



**Fingal  
Volunteer Centre**  
Ionad d'Obair Dheonach Fhine Ghall

# Annual Report 2021

## Our Vision

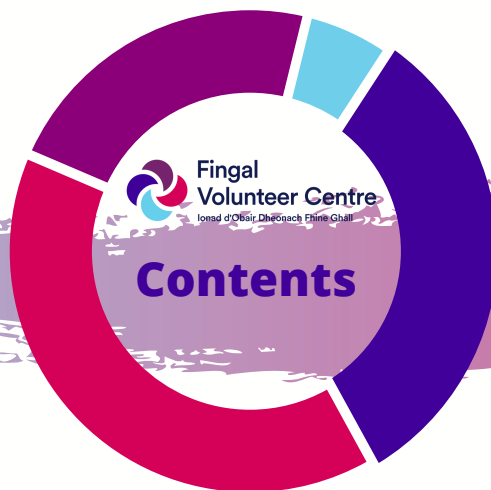
"The vision of the network of Volunteer Centres in Ireland is to have a vibrant Irish society where every person feels connected to their community, through active participation in voluntary activities."

## Our Mission

"Our mission is to promote the value of volunteering and increase the range and quality of volunteering in Ireland."

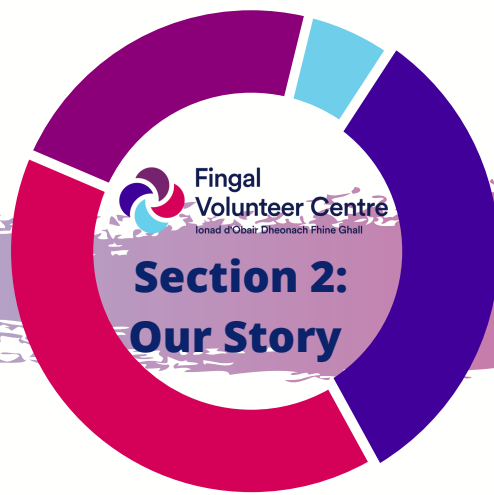
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## About us

Fingal Volunteer Centre is an independent organisation, which is part of a volunteer network that consists of 29 Volunteer Centres. Fingal Volunteer Centre is an affiliate of Volunteer Ireland.



## Four core values underpin the work of Fingal Volunteer Centre

**Connectivity:** Volunteering is a positive movement within society which enables people to connect with others and their communities.

**Equality/Inclusion:** We believe all people should be valued and respected equally. We are also committed to identifying and removing barriers that prevent inclusion of vulnerable groups.

**Community Ownership:** We believe that healthy communities can respond to their own social needs and issues and volunteering is one mechanism that assists these causes.

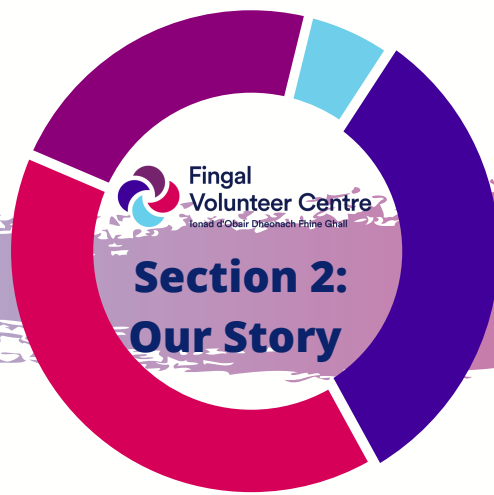
**Sustainability:** We champion durable solutions and commitment.



## Purpose

The intent of this annual report is to provide public disclosure of our organisations operating and financial activities over the past year.

Our annual report is an opportunity to connect with the wider community and demonstrate the impact volunteering can have. It illustrates what we have accomplished over the past year and our plans for the year ahead. It allow us to show our stakeholders the impact their funding has had and will continue to have in the Fingal area.



## Chairperson's Statement



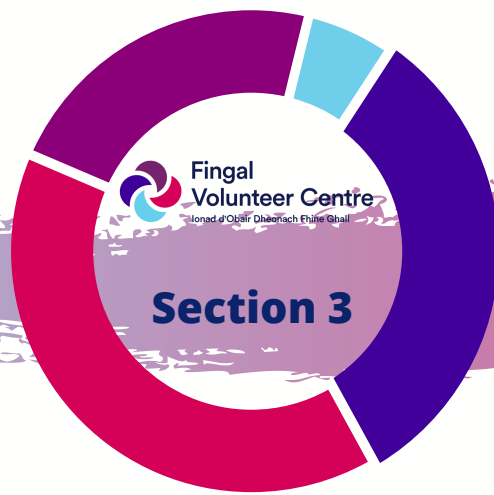
2021 continued to be an extraordinary year with the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and its variants. Thankfully as we have moved into 2022 the worst of the COVID -19 pandemic seem to be behind us. The Final Volunteer Centre operating model continued to work effectively in 2021. The Team in Fingal Volunteer Centre adapted well to this reality, continuing working from home and applying new approaches to Volunteering in the Fingal area.

In 2021 the Board met on seven occasions. The Board discussed with Management, delivery of the 2021 activity programme, reviewed the ongoing financial position and completed its review and renewal of company policies. They confirm these policies are consistent with the Charities code and best practice.

The Board with Management completed Fingal Volunteer Centre Strategic Plan 2021 -2025. The Fingal Volunteer Centre Strategic Plan 2021-2025 was approved by the Board in 2021 and was submitted to our Sponsoring body.

Fingal Volunteer Centre CLG has and continues to enjoy the support of the Department of Rural and Community development and we thank them for this. The Board recognise the dedication and support of the staff at the Fingal Volunteer Centre whom give generous commitment to the delivery of the programmes throughout 2021.

Shane Clarke  
Chairman



### Trustees 2021



**Shane Clarke  
Joanne Moody  
Gwendoline McGowan  
John Hayes  
John O'Toole**

### Staff



**Daiga Martins Borges  
Chiara Tamborini  
Julie Cahill**

### Volunteers



**Eddie Doyle  
Olga Byrne  
Smeet Kasar**

### Governance Standards

The Company is limited by guarantee and governed by a Board of Directors. As it is a non-profit organisation there are no shareholders and any profits are reinvested in the company. Although Fingal volunteer centre is an independent company, it is also part of the network of 29 Volunteer Centres and an affiliate of Volunteer Ireland.

We publish an Annual Report and produce audited accounts each year.

We are registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority



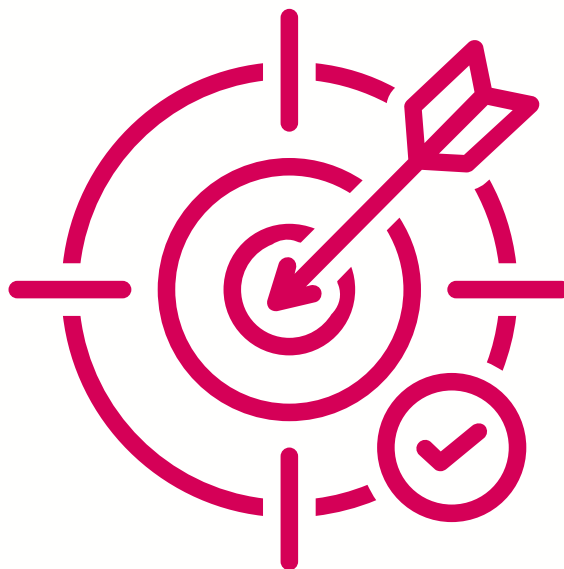
## Objectives for the Year 2021

**Assist Volunteer Involving Organisations with their volunteer management needs**

**Position the centre as a key player for all volunteering needs in Fingal**

**Promote volunteer services, activities, marketing materials, and tools through online and traditional media**

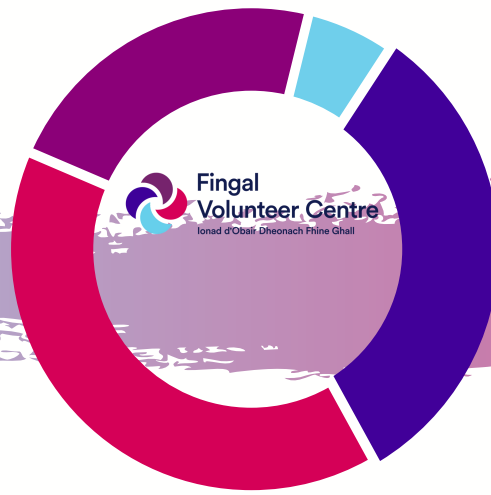
**Work in accordance with the volunteer centres network guidelines and Maintain the National Quality Standards (IVOL)**





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Volunteer Registrations



1,595

Opportunities Applied For



15,535

Hours gifted by volunteers

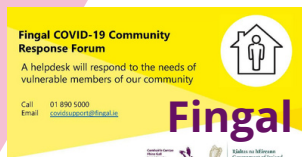


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Repeat Callers

Top 6 Nationalities Represented

- Irish
- Brazil
- India
- Italy
- Nigeria
- UK



Fingal Community Response Forum Members since March 2020

16,544

salesforce Volunteer Interactions



14

New Organisations Registered

Fingal Community Volunteers

Over 50 Community Volunteers interviewed and trained



Virtual Outreach programme offered monthly

Over 500

Garda Vetting forms processed on behalf of

118 Groups

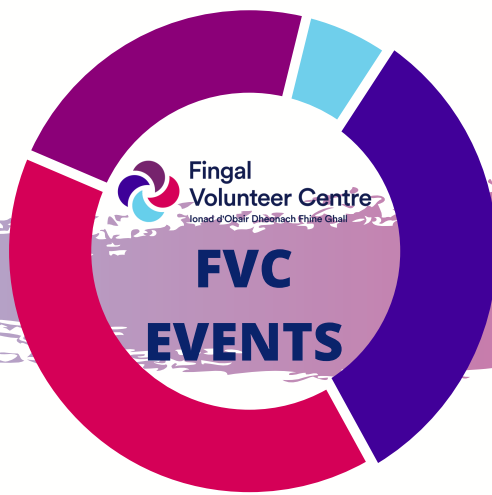


72 Opportunities created

219

Active Organisations Registered





EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Several Interviews on PHOENIX FM



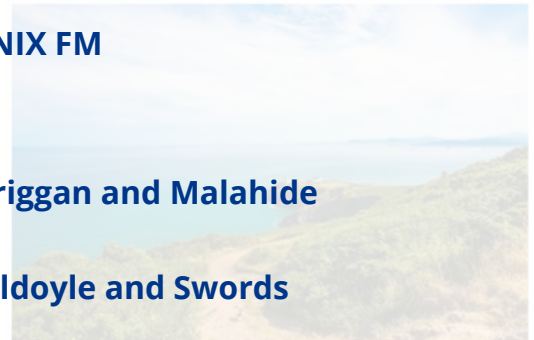
2 Volunteer days: Beach clean ups in Balbriggan and Malahide

2 Volunteer days: Town clean ups in Baldoye and Swords

Celebrate International

Reset, Revitalise & Get Creative

VOLUNTEER MANAGERS DAY  
THURSDAY 5TH  
NOVEMBER  
2-4.30PM



Presented by Dublin City Volunteer Centre, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Centre, and Fingal Volunteer Centre

Amazing Volunteering Experiences Shared By Our Volunteers

Fingal Virtual Volunteer Expo



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Lets Talk About It

Help Break Down Barriers Together

Mental Health Awareness Virtual Event

For more info about events please visit  
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IT'S COFFEE O'CLOCK!

Managers Virtual Coffee Morning

November 23rd 2020 @11.00-12.00

As part of National Volunteer Week -  
Info session online: Spotlight on Letter writing to nursing homes

Why Not volunteer?- Info session for Avantor Pharmaceutical corporate

International Volunteer Managers day: What is Excellence? Pushing us beyond ordinary

International Volunteer Day

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING WEEK

Fingal Inclusion week - Why Not volunteer?- Info session

International Volunteers Day celebration

Throughout 2021 groups were working hard and achieved Fingal Managing Volunteers Award, 5 groups were presented in December with the Fingal Managing Awards

Fingal Managing Volunteers Award Online celebration



Fingal Managing Awards Presentation 2020



92.5 PHOENIX FM

Interview with Chiara Tamborini From Fingal Volunteer Centre

Tuesday 21st of November 2021 10am



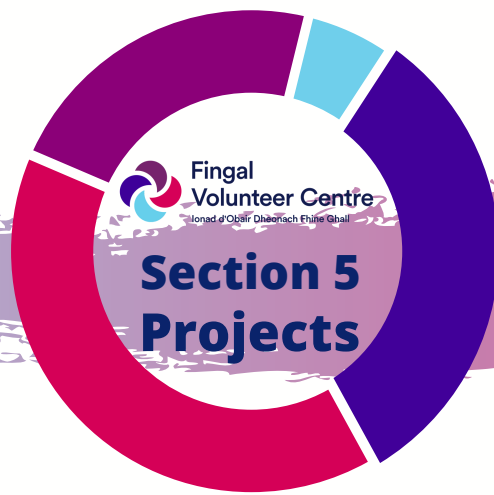


## **Stakeholders**

- Department of Community and Rural Development**
- Volunteers**
- Volunteer Involving Organisations**
- Fingal County Council**
- Fingal Chamber**

## **Challenges**

- Opportunities for working from home**
- Launching the new project of Community Volunteers**
- Liaising with new organisations active in the local community**



# Projects

## Fingal Community Volunteers

Recruiting and training a team of volunteers ready to act to support local events and festivals along with more urgent, one off needs like the community response to COVID-19

## Town and Beach Clean ups

Various volunteer days out for Beach or Town clean-ups around county Fingal. Our goal was to support the local Tidy Towns organisations and boost their volunteers involvement.

Locations covered in 2021:



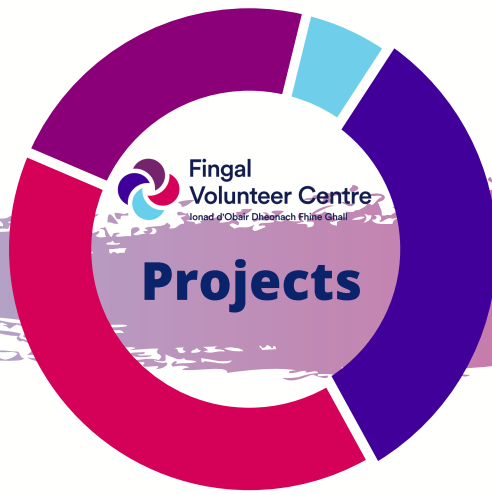
- Baldoyle
- Balbriggan
- Malahide
- Swords



## Volunteer Testimonials:

Collections of Volunteer stories on our website highlighting the great work volunteers do in our county

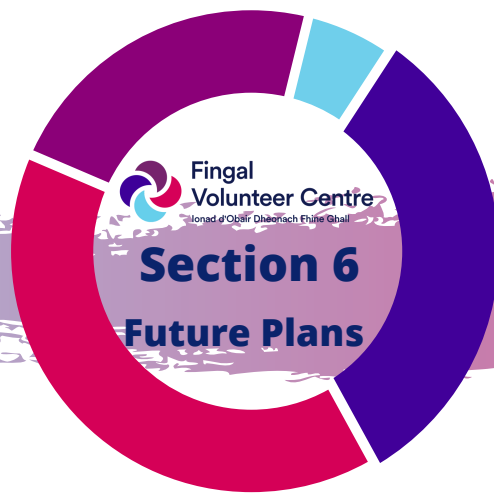




## Fingal Community Volunteers project pics







## **Future Plans**

**Delivery of objectives against the agreed workplan and national volunteering strategy 2021-2025**

**Participate in community events in Fingal to promote our work**



**Incorporate Sustainable Development Goals into our work particularly focusing on equality and environment**

**Invest in volunteer management supports delivered to Volunteer Involving Organisations**