

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BALBRIGGAN/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters)**

THURSDAY 13th February 2020

ITEM NO. 9

Non Sporting Initiatives

**Question: – Councillor D. Mulligan - Non sport initiatives Operational
LEA**

“To ask the Chief Executive to detail the non-sport initiatives targeted at teenagers and young adults in the LEA?”

Reply:

Fingal County Council engages with young people on many projects and programmes.

- A youth engagement workshop was carried out with young people in Swords for the proposed Swords Cultural Quarter - **Your Space, Your Say, Swords Youth Engagement** which comprised creative workshops with young people exploring arts, culture and public space in Swords.
- The Creative Ireland programme includes the pillar *“Enabling the creative potential of Children & Young People”*, the Cruinniú na nÓg event will be held on 13th June.
- The Council’s Arts Office works in partnership with local schools and youth organisations to deliver arts programmes for young people. Draiocht and Seamus Ennis centre also run programmes for young people.
- Fingal Comhairle na nÓg gives children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies.
- Community Centres across Fingal are open to all ages to participate in.
- Fingal Libraries offers a range of services for young people including individual and collaborative study spaces, printed resources, e-services, access to pc’s, laptops, tablets and to 3D printers and to a programme of workshops and activities.

- Our libraries will hold events for Engineers Week from 29th Feb to 6th March to positively showcase engineering to young people as a rewarding and creative career choice.
- The Europe Direct Centre at Blanchardstown Library organises exhibitions and conferences for young people in Fingal on a wide variety of topics including climate change, career choice and women in politics.
- The Healthy Ireland at your Library programme offers resources, talks and workshops for all ages on health and wellbeing.
- Balbriggan Library will be starting creative writing workshops for young people in the coming weeks.
- Fingal Libraries are autism friendly and hold quiet times and events for young people with learning differences.
- A nationwide Library Open Day will take place on Saturday 29th February. This will be an ideal opportunity for young people to visit their local library in Fingal to discover the range of services and facilities on offer.

Young people should be encouraged to participate in local clubs and groups in their area, to consider joining Foróige the national youth organisation and to join their local library.