



# Community sports hubs

# 2021

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Offaly Sports Partnership is a multi-sectoral subcommittee of Offaly County Council. It is hosted by the Community & Culture Section of Offaly County Council; and receives its core funding from Sport Ireland.

## Fáilte / Welcome

The South Offaly Sports Hub (operating out of the Crinkle Sport and Recreation Centre) supported the delivery of a range of outreach programmes to schools, clubs, organisations and the local community as well as continuing to secure greater usage of their facilities.

The Sports Partnership's second Sports Hub was established in Daingean in 2021. The Daingean Sports Hub operates out of the new Daingean Sports Hall located on the grounds of Daingean GAA. A Community Sports Hub Coordinator was appointed in Daingean in the latter half of the year.

Both Community Sports Hubs are supported from Dormant Accounts funding secured by Sport Ireland.



Established with the support of Dormant Accounts funding from 2017 to 2021, the South Offaly Sports Hub continued to outreach physical activity and sport programmes to low income communities in Birr and its environs. Among the programmes outreached were: -

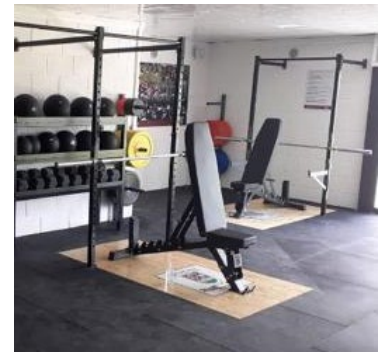
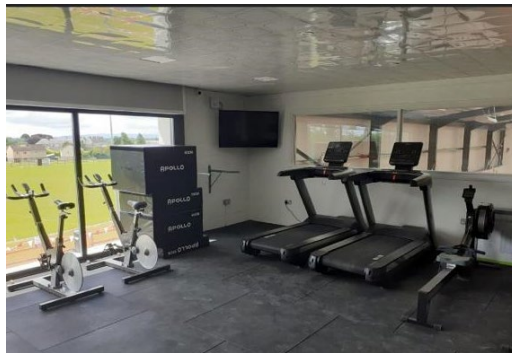
- spring / summer and autumn / winter fitness programmes in 15 schools
- fitness classes, strength and conditioning programmes and recreational sporting programmes for adults and older adults



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Dormant Account funding from Sport Ireland allowed Offaly Sports Partnership to establish its second community sports hub in Daingean.

While Covid19 restrictions did result in delays in the establishment of the Daingean Sports Hub, capital investment allowed for the purchase of gym equipment to support the delivery of fitness, strength and conditioning programmes for adults, older adults and young people.



*Daingean Sports Hub gym*

A limited number of outreach physical activity and sport programmes were also delivered in Daingean and its environs in the second half of the year. Among the programmes outreached were: -

- grant aided physical activity programmes in Daingean National School and Daingean Childcare; and
- exercise and recreational sporting programmes for adults, older adults and young people including boxing and boxercise, Gaelic for mothers and others, spin programmes with Grand Canal Wheelers, strength and conditioning programmes for various clubs, walking, yoga and Zumba.

Daingean Sports Hub also hosted our annual inclusive multi-sport camp for children with disabilities and their siblings; while “*return to sport*” funding was shared among local clubs to encourage a return to sport as restrictions eased.

For more information on the work of the Daingean sports hub, search Facebook / Daingean Community Sports Hub