Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) invite Community, Environment and Social Inclusion groups from across the County to their upcoming Plenary and Information Evening from 7pm on Wednesday 31st May 2017 in the Crown Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown.

The information element of the evening will cover three current funding opportunities for community organisations, energy saving initiatives, developing our waterways, and the Fingal tourism strategy.

The Plenary element of the evening will update PPN members on the work of the PPN. The PPN has been working closely with Fingal County Council since its launch in September 2016.

The PPN now has over twenty volunteer representatives sitting alongside Councillors and council officials on a wide range of committees. These committees cover the council’s work on a broad range of issues such as housing, planning, arts, economic development and so on. The PPN representatives feed into strategy and highlight community at these committee meetings.
Since January 3 training and information sessions have been delivered by the PPN to members, including social media, fundraising, and the Fingal Development Plan. More training is planned throughout the rest of the year, details of which will be on the PPN website www.fingalppn.ie.

Being a member of PPN is an opportunity for community, environment and social inclusion groups to influence local policy, meet like-minded colleagues from different areas and find out what is happening in Fingal. The PPN is led by the Secretariat, a group of volunteers elected by PPN members to oversee and drive the development of the organisation.

Any groups wishing to get involved in the PPN or attend the Plenary and Information meeting can contact ppn@fingal.ie or 01 890 6235.

Ends

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**Date:** Wednesday 31st May 2017

**Time:** 7pm

**Location:** Crown Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown

**Contact:** *Pre-event:* Sinead Wiley 086 8123070 ppn@fingal.ie

*On the day:* Stephen Halpin and Maria Tormey, FPPN Secretariat members.