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Offaly Sports Partnership Annual Report for 2014 Launched

At its recent Annual General Meeting, Offaly Sports Partnership launched its Annual Report for 2014. This report covers a sample of the large range of programmes / activities that Offaly Sports Partnership facilitates among clubs, individuals, organisations and schools in the county. Among the programmes / activities highlighted in the annual report for 2014 are its sports inclusion development programme, recreational running and cycling programmes for adults, the promotion of physical activity across the population of the county, and the ongoing integration programmes and activities of the partnership. The 2014 Annual Report of Offaly Sports Partnership is now available online www.offalysports.ie/Publications.

At its meeting, Mary Duffy of Laois / Offaly Families for Autism was welcomed to the board of Offaly Sports Partnership. Mary will now represent the disability sector, replacing Kathleen Carroll of the Irish Wheelchair Association. Tributes were paid to Ms Carroll on her work with the partnership in recent years.

Officers for the board of Offaly Sports Partnership for the coming year will be: -

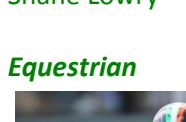
Miriam O Callaghan – Chair
Jude Feehan – Vice Chair
Eamonn Henry – Offaly Sports Partnership Coordinator / Secretary
Barry Keegan – Financial Monitor

These officers will be joined by Monica Cleary of Offaly County Council and a sports representative on the executive of the partnership.

Congratulations from Offaly Sports Partnership

Offaly Sports Partnership would like to congratulate the following athletes on their recent successes:

Golf



Shane Lowry

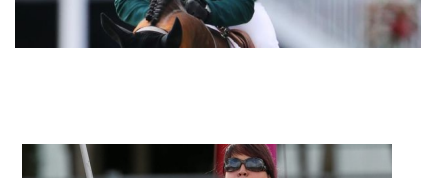


Alan Lowry



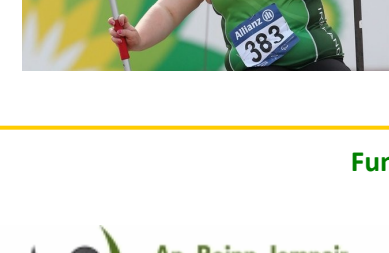
Stuart Grehan

Equestrian



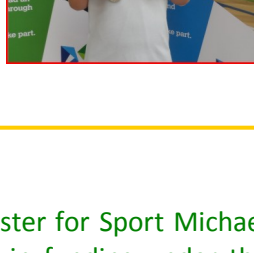
Darragh Kenny

Paralympics

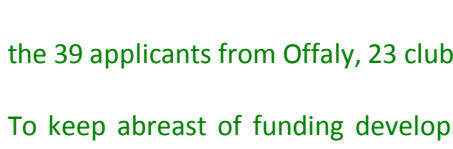


Lorraine Regan
(athletics - Javelin)

Nicole Turner
(swimming)



Funding secured by clubs in Offaly



On Thursday 8th October, Minister for Sport Michael Ring TD announced €41million in funding under the Sports Capital Programme 2015. This is the third round of sports capital funding allocated under Minister Ring, following suspension of the programme under the previous administration from 2008 - 2011. Of the 39 applicants from Offaly, 23 clubs shared €737,139 between them.

To keep abreast of funding developments, please keep an eye on our [website](http://www.offalysports.ie), [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/OffalySportsPartnership) and Twitter (@OffalySP) feeds. Alternatively, please contact the office by [email](mailto:info@offalysports.ie) to update your club contact details (when updating your club details, please leave your club name, club contact, contact number, contact email, website and social media feeds).

Notes for clubs, facilities, groups and organisations on our database

Offaly Sports Partnership's databases

Offaly Sports Partnership is currently in the process of updating its clubs, facilities, groups, organisations and schools' databases.

Clubs and facilities, please review the clubs and facilities directories online and advise of any changes by [email](mailto:info@offalysports.ie).

Schools, groups and organisations, if you are concerned that the Partnership may have incorrect details for your school, group or organisation, please contact us by [email](mailto:info@offalysports.ie) to update your details.

Please also be advised that due to cost cutting measures, all future Offaly Sports Partnership correspondence in relation to our programmes will be carried out by email, therefore please furnish the partnership with a club / organisation / school email address for our records.

Child protection training

THE IRISH SPORTS COUNCIL



AN CHORHAIRLE SPÓIRT

In 2015, the Irish Sports Council (ISC) changed the structure of its Child Welfare Protection (Code of Ethics) workshops for Clubs. The details of the three stages of training are outlined below: -



Safeguarding 1 - Child Welfare and Protection Basic Awareness Course This course educates participants on the implementation of best practice in protecting the welfare of children involved in sport.

Safeguarding 2 - Club Children's Officer (CCO) This course will help the CCO to carry out the functions of their role in the club and support the implementation of best practice in the club. Participants will also receive a CCO action planning document as part of the training.

CCOs should be child centred in focus and have as the primary aim the establishment of a child centred ethos within the club. They are the link between the children and the adults in the club. They are also responsible for monitoring and reporting to the Club Management Committee on how club policy impacts on young people and Sports Leaders

Safeguarding 3 - Designated Liaison Person (DLP) The third part of the ISC's Child Welfare and Protection Training Programme is the **DLP workshop**.

The DLP is the person responsible for dealing with any concerns about the protection of children; and is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse to TULSA Child and Family Agency or Social Services (NI) and/or An Garda Síochána/PSNI. The organisation's child protection policy and procedures should include the name and contact details of the DLP and the responsibilities attached to the role.

All coaches and volunteers should complete Safeguarding 1. All CCOs and DLPs must first complete the Safeguarding 1 before completing Safeguarding 2 or 3.

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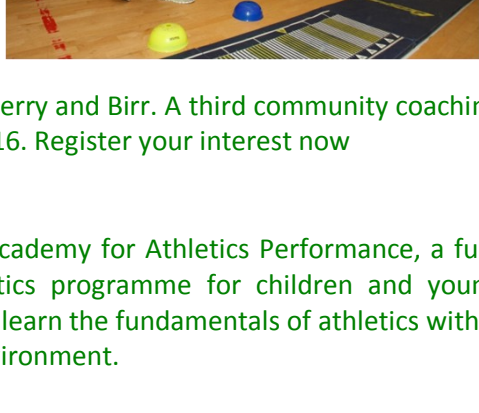
Local projects / programmes

Offaly Sports Partnership delivers a range of projects and programmes in Offaly catering for a wide variety of target groups. Among these target groups are: -

- Adults
- Low income communities (*priority target group*)
- Older people (*priority target group*)
- People of an ethnic minority (*priority target group*)
- People with a disability (*priority target group*)
- Primary school pupils and Post primary students
- The unemployed (*priority target group*)
- Travellers (*priority target group*)
- Women and girls (*priority target group*)
- Youth at risk (*priority target group*)

Programmes on offer for some of these target groups include: -

- Athletics programmes in schools including fitness testing, Fit School Monitor and SPORTSHALL Athletics.

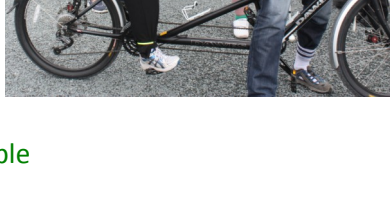
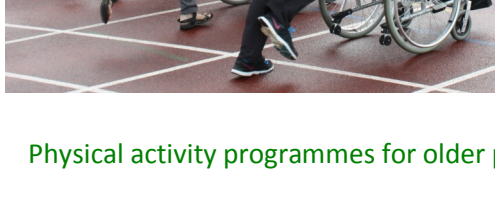


- Community Coaching programmes in Edenderry and Birr. A third community coaching programme will take place from January 2016. Register your interest now

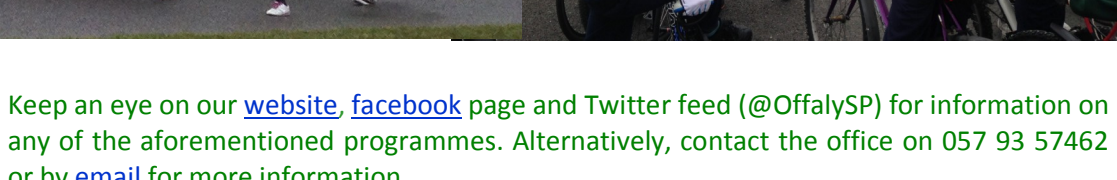


- Integrated Academy for Athletic Performance, a fun, introductory athletics programme for children and young people where they learn the fundamentals of athletics within a multi cultural environment.

- Physical activity programmes for people with disabilities




- Physical activity programmes for older people
- Recreational walking, running and cycling groups




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Upcoming events



Community Childcare Services Ltd



Daingean Youth Club

Daingean Community Childcare Services, Daingean Youth Club and Daingean Playground Committee (with the support of Offaly Sports Partnership and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs), will be hosting a:-

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR PLAY DAY ON
SATURDAY, 31ST OCTOBER
FROM 2PM TO 5PM
IN DAINGEAN TOWN HALL
ALL WELCOME

FANCY DRESS, HALLOWEEN GAMES, TREASURE TRAILS AND A WITCH'S GROTTO FOR THE HAUNTING

Contact Daingean Community Childcare Services on 057 93 53692 for more information

Offaly Sports Partnership is supporting the delivery of a Halloween Spooktacular Play Day on Saturday, 31st October from 2 to 5pm in Daingean Town Hall. Come along and join in the Halloween fun.

Offaly Sports Partnership is supporting the delivery of a number of events as part of Offaly Mental Health Talk Week 2015 which takes place from the 1st to 8th November. Join us and the rest of the Offaly Mental Health Talk Week team at their events to find out how you can look after your mental health.



OMHTW COMMITTEE would like to invite you to the OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF OFFALY MENTAL HEALTH TALK WEEK 2015

With GURVAN DEMPSEY LEINSTER RUGBY COACH on

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 7pm - TULLAMORE LIBRARY

All are welcome to attend

www.omhtw.ie @OMHTW






Offaly Sports Partnership and Fizzical present:-

"The more you move, the better you feel"
(an interactive talk with light exercise on the benefits of physical activity for positive mental health presented by Frank Fahy of Fizzical)

on **Monday, 2nd November** at **7.30pm** in the **Daingean National School Hall**

For more information, contact: -
Offaly Sports Partnership on 057 93 46843 or by [email](mailto:info@offalysports.ie)
Eileen Mc Keever on 057 93 51019

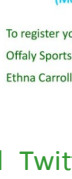
Offaly Sports Partnership and Offaly Mental Health Talk Week present: -

"Positive Mental Health, The more you move, the better your mood"
(presented by Keith Begley, Exercise Psychologist and Home School Liaison, Tullamore College)

on **Tuesday, 3rd November** at **7pm** in **The Charleville Centre**

Parents and teenagers welcome to attend this free event

For more information, contact: -
Offaly Sports Partnership on 057 93 57462 or by [email](mailto:info@offalysports.ie)
Ethna Carroll on 057 91 20540





Offaly Sports Partnership, Offaly Mental Health Talk Week and Lough Boora Discovery Park will be hosting a walk to conclude Offaly Mental Health Talk Week 2015: -

Enjoy the beauty in Boora with a nurturing walk on **Sunday 8th November** at **12pm** in **Lough Boora Discovery Park**
(Meet at the visitor centre at 11.45am)

To register your interest in attending, contact: -
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Offaly Sports Partnership is a sub group of Offaly County Council, funded by the Irish Sports Council and hosted by the Local Community Development section of Offaly County Council.