

## PRESS RELEASE

### ***Planning 4 Real* – Community Consultation for Applewood, Swords**

Residents of Applewood and surrounding estates in Swords are invited to an exciting event taking place on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 12 noon to 3pm**, at the former Applewood Gallery, opposite the French Café on Applewood Square

***Planning 4 Real*** is a highly visible, hands on and participative way of consulting with the local community. The event, hosted by Fingal County Council's Community Department, will give all residents a great opportunity to shape the future of their neighbourhood. A model of the area has been constructed and will be used to consult with the local community on what are the priority issues in the neighbourhood. Locals will be invited to place special "*Issue cards*" on the model, which has been made in partnership with pupils of the local schools.

The ***Planning 4 Real*** process cuts through barriers of language and literacy, and is recognised as one of the most inclusive tools of community consultation.

***Applewood Planning 4 Real*** is a partnership between local residents and the three local primary schools. The pupils of Swords Educate Together, Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe and Thornleigh Educate Together have all been busy recently working on projects as part of the process.

Plans of the new shared community facility currently under construction in the area will also be on display on the day. This shared facility will double up as the new school hall for Swords Educate Together and Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe. The community space will be available for use by the local community both after hours and during school times when the facility opens to the public.

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