Press Release

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Tyrrelstown Parkrun gets off to a flying start!

The new Tyrrelstown Parkrun got off to a flying start on Saturday September 15th with 133 participants, including Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. Acting Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Eithne Loftus and Niall McGuirk, Senior Sports Development Officer, Fingal County Council got proceedings underway and Cllr. Paul Donnelly and Cllr Mary
McCamley were also among the enthusiastic participants of all ages. Huge congratulations are due to all the volunteers who worked with Fingal County Council and Parkrun Ireland to make this a great success. A great cause of celebration was that this marked the 100th ParkRun in Ireland, and by coincidence the very first parkrun was also in Fingal, in Malahide Castle in 2012.

Niall McGuirk, Senior Sports Development Officer, Fingal County Council said “Fingal's Sports office are delighted to see such a successful start to another parkrun in Fingal. We have over 50 schools involved in our Fingal Athletics League and 3,000 kids taking part in our MarathonKids programme so parkrun provides an opportunity for these kids and their families to get out every weekend and take part in a free, timed 5K run or walk”

Matt Shields of Parkrun Ireland said "We have an excellent relationship with Fingal County Council. We all have a shared vision of people using public spaces for public benefit and we each have contributed to making this happen. Ten of the one hundred Parkrun events in Ireland are hosted by Fingal County Council which translated into 926 participants in the 5k events and 191 participants at junior events last weekend. Fingal is an excellent example of what can be achieved by working together."

Come along next week to Tyrrelstown Park at 9.30am and walk, jog or run and have a great fun morning with Fingal County Council Sports Office and all your local community. You can find details of this and all your local parkruns at http://www.parkrun.ie

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