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## Sports Partnership Coordinator Report December 2023



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## Introduction

This document will give an update on the progress of Galway Sports Partnership up to 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. It will present a draft financial position for the year ending 2023. It is based around a previous layout implemented in 2020 and if the steering group are happy with this format will continue to be presented in this manner.

***This report is for Galway Sports Partnership Steering Group and is not for general circulation.***



## Sport Ireland

Galway Sports Partnership is currently working with Sport Ireland to finalise all outstanding financial and non-financial returns. It is imperative that this is addressed as a matter of urgency and is a priority from Sport Ireland that this is addressed.

Core Funding Application for 2024 has been submitted and we should receive our letter of allocation from Sport Ireland in December 2023.

Dormant Account Fund – Galway Sports Partnership currently has 2 Hubs funded – Ballinasloe and Islands. Galway Sports Partnership Coordinator is due to meet Sport Ireland in relation to these in 2024, and again Sport Ireland would see this as a priority area to be moved forward.

Outdoor Recreation Officer – Galway Sports Partnership applied for an ORO Position as part of a new pilot programme for 4 Outdoor Recreation Officers to be placed in Local Sports Partnerships.

ESF Social Innovation in Sport Officer – Galway Sports Partnership is due to receive funding for this position in 2025.

## Staffing

The update for staffing as of December 2023 is as follows:

### GSP Coordinator

Andrew Mc Bride has taken up the post of Coordinator of Galway Sports Partnership in October 2023. Andrew comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge in sports development from his time in Wicklow Sports Partnership as a Community Sports Development Officer, and more recently as Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Galway County Council. Andrew's focus will be reviewing the current approach undertaken by the partnership and ensuring its success in the future.

### Programme Coordinator

Jason Craughwell continues in his role as Programmes Coordinator and also facilitates the administration of the Galway City Council Grant Scheme. Jason supports clubs and communities across Galway as well as supporting the staff of Galway Sports Partnership. Jason liaises with key partners, stakeholders and other funders.

### Administrator

Rachel Dervan continues to provide the administration support for Galway Sports Partnership to ensure the efficient day to day running of the Sports Partnership. Rachel facilitates club/group grants, courses and general administration within the department.

## Sports Inclusion Disability Officer

Ellie Loftus continues her work in this area and covers the Older Adult Population as part of her remit also.

## Community Sports Development Officer

The recruitment process is underway to replace the vacant position due to James Kilkenny departing his role in August 2023. This process will also add an additional CSDO position to Galway Sports Partnership through a previous staffing request made by the previous GSP Coordinator Louise Burke. This will bring our CSDO numbers to three, with Karen Concannon currently on leave. It is hoped to have these positions in place in Quarter 1 of 2024.

## Active Cities

A letter of offer has been accepted and the new Active Cities Officer is due to start in January 2024

## Dormant Account – Hubs

Galway Sports Partnership currently has funding in place for 2 Community Sports Hubs.

Ballinasloe Community Sports Hub is currently in Phase 2

Islands Hub is currently in Phase 3

GSP Coordinator is due to meet Sport Ireland in Q1 of 2024 to discuss progressing the Hubs.

## Tutors

Galway Sports Partnership continues to utilise several tutors to facilitate Safeguarding Courses, First Aid and to also deliver a variety of programmes on behalf of Galway Sports Partnership.

## Finance

Galway Sports Partnership is currently engaging with Sport Ireland to address outstanding financial returns for the period 2021, 2022 and 2023 returns. GSP Coordinator is due to meet Sport Ireland head of finance on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Galway Sports Partnership Coordinator will give a timeline to have these returns resolved to the steering group at December's meeting and a detailed report on Galway Sports Partnerships finances will be issued at the Annual General Meeting in Q1 of 2024.

### *Financial position as of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

Income	-449,496.23
Expenditure	200,283.08
Salaries	239,450.29
Balance	-9,762.86
Dormant Accounts	455,653.96
GSP Contingency	60,000

### *Sport Ireland Outstanding Payments*

2022 Core Funding 25%	€99,059
2023 Core Funding	€403,708
2023 Dormant Account Fund	€124,000
Total	€626,767

## Programmes Overview

### Education

Course	No of Courses	Participants
Safeguarding 1	34	541
Safeguarding 2	12	115
Safeguarding 3	11	80
First Aid	12	81
Volunteer Support Training	3	36

### Sports Inclusion Development Officer

Programme Title	Target Group	Participant No.	Area
Activator Training Clarinbridge	Older Adults	10	Loughrea/Gort/Kinvara
Activator Program (multiple programs)	Older Adults	66	Galway City
Activator Program Clarinbridge	Older Adults	12	Loughrea/Gort/Kinvara
Activator Program Claregalway	Older Adults	20	Athenry/Oranmore
Positive Ageing Week Event Clarinbridge	Older Adults	58	Loughrea/Gort/Kinvara
Positive Ageing Week Event Ballybane	Older Adults	35	Galway City
Positive Ageing Week Event Oughterard	Older Adults	30	Conamara
Good2Go Clarinbridge (older adults & disability)	Older Adults	9	Loughrea/Gort/Kinvara
Good2Go Mountbellew/Casla (older adults & disability)	Older Adults	18	Athenry/Oranmore
Good2Go Rossaveel (older adults & disability)	Older Adults	19	Conamara
County and City Visits to Active Retirement Groups and Disability Groups for Boccia & Activator Demos (participant no. is number of visits)	Older Adults	13	
Horses Connect (multiple programs)	Disability	17	Galway City
Yoga in a Special School	Disability	38	Galway City
Stand-up Paddleboarding	Disability	30	Loughrea/Gort/Kinvara
Boccia Tournament (older adults & disability)	Disability	33	Galway City
Boccia Tournament (older adults & disability)	Disability	60	Galway City
Inclusive Triathlon Clarinbridge	Disability	37	Loughrea/Gort/Kinvara
Sport Inclusion and Disability Awareness Workshop (online)	General Pop	17	
Autism in Sport Workshop (online)	General Pop	31	
Disability Inclusion Training (online)	General Pop	30	
Siel Bleu Exercise sessions (online)	Disability	34	

## Community Sports Development Officer

<b>Programme Title</b>	<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Participant No.</b>	<b>Area</b>
Moylough Movement	Youth	45	Tuam
Marathon Kids	Youth	1202	Countywide
Asylum Seekers Swim Programme	Minority Groups	38	Galway City
Get Galway Active Step-Down Activities	Adults	15	Galway City
Get Galway Active Step-Down Activities	Adults	15	Conamara
Summer Series Windsurfing Rusheen Bay	Youth	7	Galway City
Summer Paddle Series Loughrea	Girls, Youth, Gen Pop	149	Loughrea/Gort/Kinvara
HER Outdoors - Silent Fitness Loughrea/Rinville	Women in Sport	27	
HER Outdoors Buggy Buddy Tasters Tuam/Salthill	Women in Sport	3	
HER Outdoors - Gort Bike Ride	Women in Sport	3	Loughrea/Gort/Kinvara
HER Outdoor - Yoga Merlin Woods	Women in Sport	7	Galway City
HER Outdoors - Activator Pole Taster Portumna	Women in Sport	3	Loughrea/Gort/Kinvara
Buggy Buddies	Women in Sport	12	Athenry/Oranmore
Men on the Move	Men	14	Galway City
Women on the Move	Women in Sport	25	Galway City
Men on the Move		5	Tuam
Buggy Buddies	Women in Sport	10	Galway City
Fitness over 40	Women in Sport	4	Athenry/Oranmore
Buggy Buddies	Women in Sport	12	Ballinasloe
Pickleball Tournament	Older Adults/ Gen Pop	40	Countywide
Mountain Skills		6	Conamara
Buggy Buddies	Women in Sport	14	Ballinasloe
Inis Meáin parkrun	General		Conamara
Olympic Handball Come 'n' Try	Youth	3	Galway City
Introduction to Olympic Handball (Teachers)	Teachers	21	Galway City
Sanctuary Swimmers	Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migran ts	12	Galway City

## Galway City Council Sports Club Grants

Jason Craughwell administered the Galway City Council Sports Club Grant Scheme which funded €134,000 amongst 50 clubs. This is a great support to Galway City based clubs to access a considerable funding resource such as this on an annual basis.

## Galway City Specific Programmes

Galway Sports Partnership supported and lead on a number of programmes such as Culture night, Healthy Galway City Programmes, Merlin Woods, Nature For Health and a Galway Active Aged Pilot which helped to support older adults with classes and programmes, specific events as part of positive ageing week and providing Gym Membership in Leisureland for 40 people.

## Future Programmes

On confirmation of the Core funding application from Sport Ireland, a planning process will be initiated to design a programme of work for 2024 including additional funding sources such as HSE, Healthy Ireland, Age & Opportunity etc. This process will allow us to reflect on previous work and to see what worked and didn't work, identify new programmes/opportunities/collaborations.

This will also be a key piece of work to integrate new staff (CSDO & Active Cities) and to also ensure that the work of the Sports Partnership is targeted and strategic.

## Communications and Marketing

Galway Sports Partnership is engaging with Sport Irelands National Local Sports Partnership Communications Coordinator and will look at ways to better utilise our communication methods.

Currently Galway Sports Partnerships main form of communication is via email and our social media platforms predominantly Facebook and Instagram.

Although these are both good forms of communication, we will look to broaden our communications approach in 2024 to see how we can better communicate with people to ensure our message is reaching our target audiences.