



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Press Release Memory Makers Awards 2016**

Fingal County Council's Memory Makers Award Event took place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry.

The theme of this years competition, specifically designed for our active age community, was the memories/stories of 1916, represented by craft and short story, and forms part of the national Bealtaine Festival, celebrating creativity as we age.

Entries were received from all over Fingal, displaying a diverse range of artistic mediums and abilities, with the exhibits making a significant cultural and historical contribution to the county.

Preparations for the entries showed an enormous amount of skill sharing between entrants, setting an example for all strands of community activity throughout Fingal. The competition helps to ensure that Fingal's tradition of craft work and writing is maintained and preserved, and continues to enhance Arts and Culture in the county.

Speaking at the event, Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien said;  
"The arts, crafts and stories on exhibit are a unique part of Fingal's culture. This is one of those occasions where a cliché such as 'everyone is a winner' is appropriate. I would like to thank each and every one of you for participating and hope that you continue to do so in the future'.

For more information on the Memory makers competition please contact Linda Ennis, Senior Community Officer, Fingal County Council by email at [linda.ennis@fingal.ie](mailto:linda.ennis@fingal.ie) .

### **Memory Makers 2016 Winners**

#### **Two Dimensional Category:**

Winner:	Rita Long	The Old House
Highly Commended	Matthew Graham	The Knight of Balrothery
Highly Commended	Rene Clarke	The Asgard Arriving into Howth Harbour

#### **Three Dimensional Category**

Winner:	Swords Senior Citizens	Centenary Banner
Highly Commended	Brid Redmond	Aran Jumper
Highly Commended	Josephine Collins	Stories My Father Told

**Short Story/Poetry Category**

Winner	David Grundy	An Feis 1966
Highly Commended	Angela Storey	Madge The In Between Years
Highly Commended	Peg McManus	Earning My Keep

**1916 Commemoration Category**

Winner	Janet Browne	For My Children
Highly Commended	Swords Senior Citizens	Centenary Banner
Highly Commended	Margaret Tobin	Grandma's Easter Monday Adventure

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