

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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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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Section 2: Our Story

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.

Section 2: Our Story

Chairperson's Statement

2022 was the year of recovery with covid – 19 restrictions being lifted in January. The Fingal Volunteer Centre operating model moved to a hybrid way of working, in person and virtual. The team welcomed the return to in person engagement, hosting successful volunteer fairs in both Blanchardstown and Sword.

In 2022 the Board met on 5 occasions. The Board discussed with Management, delivery of the 2022 activity programme, reviewed the ongoing financial position and ensured that its policies were being applied and updated accordingly in line with the Charities code and best practice.

The Board with Management reviewed the implementation of the Fingal Volunteer Centre Strategic Plan 2021 -2025 and was satisfied with progress made.

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 2022.

Shane Clarke
Chairman

Section 3:

Trustees 2021



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

Staff



**Daiga Martins Borges
Chiara Tamborini
Julie Cahill
Megan McGrath
Patrick Taylor**

Volunteers



**Eddie Doyle
Olga Byrne
Smeet Kasar**

Section 3:

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.

Section 4:

Objectives for the Year 2023

Assist Volunteer Involving Organisations with their volunteer management needs

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

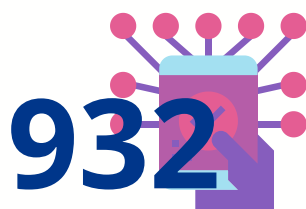
Promote volunteer services, activities, marketing materials, and tools through online and traditional media

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



17,794

Hours gifted by
volunteers



932
Volunteer
Registrations

1939

Opportunities
Applied For

Top 6 Nationalities
Represented

Irish
Brazil
India
Zimbab
Nigeria
Ukraine



**Fingal Community
Response Forum**
Members since
March 2020

310 Repeat
Callers



5326

salesforce
volunteers
receiving email
communications



27
New
Organisations
Registered



479 Applicants
(from all over
Ireland)

Letters to Nursing
homes project (6
nursing homes)

333

Placed
Volunteers



Fingal
Community
Volunteers

159

Community Volunteers
interviewed and
trained

Over 600

Garda Vetting
forms processed
on behalf of



110
Groups



109

Opportunities
created

243

Active
Organisations
Registered

**Outreach
programme
offered weekly**

Section 4:

FVC EVENTS

Several Interviews on PHOENIX FM

Fingal Virtual Volunteer Expo's

Throughout 2022 groups were working hard and achieved Fingal Managing Volunteers Award, 2 groups were presented in December with the Fingal Managing Awards celebration at the Fingal County Council Office

Several Tree Planting Days

International Volunteer Day

Fingal Volunteer Expo at Blanchardstown Library

Howth Maritime Festival

Flavours Of Fingal

2022 Safer Blanchardstown

International Volunteers Day Celebration

Festival of Fire

Town clean up in Rush

Christmas Markets day in Baldoyle



Section 4:

Stakeholders

**Department of Community and
Rural Development**

Volunteers

Volunteer Involving Organisations

Fingal County Council

Fingal Chamber

Challenges

Opportunities for working from home

The continuation of the new project of Community Volunteers

Liaising with new organisations active in the local community

Staff Changes

Section 5:



Fingal
Community
Volunteers

FINGAL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS PROJECT PICTURES

About the Ukraine Crisis Supports

Ireland has seen an outpouring of support from people across the country wanting to help people who have been displaced from Ukraine. Fingal Volunteer Centre has supported the Ukrainian crisis through a variety of events and volunteer opportunities.

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THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING DATABASE

Ukrainians have signed up to I-VOL

i5

Information sessions

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**Development officer hired jointly
by Dublin Volunteer Centres to
work with displaced people across
the Dublin region**

Over 100

Ukrainians have attended our events





Ukrainian Volunteer Testimonial

My name is Alina and I came with my child, from Ukraine to Ireland, in mid-March 2022, due to the Russian aggression. At first, we lived in Dublin, and then we moved to a hotel in Swords. In the summer, I started looking for opportunities to be useful and found the Fingal Volunteer Centre website. I registered and took an online training course, and later had a personal interview with Megan.

My first volunteering experience was at a family festival - the Howth Maritime Festival and Howth Tidy Towns. It was pouring down rain that day, but people were going to the event the Howth Maritime Festival with their families and we were handing out maps of the event, directing people to the right location, helping in the right places and cleaning up afterwards. I was very tired, but thanks to the atmosphere created by Megan's team, I felt that my help was important.

Then there was a three-day international science event with ISCRAES (International Symposium on Climate Resilient Agroecological Systems) in a hotel in South Dublin. It was an interesting experience in terms of current and technical support of the event.

Another event took place in New Bridge Park, I was at a Tree Planting event. It was in 2 stages and I was surprised by the quality of the instructions beforehand and the internal organisation of the process. There were a lot of people, but everyone had a place and an action. The team that works with volunteers is professional and friendly, they help everyone who joins to be a part of a great project.

All the events I volunteered for were very interesting. The experience of communication, joint work, and understanding how the community interacts were very important to me, because this experience helped me adapt. At the events, I met wonderful people who cared about the Fingal area and with whom I still maintain friendly relations. I believe that volunteering has helped me to bring out the best in me, so I always invite all Ukrainians who come to Ireland to join and be useful to the region that has supported us so much.

With gratitude to your work,
Alina.



Ukrainian Volunteer Testimonial

I am Volodymyr Lysogor, a citizen of Ukraine, who came to Ireland from Ukraine in August 2022 having used the temporary protection provided by this hospitable country. Unfortunately I was unable to participate in Ukraine's war of liberation against the Russian invaders due to a serious heart condition. My volunteer work in Ireland began when I met Megan, who got me involved in the volunteer community. I considered it my duty to devote my free time from school to a God-pleasing cause and to be of service to Fingal County Council, where I lived. And in this way by my participation in social programs to be grateful to the government and citizens of Ireland for supporting Ukrainians. My first experience was to take part in planting baby trees in New Bridge Park. It was not easy because of the rocky ground in the park, but thanks to the smooth organization of the event under Megan's leadership, we got the job done even before the deadline. I went on to take part in several more events like this. Doing good deeds has become my habit through volunteering and I have made many true friends helping me to adapt in my new country.

Yours sincerely,
Volodymyr



Section 6:

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

