

Galway Sports Partnership (GSP) Report (March 2022)

GSP continues to deliver programmes across an every widening range of activities to a large number of our target groups. Training programme also continue with up skilling of coaches, teachers and community volunteers. On-line training in child protection (Safeguarding) from basic awareness to Designated Liaison Persons courses are being rolled out at the rate of 2 – 3 a month. Dates of all Safeguarding courses can be found in this [link](#).

St. Patricks Festival

Galway City Council approached us in the middle of February with the view of hosting a family fun day as part of the St. Patrick's Festival weekend.

There were two main events as part of the weekend. A rackets event held in Galway Lawn Tennis Club where people were invited to try badminton, squash and tennis. All indoors with equipment provided. This resulted in a number of new players in the clubs involved. Saturday 19th an array of activities took place in Salthill Park with face- painting, Olympic Handball, Beach Volleyball, Rugby, Tai Chi, Hip Hop and Latin Dance. Cornhole was a big attraction for young and old in the park. The centre piece of the day was a tag rugby tournament with over 80 participants. The event was completely funded by Galway City Council and cost in the region of €10,000.





Community Sports development Officers:

Buggy Buddies continues to be a popular programme for parents of babies with programmes running in Tuam, Oranmore, Salthill, Spiddal and Carraroe.

Women on the Move programme started on Tuesday 22nd March along with a Men On The Move starting on the same day. Both programmes are 6 weeks in duration.

Direct provision centres continue to be an area we support for activates with swimming lessons for adults and adults and toddlers lessons finishing up in last week.

We delivered a come and try it event with Connacht Table Tennis before the role out of a new Table Tennis at Home programme which will hopefully be delivered in the coming month.

Sports Inclusion Disability Officer (SIDO)

Autism in Sport training took place on Tuesday 22nd March, which was well attended.



Contract for Services – Alan Roycroft has started with Galway Sports Partnership for a period of 30 weeks starting Monday 21st March. His focus is on development and delivery of Disability and Older Adult programs in mainly the city but including the county in some instances.

Activity	Description	Target Group	Partners	Start-Finish dates	Participants
Indoor Activator Training	1-day Indoor Activator training	GSP Tutors	FitWalk Ireland	01/04/22	9
Learn to Swim Ballinasloe	2x 6-week Learn to Swim lessons taking place weekly	Adults with disabilities in the Ballinasloe area	Healthy Ireland	02/03/22 07/04/22	20
Yoga in Special Schools	6 week program where yoga instructor teaches to 3x classes in special schools	Special Schools		27/04/22	50
Activator Walking Program	Initially a 6-week program where participants will learn how to use Activator Poles	Older Adults		20/04/22 25/05/22	15
Aquarobics	6 week program for older adults	Older Adults	HSE	20/04/22 25/05/22	12

Active Cities

I have attended a number of meetings over the last few months regarding the Active Cities programme. Limerick are hosting the National Coordinator (Mary Corry) and she is supporting the 8 LSPs involved with the project.

Limerick, Waterford, Cork and one other LSP has an Active Cities Officer in place with the other LSPs either at interview stage or awaiting approval to go to advertising of the position.

We have been working with Titan marketing group to develop both a logo and a media strategy for the project.



Orienteering

Orienteering Ireland delivered two training events in Galway during March on the 23rd in Ballinasloe and 24th in Doughiska. As the course was mainly aimed at secondary school teachers the spike in COVID-19 hit attendance as the level of interest was very high with both courses book up.



March also saw the official launch of the Merlin Woods permanent Orienteering course. We have been working on this project for a number of years with Galway City Council, Western Eagles Orienteering Club, Michael Tully and the Community Sports Hub.

Date of interest:

National Active Schools Week
Bike Week

3rd – 6th May
14th – 22nd May