Press Release

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Creative Ability Hub – Fingal County Council awarded €40,000 in Funding

Fingal County Council has welcomed the allocation of €40,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development for the Not So Different Creative Ability Hub project.

The Housing and Community Department of Fingal County Council have also provided an additional €10,000 in funding for the project.

The Not So Different Creative Ability Hub celebrates diversity and promotes inclusion of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder to realise their full potential through education and employment.

The Hub is a social enterprise comprising of a local authority, local development company, second level and third level educators that work with the neuro-diversity specialists Not So Different.

The Hub will provide employability skills training and support talented creative individuals to become work-ready, and build connections with employers that value talents such as logic and pattern thinkers, thinking in pictures, problem solving, analytical abilities, creative and innovative abilities and others.

The funding will go towards the kit-out of the room, providing 13 creative digital workstations comprised of high spec graphic PCs, laptops, hard drives and creative suite software.

Aishling Hyland, Digital Strategy Manager for Fingal County Council and lead person in Fingal for the Digital Innovation Programme, said: “We are delighted to see the Not So Different - Creative Ability Hub pilot project, being developed in Fingal.”

Director of Housing and Community Department Margaret Geraghty added: “The funding granted from the Department for the Creative Ability Hub is welcomed and the Community Division is happy to support the work of the project.”

The funding for the Hub is part of the Digital Innovation Programme, which the Department of Rural and Community Development are rolling out across the country. The Digital Innovation Programme provides funding for original and innovative local authority led digital
projects which benefit the community, allowing them to be piloted before they are scaled up or replicated elsewhere in the country.

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