Fingal County Council

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Fingal and ITB Greener Way for Fingal Garden awarded Gold Medal at Bloom in the Park

Fingal County Council, Blanchardstown Institute of Technology (ITB) and the Dublin Dun-Laoghaire Education and Training Board (ETB) have been awarded a gold medal for their entry to Bloom in the Park 2018.

‘The Greener Way for Fingal’ was the title of this year’s entry and its theme highlighted the potential for the development of multi-functional public spaces across Fingal. The garden was designed by Award-Winning Landscape Designer Jane Corkrell while the planting was carried out by ITB students of Horticulture under the direction of their lecturers. The participants of the Local Training Initiative managed by the DDLETB based in Bremore
Castle, Balbriggan constructed all the hard landscape features.

Bloom in the Park opened on Thursday, 31 May. President Michael D Higgins with his wife, Sabina Higgins, was one of the first visitors to the Fingal garden. Both the President and his wife were greeted by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, Senior Parks Superintendant at Fingal County Council, Kevin Halpenny and Designer Jane Corkrell.

Welcoming the award, Mr Kevin Halpenny said: “We are delighted to be given a gold medal for the ‘Greener Way for Fingal’. The collaboration between Fingal, ITB and ETB allowed for the creation of a beautiful garden that highlights the potential we have in Fingal to develop public spaces that can be used for cycle routes, pedestrian routes, wildlife habitats, urban drainage systems and play areas which is vital to allow us increase sustainability.”

Also present was Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley who said: “The Greener Way for Fingal is a celebration of the natural beauty found in our county. I’m delighted that the creativity, skills and hard work of Fingal staff, the ITB students and participants of the ETB have been recognised and rewarded.”

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, said: “This year’s Bloom entry is a great example of the county’s commitment to sustainability, environmental well-being as well as maintaining parks and other public spaces. I’m delighted that ‘The Greener Way for Fingal’ has been so highly commended.”

This is the eighth year that Fingal has participated in Bloom which runs until Monday, 4 June.

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Photo caption: Chief Executive of Fingal County Council Paul Reid, Sabina Higgins, President Michael D Higgins, Designer Lawrence Colleran, Senior Parks Superintendent
Kevin Halpenny, Designer Jane Corkrell and Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley at the Greener Way for Fingal Garden in Bloom at the Park.