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Fingal’s Funding Project for community and voluntary groups 2018 launched

Fingal County Council launched the Summer Project Funding Programme 2018 which offers €70,000 worth of funding to community and volunteer groups that provide recreational and educational services to young people during the summer.

The programme was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley on Monday 12 March 2018 and will be administered by Fingal County Council’s Community, Culture and Sports Division.

Speaking at the launch, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley said: “This funding has the potential to enrich the lives of so many young people in Fingal. Not only will this
programme provide community and voluntary groups with essential resources, it will expand the creation of spaces for younger people to explore their interests and talents and connect with their peers in their communities.”

The maximum funding available to Summer Project groups is €1,500 or €2,000 if the group is designated under the Activities Funding Scheme (Designation applies to projects with a client-base from areas of socio-economic disadvantage and groups catering for those with a physical or intellectual disability).

Applications are open to Community and Voluntary groups. Single interest and membership based organisations must ensure their summer project is open to the public.

A wide variety of child-focused activities are catered for across communities with varying socio-economic needs. Past summer projects have provided a range of activities for young people such as arts, crafts, dance, drama, sports and other recreational events. In 2018, groups are encouraged to run programmes that reflect community awareness activities, environmental awareness activities and promote integration and social cohesion.

In 2017, 37 groups were successfully awarded Summer Project Funding to cover costs such as bus hire, insurance, venue hire, trainers and facilitator, project material and entertainment hire.

Also present at the launch was Clare O Hara, Audrey Weston, Mary Rooney and Katie Weston from the Lusk Summer Project which is celebrating 25 years of providing activities and outings to local children in the community. This project has served to forge better relations between young people and promote integrating.

Welcoming the programme, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council Paul Reid said: “Fingal has the youngest and most diverse population in the country and so it is essential to the future of Fingal that we provide the sufficient outlets and resources that allow them to pursue their interests and connect with people in their community.”
Summer Project Funding Workshops will be held on Tuesday 20 in Balbriggan Town Hall at 6.30, on Wednesday 21 March in Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords at 7pm and Thursday 22 March in Fingal County Council Blanchardstown Civic Offices at 7pm. Closing date for applications is 16th April 2018. For more information or to reserve a place at the workshops, please contact Sinead Wiley at 8905105/ 0868123070 email sinead.wiley@fingal.ie

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Caption: Fingal County Council Chief Executive Paul Reid, Clare O Hara of Lusk Summer Project, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley with Audrey Weston, Mary Rooney and Katie Weston also of Lusk Summer Project.