Fingal’s Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 & Creative Conversations Project launched

Fingal’s Culture and Creativity Strategy and Creative Conversations Project were both launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin in the Atrium in County Hall, Swords on Thursday, 1 November.

Fingal’s Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 is part of the National Creative Ireland Programme. This Strategy provides a framework for ongoing engagement between the community, creative practitioners and Fingal County Council. It supports the development of a range of creative and cultural initiatives which will provide opportunities for citizens throughout the county to realise their full creative potential. Fingal’s Creative Conversations Project was also launched. This is a four-part interview series filmed by Institute of Technology Blanchardstown student, Tobi Ilori, from Tyrellstown.

The four-part film explores creativity through the thoughts of four artists and creative practitioners working in Fingal. It features the award winning garden designer, Jane McCorkrell, actor and playwright David Gilna, musician Arun Rao and artist Paul D’Arcy.

Speaking at the event, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin said: “We are very fortunate to have a diverse and rich heritage of music, folklore and local history which inspires and influences Fingal residents. The Creative Ireland Programme provides an invaluable
opportunity for Local Authorities to actively develop and support creative and cultural initiatives, ensuring that the creativity of each of our citizens in Fingal is given an opportunity to grow and flourish. By supporting and encouraging collaborative creativity we can bring our communities together, strengthen our sense of identity and enhance general wellbeing in Fingal.”

Fingal’s Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 will focus on engaging the community in culture and creativity through a variety of programmes including the arts, libraries, sports, heritage, STEAM and community programmes.

Speaking at the launch, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: “Culture and creativity are among the greatest assets of any society and as a local authority we have a responsibility to find ways to encourage, support and nurture the creativity of our citizens across the county. This is a welcome challenge as Fingal County Council already has a strong reputation in supporting creativity through our many cross departmental Initiatives; such as our Creative Hubs, book clubs and writing groups as well as inclusive sport programmes and heritage and conservation initiatives.”

“The Creative Conversations project is a partnership between the Council and the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown and has given one of their Creative Media students an opportunity to capture on film the thoughts of four of Fingal’s most creative people,” added Mr Reid.


ENDS

For further information or photos, please contact press@fingal.ie

Captions:

Photo 1: David Gilna, Arun Rao, Tobi Ilori, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Anthony Lavin, Paul D’Arcy, Fingal County Council Chief Executive Paul Reid at the launch of the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy and Creative Conversations Project at the County Hall in Swords.

Photo 2: Uileann Piper Sorcha Ní Scolaí launch of the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy and Creative Conversations Project at the County Hall in Swords.

Photo 3: Singer-songwriter Muireann McDonnell performs at the launch of the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy and Creative Conversations Project at the County Hall in Swords.

Photo 4: Mayor of Fingal Cllr Anthony Lavin launches the Fingal Culture and Creativity Strategy and Creative Conversations Project at the County Hall in Swords.