

Fingal Sports Office Vision Statement 2019-2021

Fingal County Council Sports Office part of Sport Ireland, Network of Sports Partnerships

The purpose of this Vision Statement is to build on the existing work of the Fingal County Council Sports Office. It is based on our vision to build stronger, healthier and more sustainable sporting communities across Fingal. It is intended as an interim policy statement to allow us to carry out certain functions and procedures as outlined in the Government of Ireland “National Sports Strategy 2018 – 2027”. These procedures include a facility audit, which will help inform the basis of ‘Local Sports Plans’ as outlined in the National Policy Document.

Council of Europe definition of sport: "Sport" means all forms of physical activity which, through casual or organised participation, aim at expressing or improving physical fitness and mental well-being, forming social relationships or obtaining results in competition at all levels”.

Our Vision

Fingal - a county where sport is at the heart of all in society and creates a positive impact on individuals and communities.

Our guiding principles:

Partnership, Teamwork, Equality, Capacity Building, Evidence Based, Sustainability and Accountability

Our values:

Honesty, Respect, Integration, Openness, Inclusion and Ambition

Our Aims :

To create effective pathways for all citizens, to participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, prioritising target groups.

Work in partnership with Industry experts to research, plan, develop, deliver and evaluate projects and programmes.

Continue to prioritise training and development for sports volunteers, staff and those working at every level in the delivery of sport in Fingal.

To provide a ‘best in class’ mass participation schools sports and education platform within Fingal

Research and support the development of a network of accessible, high quality facilities to meet the needs of Fingal’s growing communities.

Establish effective leadership strategies, involving partnership with public, private, corporate and voluntary sectors.

We will achieve this by:

1. Partnership working:

Sport Ireland (SI) has recognised that Sports Partnerships are an excellent mechanism for delivering sport to local people. Fingal Sports Office is part of the Sport Ireland network of Local Sports Partnerships and receives funding and support from SI to achieve its identified functions:

- Providing local sports education and information.
- Increasing participation at all levels.
- Creation and implementation of plans for long term local sports development.
- The establishment of a sustainable structure to assist all those involved in local sports development.
- Delivery of projects and programmes particularly for target groups.

We will continue to work closely with a wide range of stakeholders including NGBs, various FCC Departments, HSE, Schools, Colleges, Youth Services, Disability Organisations, Garda Síochána, Government Departments and others as appropriate.

We will also continue our partnership with a number of National Governing Bodies (NGBs) to engage specific ‘Sport in the Community Development Officers’ who are dedicated to coordinating and implementing the widest range of inclusive sports programmes and club development initiatives. Sport is a way of reaching people and engaging them in activities that support them to achieve outcomes beyond sport.

Some of our many partners use sport in this way to: to help reduce crime / anti-social behaviour, improve health, combat social isolation, building relationships and for many other reasons. This therefore creates a mechanism whereby both the NGB and Fingal County Council (FCC) Sports and Community Development objectives can be achieved.

Strategic themes and goals

	Strategic goals	Objectives	Actions
	Participation	To create effective pathways for all citizens, to participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, prioritising target groups.	<i>Develop and deliver a range of age/ability- specific programmes with specific emphasis on target groups</i>
			<i>Work with our partners/ key stakeholders to continue to support and deliver programmes aimed at increasing participation with emphasis on key target groups</i>
			<i>Continue to support and deliver</i>

			<i>Sports Conditioning and related programmes in primary schools and other community settings.</i>
			<i>Identify pathways that will promote greater inclusiveness in sport and physical activity</i>
			<i>Develop and deliver a range of inclusive and specialised participation programmes aimed at people with disability</i>
			<i>Secure budgets and roll out funding schemes to provide funding for sports clubs and organisations</i>
			<i>Monitor and evaluate all project, programmes and funding mechanisms</i>
	Training & Development	To continue to prioritise training and development for Sports volunteers, staff and those working with specific target groups, including supporting teachers and those involved in education/educators (including those working with people with disabilities PDW) to deliver a range of sporting and physical activities. Utilising various technologies and methods.	<i>Continue to develop and expand the (Moodle) Healthy Fingal Learning Portal as a training tool for those involved in the delivery of sport at every level.</i>
			<i>Work with our partners/ key stakeholders to continue to support and deliver coaching and education courses that enhance and raise the level of coaching / training in Fingal.</i>
			<i>Delivery of a specialised TY Fitness and Football Course.</i>
			<i>Monitor and evaluate training and development programmes and initiatives.</i>
	Facilities	To support the development of a network of accessible, high quality facilities to meet the needs of Fingal's growing communities	<i>Consult, provide advice and support on new and existing Community Sports Facilities when requested.</i>
			<i>Assist in the promotion and usage of facilities through delivery of</i>

			<i>quality programmes in partnership with key stakeholders in the community.</i>
			<i>Promote the use of shared facilities between schools, clubs and community groups.</i>
			<i>Provide sports training and support to facility staff to ensure facilities are used to their full potential.</i>
			<i>Support programme initiatives to increase access to, and usage of, school facilities.</i>
		<i>Support the development of new multi-sport facility in the County.</i>	<i>Carry out Facility audit / mapping of facilities to assess demand and inform planning of facility(ies)</i>
	Partnership and Leadership	Establish effective leadership strategies, involving partnership with public, private, corporate and voluntary sectors	<i>Sustain and build excellent working partnerships amongst all stakeholders within Fingal County Council departments and external agencies.</i>
		<i>Build a sustainable approach to sports development.</i>	<i>Identify and work with key agencies and NGBs to promote the social, economic and strategic benefits of sport.</i>
			<i>Establish relationships with other local authorities in Ireland and internationally to implement innovative programmes to increase participation and create models of best practice.</i>
			<i>Monitor progress of all aspects of leadership.</i>
			<i>Use our large database of testing results from SportsCon to influence and shape national policy going forward</i>
	Communications	To work with our colleagues to promote a positive message of Sport, Community Development, and the work carried out by the Sports office supported by various digital technology platforms	<i>Continue to develop and expand the (Moodle) Healthy Fingal Learning Portal</i>
			<i>Work with our colleagues in FCC</i>

			<i>and others to promote a positive message of Sport and the work completed by the Sports office</i>
			<i>Utilising a variety of mediums with emphasis on digital platforms to promote sport in the community</i>
			<i>Create a system of communication between Fingal County Council Departments that increases the impact of the Sports Office and maximises the benefits of other departments for Sports.</i>
			<i>Enhance the Fingal Brand in our sports programmes and activities.</i>

This Vision Statement was developed taking into consideration a wide range of policies and strategies and plans at local and national level including:

- National Sports Policy 2018 – 2027
- Get Ireland Active – National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland
- A Healthy Weight for Ireland – Obesity Policy Action Plan
- Fingal County Council Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019
- Irish Sports Monitor 2017
- Sport Ireland Policy on Participation in Sport for People with Disabilities
- Sport Ireland Policy on Women in Sport
- Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018 - 2023
- Healthy Ireland – Fingal Strategic Plan 2018 - 2020

