



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND...

## The Skerries Community Association Limited

### Public Meeting Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 10am - 1pm Little Theatre

- 10.00 AGM\*
- 11.00 Jim Quigley Community Group of the Year Award
- 11.30 Exhibition of work of SCA and subcommittees,
- 1.00 Meeting Closes



Coffee, tea and morning snack served from 11.15

\*Visit the Community Centre for procedures on motions and election nominations. Copies of Chairperson's Statement 2009 AGM minutes and Financial Statement will be available at the Community Centre from the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

[www.skerriesca.com](http://www.skerriesca.com)

The Skerries Community Association Limited (SCA) is the umbrella group for a host of diverse subcommittees, each of which helps to improve our town in a different way. Hundreds of volunteers busy themselves all year with various projects including the management of our biggest asset, the Community Centre and its adjoining facilities.

*So who does what exactly?*

- **The Board of Management of the Community Centre** oversees the day to day management of the Centre, Old School and outdoor sports facilities. Twenty staff including manager Sharon Guinane, are employed, serving about sixty different clubs and groups. All the facilities are legally owned by Fingal County Council, apart from the Old School which is owned by Skerries Community Association. This year the Old School and car park have been refurbished. See [www.skerriescommunitycentre.ie](http://www.skerriescommunitycentre.ie) for their Autumn programme.
- **Skerries Training and Employment Scheme (STEPS)** oversees the training and employment of FÁS workers by community/sports organisations in the town. Ten such workers are assigned to the Community Centre. They have been responsible for the recent redecoration of the Old School. We are very grateful for this. STEPS is entirely funded by FÁS.
- **Skerries Tidy Towns** works constantly to present Skerries at a high standard in the national Tidy Towns competition. Our town has won the regional award for the past 15 years. The gap between Skerries and the national winner is narrowing every year.

- **Skerries Soundwaves 2010** will see the festival spread out over three weekends from 10th to 26th September. The festival highlights include an Equinox Night Parade, fireworks, huge street party, Night at the Opera, Lego exhibition, puppets, Frankly Sinatra Concert, fun cycle and Céilí. Find us on facebook! To volunteer contact [skerriessoundwavesfestival@gmail.com](mailto:skerriessoundwavesfestival@gmail.com)
- **Skerries Cycling Initiative (SCI)** helped Fingal CC to secure €750k for a coastal and rural circulation route linking Balbriggan and Skerries. The SCI is now one of the most proactive and effective cycling lobby groups in the country. The group has also organised cycling trials and entered teams for the community games while continuing its tradition of 'fun cycles'.
- **Sustainable Skerries** was founded in 2009 to help Skerries to become a more sustainable and resilient community. Our newest subcommittee has grown dramatically to include all manner of activities such as allotments, community gardening, energy efficiency and a move towards renewable sources of energy.
- **The Little Theatre Refurbishment Group** is focussed on raising the funds to transform the Little Theatre into a modern and flexible performance space.
- In May 2010 the **Skerries Rás Stage End Committee** organised the finish of the FBD Insurance Rás in Skerries for the fifth year in a row and held a magnificent Street Party to celebrate. Several thousand people attended this national cycling event.
- **Skerries Town Twinning**, established in 1992, joined us as a subcommittee this year and we are delighted to have them. This year they organised a sports exchange for a group of teenagers from Guichen (our twin town in Brittany) who spent a week sampling the sporting delights of Skerries.
- **Crann Phádraig** promotes broad leaf planting and assists with Turvey Urban Forest.

The SCA Board of directors (15 people in all) acts as a corporate steward of all of the above, supporting subcommittees, lobbying public bodies for services/facilities and initiating new projects when the need arises eg Water Quality Project. We spend a great deal of time communicating with Fingal County Council. We are hugely indebted to the Council for continuing to support our community in so many ways.

Perhaps our most important role is to keep everyone in the community informed about what is going on. Our **community newsflash service** sent out over 400 newsflashes this year. At the moment we have 600 people on our mailing list. To join just email [info@skerriesca.com](mailto:info@skerriesca.com) We also upgraded our website this year and work hard to keep it up to date.

### **Interested in becoming involved?**

Despite all of the above, many people in the town are not aware of what we are doing. We want to engage with a much wider section of the community. Become a member by signing the membership book in the Skerries Community Centre or on our website [www.skerriesca.com](http://www.skerriesca.com) and take an active role in the future of Skerries. Every person living in Skerries aged over 18 is encouraged to join and ***it is free.***