

PRESS RELEASE - Vote for Ireland's Next President!

Fingal County Council – Register of Electors - You Must Be On The Register to Vote

The date for the Presidential Election to elect the ninth Head of State has been confirmed as Thursday 27th October 2011. In addition to the Presidential Election, two referenda will also take place on that date.

Voting in the Presidential Election is open to all Irish citizens living in Ireland who are aged 18 or over on polling day and whose name appears in the register of electors. You can check that your name appears on the register at www.checktheregister.ie

If your name is not on the register you can apply to be added to the supplemental register which will enable you to vote in this election. To do this you can download Form RFA2 from www.checktheregister.ie and complete it, or if you have recently moved address from one constituency to another you should download and complete Form RFA3 and return it to Fingal County Council before 5pm on Monday 10th October 2011.

Fingal County Council's Stephen Peppard said "By analysing the increases in age groups in Census 1996 and 2011, we estimate that since the last Presidential Election in 1997, there are an additional 76,000 citizens of Fingal who are of voting age. These people may not all be eligible to vote, as this election is open to Irish citizens only, however clearly there are tens of thousands of Fingal residents aged between 18 and 31 or 32, and this would be their first opportunity to vote in this type of Election."

He continues "Many of these people would certainly be on the Electoral Register, and may have voted in Local and General Elections over the past 14 years, but this is their first opportunity to vote in a Presidential Election, and everyone should make sure that they are on the register and that their details are correct."

It is the sole responsibility of each person over 18 years of age to ensure that they are on the Register of Electors, and that their details are correct.

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