

Our Balbriggan - Community Development Pillar - 2025 - 2030				
HIGH LEVEL OBJECTIVE: 'To continue making Balbriggan an ambitious, confident, safe and inclusive community where all people can realise their full potential. To plan, assist and collaborate in the development of services and improve interagency cooperation to achieve this' - Our Balbriggan Strategy				
No	Pillar Action	Intended Result	Lead partner (s)	Support partners
Theme 1: Family Support and Early YearsPromoting collaboration and advocacy to ensure more effective accessible childcare, disability, and family support services.				
1.1	Identify and develop evidence based options for a Community element, as part of planned Town Centre development at 6 - 14a Bridge Street.	A viable proposal with identified funding sources,which leads to a vibrant town centre space, providing a range of community activities.	HSE, Foroige, DDLETB, Balbriggan Community Council, Community & Voluntary Groups, Empower, Aster Family Resource Centre, FCYPSC (Members), Fingal County Council	
1.2	Research comissioned into the level of creche provision in Balbriggan, including “not for profit”.	Improved future planning of early years services.	FCYPSC (Members), HSE, Aster Family Resource Centre	Fingal County Council
1.3	To quantify and respond to the issue of support services for children and young people on waiting lists for mental health and disability services. Ensure to the greatest extent possible, access to essential resources, coping strategies, and referrals during these periods.	Improved interim (and permanent) support services developed for children on disability and mental health assessment waiting lists.	HSE, (Children's Disability Network Team Balbiggan)	Foroige DDLETB, Community Council, Empower, Aster Family Resource Centre, FCYPSC
Theme 2: Youth - Empowering young people by amplifying their voices in decision-making, providing safe public spaces, and ensuring access to comprehensive youth services				
2.1	Develop a Balbriggan Youth Council	Youth Council established and meets regularly, with formal role in collaborating with Fingal County Council (and other publically funded bodies) to influence youth-related policies and programmes.	Foróige, DDLETB, NDRDATF, Empower, Youthreach, Schools, Tidy Towns.	Fingal County Council
2.2	MUGA - Multi Use Games Area and additional seating, play features in open spaces.	MUGA (minimum x2) seating and play features installed.	Fingal County Council C/O, Operations & EETCD Our Balbriggan Office	DDLETB, Foróige, Sports Clubs, Residents Associations, Balbriggan Community Council.
2.3	Leverage the Creative Balbriggan programme to develop new initiatives aimed at involving young people in the Arts.	Signifincant increase in young people (incl young adults up to 25) accessing, developing and programming Arts activities in Balbriggan.	Fingal County Council c/o Balbriggan Creative Places Scheme (Arts Council)	Balbriggan Library (FCC), Schools, DDLETB, Foróige, Empower, Youthreach, Irish Institute of Music & Song, SCEAL, Balbriggan Music Generation.
2.4	Investigate Multi-Purpose Teen provision, as part of Community Resources Hub (see Action 1)	Multipurpose Teen space in Town Centre.	DDLETB, Foroige.	Balbriggan Community Council, Fingal County Council, Empower.
2.5	Public awareness campaign about the positive role of teenagers in the Community.	Public awareness campaign launched	Balbriggan Youth Council (newly established)	Foroige, DDLETB, NDRDATF, Fingal County Council, Empower, Youthreach, Schools
Theme 3: Inclusion and Integration - Fostering an inclusive, safe, connected and vibrant community by improving transport, expanding access to outdoor spaces, and promoting social engagement for all residents				
3.1	Establish a Balbriggan Inclusive Policing Forum.	Balbriggan Inclusive Policing Forum established to facilitate a partnership approach to community policing issues and encouraging the active involvement of representatives from diverse / minority communities.	An Garda Síochána	Fingal County Council, Cairde, Balbriggan Integration Forum, Community and Voluntary Groups representing minority groups, Foroige.
3.2	Launch a town-wide initiative to promote volunteerism, actively promoting opportunities, raising awareness, and building a strong culture of community involvement.	Engage and match a minimum of 200 volunteers to new opportunities / organisations over a three year period.	Fingal Volunteer Centre & Fingal County Council Community Department.	All Community & Voluntary Groups in Balbriggan.

3.3	Raise community awareness about upcoming events, town developments, community services and local resources.	Instalation of a minimum of three, regularly updated public notice boards.	Balbriggan Community Council & Community Partners	Fingal County Council, SMART Balbriggan, local business.
3.4	A town-wide inclusivity programme that includes diverse cultural events, ensures diverse representation in leadership, and gathers regular feedback to ensure all groups feel valued and integral to the community.	Inclusivity programme for Balbriggan developed.	Cairde, Balbriggan Integration Forum, Community and Voluntary Groups representing minority groups, Foroige.	Fingal County Council
3.5	Increase in free, family-friendly spaces .	Inclusive annual programme of activity in new Quay Street, Harbour Plaza.	Fingal County Council C/O Operations, PSI & EETCD - Tourism	Balbriggan Historical Society, Balbriggan Tidy Towns, Community and Voluntary Groups
3.6	Make representation for improved public transport particularly on the east side of the town (Fancourt Heights, Craoibhinn Park, Derham Park), and in the newer estates to the NW.	Existing bus routes improved and expanded.	Pillar Group	Fingal County Council, NTA, Bus Eireann
<i>Policy Context: Social Spaces and Youth Services for Young People in Balbriggan (DCU, 2024); "Double Disadvantage: Reduced Access to Early Childhood Care and Education for Children at Risk of Poverty in Fingal (FCYPSC); Fingal Volunteering Strategy 2020-2025; Our Balbriggan Communciation Strategy 2025-2029; Migrant Integration and Social Cohesian Strategy 2019-2024; LGBT Strategic Plan 2023-2027 - Making Ireland the Best Place in Europe to be LGBTQI+; Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy 2024-2034; FCC Active Travel Plan and Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy 2024-2034.</i>				