

Press Release: All Ireland FAI/Fingal Secondary Schools Futsal Competition

Last Friday, 14th October St. Finian's Community College, Swords, played host to the FAI co-ordinated All-Ireland Secondary School Futsal Competition for 1st year boys. The winner of this North Dublin Section would progress to the Dublin Finals, which take place in Corduff, Blanchardstown, on November 16th.

The tournament was a great success with 3 schools from Swords (St. Finian's, Fingal Community College and Coláiste Choilm) and Donabate Community College competing for the title and the opportunity to represent their area at the Dublin finals. The title went to Donabate Community College with a 3-1 win over Fingal Community College in a competitive final. Next up is the girls' competition in St. Finian's on October 26th with teams representing Balbriggan, Donabate, Rush and Swords all taking part.

Mick Pender, FAI/FCC Football Development Officer was delighted with the success of the blitz, *"This tournament highlighted the tremendous benefits of playing Futsal (the UEFA and FIFA recognised version of 5-a-side football). Futsal is all about developing skill and technique, from the quality performances and individual skill on show today it is clear that Futsal has a very important part to play in developing Irish football"*.

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