

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Arts, Culture, Heritage and Community Strategic Policy Committee

Wednesday 29th March 2023

Item No. 8

Literary Festival for Fingal

Councillor J. Hopkins - AI088919

“That the Chief Executive make provisions for an Annual Arts and Literary Festival in Fingal, the goal would be to bring writers, artists and musicians to the next stage of their emerging development and share with a wider audience.”

Reply:

The Council through advice and financial support have supported many literacy and arts festivals in Fingal over the years. These include: The Howth Literary Festival, Skerries Soundwaves Festival, Fingal Poetry Festival, the Dublin 15 Community Arts Festival, Scoil Seamus Ennis and others.

Libraries have also supported a number of festivals, namely the Children's Literature Festival first held in September 2022, with a date for the 16th of September 2023 in Swords Castle. The Writetime Festival will be held across all library branches in Fingal in September 2023.

The Council will continue to offer financial support and advice to those, individuals and groups, who wish to organise quality literary and arts events in Fingal.

Source of Reply:

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