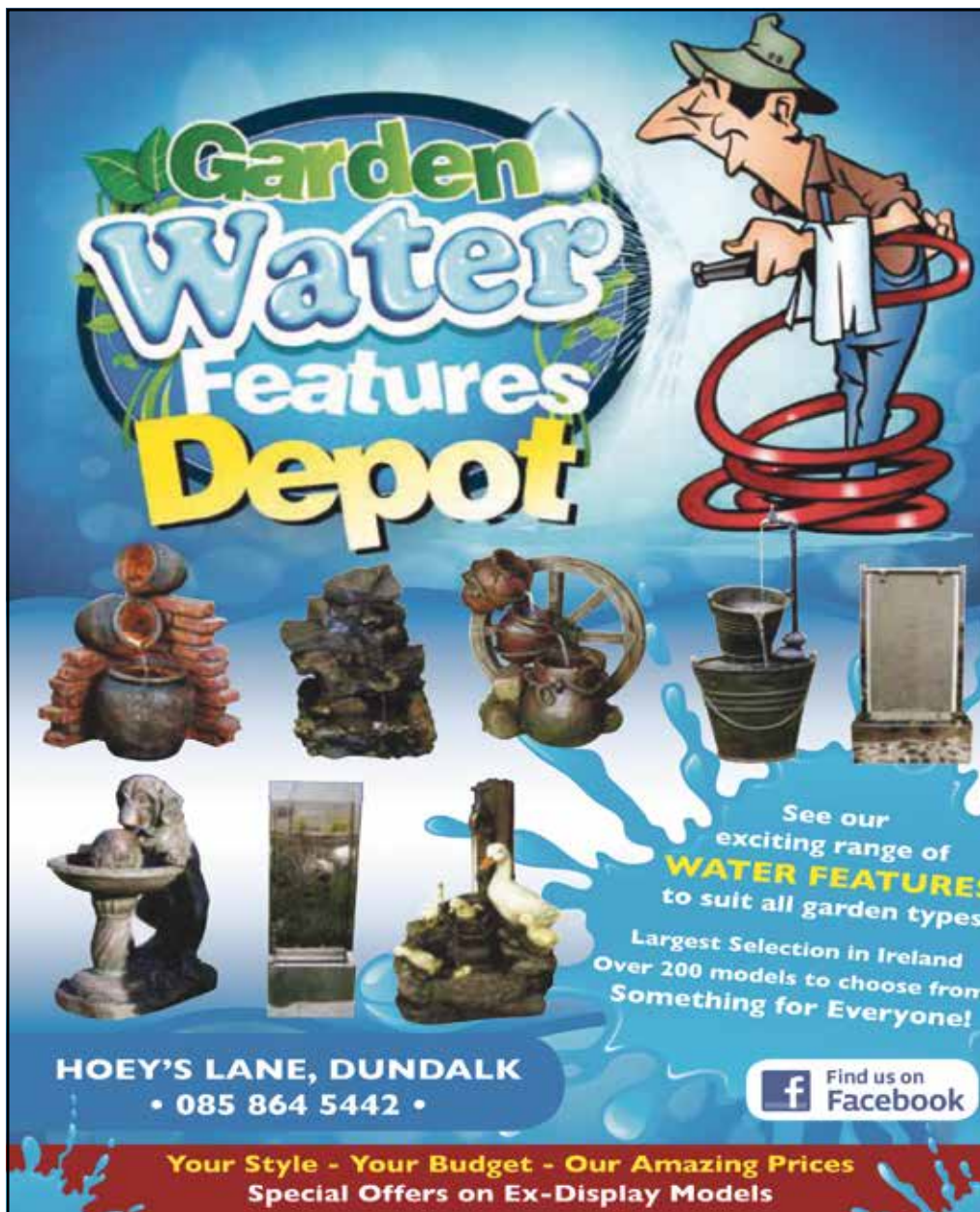
There are 4 locations for Cycling Without Age Trishaws in Fingal. Located at St. Catherine's Park, the Baldoyle Portmarnock Greenway, South Strand Skerries and in Northwood Demesne where Fingal County Council have partnered with Dublin City University. These 4 local schemes provide an array of opportunities for nursing homes, older persons' organisations and individuals who want to feel the wind in their hair on a refreshing open-air cycle.

Since 2021 Fingal County Council has been recruiting and training volunteers, also known as trishaw pilots, for this exciting scheme. Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh, says this project demonstrates the commitment of the community to older people.

'We've had lots of people come forward and offer their time and energy to this cycling project and it's just one example of the way in which we care for our older people and nurture inclusivity in our community. It's great to see people enjoying their time on the trishaws, showing us that cycling really can be for everyone if we work to provide inclusive experiences and facilities.'

There are more than 2,700 Cycling Without Age chapters around the world, operated by more than 35,000 training pilots. David Storey Fingal's Director of Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel, says Fingal is proud to be part of this very special global movement. 'It's vital that we help open up cycling to people who are older and often dealing with mobility limitations. Getting out on a bike can be a very joyful experience and offers a wonderful feeling of freedom. Our older people have often grown up with cycling a major feature of their youth and it's great to be giving those same people a chance to return to that feeling again. Cycling is a healthy social outlet for people of any age and can be an ideal tool to manage stress and combat isolation. We're really looking forward to seeing the trishaws in use across Fingal.'

From next Monday trishaw cycle slots will be bookable online via the Fingal County Council website and interested people are encouraged to contact active.travel@fingal.ie for more information.



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PAYPAL JOBS GOING TO INDIA?

Speculation that some of the 307 Paypal jobs lost will be transferred to India “do not help” shocked workers, said a Dundalk TD.

Deputy Peter Fitzpatrick raised the job losses, 172 of which will be cut from PayPal's Dundalk office, directly with Tanaiste Leo Varadkar in the Dail. “These workers do not know what is happening and they are very concerned about their future. The rumours circulating that these jobs are going to India do not help,” said Deputy Fitzpatrick.

“People trust PayPal. Millions of people give PayPal their bank account numbers, credit card numbers and debit card numbers to serve an account so they can purchase online. In return, they are promised by PayPal that this is done in a safe and secure manner. Last Tuesday, PayPal announced 307 job losses – 172 in Dundalk in my constituency and 135 in Blanchardstown.

On top of this, in April 2021 there were 131 job losses, again in Dundalk and Dublin. In 13 months, 438 jobs were lost out of 2,800. In 2021, workers were offered a redundancy package or other jobs within the company. This time there is no voluntary redundancy.”

He added PayPal last year reported over \$25 billion in revenue, up 18% on the previous year, with 426 million users in the last quarter of 2021.

“In 2003, this country received the good news that PayPal was coming to Ireland to set up its operation here. We invested €15 million in its European centre of excellence in Blanchardstown in 2009. In 2012, 1,000 jobs at the international operations centre in Dundalk were announced, and another 400 jobs were added in 2014. At present, over 2,000 people in Ireland are employed by PayPal and everyone appreciates their job. With 438 job losses in 13 months, what can the Government do to help the 2,000 remaining workers in view of the loyalty and commitment they are giving?”

PayPal contacted me on Tuesday and informed me of the loss of 172 jobs in my constituency, beginning on 27 June through to 19 September, and said this is due the new structure and needs of its customers. It has given me no more information.”

Tanaiste, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Leo Varadkar said he had heard “with great regret” that Paypal were letting 307 staff go.

“I spoke to the company's representatives earlier this week and they assured me that they remain committed to their

2,000 other staff and will continue to employ approximately 2,000 people in Ireland. They said they had to make this decision as part of a general restructuring of the company, with a reduction in the number of roles not just in Ireland but it may be the case in some other countries too. Unfortunately, the redundancies are unavoidable and I express my sympathy to those who are affected. It must have been a big shock for people to hear that their roles were being made redundant. Consultation is happening with the staff.”

He added: “I have received an assurance from the company that the redundancy package it offers will be a good one. It is important that if people are being let go, they get a decent redundancy package to help them to get on with their lives and seek employment elsewhere in the economy.”

He said the government was “stepping in to ensure workers know what their entitlements are when it comes to social welfare and other matters, and also to know what their options are when it comes to searching for jobs.”

“Most of these staff are very well skilled and they will be able to find jobs quite quickly in the same sector, where there are many vacancies. However, we need to help them and connect them with those vacancies. They will also be given advice on what is available in terms of a return to education, a return to training and the possibility of setting up their own business.”

Concerns have also been raised about the nature of the redundancies, following reports that they will not be voluntary redundancies.

The Tanaiste added: “As regards the nature of the redundancies, I wish to clarify that from the letter the company sent to the Department. It states clearly in that letter that if redundancy cannot be avoided following collective consultation with impacted employees, compulsive redundancies will be required. That collective consultation is occurring now. It is required under law. As a consequence of that I hope it will be possible to ensure that most of these redundancies are voluntary and that compulsive redundancies can be avoided.”

Sinn Féin TDs for Louth, Ruairí Ó Murchú and Imelda Munster, say they are ‘deeply concerned’ about the future commitment of PayPal to the county after the announcement of 172 job losses at their centre in Dundalk.



A further 135 redundancies have been confirmed at the company's site at Ballycoolin, Dublin, bringing the total number of job losses to 307.

Deputy Ó Murchú said the news, which 'came out of the blue for staff', was a 'terrible blow' to workers and their families.

He said: 'Deputy Munster and I have spoken to workers and to the company representative today and the news is shocking. We understand that consultation in the non-unionised company will start on Thursday and the redundancies will happen on June 27.

'This seems to be very rushed and we would want there to be proper consultation with workers, and every support given to them, ahead of them being put on the dole queue'.

Deputies Munster and Ó Murchú said the latest redundancies, which come on top of 131 announced in April 2021, 'had shaken confidence in PayPal's long term commitment to Dundalk and Ballycoolin'.

Deputy Munster said: 'The fact that more than 300 jobs are going in PayPal in Ireland, further to more than 130 last year, makes us deeply concerned about what this profitable, multinational's long term commitment to Ireland is'.

Deputy Ó Murchú said: 'The government, and the agencies such as IDA, need to step up and meet with PayPal to find out what has really happened here and to give workers and their families the reassurance that the company is committed to Ireland in the long term.

'We have requested a meeting with senior PayPal officials as soon as possible to hear from them what their future plans are for their sites in Ireland'

Local Fine Gael TD, Fergus O'Dowd, has said that he is deeply concerned by the announcement from PayPal this morning that collective redundancies will take place at their Dundalk site.

"I have been in contact with my colleague An Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar and his office to ensure that all available government supports will be made available to assist individuals and

families affected by PayPal's decision.

The Tánaiste has informed me that the Consultation period will begin this week and that no redundancies will take effect until June.

This will be a very difficult time for the employees and I will support them in anyway I can going forward.

I have also spoken directly with the company to outline my concerns and they have informed me that they expect 139 of the 300 the redundancies to take place in their Dundalk site.

Affected Employees: A number of affected employees are located in Dublin or Dundalk. There are a number of different roles impacted in different areas of the business. Approx. 300.

There are 2585 employees normally employed in Ireland, 1289 located at the Dublin site and 1279 located at the Dundalk site and 17 remotely located. The affected employees are based in both Dublin and Dundalk. The addresses of the two locations are PayPal Dublin, Ballycoolin Business Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin and PayPal Dundalk, Building A, Xerox Technology Park, Dundalk.

Fine Gael's Colm Markey has described the loss of 172 jobs at PayPal in Dundalk as a huge blow for the town. The Midlands-North-West MEP was speaking after a phone call with Paypal management.

He commented, "I was shocked to hear the news of the Paypal job losses in Louth and Dublin this afternoon and my thoughts are very much with the affected staff members and their families. It is a particular difficult time for anyone losing their job and I know they will be worried about what lies ahead.

I'm calling on Paypal to ensure they receive a generous redundancy package and all the necessary supports as they leave their positions. I welcome the Tánaiste's commitment to make all necessary State assistance available to the workers, to help them find new employment, education and training opportunities as soon as possible.

PayPal first came to Dundalk in 2012, providing a much-needed boost to the local economy.

Explaining inflation



It is apparent all around us for the past while that the price of everything has been increasing at a rapid rate. Central Banks and departments of finance would like the inflation rate in each of their economies to hover around 2%.

In the economics world this is known as the 'Goldilocks scenario', i.e. not too hot and not too cold. A modest amount of inflation in any economy is just fine. It simply means prices are rising at a controlled level and then wages will probably be rising around the same rate. So, ideally your take home pay will keep pace with the rising prices and the overall balance is maintained. Of course, in the real world inflation does not always behave and there have been periods of hyper-inflation through history where prices rise so fast that wages cannot possibly keep up and many consumer items become unaffordable. This is where we may find ourselves if prices continue to rise at this pace.

Let's look at what has caused this excessive inflation, what could happen next and what we can do personally to soften the effects of high inflation on our household income. Most anomalies in economics are caused because of a supply/demand imbalance. Before the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns there was already a massive tidal wave affecting all major economies. This was the enormous amount of economic stimulus programmes that major Central Banks had undertaken since the great financial crisis of 2008/2009. This involves Central Banks effectively printing money for the last ten years or so to create consumer confidence and avoid recession. This inflates the price of all assets including stocks, houses, raw materials such as energy, consumer good and so on because it's designed to stimulate demand. So Central Banks have been trying their hardest to create inflation for the last ten years around the globe. The only problem is that once the inflation wave has begun it can be like a rolling snowball down a mountain. It's virtually impossible to stop until it finds its own level, and the world has never witnessed such an enormous amount of money printing before.

The main tool that Central Banks have in their armoury to combat rapidly rising inflation is increasing interest rates, which will attempt to 'cool down' economic activity and dampen down demand. Inflation never stops at the perfect Goldilocks level in any economy – it will always undershoot or overshoot and

Central Banks are inevitably behind the curve playing catch-up. The massive pent-up demand from Covid-19 lockdowns is now causing large bubbles to pop up in many areas. The price of hotel rooms, building materials, overseas flights, imported foods etc., and if the supply is constrained then naturally the price of each of these things can only go up. It is well documented that the price of timber had gone up threefold during 2020/21 but research shows that this is not because there were any less trees felled during this period. It is because lots of lumber processing plants were closed during this time and it takes time to restaff & ramp these plants back up. It's the same with airlines & restaurants where so many cabin crew & kitchen staff merely retrained and took other jobs during or after lockdowns. Hence, it's not just as simple as switching every industry back on at the same pre-Covid-19 level – it takes time to relaunch an industry to full capacity.

So, that's the Why of inflation causes explained. But what might happen next? Central Banks and governments will hope that rising interest rates will dampen down consumer confidence temporarily but reducing people's appetite to borrow money or expand their businesses in the short term. The danger here is that rising interest rates can often tip an economy into or close to a recession so it's a very tough balancing act. During Covid-19 many people's savings accounts swelled to unprecedented levels because there were very few outlets for excess disposable income. Now much of those savings have poured out into consumer spending and is pushing prices even higher. The danger with this is that, like Celtic Tiger times, we know the price of everything but the value of nothing (Oscar Wilde quote). At some stage, supply lines will normalise and people will gradually begin to forego discretionary spending because the price of things will simply have gone too far. Businesses may have to close because the price they have to charge for their product is simply unaffordable. This is the economic cycle and is often likened to a forest fire, where new shoots will soon grow to replace older, unsustainable trees which have burnt down.

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