



## PRESS RELEASE

### Coaching Workshop for Grassroots Football Coaches

**Hosted by the FAI, Sporting Fingal FC and the NDSL and supported by Fingal County Council**

Fingal County Council sports division are delighted to support an upcoming FAI/Sporting Fingal FC/NDSL coaching workshop aimed at all grassroots football coaches.

The workshop will take place on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 6.30pm – 10pm** at the **Oscar Traynor Coaching and Training Centre in Coolock**. Featuring a mix of guest speakers and practical sessions, the workshop will include input from FAI Technical Director Packie Bonner, FAI Underage International Manager John Morling, Sporting Fingal Manager Liam Buckley and Head Coach John Devine as well as new appointed Technical Director of the NDSL Mitch Whitty.

Paul Keogh, Fingal/FAI Development Officer said “This promises to be an invaluable evening for all grassroots coaches and is being supported by the FAI coach education department and Fingal County Council’s sports unit. The content will be mainly technical and game-related, and allow coaches to observe the very latest in terms of modern coaching trends. Also having Sporting Fingal involved will enhance it greatly as one of their main objectives is to enhance football in the community.”

This was endorsed by Liam Buckley, Sporting Fingal Manager who said “Sporting Fingal FC is delighted to be involved in this upcoming coaching workshop. Football in the community is the cornerstone of Sporting Fingal FC. This will no doubt be a beneficial evening for coaches and we are delighted to lend our support”.

Fingal County Council fully supports this event, and Principal Sports Officer Marion Brown said “Grassroots coaching is so important to get the youngsters involved at an early age, to learn basic skills and to aspire to improve and enjoy the game. Engagement in sport is so important as it is a foundation block in building and creating community involvement.”

The workshop is free but in order to reserve a place you must contact FAI/Fingal County Council Development officer Paul Keogh at [paul.keogh@fai.ie](mailto:paul.keogh@fai.ie) or 086-0444435.

Further details of the sessions will be available shortly at [www.fai.ie](http://www.fai.ie), [www.sportingfingal.ie](http://www.sportingfingal.ie) and [www.ndsl.ie](http://www.ndsl.ie)

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**Ends 11/08/10**

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