



## PRESS RELEASE

### IT'S ECO WEEK IN FINGAL!

#### Find Out How You Can Do Your Bit For The Environment

Fingal County Council's first Fingal Eco Week takes place from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, and consists of a series of events focussing attention on the environmental issues that face everyone living and working in the Fingal Area. These events are designed to raise environmental awareness and encourage Fingal residents to change their behaviour in order to impact less upon the environment. It's all about having a positive impact!

Events will kick off with the official launch of Fingal Eco Week at **FINGAL ECO DAY**, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March in Blanchardstown Library. Exhibitions and displays will include the Smoothie Bike, Living Gifts, Global Action Plan, European Recycling Platform, VOICE (Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment), Fingal Conservation Volunteers and Fingal County Council Environmental Awareness Team. This will be followed up with a **Mini Expo Day** on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March, with a number of displays and talks in Blanchardstown library.

Many Fingal schools are already on board and are taking part in Environmental Workshops or hosting Walk or Cycle to School Days. Fingal Eco Week coincides with National Tree Week and schools will be taking part under the theme 'Twenty Ten – Plant Again' (see [www.treecouncil.ie](http://www.treecouncil.ie) for further details). Awards ceremonies for winners of the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Poster Competitions will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

In addition to a range of school events, we will be holding a number of environmental seminars throughout the week, such as a Home Composting and Organic Gardening workshop and a presentation by Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment (VOICE) on the 10:10 Climate Change Campaign and Environmental Food Matters.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, ERP, the European Recycling Platform, will be collecting all unwanted WEEE (Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment) in Balbriggan. The drop-off point will be at the site of the old recycling centre, which is in the car park of Fingal Recycling, Unit 1, IDA Industrial Estate, Balbriggan. It is a great opportunity to get rid of any unwanted items that have a plug or contained batteries. The collection is free of charge and open to all householders.

From Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Fingal's Recycling Centres at Coolmine and Estuary will sell compost bins for half price, with the Rotating Compost Bin reduced to €32 and the freestanding Compost Bin available for only €6.

While a number of the events are for an invited audience, many more are open to the public and we hope to see as many Fingal residents taking part as possible. Please see our website [www.fingalcoco.ie](http://www.fingalcoco.ie) for a full schedule of events.

Fingal Eco Week is organised by the Fingal County Council Environmental Awareness Team. For further information, please contact [envserv@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:envserv@fingalcoco.ie) or call 01-890 6236.

**ENDS 23/02/10**