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Minister for Finance Officially Opens New Youth and Community Centre at Mountview, Dublin 15.

On Saturday 12th June 2010, at 10.30am, Minister for Finance Brian Lenihan and Mayor of Fingal Ciaran Byrne will officially open the new €3.5million Mountview Youth & Community Centre in Dublin 15.

The brand new facility contains multi-purpose activity rooms, three offices, a coffee dock and one of the largest sports halls in Fingal. The collaborative approach taken between the Community and Fingal County Council was crucial in moving this project through some very difficult times to where it is today. Fingal County Council funded 75% of the cost of the building, the project also benefited from the generous support of both the Young Persons Facilities & Services Fund and the Sports Capital Programme through the Department of Tourism, Culture & Sports.

Mayor Cllr. Ciaran Byrne paid tribute to the support of Fingal County Manger David O'Connor in ensuring that the many challenges in developing the facility were overcome. He acknowledged also the work of the Community Development and Architects Departments in Fingal County Council who worked closely with the Community to bring the project to completion. "In these difficult economic times it is good to be associated with a project such as this which has a real impact on the lives of those in the local community" he said.

Local football star and Senior Irish International Glen Crowe from Sporting Fingal Football Club will also attend the opening as a special guest of the Community.

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Editors Notes

- Fingal County Council continues to provide management assistance funding to help with the on-going operational costs.
- A number of local groups were involved in the building committee including St Philips National School, the Neighbourhood Youth Project, Blanchardstown Youth Services, the Family Resource Centre and the Mountview Boys & Girls Football Club.
- This new state of the art facility is currently up and running and is used by a host of local community groups and sporting organisations. It is managed by a Board of Directors with representatives from the local community, Blanchardstown Youth Service, Mountview Family Resource Centre and Fingal County Council.
- David Creed, Manager of the local Neighbourhood Youth Project is Chair of the Board.
- The Centre Manager is Mick Harrop, contact 086 3802947.