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Bliain na Gaeilge in Fingal was celebrated at a wonderful evening of Craic agus Ceol in County Hall Swords on Tuesday November 13th. The tunes were provided by Antaine Ó Faracháin and Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh and among the enthusiastic crowd in attendance was Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin, Cllr Daire Ní Laoi and other members of the Coiste Gaeilge and the Fingal Irish Language community. The event formed part of a day of celebration including the hugely successful Blas Baile Bhlainséir day in Blanchardstown Library.
Nollaig MacCárthaigh played great tunes on the pipes and Antaine Ó Faracháin, kept the audience entertained with his stories as well as playing fiddle and singing some wonderful songs from the ancient Sean Nós tradition. There was plenty of audience interaction with questions about the instruments and the music and a few people joined in with songs of their own and everyone was left wishing that the evening wouldn't end.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Anthony Lavin began by welcoming everyone and complimenting the musicians and continued “I know many of you are involved in promoting Irish within the county, including a very active group in Seomra Tae in Malahide where I live. These activities as well as being enjoyable for those involved are important in preserving this very important aspect of our culture”

Continuing this theme Bernie Kelly, Irish Officer praised Councillor Daire Ní Laoi and the work of the Coiste Gaeilge and also all the promotion done by the enthusiasts present from groups across Fingal such as Swords, Malahide, Howth, Skerries and Baldoyle as well as her native Balbriggan. She continued “I am delighted to hear our native language spoken so enthusiastically in the Atrium in County Hall at the third Irish Language event here this year after Seachtain na Gaeilge and the Fingal Fleadh.”

Speaking about the event Naomi Weir, Creative Ireland Coordinator, Fingal County Council said; “The Council is committed to supporting the promotion of the Irish Language which is one of the core values of our Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022. Events such as this, provide an excellent way for our community to celebrate the Irish language and its intertwined cultural aspects of song and dance”.

Blas Bhaile Bhlaínséir welcomed over 200 school children to Blanchardstown library for Niall de Búrca and included events for all the family with a Quiz, Giggles the Clown, and the Fanzini Brothers. Bliain na Gaeilge is a yearlong celebration of the Irish language to mark 125 years since the founding of Conradh na Gaeilge. Fingal County Council supports the Irish Language and its use within the Council and in the Fingal area by organising and hosting events throughout the year. For information on events taking place in our Branch Libraries contact your local Library of see our website www.fingal.ie or follow us on social media.

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