Fingal County Council

Press Release

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Fingal invites applications for participants in the three St Patrick’s Day parades

Fingal County Council’s Events Department are inviting applications for community groups or business to participate in this year’s St Patrick’s Day Parades taking place in Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, and Swords.

Those interested can apply by downloading an application form from www.fingalparades.com and submitting the completed form to fingal@davisevents.ie. The closing date for applications is Friday, 15 February.
Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin said: “Saint Patrick’s Day is a significant cultural event and the parades allow Fingal residents to celebrate in their communities. The St Patrick’s Day Parades are an opportunity for residents to learn about local community groups and the businesses in their area. I look forward to seeing the diverse and creative floats at the Fingal parades this year.”

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: “Over 55,000 people attended the Fingal Saint Patrick’s Day parades last year and I look forward to seeing the turn out for this year. The Fingal Events team works to organise parades that are an entertaining and inclusive cultural celebration.”

Davis Events have been again engaged by Fingal County Council to deliver the 2019 parades. Davis Events are liaising with theatre groups to arrange workshops for a number of participants who will be taking part in the parades. Fingal County Council is partnering with St. Patrick’s Festival in Swords and this will include the addition of a pageant float “Banba”, representing the Celtic Goddess of Ireland. St. Patrick’s Festival will work with community groups in Fingal to develop stories around Irish Tradition, diversity and Irish mythology.

The Swords parade begins at 11am, the Balbriggan parade begins at 2 pm and the Blanchardstown parade begins at 3 pm. There are also parades taking place in Rush, Lusk and Skerries which are organised by community groups. The Rush parade begins at 1 pm and the Lusk parade takes place at 1.30. In Skerries, the parade begins at 3 pm.

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