



Press Release
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Schools Cycling Event and Pedal Around the Park

As part of National Bike Week 2016, which ran from 11th June to 19th June 2016, Fingal County Council held the annual Schools Cycling Event and Pedal Around the Park in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 on Friday 17th June 2016. Cllr. Kieran Dennison and Cllr. Mary Mc Camley, Fingal County Council's Road Safety Unit, An Garda Síochána, The Irish Centre for Cycling, Doctor Bike, St. John's Ambulance, An Post and Cyclezone Blanchardstown were all there to help celebrate National Bike Week.

The Road Safety section of Fingal County Council in conjunction with Community Gardaí and cycle trainers from The Irish Centre for Cycling and Doctor Bike met with 100 school children from three local schools (St Philip the Apostle Mountview, Sacred Heart Huntstown and Castleknock Educate Together) for a bike safety talk, a helmet and bike check, an obstacle course, safety and skills training and ended with a Pedal around the Park where Cllr. Kieran Dennison, the school children, teachers, An Garda Síochána and An Post went for a leisurely cycle around the park.

The Road Safety Officer from Fingal County Council's Operations Department said "Cycling is such an easy way to move around and to keep fit, and is the most cost efficient method of transport available. Bike Week aims to encourage more people to cycle more often and to consider bicycles as a very good transport option, while at the same time promoting safe cycling practices and demonstrating how to maintain and service your or your child's bicycle. He continued "Cycle transport was one of the very earliest forms of mechanical transportation and for many decades here in Ireland was the main way people could travel to work, to school and to social occasions. Many employers and industries used bicycles to deliver messages and goods and to enable services such as police, doctors, nurses and other professions to travel throughout the cities, towns, villages and countryside. Nowadays it's a less preferred form of transport, but with the economic downturn many people are realising the benefits of a form of transport which is relatively cheap to run and can be services and maintained by themselves."

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