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“Fingal New Arrival Mentoring Programme” supporting integration within Fingal Communities.

On Wednesday 23rd March, and in conjunction with International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Fingal County Council launched the ‘Fingal New Arrival Mentoring Programme’. This pilot programme will match local Irish people with newly arrived non Irish living in Fingal County through one to one mentoring relationships. The mentor will become a role model by assisting the newly arrived (mentee) through the provision of practical information on social and cultural activities and providing assistance to access services and English language supports.

Mayor of Fingal, Ken Farrell said “Fingal County Council is delighted to be piloting this programme as it will serve to support the integration of new members of our community with local people. Local people will be able to share their information and experiences of living in Fingal, while the newly arrived can provide knowledge of their own traditions and customs.”

The Fingal New Arrival Mentoring Programme will fundamentally develop positive and supportive relations between those involved, therefore the matching of mentor with mentee is very important. Pat Queenan, Fingal County Council Principal Community Officer explained that “the Community Office will be managing this programme in association with our Housing Department and the Fingal Ethnic Network. Over the coming month, we will be recruiting 10 local voluntary mentors to match with 10 newly arrived mentees. The suitability of volunteers will be assessed and if successfully matched will receive supports and supervision while participating in the programme from the Community office over the 3 month period. ”

If you are interested in participating in this programme and would like further information, please contact Sinead Wiley, Fingal County Council Senior Community Officer at 8905105 or sinead.wiley@fingalcoco.ie

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