



BAP NEWSLETTER

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES ACROSS DUBLIN 15

In 2016, BAP provided support to over 3,000 people across Fingal. This included supports to people who are unemployed, lone parents, New Communities, Travellers and school children. In addition to this, 81 community organisations and groups received supports from BAP. This included supporting groups to access funding, profiling communities, management training, annual planning and putting in place anti-discrimination measures.



1,667 people from around Fingal received one-to-one supports



1,480 children received support to keep them in school



256 people were supported into the labour market

Blanchardstown Area Partnership operate the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) across Fingal. SICAP aims to reduce poverty and promote social inclusion and equality through local, regional and national engagement and collaboration.



541 took part in educational courses

As part of our strategy to engage with the community, we have:



Taken part in twelve community festivals/fundays



Engaged over 30,000 people on website in the last 12 months



Reached more than 5,000 people on our Facebook page



Delivered our newsletter to 24,000 households in Fingal



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1,175 people received employment training



The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co funded by the Irish Government and the European Union under the European Social Fund and includes a special allocation under the Youth Employment Initiative

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Employment Training

Career Bootcamp

Career Bootcamp is a concise, fast-paced training course, suited to job-ready clients.

Designed to increase confidence of job-seekers who may have an abundance of experience and/or qualifications but would like to improve their job-seeking skills.

Participants need a basic CV, the ability to ask lots of questions and engage in discussions.

Free monthly courses across Fingal.



Future Options

Future Options is a slower-paced course to Career Bootcamp, taking place over eight weeks, encouraging those who have been unemployed for a number of years, to make that first step and engage with training and employment services.

The course provides sound advice, personal development, useful IT skills and career guidance.

On completion, participants will have increased confidence and a clear career plan to take into job-seeking.



1,175

received employment training supports in 2016

489

progressed along the educational continuum

Basic IT Courses

Want to improve your IT skills but unsure where to start?

We offer IT classes from beginners level up to Level 3 certification.

You will learn how to use Windows, MS Office and email confidently.

We will also talk you through using the internet for job-seeking and applying for positions online.

These courses are free and run in locations across Fingal.

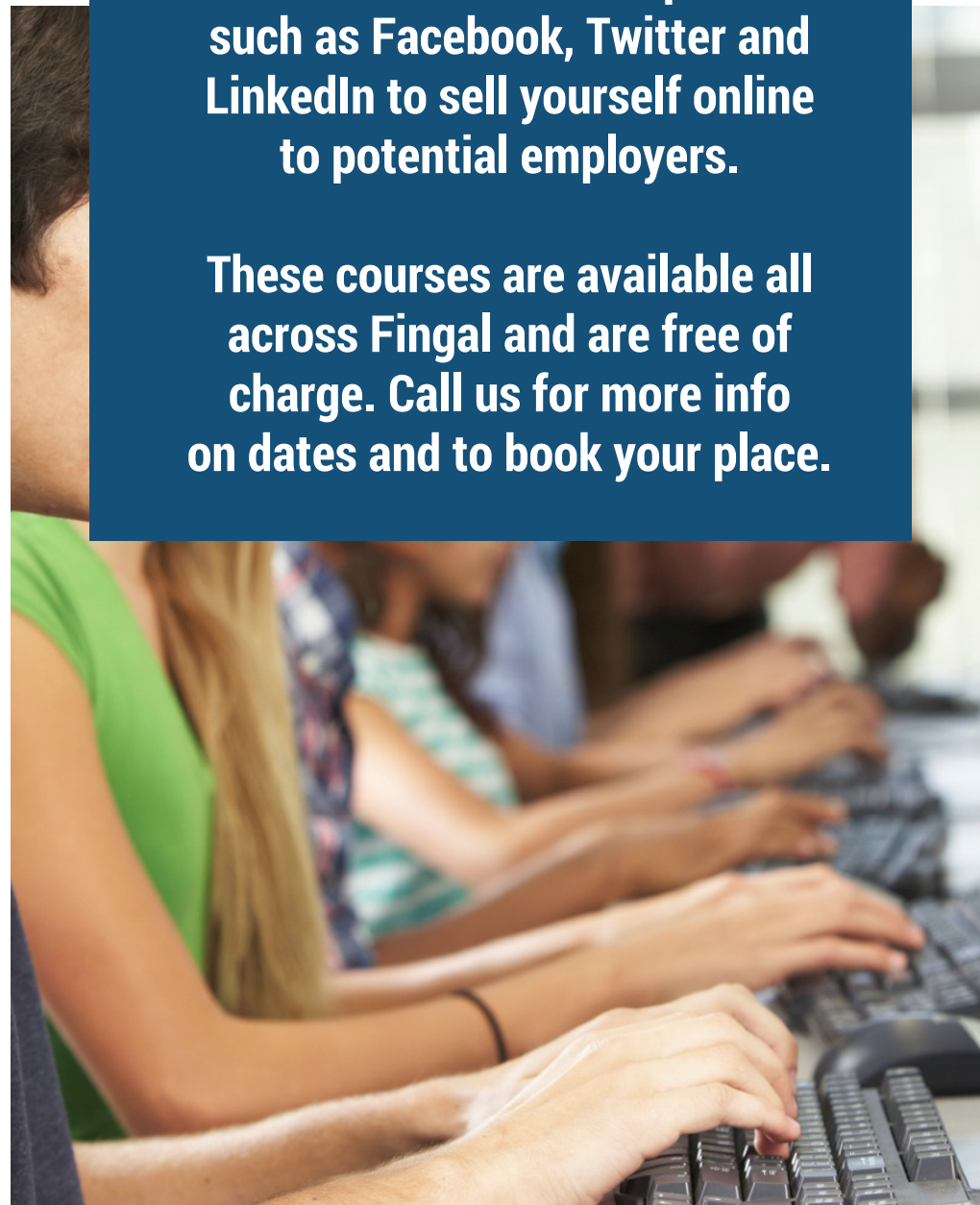


Social Media

Our free, two-day Social Media course demonstrates the benefit of using online networking as an invaluable job-seeking tool.

We will show you how to make the most of social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to sell yourself online to potential employers.

These courses are available all across Fingal and are free of charge. Call us for more info on dates and to book your place.



Power of Positivity

Practical workshop based on cognitive psychology, examining how our mind works, the power of positive thoughts & their application to job-seeking.

Unsuccessful job-seeking can cause a significant decrease in confidence and depression.

This workshop seeks to prevent this, using rejection from employers to improve future job-seeking efforts.

Contact us for dates in your area.



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Enterprise Supports

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received enterprise supports in 2016

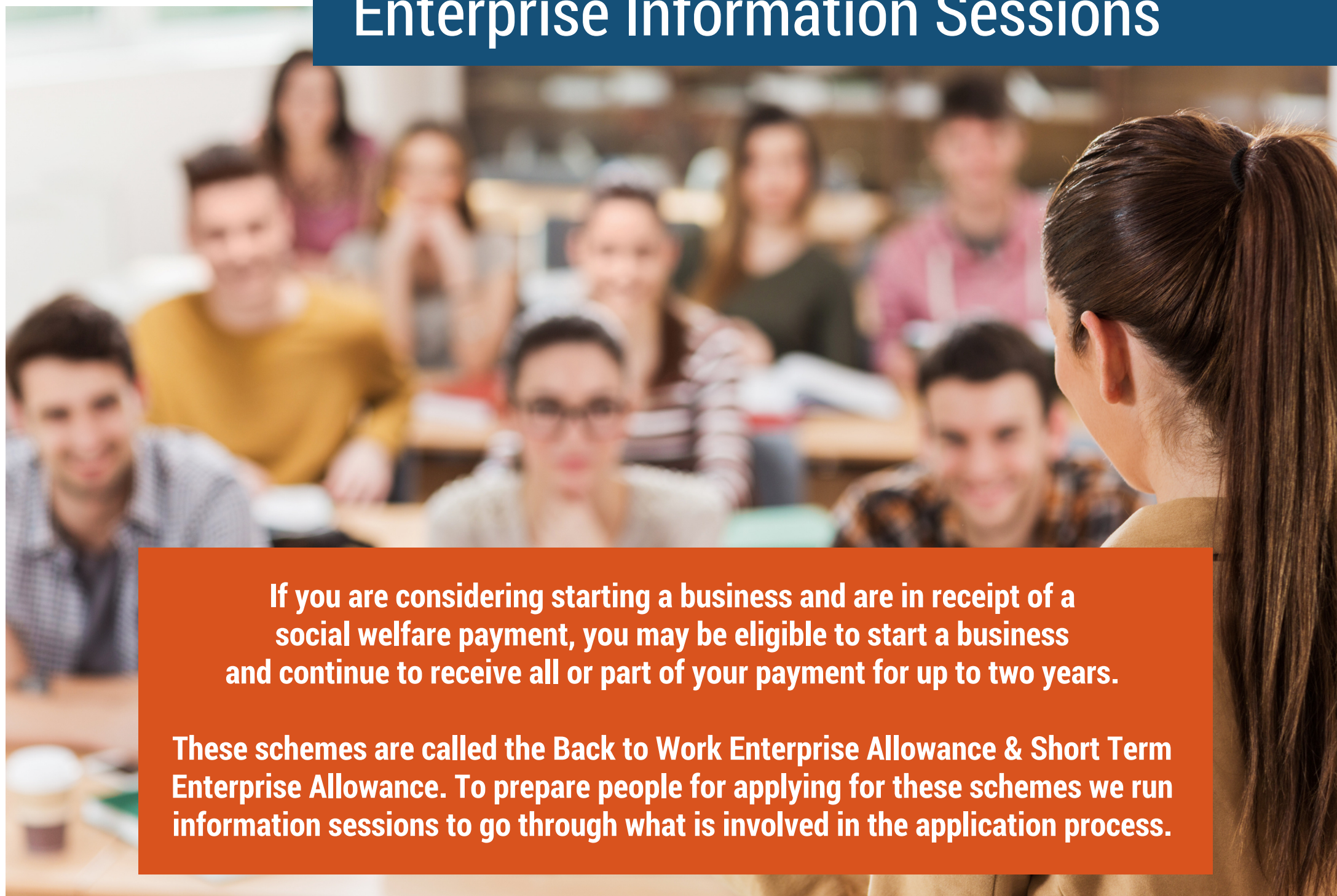
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of our clients set up a new business in 2016

The majority were previously long-term unemployed or economically inactive

Construction was the most popular start-up sector, followed by other service activities

Enterprise Information Sessions



If you are considering starting a business and are in receipt of a social welfare payment, you may be eligible to start a business and continue to receive all or part of your payment for up to two years.

These schemes are called the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance & Short Term Enterprise Allowance. To prepare people for applying for these schemes we run information sessions to go through what is involved in the application process.

SYOB Courses

'Start Your Own Business' course provides participants with an overview as to what is involved with running a business.

The objective of the three day programme is to answer the major questions that most people have about starting a business.

We will cover everything from the financial aspects of starting a business, the business planning process and also show you how you can retain Social Welfare payments.



Finance Clinics

Monthly Finance Clinic, where you can speak on a confidential 1-2-1 basis to our in-house accountant.

In a casual setting, you can discuss finance, tax, VAT, and bookkeeping.

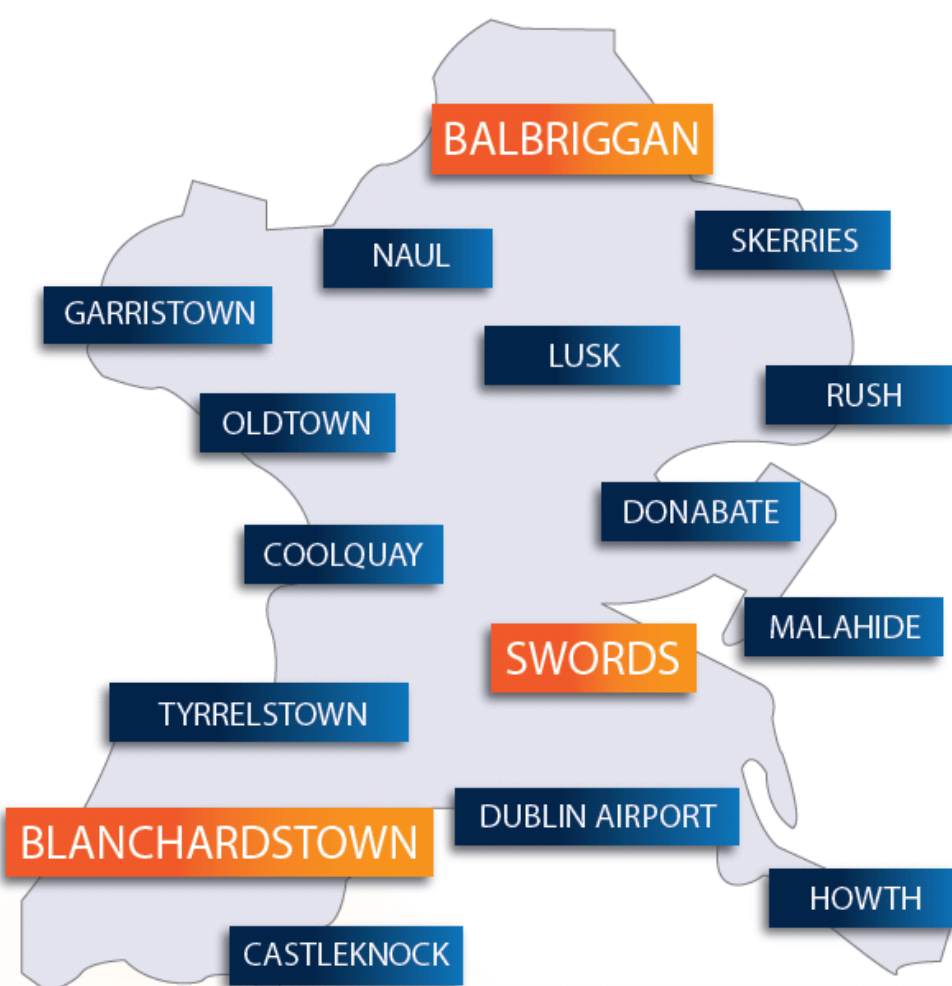
To further help with the finance side of your business, we also have monthly courses on Bookkeeping, VAT and Taxation.

Due to the popularity of this clinic we advise people to book their place as soon as possible.



Other Workshops Include:

- Sales & Marketing
- DIY Bookkeeping
- VAT & Taxation
- Pricing Strategy
- Women in Business
- SEO & Social Media



Other Supports Include:

- Business Plan Advice
- Tax Registration Forms
- Grant & Loan Applications
- One-to-one Meetings
- BTWEA & STEA Approval
- Networking Opportunities

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English Classes

Fáilte Isteach

Fáilte Isteach involves local people who volunteer to facilitate conversational English with people who have come to live in Ireland from many different countries.

The aim of the programme is to provide basic language support in a practical and inclusive way.

If you would like to improve your conversational English, would like to register for classes or volunteer as a facilitator, call our office or email us at the address below.



ESOL Classes

Beginner and Pre-Intermediate Level English courses, aiming to provide participants with the knowledge and skills to communicate at an introductory level in English, both socially and in work related tasks.

Providing the highest standard of training, these courses will allow each person to receive as much information as possible, which will assist participants on to vocational courses, training or employment. Courses available across Fingal. Contact us for dates in your area.



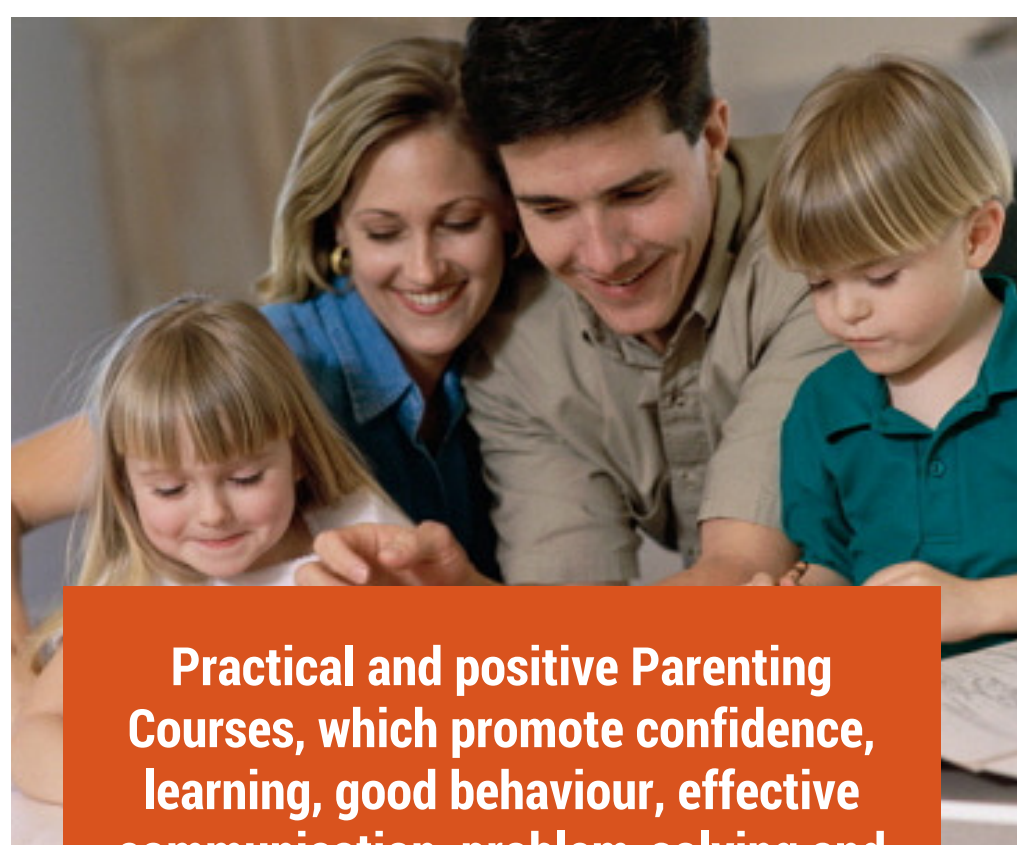
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Health & Parenting Courses

Parenting Courses



Practical and positive Parenting Courses, which promote confidence, learning, good behaviour, effective communication, problem-solving and building positive relationships.

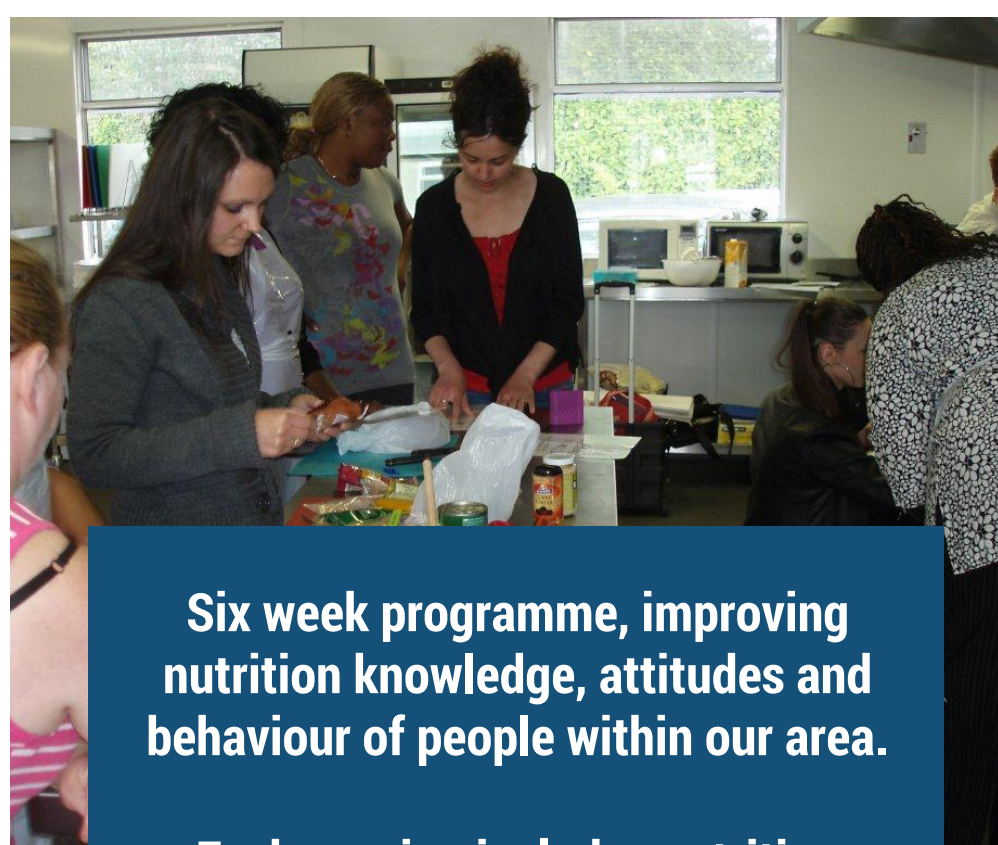
There are three courses to choose from, depending on age group & development stage of your children:

The Early Years Programme
for parents of children aged 1 to 6

The Children's Programme
for parents of children aged 6 to 11

The Adolescent Programme
for parents of children aged 11 to 16

HFME Classes



Six week programme, improving nutrition knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of people within our area.

Each session includes nutrition theory and a practical cookery element, with the emphasis throughout on group learning rather than formal teaching.

Who is the course for?

Anyone who wants to improve their health, save money and enjoy preparing and eating delicious food!

Courses take place all across Fingal. For dates in your local area, email us at the address provided below.

We Can Quit Courses



We Can Quit is a free 12-week community-based programme for women tailored to the needs of women who want to quit smoking.

Programme includes sessions on:
Women and health - Preparing to quit
Nicotine replacement therapies
Dealing with cravings & quitting tips
Healthy eating & relaxation skills

Participants will also avail of:

Support from Primary Care Team
Weekly group support sessions
Weekly one-to-one support
Telephone smoking cessation support
Network of women who want to quit

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Foróige in Dublin 15



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If you have a particular talent or skill that you'd like to share, Foróige in Dublin 15 are actively seeking volunteers. Foróige are Ireland's leading youth organisation and have been working with young people in Ireland for over 6 years.

Foróige operates across the Dublin 15 area, with young people from 10 to 18 years of age benefitting from their involvement in Youth Clubs, Youth Cafes, Junior Youth Clubs and Foróige Special Interest Clubs.

Baking, arts & crafts, DJ skills, board games, music, leadership programmes, citizenship projects... the list of activities covered are endless, with the emphasis always on FUN.

So if you have about an hour and a half to spare each week and would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Whether it be drama, baking, bike-building or music-making – or just that you want to give a little back and have fun doing it, please contact us. Full training and support provided.

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92.5 Phoenix FM

92.5 Phoenix FM is going from strength to strength having celebrated 25 years of broadcasting to the Dublin 15 community in 2015. Listeners to the station will have noticed some exciting new developments in the last year with an increase in broadcast hours from 57 to 140 hours per week which means we're now on air from 7am to 3am the following day, every day! To meet the extended schedule demands 92.5 Phoenix FM has developed their flag ship show D15 Today which airs between 10am and 12pm Monday to Friday.



Listeners can tune in to news, views and lighthearted topics presented by a talented team of volunteers. The station also broadcasts a diverse range of music programmes, Irish language and special interest programmes for migrants and the LGBT community.

92.5 Phoenix FM has recently introduced an exciting new service for the local business community by providing affordable advertising. If you are interested in volunteering we would be delighted to hear from you. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator.

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Ongar Community Development Group

This community based development group is supported by Fingal County Council (FCC) and Blanchardstown Area Partnership (BAP). Members include Foroige, Tusla, local groups such as Ongar Tidy Towns & Ongar Community Centre. ODG works to engage with the local community.

A successful community day was run by ODG in 2016 and plans are underway for a similar event later in 2017. Over 1,000 members of the local community took part in the 2016 event.

The success of ODG lies with the interaction and commitment of local people. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact us at the numbers below.

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Ladies Social Club Ongar Comm.Centre



New Ladies Social Club in Ongar Community Centre. Every Friday from 10am to 12pm. Only 2 euro per class.

Make new friends & join us for coffee, chats and activities. All welcome.



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Blakestown Community Resource Centre



Our new secure outdoor area boasts not only a child friendly play surface, but the fact that it is nestled between trees and a beautiful garden gives the children a chance to understand nature and the seasons.

Situated at the front of the resource centre, it is in the heart of the community and allows the children to see and feel part of this wonderful community and its everyday life.

Our outdoor area is an opportunity for our children to learn, explore and understand our ever changing environment.

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New BAP Chief Executive

The Board of Blanchardstown Area Partnership has announced the appointment of Adeline O'Brien as Chief Executive. Adeline succeeds Terry McCabe who retired at the end of December after twenty years with the company. The Blanchardstown Area Partnership manages the Local Employment Service and the community work placement scheme TÚS in Blanchardstown as well as the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme for Fingal.



"We are honoured that someone of the calibre of Adeline O'Brien will lead the Partnership in the challenging years ahead. Adeline has worked in the sector for many years and brings a wealth of experience to the role."

Kieran Dennison - Chairman - BAP Board

"I am delighted to accept the role of Chief Executive with the Blanchardstown Area Partnership and look forward to continuing the excellent work which the Partnership staff are delivering through our programmes to the people of Dublin 15 and the county of Fingal."

Adeline O'Brien - New BAP Chief Executive

2016 Statistics



TÚS Work Placement Programme 2016 Statistics



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