

Over 250 Special Olympics Family members attend Special Olympics Eastern Regions' 'Family Fun Day'!

Special Olympics Eastern Region hosted its very first free 'Family Fun Day' on Sunday 30th August 2009 from 2-5pm in the Wanderers Rugby Club, 65A Merrion Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.



A team of key volunteers and staff members of Special Olympics Eastern Region came together to create the region's inaugural family fun day. The family programme in Special Olympics Eastern Region covers the whole of Dublin, north Wicklow and East Kildare. Despite a few showers throughout the day, over 250 registered family members within Special Olympics Eastern Region embrace the weather and enjoyed the fun filled event.

The Family Fun Day was a 'bring your own picnic' event. A host of celebrity guests were in attendance including this Year's Dublin Rose, Susan Roe, also a volunteer with Special Olympics and also this year's Granny of the Year Sally Fagan. 'Leo the Lion', Leinster Rugby teams official mascot was also in attendance along with the Heineken Cup. A whole host of events took place on the day including – Civil Defence Fire Brigade water display, Star DJs, Hip Hop dance classes, Face Painters and Balloon Artists. Dynamic events supplied a whole range of outdoor activities and the event also catered for the bad weather conditions through displaying an indoor cinema, Nintendo WII and Karaoke. The Irish Heart Foundation and the Irish Cancer Society were also in attendance to give check ups and to give out information.

"We were very excited in the region to host this event for the first time as families are such a huge part of Special Olympics" said Neil O'Sullivan, one of the Regional Development Officers for Special Olympics Eastern Region. "To see such a great turnout, especially with the bad weather was great to see. To be able to host such a huge, free event, despite the weather and with so many fun indoor and outdoor activities for over 250 Special Olympics family members who attended is very exciting for us."