



PRESS RELEASE

31 Different Sports Represented at Club Development Seminar

AVIVA Stadium hosts Information Seminar

The new Aviva Stadium at Lansdowne Road is better known as the home of soccer and rugby in Ireland but on Saturday last (August 28) it was buzzing with representatives from many different sports – from Frisbee to Sailing, Gaelic Football to Special Olympics and many, many more. In fact over 200 people from an amazing 31 different sports came to the venue to take part in a club development information seminar organised jointly by the four Dublin Sports Partnerships (Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin County) and Wicklow Sports Partnership.

Launching the seminar, Minister for Children and Youth, Mr. Barry Andrews TD spoke of the importance of sport's contribution to our society and also commented on the growing levels of professionalism that has made its way into all levels of club administration. "Child protection, health and safety and good quality coaching are all now expected of club coaches and administrators and the Local Sports Partnership network set up by the Irish Sports Council is helping to provide this to local clubs" he said.

The seminar featured four core topics, with expert speakers on Influencing Local Sport, Garda Vetting & Clearance, Club Roles & Structures and Fundraising.

Fingal County Council's Principal Sports Officer, Marion Brown, said that the success of this initial seminar may well mean that this becomes an annual event. "The numbers attending showed the overwhelming response to the seminar, which, from the feedback was very beneficial to those attending. We look forward to working together to plan other events in the future" she said.

The Sports Partnerships would like to thank the sponsors at the event - Mc Sport, O Driscoll O Neill, Localotto.ie; Pulse Medical Ltd., Sportsdelta.

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