

Fingal Public Art Strategy

2025-2027

Building on 20 Years of Excellence and Ambition

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall

Fingal County Council



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Our Four Strategic Priorities

Our Core Principles

1

Artistic Excellence

Pursues artistic excellence with imagination and unabashed ambition.

2

Community-Focused

Artist-led, and made with, for, and about the people of Fingal.

3

Accessible for All

Art is for everyone. It is designed to be visible and accessible to all people.

4

Sustainable & Innovative

Responds to our time and pursues environmentally responsible approaches.

The successful delivery of our strategy centres on these four key pillars.

A New Vision for 2027

To be recognised as leading Public Art practice in Ireland. More people will experience art as something to be part of, not apart from them. We will foster pride and belonging across the county.



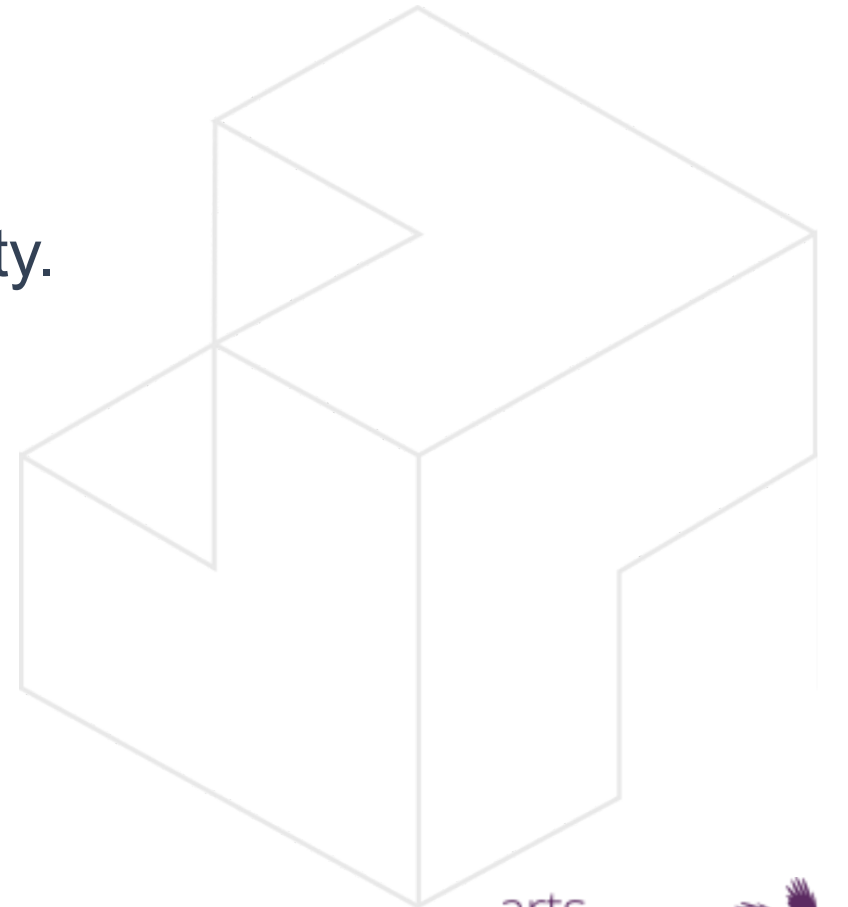
Our Guiding Policy

Our Vision

Public Art brings people together and inspires a new appreciation of our communities and of Fingal as an ambitious, imaginative, compassionate county.

Our Purpose

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.



Public Art Commissioning Strands

1

Per Cent for Art

From the cost of publicly funded capital programmes.

2

Strategic Infrastructure

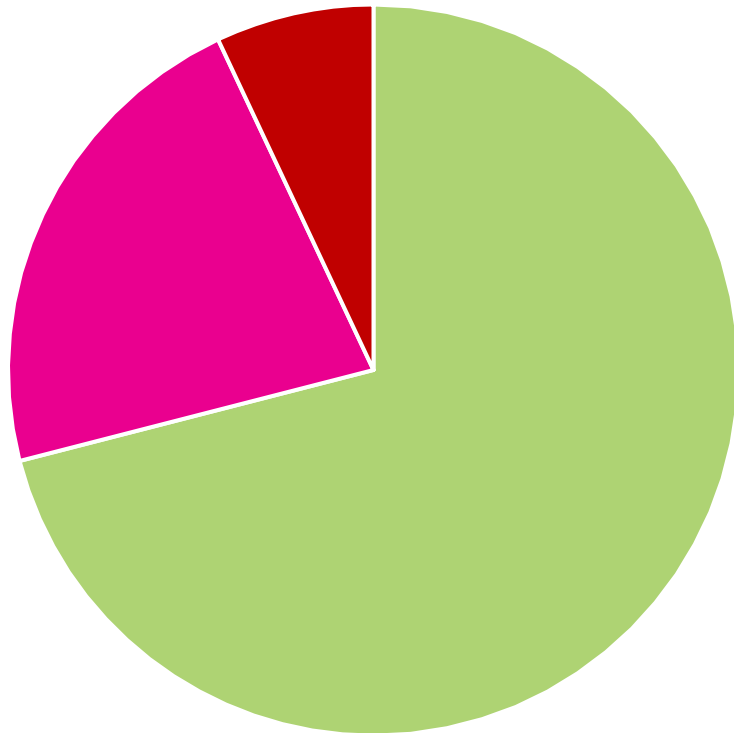
Linked to local infrastructural and public realm developments.

3

Private Development

Contributions from commercial and residential projects.

Current Financial Picture



- **Per Cent for Art (71%) - €2,497,599**
- **Strategic Infrastructure (22%) - €780,000**
- **Private Contributions (7%) - €250,000**

A total of €3,527,598 is identified to support our public art initiatives.



Current Programme of Work

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

Churchfields/ Mulhuddart

Per Cent for Art

Churchfields/Mulhuddart

Corduff Community Centre

Ballough Place, Lusk

Swords CC/Public Realm R&D

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Private Commercial Development

Arora Group – Dublin Airport Hotel

Vantage Business Park

Horizon Business Park

Glenveagh Homes – Taylor Hill, Balbriggan

Cairn Homes – Pipers Square, Niven Oaks, Hampden Hill

Auburn Woods, Malahide



Our Four Strategic Pillars

Details

1

Financial Management & Governance

Recognising the scope of investment and requirements for clear administration and reporting.

2

Enable Excellence

Developing the capacity of artists and the capabilities of Fingal County Council to deliver on ambitions.

3

Create Connection

Building connections with communities and places through the co-creation of public art.

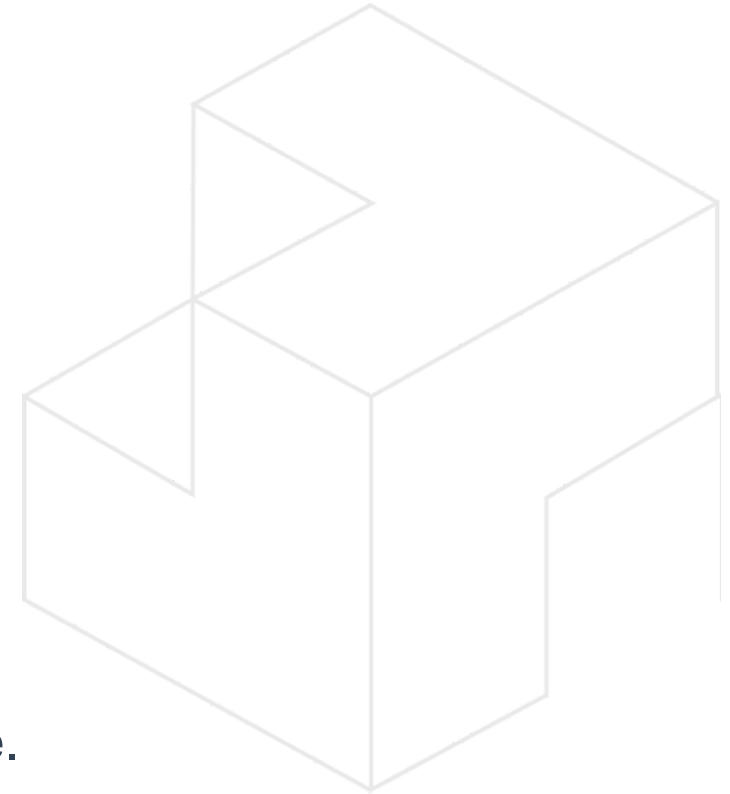
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Develop Capacity

Ensuring the relevant expertise, skillsets, and capacity are available for all potential projects.

Key Objectives & Actions

- Appoint a Steering Group to guide the strategy.
- Establish a Public Art Register for all new and future projects.
- Develop a countywide Public Art Inventory for maintenance.
- Launch new Public Art Panel Call Outs for artists.
- Build public awareness through digital mapping, talks, and signage.
- Empower communities with a new Countywide Fund and Commissioning Toolkit.



PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

2025-2027

Steering Group Appointed

Public Art Project
Register Created

Programme Priorities Identified

Budgets + Project
Management Confirmed

Call for Artists Issued

Creative Producer Partnership

Reporting & Engagement



Implementation: First Steps



What Success Looks Like (Outcomes)

Governance & Excellence

A complete countywide register of all public art with a maintenance plan.

High-standard work delivered and profiled on national platforms including Publicart.ie.

Connection & Capacity

A dedicated, expert Public Art Core Team.

A digital map of all public art in Fingal.

Communities feeling empowered and supported to commission work.

Strong community engagement, especially at SCC/SCQ.

On the Horizon

Signature, durational projects will mark the opening of the new Swords Cultural Centre & Public Realm, alongside new Public Art work in Balbriggan and key locations across the county.



