Families E-Zine

Special Olympics Eastern Region

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Lucan Special Olympics Club Floorball Launch

L-R Jimmy Kneafsey, Will Garbutt, Keith Murtagh, Paul Raleigh, Sammy Knatschmar, Robert Larkin, Dave Costello, Paul Ferris, David Larkin.

Eastern Region Families Team

The Families team act as a **representative for family members within the region** and assist with co-ordinating family activities that involve the sharing and development of ideas to further enhance support to families of Special Olympics Eastern Region athletes. If you are an enthusiastic, motivated family member then why not join our families team!

If you would like further details, please contact Claire Grehan (Regional Development Officer): claire.grehan@specialolympics.ie / erfamilies@specialolympics.ie./ 01 8912009.

Welcome To The Region!

Swords Basketball Special Olympics Club

The Official Launch of Swords Basketball SOC took place on Sunday February 23rd in ALSAA Sports Centre. The club comprises of 26 athletes and a strong, dedicated volunteer team who provide regular training sessions for both male and female athletes. We wish the club every success in their new venture. The club welcome the recruitment of new athletes and volunteers to their club. If interested in getting involved, please contact;

Conan Doyle (swordsbasketballso@gmail.com / 087 7916602)

IRELAND GAMES 2014

12th—15th June

Limerick

1500 Athletes

13 Sports & MATP

500 Coaches & Official Delegates

3000 Family Members

3000 Volunteers

Athlete Leadership

Through participation in Special Olympics sports, athletes gain confidence, self-esteem and personal skills. With this new confidence, some athletes wish to pursue other opportunities within the Special Olympics programme either in addition to their sport or as a follow on from past participation.

Athlete Leadership encourages athletes to develop skills that will empower them to be advocates for all athletes and act as a Leader for Special Olympics. Click here to read more!

If your athlete is interested in getting involved in Athlete Leadership, please contact Joanne Kelly on 01 891 2000 or joanne.kelly@specialolympics.ie

FAQ's

I am a volunteer/ family member in a club. What training opportunities are available for me?

- Intellectual Disability Education Modules
- Volunteer Code of Ethics & Good Practice
- Children's Officer Training

How do I express my interest in completing a training course?

- Simply contact your club contact person and inform them of your request. Depending on the demand among other volunteers in the club and volunteers in neighbouring clubs, training opportunities can be organised in conjunction with the regional office.

Social Media & Texting Guidelines

Social Media & Texting Guidelines are now available on our website!! Click below to view..

Sport
What's coming up?

- Badminton Non-Advancement

March 29th Baldoyle Badminton

- Bocce League Finals day

March 30th EVE Estuary Centre

- Football League Blitz Day

March 30th Oscar Traynor F.C.

- Third Ireland Games Training Session

March 18th – 23rd

- Floorball Non-Advancement

April 5th Clondalkin Leisure Centre

FUNDRAISING

VOLUNTEER TODAY FOR OUR 2014 ANNUAL COLLECTION DAY ON FRIDAY 11TH APRIL

Click ⇧ To Sign Up NOW!!

Ways To Support;

Join us at your preferred location in Dublin and collect from the public

OR

Organise your:

⇒ Coffee Morning

⇒ Denim Day

⇒ Bake Sale

⇒ Sports Day

⇒ Bag Packing Day

Please contact Emma or Beth on

8912000/emma.horgan@specialolympics.ie to receive your pack .

The Flora Women's Mini Marathon is taking place on the 3rd of June

To receive your T-Shirt and Fundraising Pack contact Brenda Mahon at 01 891 2000 or email eastern.region@specialolympics.ie

Entry forms in the Evening Herald every Wednesday and Saturday! For race information and to enter online see www.florawomensminimarathon.ie

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The mission of Special Olympics Ireland is "to provide year -round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."

If your club has done anything out of the ordinary or you would like to share anything in the next issue of Families E-Zine, please contact Claire Grehan

Claire.grehan@specialolympics.ie

Save The Date!

Area 1 meeting details;

Date: Weds May 21st.

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: AIB, Sandyford

Area 2 meeting details;

Date: Weds May 7th.

Time: 6.15pm

Venue: Ballymun Civic Offices

Area 3 meeting details;

Date: Weds May 14th.

Time: 7pm

Venue: St. Vincent's Centre, Navan Road.

To confirm your attendance, please contact the regional office; **Phone: (01) 8912000**

""Let me win but if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt"

Why not get involved! Click below & join our Volunteer Programme

Swords Basketball Special Olympics Club Launch