



Introduction

Building on twenty years of excellence and ambition in delivering projects with and for its local communities, in 2027 Fingal County Council will be recognised as leading Public Art practice in Ireland.

More people across our communities in Fingal will know and enjoy art in their lives. They will see and experience art as something to **be part of** and not as something **apart from** them. People across the county will be taking part in conversations about art, will be collaborating in projects and be feel an enhanced sense of pride and belonging within their community and about the county.

We will have the rich resource of a panel of artists with the capabilities (knowledge, skills and experience) to deliver on our Public Art ambitions for Fingal.

Our colleagues across relevant departments within the Council will be actively and practically supporting Public Art initiatives, appreciating its powerful role in achieving corporate priorities such as community cohesion, social integration, climate action, health and well-being, economic development, brand reputation.

Public Art in Fingal has been fully documented and properly archived. We understand its influence and impact over time.

There will be new Public Art work in Balbriggan and in key locations across the county.

A number of signature, durational projects will be coming to fruition to mark the opening of Swords Cultural Centre & Public Realm.

We will have established systems to ensure revenues due from private development have been collected and are available to support appropriate public art initiatives.

We will have ensured the capacity within the Arts Office team to develop on Fingal County Council's Public Art ambitions and priorities.

Public Art Commissioning Strands

Fingal County Council commissions Public Art under the following commissioning strands

The Per Cent for Art Scheme

A national initiative where an agreed percentage of the cost of publicly funded capital programme is ringfenced for the commissioning of new artwork in any art form.

Strategic Infrastructure Capital Programmes

Where Fingal County Council has allocated funding towards public art linked to variety of local infrastructural and public realm developments.

Private commercial / residential development

Where a condition of planning in projects over 100 units or 2000sqm is to commission public art.

Policy Context

Fingal County Council operates Public Art Policy 2025 – 2027 sets out a clear vision, purpose and principles around the potential opportunities around Public Art Commissioning

Our Vision

Public Art brings people together and inspires a new appreciation of our communities, and of Fingal as an ambitious, imaginative, compassionate county: a great place to live, work and visit.

Our vision holds our aims to:

- > Foster togetherness, pride and a sense of belonging in people across the county through art.
- > Contribute to the cultural, social, and economic value of Fingal.
- > Be regarded as a destination for Public Art and a model of best practice.
- > Make work of ambition, innovation and audacity led by artists of distinction.
- > Create more Public Art, increase the visibility and accessibility of Public Art and so deepen the understanding and appreciation of Public Art in people's lives.
- > Have a well-resourced, highly skilled, cross-Council team working with clarity, cohesion and a strategic focus to deliver Public Art projects.

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Purpose | What do we need from our strategy?

Public Art encourages us to imagine and experience a place in new ways. It reflects and reveals who we are and what we value, a chronicle of our present that becomes part of our public history and culture.

The purpose of Public Art in Fingal is to explore and celebrate the communities and places of Fingal, enriching an appreciation of our county and of each other, in thoughtful and extraordinary new ways.

Principles

In working towards its vision, true to its purpose, Public Art in Fingal is guided by a strict set of principles that adhere to best standard of practice.

- >Public Art is a professional practice that is artist-led and community-focused.
- >Public Art pursues artistic excellence with imagination and unabashed ambition.
- >Public Art encompasses all art forms.
- >Public Art requires, encourages and enables public engagement.
- >Public Art is for everyone. It is designed to be visible and accessible to all people.
- >Public Art is made with, for and about the people of Fingal in response to a community, situation or place.
- >Public Art responds to the culture and conditions of our time and imagines and enacts new futures.
- >Public Art promotes innovation and sustainability, piloting and pursuing environmentally responsible approaches.

Current Financial Picture

Funding identified under our commissioning strands, some allocated, some spend to be initiated and some currently being gathered.

Per cent for Art Funding	€2,497,598.86
Strategic Infrastructure	€780,000
Private Developer Commercial/ Residential Contribution	€250,000
Total	€3,527,598

Current Public Art Programme of Work

Per cent for Art

Churchfields/ Mulhuddart
Corduff Community Centre
Ballough Place
Project Olive/ Hunstown
Swords R & D for SCC

Strategic Infrastructure

Balbriggan Quay Street/ Harry Reynolds Road
Malahide New Street Public Realm
R&D Swords Public Realm
St Patrick's Way & Art Trail, Skerries

Private Commercial Development

Management of commissioning process for
Arora Group – Dublin Airport Hotel
Vantage Business Park
Horizon Business Park
Cairn Homes – Pipers Square, Niven Oaks,
Hampden Hill
Glenveagh Homes Taylor Hill, Balbriggan
Auburn Woods, Malahide

Strategic Priorities

The successful delivery of an effective Public Art Strategy for Fingal centres on the following Strategic Priorities.

Strategic priority	Financial Management/ Governance	Enable Excellence	Create Connection	Develop Capacity
	Recognising the scope of the investment for the council and the requirements for clear administration and reporting mechanisms to be in place. Roles & Responsibilities communicated and shared across the organisation to support successful delivery	By Developing the capacity of artists and the capabilities of Fingal County Council to deliver on the ambitions for Public Art in the county.	With Communities and places through public art	To ensure the relevant expertise and skillsets and capacity are available for any potential project.
Objectives	Appoint Steering Group who will support the arts office deliver on the strategy through decision making on timelines, identifying funding sources and Allocation of appropriate project teams for successful delivery of projects deemed to be priority as aligned with the Capital Programme and available resources Agree with the Steering group to set up a Public Art Register which will align with both existing and future commissioning programmes associated with the capital programme but also community initiated requests. Develop a countywide Public Art Inventory to support maintenance, de-commissioning	Develop specific strands for Public Art Panel Call outs that build in a professional programme for artists of all abilities to build and develop skills to be able to deliver on the range of opportunities. Develop Team Capacity and insights through partnerships with organisations, international visits and knowledge sharing	Build Public Awareness of Public Art in The County through local, mapping, talks and signage. Develop specific commissioning opportunities to situate artists with communities to co – create work. Public Art Countywide Fund – A developing commissioning fund that will allow communities access to specific funding for Public Art Projects Develop a community commissioning toolkit to empower local communities to commission artists in Fingal with a clear set of guidelines and supports.	Explore a range of tender opportunities to manage specific requests ie Dublin Canvas, Hoardings, Murals Partner with organisations to share resources and knowledge of changing landscapes and practices

Outcomes	The Steering Group will agree the operational register of public art projects	That Fingal is confident that work will be delivered at a high standard, that opportunities for potential commissions will be open to as many artists and artforms regardless of their career stage.	A digital Map of Public Art in Fingal (especially private)	A dedicated Public Art Core Team made up of a range of expertise – curatorial, production, project management, community engagement.
	The Steering Group will provide decision making and direction and agree programmes of work allocating resources and agreeing timelines	Our work will feed into the Department of Department of Culture, Communications and Sport and the Arts Council's Public Art Unit	Community Engagement with Public Art Programme at SCC/SCQ	
	A Countywide register of all public art in Fingal will be set up with a maintenance plan	Profiled on National Platforms such as Publicart.ie	Communities feeling empowered and supported to commission work in collaboration with Fingal County Council for their area or interest.	

Implementation of Public Art Strategy

Steering Group Appointed

Public Art Project Register is set up

Programme Priorities identified in line with capital programme

Budgets identified/confirmed/ project management resources allocated, timelines agreed

Call for Artists – Public Art Panel Call Out outlining specific Categories, Career Stages/ Including specific supports offered.

Public Art Countywide fund

Partnering with Creative Producer Programme with Kunstervein Aughrim to work on research commissioning case studies to deliver potential community commissioning toolkit which we can review and test on above as a pilot.

Public Art Collection Inventory with maintenance plans in place

Reporting and Engagement Department of Culture Communications & Sport and The Arts Council through its All Ireland Government Public Art Policy and the Public Art Unit

Steering Group Appointed

Public Art Project Register Created

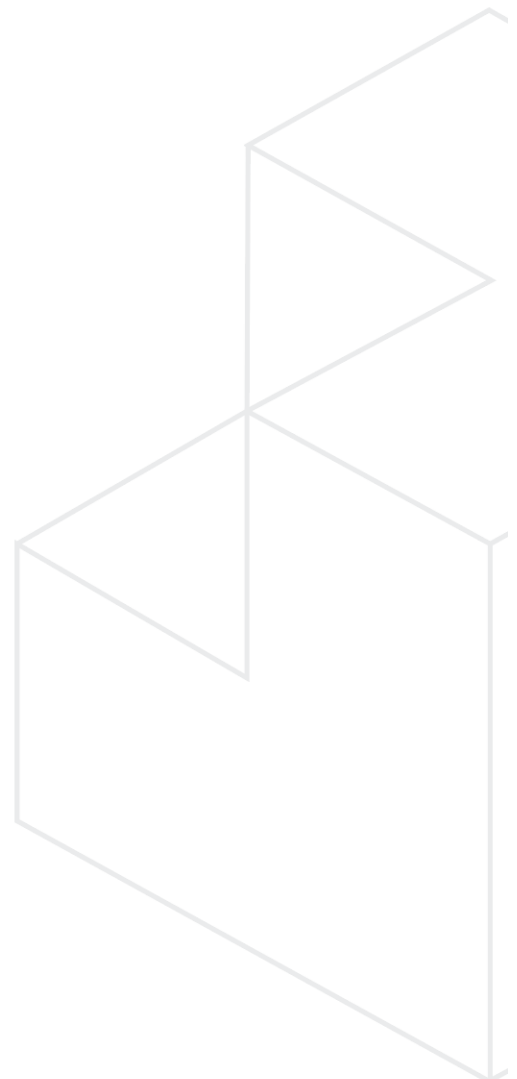
Programme Priorities Identified

**Budgets + Project
Management Confirmed**

Call for Artists Issued

Creative Producer Partnership

Reporting & Engagement



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