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Artist Seeks Assistance on Place names of Fingal

Fingal County Council with funding from the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government's Per Cent for Art Scheme has recently commissioned artist Aileen Lambert, originally from Co. Wexford, to make a series of video works in response to selected landscapes and their placename significance in Fingal.

Aileen is unfamiliar with Fingal placenames and their origins and is seeking assistance from people who may have information on local placenames and perhaps identify the landscape feature it refers to.

Placenames refer to physical or natural features which are or were indigenous to a particular area. Fingal examples include Howth, which is derived from the Norse 'hofuth', meaning head and Portmarnock refers to a landing place or bank of a river. While features are visible, it is the invisible features that interest Aileen, such as Clonsilla, from 'Cluain Saileach' (Meadow of the Sallys), or The Naul, from the Irish 'An Aill' (cliff). With land reclaimed and covered over through time and development, it is often only placenames which maintain the memory of the original landscape.

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