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## Community Development Office Launches Community Facilities Video

**Fingal County Council's Community Development Office has released a new video promoting their dedicated Community Facility Management Support Unit. The Unit provides their services to 33 community facilities in Fingal, which are known collectively as the Fingal Community Facilities Network.**

that we meet the needs of the people in the area."

The video is the first of a series on Community Facilities and the Support Unit. It can be viewed here:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=hH\\_rX3z\\_AjM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hH_rX3z_AjM)

For more information on the Fingal Community Facilities Network and to find your nearest centre visit:

[www.fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie](http://www.fingalcommunityfacilitiesnetwork.ie)

Launching the video series, Councillor Howard Mahony, Mayor of Fingal said "As Mayor of Fingal I am very pleased to launch this video series which highlights the great work being undertaken by our voluntary boards of management, our community centre staff, volunteers and the Facilities Management Unit of the Council and the Fingal Community Facilities Network in the provision and running of our wonderful community facilities across the County. I look forward to seeing our new centres in Meakstown and Baldoyle coming on stream in the future. Our Community Facilities are at the heart of communities and are a visual representation of the great community spirit which is evident across Fingal. I look forward to seeing the full suite of videos as they are released".

Speaking in the video, Principal Community Development Officer Linda Ennis explains: "We cater for people of all ages and strive to create a sense of community for all. We offer affordable meeting and recreation spaces and operate an open-door policy, where everyone is welcome. Our own Community Facility Support Unit is a highly skilled team, offering support to Community Centres across the county."

The video features 3 community centres from the Network. Donabate Portrane Community Centre has a gym and library onsite. Mulhuddart Community Centre is a thriving community facility offering services such as childcare and Foróige's Mulhuddart Community Youth Project. Ongar Community Centre shares its facilities with St. Benedict's National School and includes a full-size All-Weather Pitch.

The video features contributions from facility employees and Mulhuddart Community Centre Chairperson and former Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Mary McCamley, who comments:

"We're really very busy here in Mulhuddart Community Centre. We're open 7 days a week and we liaise a lot with Fingal County Council who own the building here, through our own Community Development Officer and the Facilities Management Team in order

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## EDITORIAL

**W**elcome to the Autumn edition of Little Village. Our cover feature is about Phoenix Park. The park was never more valued than during the lockdown periods of COVID19. There has been a lot going on at the park in recent times. Changes to parking, lower speed limits and concern over feeding the deer. Our article celebrates its adoption as a UNESCO World Heritage site and includes a brief history along with interesting facts about the park. We may cover some of the more topical issues about the park in future editions. We also feature an approval by Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, and Dublin West TD, Roderic O'Gorman to establish an Office to oversee excavation at the site of the former Mother and Baby Institution in Tuam.

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## Fingal Chamber Calls For 20% reduction in private bus operator fares

Fingal Chamber is calling for the 20% reduction in public transport fares in the Greater Dublin area to be immediately extended to private bus operators.

**F**ingal Chamber CEO, Anthony Cooney said: "While this fare reduction is a very welcome initiative and Fingal Chamber fully supports it from a business, mobility and climate action perspective, it is greatly disappointing that the fare reduction is only available on National Transport Authority (NTA), public transport managed routes.

This means the fare reduction has not been extended to other commercial bus operators and this is putting them at a severe competitive disadvantage which is grossly unfair to them and their passengers."

According to the NTA Commercial Bus Services in Ireland Report, 2019, more than half of all kilometres operated by scheduled bus services in Ireland are operated



by commercial bus companies, whose passengers cannot avail of a fare reduction.

Fingal Chamber has said that most private bus operators have Leap Card technology, and this data is fed back to the NTA so there is "no impediment to applying the fare reduction to private bus operators."

Fingal Chamber is urging for a "level playing field" for all bus operators and for the 20% fare reduction to be extended to commercial bus operators "without delay."

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# Readymade Retail Opportunity for Small Business

Christmas will come early for one local business this year, as Champion Green, Ireland's support local initiative is giving small businesses the chance to win a €50,000 retail opportunity in partnership with Aviva Life & Pensions.

**R**eadymade Retail' was launched by Champion Green in the Blackrock Village Centre in Dublin. The competition will see a small business with big ambition win a pop-up retail store in the prestigious south Dublin shopping centre, worth over €50,000 for a period of six months.

Online businesses looking to expand into a retail space, regional stores eager to test the Dublin market, or any small business wanting to capitalise on the busy festive and New Year sales period and beyond are invited to enter the Champion Green competition at [www.championgreen.ie](http://www.championgreen.ie)

The prime pop-up shop is worth €21,550 (to include rent and rates excluding utilities) and is being provided by Aviva Life & Pensions on a six-month rental licence, from October 2022 to March 2023 inclusive. Fit Out Specialist, Roccul, is offering additional fit-out advice and equipment, valued at €5,000, to the winning business.

The competition winner will have free parcel-sending for one year within Ireland, from An Post Commerce, to support online retailing, as well as a free direct mail campaign in south county Dublin, a combined value of €10,000.

A business planning session is also on offer to the prize winner, with well-known entrepreneur, SMEs champion and former Dragon, Bobby Kerr, who attended the recent competition launch.

Complimentary one year membership of the main Champion Green business group partners, Retail Excellence, the Small Firms Association and Chambers Ireland, is included too.

With a store marketing campaign from Champion Green and Bannerton PR, worth €15,000, in the mix, and business planning and professional mentoring from MentorsWork, the Government-backed scheme, the winner will have a remarkable 'readymade retail' opportunity to boost festive and New Year's trade.

The competition is open to non-food SMEs that can stock and sustain a Dublin retail outlet for six months from October 2022. The closing date is September 5th next.

Inspire

Champion Green is a movement to inspire people to support local, to do business locally, and to source local product and services, both in-person and online. The aim is to help Ireland



recover and to keep towns and communities vibrant for future generations.

It is the brainchild of businesswoman Marian O’Gorman, Chairperson of Kilkenny Design, whose family business has fostered numerous Irish craft and creative enterprises in over fifty years.

Jenny Donnelly, Aviva Life and Pensions, said, “We are proud to have supported Champion Green since it first launched in 2020, encouraging the growth of local businesses and start-ups.”

“Providing short-term retail space to small businesses in prime locations allows them to experience the potential of retail for their brand or business, risk-free. It is a showcase for the original and innovative products and services that our SMEs provide, whilst at the same time adding a new consumer offering to the Blackrock Village Centre”.

Blackrock Village Centre underwent a striking €10m refurbishment, managed by Aviva Ireland’s property team. The Centre’s appeal as an accessible neighbourhood destination for food, fashion, accessories, healthcare, books, and technology has been greatly enhanced.

The Readymade Retail winner will join the Centre’s quality retail offering in a 479 sq. ft unit in a prime location, beside Bewley’s and Holland and Barrett, near to Dubray Books and SuperValu.

Shop-fitting and design advice valued at €5,000 will ensure the winner’s consumer offering is seen in the best light, according to Tommy O’Reilly of Roccul.

“We’re excited to support the Champion Green Readymade Retail winner in designing their pop-up store, and grateful that

Aviva asked us to be involved in this initiative for fledgling retailers”.

Previous Readymade Retail winners include Irish design brand, Jill & Gill, and Ambr Eyewear, whose fashionable glasses are designed to help protect from the damage of blue light, for those frequently using screens.

With online retail now a sizeable aspect of most businesses, Champion Green partners, An Post, have a very generous ‘readymade retail’ prize of free parcel post, which the business can pass on to encourage customers, or can use to help off-set overheads.

“We are proud to encourage local online retail with our range of parcel solutions, meaning online shoppers and traders can rely on prompt affordable delivery of their goods”, Julie Gill, Commercial Marketing Director at An Post, said.

Duncan Graham, Managing Director of Retail Excellence, is Chairman of the Readymade Retail judging panel. He is joined by Irish retailing legend, Marian O’Gorman, Chairperson of Kilkenny Design and Champion Green founder, who said “The Champion Green campaign encourages the public to shop and to ‘click local’, as well as seeking local service-providers first, to help businesses in their community to bounce back, thrive, and remain vibrant for future generations.”

Champion Green is supported by Kilkenny Design and VISA, in association with Retail Excellence, the Small Firms Association and Chambers Ireland. The initiative is backed by a €1m investment to drive consumer support for local enterprise and to help SMEs adapt and grow business.

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# Late Late Toy Show date confirmed as young stars invited to apply

Come on all you young and upcoming talent of D15, now is your chance to get your application in and hopefully we will see you on the Toy Show later this year.



**R**yan Tubridy - "We are going to go large this year. I had a great chat about it last week, and it's going to be very, very special indeed" Ryan Tubridy has confirmed that this year's Late Late Toy Show will take place on Friday, 25 November, with applications now invited from the young stars of 2022 on the rte.ie web site

The host was joined on his RTÉ Radio 1 show on recently by 12-year-old DJ Calum Kieran, one of the stars of last year's show alongside his five-year-old brother Jackson.

Announcing that applications are now open on the Late

Late Show website, the presenter told listeners: "We are going to go large this year. I had a great chat about it last week, and it's going to be very, very special indeed."

Offering advice to young applicants, DJ Calum said: "Just be yourself. Take your time. Have fun. And practice and make sure your video is ok! Even just a half an hour, fifteen minutes a day - that's all it takes."

Having supported DJ Jenny Greene at her Iveagh Gardens show during the summer, Calum added that he is very busy with "communions, confirmations, even 21sts, weddings".

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## NEW BENCHES FOR CASTLEKNOCK

It is very welcome news that the Operations department of Fingal Council have installed new park benches on green spaces and small parks across Castleknock over the summer, following a request from Castleknock Tidy Towns. Benches have been installed so far in Park Avenue, Park Drive, Ashleigh, Auburn Avenue, College Grove, Hadleigh and Castleknock Green. It's fantastic to see new infrastructure being provided for the use and enjoyment of residents.

I requested funding for benches earlier this year and €15,000 was allocated in the Programme of Works for 2022. This should be the start of a rollout of benches in appropriate locations across Dublin 15.

Well done to Castleknock Tidy Towns who lobbied successfully over the last two years for the installation of benches on green areas across Castleknock.

## DART+WEST – CONSULTATION UNTIL 30TH SEPTEMBER

CIE has lodged an application for a Railway Order for DART+West, seeking permission to extend the electrified DART network from Connolly/Spencer Dock area to west of Maynooth, Co Kildare and to M3 Parkway, Co. Meath. Members of the public may make submissions as part of the statutory consultation process from 5th August until 30th September on payment of a fee of €50: submissions may be posted to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 or can also be made via the ABP website <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations>

You can find all the documentation at [www.dartwestrailwayorder.ie](http://www.dartwestrailwayorder.ie)

DART+West is a very positive project, which will transform public transport in Dublin 15 and it is crucial that the plans are informed by local input. I wrote to the CEO of Irish Rail requesting that the consultation period should not begin during the summer. Unfortunately Irish Rail decided to proceed, although the consultation was at least extended until the end of September.

DART+West has to work for everyone – commuters, local communities and businesses along the rail line. I am asking Irish Rail to address the following concerns in the statutory process:

- The current plan for closure of Coolmine Road at the level crossing without replacement will intensify traffic congestion at Castleknock/Granard Bridge which cannot cope with this level of car traffic and funnel traffic past primary schools at morning peak times.
- Ashtown Stables is an important local cultural and recreational amenity which must be protected in the final plan.
- All the pedestrian-cycle bridges should deliver universal access and all stations should be fully accessible.
- The design of the bridges should also be re-considered to avoid creating visually unattractive structures and ensure consistency with the surrounding area.





## **NO PROGRESS FOR DANU COMMUNITY SPECIAL SCHOOL**

While progress has been made nationally in reinstating therapists for special schools, Danu Community Special School has been left for three years without a full time behavioural practitioner – this places the management and staff in Danu in an impossible position and reflects a complete failure by Government departments to listen to teachers and parents. This is an unacceptable situation which is grossly unfair to Danu and could be easily resolved.

I will continue to campaign for Danu to have its own dedicated, standalone school building at the Institute of Horology, while Rath Dara Community College is allowed to develop on its current site.

## **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN HANSFIELD**

A new Strategic Housing Development application has been made by Alanna Homes for the construction of 1243 units, south of Hansfield and the Maynooth rail line, in the townlands of Barberstown, Barnhill and Passifyoucan. This includes:

- 322 houses ranging in height from two to three storeys.
- 117 duplex units within two to three storey terraced or detached buildings;
- 804 apartments including 1-, 2-, 3- and 4- bedroom units in 24 apartment blocks and three terraced buildings ranging in height from two to twelve storeys.

While new housing is needed, I have made a submission to raise the following concerns about the scale and height of this development:

- Apartments blocks of up to 12 storeys are simply too high and the maximum height of the development is contrary to the Barnhill Local Area Plan, which provides for maximum heights of 4-6 storeys close to the rail line.
- There are no guarantees that necessary community infrastructure (such as a community centre) will be phased in at the same time as housing.
- Land is not set aside for a post primary school which is badly needed.

***Working with Cllr Mary McCamley***



## Is another boom-bust cycle inevitable for the Irish housing market?

# Is history in the Irish housing market set to repeat itself?

In a 1948 speech to the UK House of Commons, Winston Churchill quoted a chap called George Santayana when he said his famous words, “Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it”. Having lived through the last global property crash like many of us here in Ireland, I cannot help thinking that we may be about to watch the next generation fall foul of the inevitable correction that will arrive.

**N**obody can predict when Irish house prices will witness a significant drop in value but there’s little doubt the cycle will repeat itself. The signs are there already with the supply/demand imbalance, prices & rents rising unsustainably beyond Celtic Tiger levels, very cheap mortgage rates (for now) and a failure of recent governments to control the housing issue.

### The Property Cycle

I certainly do not want to apportion blame to any particular entity, because it is almost always a combination of factors that lead to a property market correction. In fact, it’s something that every citizen of a modern economy should probably just get used to. A wise property developer I know, who has seen more property cycles than I have, explains property prices globally very well. They always undershoot or overshoot their fair value while they are going through their cycle – the prices never stop in the middle at fair value where there’s enough houses and everyone can afford one. So, if we look back over

30 years in Ireland and the UK, then trends in the housing markets will appear obvious in hindsight which should give us clues as to when we could avoid paying too much for a property in the future.

### Why are property prices so high?

The factors that lead to prices of the existing housing stock plus new built homes rising rapidly usually include cheap finance available from lending institutions, lack of supply versus demand and an overall backdrop of asset inflation. All these factors would usually cause prices to rise, but we have also had a few abnormal factors thrown into the mix which is causing the price rise to be even sharper. The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in supply-chain interruptions whereby it has become much harder to get building materials from their producers’ location across the world. The cost of shipping containers has gone up significantly. The breaks in production because of lockdowns across the globe in 2020 & 2021 has caused huge issues for the supply of new homes. China is



currently witnessing partial lockdowns in certain regions due to another Covid variant which is having an effect. The Ukraine-Russia conflict has recently caused the price of many hard & soft commodities to surge which is the last thing the world needed.

### Prospects for new Borrowers

So, what could all this mean for your average 30-year-old couple on reasonably good, combined incomes about to embark on their first house purchase. And what should they be wary of locking in to a 25- or 30-year mortgage at a period of elevated house prices here in Ireland. I know that banks when they are lending do stress tests with the borrowers, to see what higher variable mortgage rates might look like for their monthly repayments and what a fall in the value of the house might look like for them too. Of course, it's impossible to predict how far house prices could fall when the market does correct, when this might happen and for how long will prices stay down for. The crash many of us witnessed from 2008 onwards was not a normal property market correction and the next one could be smaller in magnitude.

### Interest Rates

There is little doubt that mortgage rates in Europe will go higher in the next few years. This is because the only tool central banks have to combat rapidly rising inflation is to raise interest rates. Of course, higher interest rates benefits savers and penalises borrowers. The danger for purchasers in the near future is that they borrow too much, pay too much for the

house and possibly buy somewhere they didn't really want to live because other areas they preferred were even more expensive.

### Advice to the next generation

My two children are another decade or more away from being able to purchase their first home but if the exact situation existed right now when they are in their mid-to-late twenties then the advice I would give them might be as follows.

#### Ask yourself the following questions before you buy.

- Would I consider emigrating to an economy where I will get the same wages for my profession and the cost of housing or rent is far lower?
- Do I want to lock myself (and possibly my partner) into a 30-year mortgage obligation to a bank?
- Is the asset I am borrowing to buy very clearly overpriced in comparison to its historical trend? How will I feel if the price falls by over 25% and stays down for many years to come?

It's a very big life decision so I just hope our next generation do not walk blindly into making the mistakes of the past.

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amassed billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land and court records, from more than 130 countries, to help you discover and make family connections.

County Librarian, Betty Boardman praised the introduction of the new online genealogical resource saying, "Discovering more about our ancestors gives us a deeper appreciation of where we come from, and who we are. We are very pleased to announce that all ten Fingal Library branches, and our Local Studies department, are now FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries. A welcome addition to the wide range of amazing online services, and resources on offer at your local library."

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## An Garda Síochána announces commencement of new Operational Uniform

An Garda Síochána have announced that their new Uniform will become operational commencing at 7am on Monday 15th August 2022. Garda across the country, including Dublin, will be receiving the uniform in the coming weeks.

**T**his change, during the 100th anniversary year of the founding of An Garda Síochána, is only the third time that An Garda Síochána has undertaken a formal change of the Garda uniform.

Over the past number of months, a logistical operation delivered the new uniform to approximately 13,000 members of An Garda Síochána of Garda, Sergeant and Inspector rank, in excess of 560 Garda stations across every Garda Region, Division, District nationwide. Logistics were also in place to facilitate size changes and returns across the organisation.

The new contemporary uniform incorporates elements such as durability, protection and functionality and the new elements consist of:

- Two-tone Soft-Shell Jacket
- Two Tone Waterproof Jacket
- Garda Blue Polo Shirt
- Operational Trousers
- Practical Base layers

This is the first time that elements of the uniform, other than the uniform cap, will feature the Garda Crest and demonstrates the respect held by An Garda Síochána for this unique symbol as they enter the second century of policing in Ireland.

The current uniform cap remains in operation as a unique and distinctive element of the Garda uniform.

### Background Information:

A key finding of the internal Garda Cultural Audit 2018 was a desire from front-line Gardaí for a new, practical operational uniform. Over 6,500 members of An Garda Síochána contributed to the findings of the Cultural Audit.

The new Garda Uniform is also a key recommendation outlined in the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland Report, 'A Police Service For Our Future'.

In developing the uniform, An Garda Síochána embarked on a bottom-up collaboration through the Uniform Committee of An Garda Síochána, including international research and implementing

a Pilot Project involving nearly 200 frontline Gardaí based at three Garda Stations (Tallaght, Henry Street and Bunclogh). These extensive collaborations and engagement designed An Garda Síochána's new uniform 'by Garda members, for Garda members'.

Following collaboration between An Garda Síochána and the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform the contract for the manufacture, supply and delivery of the new Operational Uniform was signed in February 2021, and was awarded to James Boylan Safety Ltd (T/A JBS Group), an Irish SME company based in Monaghan.

JBS Group are a privately owned Irish Company established in 1944 that specialises in the supply of operational uniforms and protective supplies.

The contract was designed to ensure that the supply chain demonstrated high levels of sustainability where possible. The successful contractor has been awarded Eco Vadis Gold Rating in terms of sustainability ensuring a combination of the following:

- Reduction in Waste through enhanced stock controls
- Upgrading of traditional styles to avoid unnecessary obsolescence
- Reduction in environmental impacts using a variety of recycled materials
- Provision of end-of-life solution for work garments

An Garda Síochána has previously updated our uniform policy to embrace the wearing of official headwear for religious and cultural reasons and beliefs including Turban, Kufi, Topi, Kippah, or Hijab.

### The project won the award for

'FM Project of the Year – Public Sector' at the 2022 Facilities Management Awards.

### The success of this project was also recognised in its nominations for the following awards;

- 'Best Manufacturing Procurement Project of the Year' and
- 'Best Public Sector, Semi-State or Government Procurement Project of the Year' at the 2021 National Procurement Awards.

# NCBI launches Clear Our Paths Campaign

NCBI (National Council for the Blind of Ireland) has launched its annual Clear Our Paths campaign aimed at creating a safer and cleaner environment on our streets for people who are blind, or vision impaired to get around independently.

**J**une Tinsley, NCBI Head of Advocacy and Communications said "This campaign is aimed at informing and educating people on the impact that temporary obstacles and shared spaces have on people who have sight loss. Everyday obstacles such as cars parked on footpaths, dog fouling, overhanging branches, wheelie bins etc., can obstruct or injure someone who is blind or vision impaired as they try to navigate past safely. We are encouraging people to be mindful of these obstacles and remove them to ensure our footpaths are safe and clean."

As part of this campaign, NCBI has created a webpage aimed at supporting members of the public to have conversations with family members and friends about the importance of their own behaviour. We can all be active bystanders through our own actions and words and NCBI is asking people to start a positive conversation to encourage others to make sure our footpaths are clear and safe for everyone in our community.

Temporary obstacles are things that can be removed or prevented with ease which would create a safer environment for people who are blind or vision impaired. This also applies to other pedestrians such as wheelchair users, parents with prams or those with other access needs

Based on figures supplied by 22 of the 31 Local Authorities, very few fines have been issued for dog fouling, as permitted under Section 22 of The Litter Pollution Act. In 2021, eleven local authorities had issued 0 fines for dog fouling.

Summer 2022 continues to see changes to our outdoor spaces. Many urban areas have become pedestrianised and plenty outdoor furniture to facilitate outdoor dining is available. These changes to the streetscapes have caused concern among some people who are blind, or vision impaired as furniture is not adequately cordoned off or the new layout of previously familiar streets is disorientating.

NCBI's #ClearOurPaths campaign featured on their social media in August, highlighting the different obstacles each day. We encourage others to join us by sharing on their social media channels too. Together, we can garner a greater understanding among the public about the needs of people with sight loss and how these temporary obstacles can impact their daily lives.





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### TOM YAM GOONG SOUP

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### CAMILE CRISPY TOFU

with tamarind dip 950 cals 6.25

### VEGAN GREEN CURRY

peppers, red chili & sweet basil. Choose your protein - tofu or vegan chicken pieces. 820/898 cals 15.00

### VEGAN RED CURRY

with fine beans, basil, bamboo shoots, squash & onion. Choose your protein - tofu or vegan chicken pieces. 816/893 cals 15.00

### VEGAN PAD THAI NOODLES

with tofu & vegetables 1052 cals 15.00

### VEGAN PAD PRIK HAENG

spring onion, chili & cashew stir-fry. Choose your protein - tofu or vegan chicken pieces. 853/930 cals 15.00

### VEGAN PAD KING STIR FRY

fresh sliced ginger & Thai mushroom stir-fry. Choose your protein - tofu or vegan chicken pieces. 572/649 cals 15.00

### CAMILE'S VEGAN SPICE BAG

fried potatoes, spicy tofu & veg, tossed in a salty, peppery seasoning 795 cals 11.00 (add vegan green curry dip 299 cals 2.50)

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egg-free rice, stir-fried with chili, garlic, broccoli & Asian greens. Topped with crispy ginger. Choose your protein - tofu or vegan chicken pieces. 628/596 cals 14.75

### VEGAN PAD KEE MAO

Rice noodles cooked in our iconic seasoning sauce with Thai basil & Asian greens. Choose your protein - tofu or vegan chicken pieces. 877/795 cals 14.75

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### PAD THAI WITH CHICKEN

flat rice noodles, chicken, sprouts and egg with a fresh lime wedge & crushed peanuts 15.00 983 cals

## Stir Fries

### PAD KING STIR FRY

fresh sliced ginger & Thai mushroom stir-fry 347-532 cals 15.00 (large 20.00)

### MEKONG DUCK STIR-FRY

wok fried duck with Asian greens & sweet basil sauce 426 cals 15.00 (large 20.00)

### PAD PRIK HAENG STIR FRY

spring onion, chili & cashew stir-fry 389-671 cals 15.00 (large 20.00)

### PAD KRAPOW

saucy chicken, fine beans, onions, scallions, garlic & chili in homemade seasoning sauce 438 cals 15.00 (large 20.00)

### CRISPY CHILLI CHICKEN

lightly battered chicken or beef in sweet chili seasoning sauce 500 cals 15.00 (large 20.00)

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617 cals 5.00

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65 cals 4.50

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## Customer Favs

### PAD THAI NOODLES 15.00

### CRISPY CHILLI CHICKEN 15.00

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# Blanchardstown Photographers of the Year

St Brigid's Photography Group recently presented awards to their Club members who won out their Club Category of Photographer of the Year. The presentation took place out in the Phoenix Park because of Covid restrictions at the time.

**D**uring the year members take part in monthly photo competitions, judged by external judges, and they allocate points choosing the top four photos in a Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Categories. The competition really gets people active using their cameras and this has been a wonderful hobby during the pandemic.

The winner of the Novice is Maria Cennerazzo, a native of Italy and living in Ireland now for several years. The Intermediate Category winner was Des O'Neill, and the overall Advanced category winner was Derek Byrne. Each winner received a framed copy of one of the overall winning images.

St Brigid's Photo Group has been in existence for over 21 years. The Group meet every Tuesday evening at 8pm in the Parish Centre at Blanchardstown Church after two years of Virtual meetings because of Covid. Currently, there is a hybrid of Virtual and Physical meetings to accommodate members who are still anxious about meeting people personally.

The Group is a volunteer group with a passion of 'capturing life in all its forms' in photography. The experienced photographers in the Group are wonderful in guiding, supporting, and encouraging those who really

want to develop the skill of photography to capture their best shot. The membership come from a broad area, spanning many local communities and across Fingal County area and are looking to increase their membership at this time too.

This vibrant and active club is always on the go with activities, which include exhibitions, monthly photo competitions, workshops, studio sessions, monthly outings, and a number of social events during the year. Some of their recent trips include shoots in Clare, Waterford, Hook Peninsula, Copper Coast and Lough Derg, the Wild Atlantic Way in Mayo, Saltee Islands and trips abroad include recently Lisbon, Bologna, Krakow, Madrid, Barcelona, London, Venice, Prague and are planning trips to anywhere in the world with opportunities to photograph the world and its inhabitants.

**If you are interested in St Brigid's Photography Group, please contact the group by visiting:**

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# The Phoenix Park

UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) has designated Dublin's Phoenix Park as a world heritage site, due to its international importance and as one of the biggest designed landscapes in all Europe. The Phoenix Park is rich in history, that dates back more than 350 years.

**B**ayside 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.

Located within a short distance of Dublin city, the Phoenix Park is a great attraction for all – young and old. It is rich in its history and occupies 7 km square, making it the biggest city park in Europe. Opened in 1660 s, Phoenix Park was originally a royal hunting Park. To the public it was opened in 1747. Not only does Ireland's President live there in Aras An Uachtarain, but it hosts several large Dublin events every year. The Phoenix Park is one of the Top 10 Free things to do in Dublin.

On a beautiful day you can get a chance to see deer in the Phoenix Park. Very often they graze around the Papal Cross, the American Ambassador's Residence and near the Castleknock entrance to the park. Deer start birthing around the middle of May until July each year.



## 10 FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PHOENIX PARK

### 1. It is the biggest City Park in Europe

### 2. Viking Burials:

The Phoenix Park is home to the largest Viking graveyard in the world outside of Scandinavia. In the 19th Century archaeologists discovered the site of 40 graves. The sites also contained swords and decorative Viking jewellery.

### 3. Dublin's Greatest Green Space:

Approximately one-third of the Phoenix Park is covered with trees like beech, oak, ash, lime, sycamore and horse chestnut. It also has 50 per cent of the mammal species and 40 per cent of the bird species found in Ireland. The Phoenix Park is a great outdoor exercise spot. Dubliners come here for running and to breathe in the fresh air. People come to the park with children and enjoy what Nature has to offer.

### 4. How the Phoenix Park Began:

The Phoenix Park dates back to 1662, when the park was first established by James Chester, the Duke of Ormond, representing King Charles II.

### 5. The Phoenix Park Visitor Center:

You can start your visit to the Phoenix Park here where you will learn all about the park. You will be informed about all the places of interest within the park and events that take place during the year. You can also get tickets here to visit Aras an Uachtarain on Saturdays.

### 6. The Beautiful Victorian Kitchen Garden:

This newly created garden within the Phoenix Park has a wide range of flowers and many vegetables cultivated in a Victorian style. There is also an opportunity to have a one-one talk time with the gardeners scheduled on the second Saturday of the month. If you are a garden addict, then add this visit to "your things to do in Dublin" itinerary.

### 7. Dublin Zoo:

Did you know that this great Dublin attraction is the oldest Zoo in Europe? It was created in 1831 and has been undergoing constant refurbishing.

### 8. The Ashtown Castle

You cannot visit the Phoenix Park without encountering Ashtown Castle which was built in 1430 - long before the establishment of this park.

### 9. Winston Churchill/Vice Regal Lodge/Aras:

The ex-Prime Minister of Britain, Mr. Winston Churchill lived here from when he was two years old until he was six. This residence is now referred to as The Aras.

### 10. Aras an Uachtarain

This is the most important building within the Phoenix Park as it is the residence of the President of Ireland. This was formerly called the Vice Regal Lodge that housed the likes of former British Prime Ministers e.g., Winston Churchill. Many other Royals and Government Officials have resided here at this prestigious lodge, which is now referred to as Aras an Uachtarain.





# FIRST HOME SCHEME LAUNCHED

As part of the Government's Housing for All Policy, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien recently announced the First Home Scheme.

**T**he new €400m First Home Scheme will help first time buyers purchase their own home by stepping in to bridge the gap between the finance a prospective purchaser has, and the finance they need, to buy a new home.

For example, a couple with an income of €70,000 who want to buy a home for €320,000. After putting up a 10% deposit (up to €30,000 of which can be Help-to-Buy), the most they can borrow is €245,000 (3.5 times their income). This leaves a gap of €43,000. The First Home Scheme will provide the amount as equity.

The Government's Housing for All Policy sets out a series of measures to deliver 300,000 new homes by 2030, including 90,000 social homes and 54,000 affordable homes.

## Referendum on housing in Ireland

The Housing Commission has today launched a public consultation seeking views on a Referendum on Housing in Ireland. The consultation asks submissions to consider whether there should be a constitutional amendment and if so, what form it should take. It's important that you make your views known on this subject and submissions are due in on Friday September 2 and you can find more details on the Commission web site.

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# Castleknock Castle

**CASTLEKNOCK**, at the present day, is the name of an extensive parish and barony west of the Dublin city. The name derives from a castle built by the Normans towards the end of the twelfth century on a mound which had been the site of an ancient royal residence. The remains of this castle are today in the grounds of Castleknock College.

**T**he Normans built the castle on top of an ancient earthwork, which was in turn built on top of a burial mound. This large burial mound marks the end of a line of hills known as the Eiscir Riada, which figure so largely in early Irish history.

The mote on top of this is Castleknock Castle. It is about sixty feet in height; evidence of this can be seen by looking at its grassy slopes, which are steeper than would normally be found on natural hills. A contemporary writer described the condition of the ruins can as: "The mote was evidently a natural hillock larger than that on which the tower stands, and the only question is how far from the makers of the Castle modified the original mound". Around it two great trenches existed: one about thirty feet deep around three-quarters of its base; another about thirty feet deep around its southern side. There seems to have been a small platform at its north-eastern end, where there is now a steep drop. An intent may have been to have an outwork or bretesche.

On top of this mound is another small tower built in 1730 during Ireland's colonial period.

Castleknock, or in Irish Caislean Cnucha, is a name of relatively recent origin. The word Castle does not appear until Norman times. In documents relating to the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, Castleknock is called *Castrum Cnoc*, or simply *Cnoc*.

Norman-French writers use the expression *Chastel-cnoc* or *Castel-Cnoc*. The earliest Irish name means the Druid's mound or

grave. The area was also known as *Cnoc Bran*, from the name of the druid buried there; referred to as *Dumha Meic Eremhoin*, which may imply either the residence or grave mound of the sons of Eremhon.

But the best-known name, and the one by which it has universally become known in later Irish annals is *Cnucha*. It seems almost obvious that this name derives from the Irish word *Cnoc*—a hill, and that the reference is to the position of the ancient residence or mounds, or to both hills.

The position in ancient times must naturally have attracted attention; for on the south side of the fort, the land sloped down to the banks of the Liffey in a direct line, the river being only between five and six hundred yards away, and 130 feet below the base of the mound, and 190 below the summit; hence, it is described as "overhanging the Liffey."

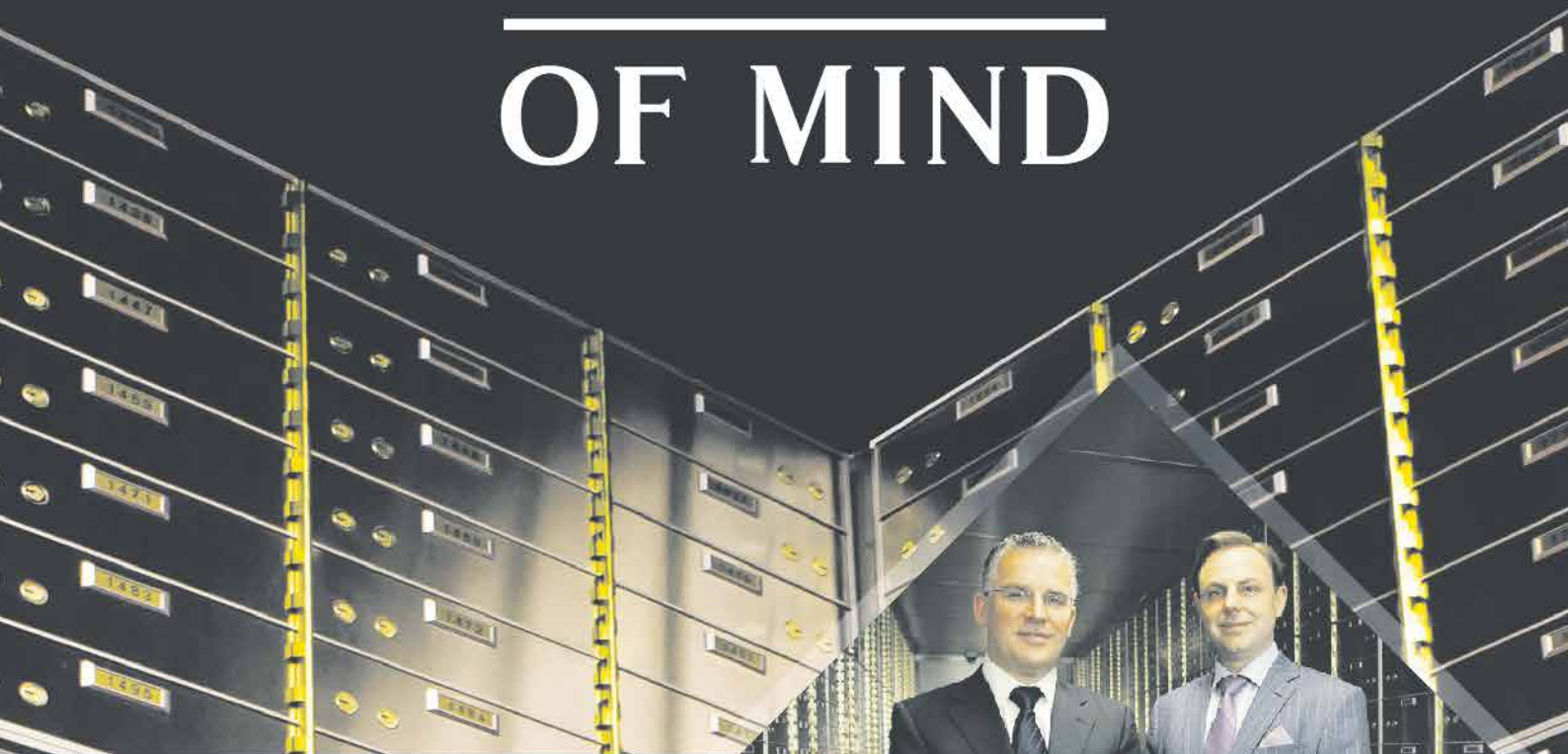
Ancient Irish writers are, however, unanimous in deriving the name not from the site, but from a person called *Cuncha* or *Cnucha*; they do not, however, agree in their identification of this person. Some state she was one of the earliest settlers; others that she was the foster-mother of "Conn of the Hundred Battles". He is notable for mention in his own right. Conn of the 100 Battles was an Irish monarch whose exploits are a famous theme with early poets and bards. A poem on his birth forms part of the *Liber Flavus Fergusorum*, a fifteenth century manuscript volume. His reign is saw the completion of five great roads, including the *Eiscir Riada* which extends from Dublin Castle to the peninsula of Marey at the head of Galway Bay.



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# Hartstown Community Centre

Ongoing discussions between Fingal County Council, St Ciaran's Parish and the Hartstown Community Centre's Board of Management about the future of the much-used local facility have resulted in an agreement that will see Fingal become the new owners of the centre and surrounding land.

**A**s part of the transfer, Fingal plans to undertake substantial repair and remedial works at the centre which is a place many community and volunteer groups utilise weekly for meetings and activities to support the local area. The Council will also provide support to the centre through the Council's Community Development team to ensure it is able to continue the good work it does on community outreach and support any future support services.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony, said: "This is good news for the people of Hartstown, as the centre will undergo a significant refurbishment that will enhance its role within the community and allow it to continue as a highly-valued facility in Dublin 15."

Robert Burns, Director of Community Development at Fingal County Council said: "We have been working closely with St Ciaran's Parish to ensure that the community centre can remain at the core of public activity in Hartstown. This decision has been made in order to try and protect and maintain the operations and community services that currently operate here, as well as to provide certainty for the people of Hartstown."

Built in in the 1990s, Hartstown Community Centre is used to a great extent, including after school groups, bingo nights, karate clubs and for preschool play. It has however faced a number of challenges



over many years, but thanks to the dedicated volunteer staff in place it has been able to keep open its doors and provide an outlet for the local community to gather and take part in a wide range of events and initiatives across all age groups.

Fr Joe Coyne, parish priest of St Ciaran's, said: "I welcome the transfer of ownership of Hartstown Community Centre to Fingal County Council. The need for a community centre for Hartstown was recognised right from the beginning of St Ciaran's Parish. The community centre was built before the church and has always played an important role in the community, served by a local management committee. The church, St Ciaran's National School and the community centre share the car park and co-operate for the benefit of the community."

"The Parish of St Ciaran's and the community centre will continue to be allies in meeting the needs of a very mixed community. The transfer will enhance the work and the range of services offered by the small, hard-working management committee. I look forward to an even more vibrant Hartstown Community Centre."

It is hoped that the transfer from St Ciaran's Parish to Fingal County Council will be completed within a relatively short timeframe.



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# Fully inclusive “We-Go-Swing” launched with great fanfare at Millennium Park

There was great fanfare in Millennium Park in Dublin 15 as a new fully inclusive “We-Go-Swing” was launched by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony, allowing children of all abilities to play together without barriers.

**A**lso in attendance were Minister Jack Chambers TD, Paul Donnelly TD, local Councillors and enthusiastic children and parents who gave the new swing their vote of approval. Members of the Blanchardstown Brass Band played a fanfare before and after the ceremonial ribbon cutting by the mayor.

The new swing being launched is a revolutionary step forward in the provision of accessible play equipment which previously tended to be apart from the other equipment and used only by wheelchair users. The “We-Go-Swing” is fully inclusive and can be used by a wheelchair user and a non-wheelchair user at the same time, allowing siblings and friends to play together. It can also cater for an adult in a powerchair, meaning a parent in a wheelchair can easily play with a non-wheelchair user child.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony commented: “I am delighted to officially open this accessible We-Go Swing which is a fantastic addition to the playground here. Millennium Park is a wonderful amenity for the people of Blanchardstown and environs, and it is great to see it being continuously developed to be accessible for all, with the opening of the accessible toilets last year and this We-Go-Swing today which I know will give hours of enjoyment to children of all abilities.”

Chief Executive of Fingal, AnnMarie Farrelly said: “Fingal County Council is fully committed to continually developing and improving our provision of playgrounds and play equipment for children of all abilities. This We-Go-Swing allows all children, with and without additional needs, to truly play together without barriers or difference affecting their experience.”

The “We-Go-Swing” was only released to the US market last summer, with Fingal the first local authority in Ireland (and the UK) to purchase and install the play equipment in September 2021. It has proven to be a popular addition and has been put to great use by local children since its installation.

Several other Irish Local Authorities have now followed suit. This is a progressive move in the provision of a more fully integrated sequence of play equipment, and the ability to site these type of play pieces within the play flow is integral to achieving inclusiveness.

The Green Flag Award winning 60-acre Millennium Park is conveniently located adjacent to the Blanchardstown Town Centre and close to a number of large housing developments. It is the location for many outdoor events and provides opportunities for active and passive recreation including tree lined walks, a beautiful community garden and facilities such as Multi-Use Games Areas, a Basketball Court, exercise equipment and the Playground with its new accessible swing and adjacent toilets.

The development of the Millennium Park is an ongoing process, with Fingal striving to achieve a high-quality facility for residents and visitors.



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# Castleknock Community Centre

The Castleknock Community Centre in Laurel Lodge is a vibrant hub of activity.

**T**he Centre consists of a hall, meeting rooms and a café on a campus which includes Scoil Thomáis National School, a crèche, shopping centre and St Thomáis Catholic Church. We also have shared use of the all-weather facility with local soccer club Castleknock Celtic.

Castleknock Community Centre Association CLG is a registered charity with its charitable purpose to operate a community centre for the benefit of residents living in the surrounding area. The Centre provides educational services for the local community such as, information services, training courses, cultural activities, recreation facilities for the elderly, and meeting rooms for local charitable organisations.

The Community Centre received a special recognition award as part of the Mayor's Awards offered by Fingal County Council in May 2022, which acknowledged our work to support vulnerable, older residents, during the Covid response at the height of the pandemic in 2020. During this time 17 volunteers offered a comfort call and delivered coffee and scones to over 120 people each week over a 15-week period.

We offer Community classes for our older community with an interest in fitness activities. You can join Zumba Gold, Yoga classes and bop away in our 3 dance classes. These classes together with Charobics, Tai Chi, a scrabble group, creative writing, poetry group, games Hub and bridge classes, all contribute to alleviating social isolation for our older community – on a more informal basis our two book

clubs and our women's and men's social groups serve the same purpose. People remain after class and avail of our freshly baked scones in our coffee shop and it is a great way to socialise and make new connections.

Our Parent and Toddler group meets every Monday and Friday 9am to 12pm and is also a great way for parents to expand local social connections and build networks.

We work closely with our New Irish community offering English Classes through the Failte Isteach programme. We support the Sudanese school which hosts 80 children in weekly cultural education programmes, while two African Church groups meet Sunday mornings to celebrate as a community. The Centre hosts a highly successful International Food Festival every February with our Muslim Woman Together group. This group was also presented with a Fingal Mayors' award in May 2022 in recognition of their charitable contribution within our community over the last 12 years.

A wide range of classes for children and adults are also available in our Centre. All class details can be found on our Website [CastleknockCommunityCentre.ie](http://CastleknockCommunityCentre.ie)

Our Coffee shop serves a full range of barista coffees, freshly baked scones and a selection of cakes and toasted sandwiches.

From September 5th the Centre will be fully reopen from 9am to 10pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm Saturday and 9am to 1pm Sunday.

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## Government approves proposals to establish an Office to oversee excavation at the site of the former Mother and Baby Institution in Tuam

**The Government has approved a proposal by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, and Dublin West TD, Roderic O’Gorman, to establish an independent Office to lead an intervention at the site of the former Mother and Baby Institution in Tuam, Co. Galway.**

**T**he intervention will involve the excavation, recovery, analysis, identification (if possible) and re-interment of the children’s remains located at the site. The proposal to establish the Office of Director of Authorised Intervention, Tuam, follows on from the signing into law of the Institutional Burials Act 2022 earlier this month.

The Act, which provides the underlying legislative basis for the intervention, allows the Government, by Order, to direct an intervention at a site where manifestly inappropriate burials of people who died in residential institutions have taken place. The Government may make

an Order when the criteria set out in the legislation are met. The Government today confirmed that they are satisfied that the criteria are met in relation to Tuam.

A draft of the Government Order directing the Minister to intervene, as well as a statement of the reasons for making the Order, will now be laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas for a resolution. If approved by the Houses on their return in the Autumn, the Tuam Office will be established and a Director will be appointed.

Speaking recently the Minister said:

“The Government has today approved my proposal for an intervention at the site of the former Mother and Baby institution in Tuam under the Institutional Burials Act and a draft Order directing intervention will now be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas for approval.

These are the final steps necessary in order to appoint a Director and start the excavation in Tuam. Affected families and, indeed, the people of Ireland have waited a long time for this. If approved by the Houses I will appoint a Director in the Autumn with a view to starting the excavation as soon as possible.”

The Minister also updated Government on the strong progress more generally on implementing the Action Plan for Survivors and Former Residents of Mother and Baby Institutions which was published last November. He noted that 8 out of the 22 actions have been completed, with good work underway on many others.





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# Open Spaces For Everyone

In my role as County Councillor for the Castleknock and Blanchardstown area, one of my priorities is to create more accessible and inclusive spaces in the public realm. I believe that our open spaces should cater to the needs of everyone – children, teens, adults and older people, regardless of ability.



## Accessible Inclusive Play Equipment

Since becoming a Councillor I have consistently highlighted the need for inclusive accessible play equipment. I was delighted when Fingal County Council informed me that they had ordered a swing for Millennium Park which was both accessible and inclusive. Having researched the We-Go-Swing, I could see the swing was suitable for wheelchair users and that multiple people could use it at one time.

The swing and an accessible trampoline have been installed in the park. Together with the inclusive accessible roundabout and the new Changing Places facility, Millennium Park is now much more inclusive for children and adults of all abilities.

## Teens and Young Adults

At the June Area Committee Meeting I brought forward a motion to ask that Fingal County Council install table tennis tables in Millennium Park. I highlighted that there is a lack of variety in the free amenities for teens and young adults in our open spaces.

My motion received support from other Councillors and

was met with a favourable response from the Council. The installation of table tennis tables in Millennium Park is currently being considered by Fingal County Council.

## Bench installations

As a result of the pandemic I, like many others, was spending a lot of time close to home. This meant that I could see ways in which my local area was lacking and could identify improvements that could be made.

One small improvement, which I requested, is the installation of benches in open spaces. Pictured is a bench which has been newly installed in the Laurel Lodge Community Garden.

These have enabled those with mobility issues to go for walks, knowing that they have somewhere to rest when they need to. Parents sit and chat on the benches while their children play. They have made our open spaces more appealing and inviting.

## Local Play Spaces

Before becoming a Councillor, I was involved with a group





of parents in Laurel Lodge to get a playground in our local area. As a Councillor I have followed up on this issue and am pleased to see it progressing, in line with the Councils Space for Play policy.

Local play spaces are needed so that parents do not have to travel in vehicles to playgrounds. Providing play spaces which are within walking, cycling or wheeling distance is good for the environment and helps create healthy communities.

**I would like to see the Council continue to develop and improve local amenities to make our open spaces meet the needs of everyone in the community. If you have any suggestions for improving our open spaces, please email me at [pamela.conroy@cllr.fingal.ie](mailto:pamela.conroy@cllr.fingal.ie).**



# **Clr. PAMELA CONROY**

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# SUPER POWER POETRY EXHIBITION

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**F**ive young people from Dublin 15 (aged 4 to 18 years) and their families, were brought together with five poets; John Cummins, Lucinda Jacob, Colm Keegan, Paul Timoney and Jess Traynor; to create a bespoke poem about their family, and about the super power that lives inside every home in the ordinary things they do every day, especially during the challenges that 2021 may have brought their way. Poetry chats took place through a series of outdoor tea meetings, zooms and phone calls during November/December 2021, and January/February/March 2022.

The poems have been individually illustrated by artist Alan Nolan in superhero / manga / hitchhiker's guide-styles and will be exhibited in Draíocht's First Floor Gallery, before making their way back to their families' homes for good.

While you're visiting the exhibition, why not try your hand at creating your own poem in our Poetry Corner?

Draíocht's Super Power Poetry Project and Exhibition was made possible with funding from Fingal County Council's Creative Culture Fund 2021.

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## THE YOUNG POETS

### THE LIU CLAN – Who Are We?

Created by the Liu Clan; Clare, Leo, Thomas (17 years), Sophie (15 years), Oliver (9 years) and Jessie (6 years)

With Poet Lucinda Jacobs

*Illustrated by Alan Nolan*

The poem The Liu Clan – Who Are We? and illustrations, came to be through a series of friendly chats, questions and edits over buns in Draíocht, zooms in pjs, phone calls, texts and a fabulous traditional Chinese Liu family dinner, with the Liu grandparents - where the family photo album even came out. Lucinda and Alan worked with the family to create something they feel really represents their blend of Chinese and Irish culture that very much represents who they are.

### THE POWER

Written by Poet Colm Keegan for and with Leah Dunphy (17 years)

*Illustrated by Alan Nolan*

The Power was written after Colm and Leah worked together in Leah's school, during her final year in secondary school. The imagery was created by Alan through a shared knowledge of the skyline you



see when you look across from Dublin City at the graveyard where Leah's loved one's rest.

"I really enjoyed working with Colm Keegan. He was so lovely and understanding. I love my newly written poem. The imagery created by the artist Alan Nolan is amazing because it's about my uncle and my nanny and I really like how he put the images in my head visually." Leah

"Working with Leah was incredibly humbling, she was dealing with a lot, and after writing poems with her, and loads about her and her family, I eventually had to just accept that there was no sugar-coating what was really going on, and to focus on the real issue, and her strength. Once I did that, it was mad how quickly the poem came (inspired by a lone bird in flight of all things). I really wanted to pay tribute to Leah's power and grace in dealing with loss, and Alan has done a stunning job with the image to accompany it." Colm Keegan

### SPECIES STEW

Written by Poet John Cummins with and for Vlad Ilies (15 years)

*Illustrated by Alan Nolan*

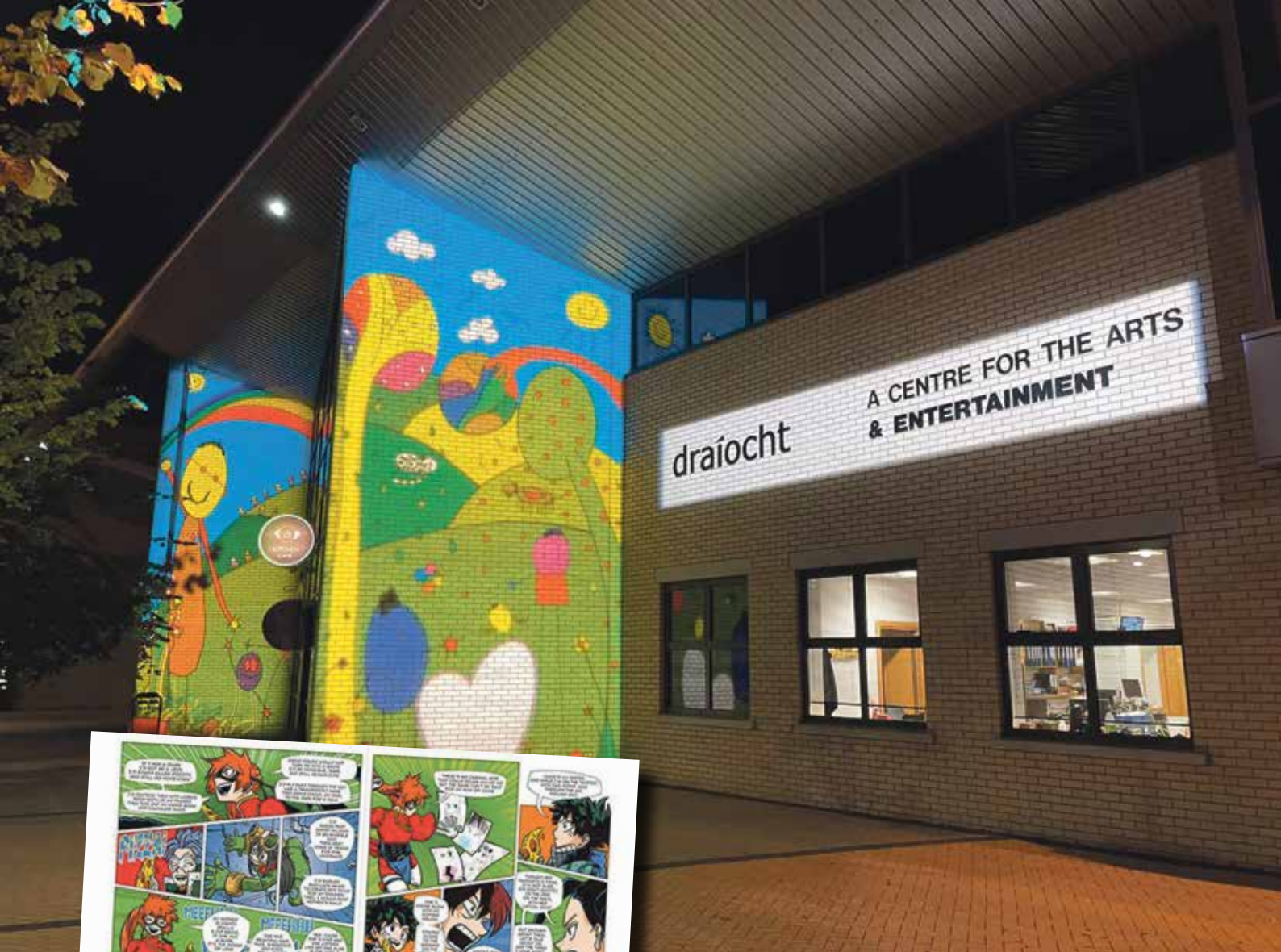
John worked with Vlad in the school library where an incredibly imaginative world was created through animated sessions and discussions around Vlad's family and where his interest in dinosaurs from an early age took root to create this fantastic poem. Sketches created by Vlad directly influenced Alan's illustrations of the final Species Stew.

### BREAKING THE FOURTH WALL

Written by Poet Paul Timoney with and for Joanne O'Gorman (12 years)

*Illustrated by Alan Nolan*





meeting between the three of them. But the support and similarities in experience allowed a strong connection between Gemma and Jess, that allowed Jess to create this beautiful reflection on Gemma and Feidhlim's life experience, and Alan to translate that experience into impressive imagery.

After Joanne's school suggested she might be very interested in this project, Paul met Joanne and her mam, in the school, for what was the beginning of many interesting interactions, some on zoom and by phone and finally meeting with Alan in Draíocht to talk about how the illustrations should be.

"I had already felt lucky to be invited to take part in this project to begin with ... and when I met Joanne and her mum that fortunate feeling increased even more. I think that creating a poem about Joanne's passions, the things and people that she loves, and the things that may frustrate and amuse her was an amazing way to connect. I was so privileged to get to know Joanne and her family, and to have had a hand in helping to create something that they'll hopefully be able to look at and enjoy for many years to come." Paul Timoney

#### THOR VERSUS THANOS

Written by Poet Jessica Traynor for Feidhlim (4 years) and Gemma Kavanagh

*Illustrated by Alan Nolan*

Thor Versus Thanos was the outcome of zoom calls, texts and phone calls between Jess and Gemma and Feidhlim; with the business of family life and a pandemic never allowing an in-person

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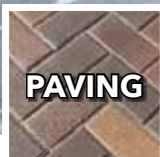
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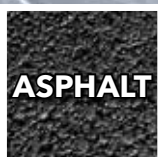
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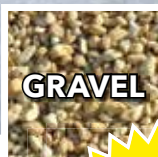
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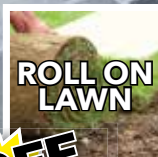
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Coolmine Rugby Football Club were delighted to welcome Minister for Sport Jack Chambers TD to the club recently to turn the sod on their new state of the art Strength & Conditioning Centre. Representatives of our Female Rugby programme and incoming Male U20s joined in to mark the occasion. We also said "goodbye" to the old gym last week.





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## BRAVE TALENT

What is money but a medium of exchange,  
A mediocre model of a mediocre age.  
Brave talent is currency I most admire,  
It lifts our sterile minds out of an economic mire.  
Brave talent in youth when a nation shows courage,  
Shall purge of the past and enter a new age.

Strike while the iron is hot  
This will hit the spot  
Ring an old friend  
And have a pint

## THE TRILOGY

Understanding and misunderstanding  
Knowing the truth about lies  
Wisdom to recognise folly  
Letting go of the leaves and ties

Simplicity itself is so profound  
Like common sense so seldom found  
The more we search for it the more we miss the point  
For it is a fox and not the hound

Profoundly simple it is grace  
Who rules all the human race  
Running like the river wild to find  
We end up in a starting face

## OUT OF EXILE

Out of exile  
The prodigal son returns  
Two old friends welcome him with open arms  
Welcome we miss you Karl  
I miss you too  
The simple fool  
Scorn not his simplicity  
They shall love him all the more  
They give you unconditional love  
I should love you all the more

## EMPATHY

All paths lead to you  
I feel what you feel  
I think what you think  
My heart and mind are with you all the while  
I greet you with a smile  
I say Hello  
I am empathy  
I pity and understand  
I should stand by you  
Come what may  
I'm your brother  
I'm yoursister  
I'm your friend





# ST MOCHTAS CEMETERY

Plans have been announced for the development of a new cemetery and memorial park in Fingal, which will provide a unique setting for those remembering and celebrating the lives of loved ones who have passed on.



**A**ccessed from rugged lane St Mochtas memorial park and garden cemetery adjoins Porterstown park and is located on pilgrims land, Astagob. It will be a non-denominational memorial park and cemetery respecting all religions and none

St Mochtas garden cemetery and memorial park will create a much needed cemetery and enlarged public amenity space in where locals, visitors and bereaved can enjoy the amenities of a premium garden cemetery.

St Mochtas garden cemetery will offer traditional and cremated family burial plots, remembrance walls, benches and trees of remembrance. The cemetery will also offer a bespoke range of premium memorials to remember and respect the deceased.

Designed by the award winning Murray and Associates landscape architects responsible for Beckett Park, Cherrywood and the highly regarded and commended Green in Malahide.

The cemetery park will be open to the public, providing an additional amenity to the local and surrounding communities.









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### Lisa Coghlan BBS (Business & Management), QFA



Lisa is one of our advisors who has built up a comprehensive knowledge in the financial services industry through a variety of customer focused roles including business banking, conduct risk and mortgages working for AIB and the Central Bank of Ireland. Lisa is passionate about empowering and supporting clients to make clear & educated financial decisions for their immediate and future goals. Outside of work, Lisa enjoys staying active and spends her evenings in the gym, hiking or walking with friends. When she's not doing those things you can usually find her eating or travelling!



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