Blanchardstown Library was thrilled on Friday last (November 9) to be among the nominees for Best Local Community Involvement at the annual Fingal Dublin Chamber Business Excellence & CSR Awards.
Blanchardstown Library was nominated for the Country Crest-sponsored award in recognition of their hugely successful Young Entrepreneurs Club.

This club, now in its second year, is an after-school initiative of the Europe Direct Information Centre (EDIC) and the Work Matters Service, both based in Blanchardstown Library.

Facilitated by Serena Bryans, who designed and delivered the practical 11-week course, the initiative is aimed at fostering an interest in business and innovation in fifth and sixth class pupils.

Participants learn real business skills, such as market research, advertising, and sales, all of which they put into practice at a Market Day at the end of the course. The Young Entrepreneurs also learn many life skills, such as motivation, critical thinking, risk management, resilience, and customer care.

Librarian and Co-ordinator of Blanchardstown EDIC and Work Matters, Siobhan Walshe said that Fingal Libraries, and the team in Blanchardstown Library, were privileged to be named among the nominees for such a prestigious award.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, which was hosted by Marty Whelan in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry, Siobhan said: “We were thrilled to have even been nominated for this award. It’s an honour to feature among so many incredible businesses, initiatives and individuals.

“The Young Entrepreneurs Club, the second course of which got underway this Autumn, has proven to be one of our most successful initiatives. The participants are so enthusiastic and innovative, and I have no doubt that many of their names will feature in these awards in years to come.

“We are extremely grateful to Serena for instilling a love and respect for business in our young people, and to Fingal Libraries and Fingal County Council for their enthusiasm and support in this initiative.

“Finally, we would like congratulate our fellow nominees and all of tonight’s winners, who continue to show the very best that Fingal has to offer.”
Caption:

Back Row: Barry O’Carroll (Blanchardstown Library), Jonathan Claridge (European Commission Representation in Ireland), Betty Boardman (County Librarian); Front Row: Siobhan Walshe (Blanchardstown Library), Lilian Whelan (Senior Executive Librarian, Blanchardstown Library), Serena Bryans, Yvonne Kavanagh (Facilitators – Young Entrepreneurs Club)

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