



## WINTER 2015 E Z I N E

### Greetings for the new year

Nollaig Shóna Duit agus Áthbhliain fé shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh ó Offaly Sports Partnership  
(Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours from all at Offaly Sports Partnership)

### Operation Transformation National Walk



Kick start your Operation Transformation and join Offaly Sports Partnership on Saturday, 10th January 2015 from 9.30am (walk 10am sharp) in Cloghan GAA Club

The Operation Transformation National Walk 2015 takes place on Saturday, 10th January at 10am along the Cloghan Slí na Sláinte.

Meet at Cloghan GAA from 9.30am. Club mates, families, friends, people with disabilities all welcome.

Come along and kick start your Operation Transformation.



### Congratulatory notes to local sports people



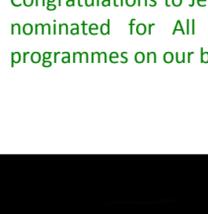
Local Olympian Pauline Curley defied the odds to win the national marathon title at this year's Dublin City Marathon. At 46 years of age and following recent surgery Pauline showed no ill effects to take the title and goes into the record books as the oldest person ever to hold a national marathon title.



Congratulations to local Olympian James Nolan. James has been Head of Performance Athletic with Paralympics Ireland since 2010 and has overseen the growth of high performance athletics since then. The nine person team which James managed in Doha won seven medals in total (three gold, one silver and three bronze).



Lorraine Regan from Kilcormac was the sole representative from the county to represent Ireland at the World Paralympic Track & Field Championship in Doha. Competing in her first senior global event Lorraine placed ninth in the F56 javelin event.



Congratulations to Jean Brady and Michaela Morkan who were nominated for All Star Awards this year. Jean delivers programmes on our behalf, and on behalf of Offaly GAA



Congratulations to: -  
Lauren Hogan (pictured left) from St Brigid's Boxing Club, Edenderry on her recent victory at the National Elite Female Championships where she won the 48kg category; and Gráinne Walsh (pictured right) from Spartacus Boxing Club on her recent success at reaching the final of the National Elite Female Championships in the 69kg category.



### Community Coaching

**Are you interested in gaining sports coaching qualifications? Or do you know someone else who may be? Are you or they free during the day?**

Offaly Sports Partnership is currently recruiting participants for our next Community Coaching programme taking place in Tullamore every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; commencing early February, and running until mid May.

This programme is focused on successfully assisting people to gain employment, coaching, volunteering and further education opportunities in the sports sector as coaches, referees, physical activity leaders, etc. Topics to be covered to include: -

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| Athletics and SPORTSHALL Athletics  | GAA                         |
| Child Welfare & Protection in Sport | Rugby                       |
| Disability inclusion                | Safe cycling                |
| First aid                           | Soccer                      |
| Fitness testing                     | Water activities (kayaking) |

Other sporting activities may be included depending on the interest of the trainees. Those trained can also expect to participate on a variety of work experience projects; and gain the skills and knowledge to pursue pathways into the sports sector.

Should you require further information on this programme or wish to register your interest to participate, please contact the office on 057 93 46843.



Offaly Sports Partnership's Community Coaching Programme is supported by the Dormant Accounts fund and Sport Ireland.

### Go for Life Grant Scheme 2015



**"The Go For Life grant will make such a difference to the lives of our community",**  
Deirdre from Dominic's Community Centre Ltd, Tallaght

€4,110 secured by 14 groups / organisation under the Go for Life Small Grant Scheme 2015. Among the successful clubs / organisations are: -

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| Barna ARA                      | Mental Health Association |
| Birr Mental Health Association | Mount Bolus Active Age    |
| BLC Developments / BLC ARA     | Mucklagh ARA              |
| Cloghan ARA                    | Rahan ICA                 |
| Clonbullogue ARA               | RehabCare                 |
| DeafHear                       | Tullamore ARA             |
| Golden Years Club              | Tullamore ICA             |

The Small Grant Scheme is a joint initiative between Age & Opportunity's **Go for Life** programme and **Sport Ireland** (formerly the Irish Sports Council). Grants are available to all eligible **local clubs, groups and organisations** that promote increased participation in recreational sport or physical activity for older people as a main element of their activities

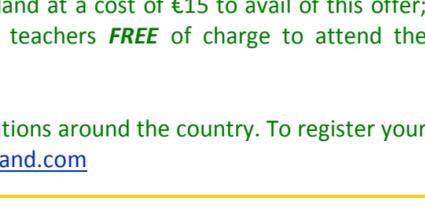
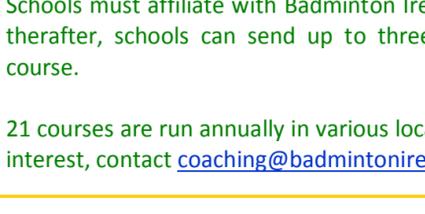
### Sports Capital 2015

**€937,149** secured by 23 clubs in Offaly under the Sports Capital Programme 2015. Among the successful clubs are: -



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| Arderin Riding Club                           | Offaly GAA                                |
| Birr Development Company Ltd                  | Shannonside Sub Aqua Club                 |
| Clara Boxing Club                             | Shinrone Development Ltd                  |
| Cloghan Boxing Club                           | Spartacus Boxing Club                     |
| Colderry GAA                                  | St Vincents Juvenile Gaelic Football Club |
| Crinkill GAA Club                             | Tubber GAA                                |
| Derry Rovers AFRC                             | Tullamore Basketball Club                 |
| Ferbane GAA                                   | Tullamore Canoe Club                      |
| Gracefield GAA                                | Tullamore Competitive Swim Group          |
| Grand Canal Wheelers Cycling Club             | Tullamore Rugby Football Club             |
| Moneygall Football Club Limited               | Tullamore Sports Link                     |
| Mucklagh / Rahan / The Island Community Games |   |

### Notes for schools



Badminton Ireland brings you Shuttle Time - a six hour training course open to both primary and secondary school teachers.

Teachers will receive resources including a teacher's manual, 22 prepared lesson plans and access to 90+ video resources. Teachers that complete the course are also entitled to avail of a Shuttle Time School Kit Bag (one per school) at a reduced rate of €90 (RRP - €200).

Schools must affiliate with Badminton Ireland at a cost of €15 to avail of this offer; thereafter, schools can send up to three teachers **FREE** of charge to attend the course.

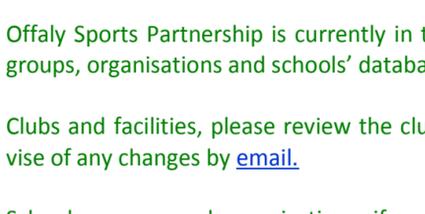
21 courses are run annually in various locations around the country. To register your interest, contact [coaching@badmintonireland.com](mailto:coaching@badmintonireland.com)

### Sports Inclusion Development Programme 2015

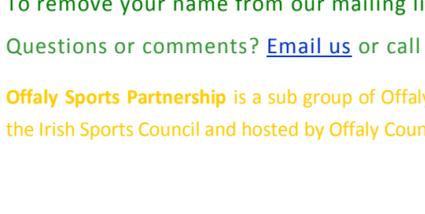


It's been a busy year on our Sports Inclusion Development Programme. With the support of our Sports Inclusion Development Officer, Aoife Byrne; the programme has gone from strength to strength in 2015.

35 programmes were delivered across a variety of disabilities ranging from walking challenges to couch to 5k; disability awareness training to new clubs being established; programmes for people with intellectual, physical, and sensory impairments; and success at national awards.



For full details on our Sports Inclusion Development Programme, check out our [website](#); follow us on Facebook/OffalySportsPartnership and Twitter@OffalySP.



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

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

Clubs and facilities, please reconfirm the clubs and facilities directories online and advise of any changes by [email](#).

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](#) to update your details.

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)

Questions or comments? [Email us](#) or call 057 93 57462

Offaly Sports Partnership is a sub group of Offaly County Council, funded by Sport Ireland (formerly the Irish Sports Council and hosted by Offaly County Council.