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# **Criteria for Volunteer Supports**

# **(Training & Education) Grant 2024**

**Grant Criteria**

Meath Local Sports Partnership’s remit is to promote participation in sports and physical activity. This Volunteer Support grant is designed to support clubs in upskilling new and existing coaches and volunteers to increase participation in sport and physical activity.This will be done through the delivery of training and education courses to support volunteers in their development as community leaders/coaches of sport and physical activity.

Meath Local Sports Partnership will provide this opportunity for assistance in training and education for clubs by providing 100% of the total cost of a foundation course (or equivalent) & 50% of the cost of a level 1 course (or equivalent).

If your proposal is to provide training & education to volunteers for courses other then foundation or level 1 e.g. officiating courses, club committee development etc please outline in the application form.

**Eligible applicants must:**

1. Be registered to an NGB & based in Meath.
2. Operate as a “not for profit”.
3. Have a club constitution or equivalent documentation that includes policies and practices that encourage participation regardless of gender, age, race or ability.
4. Where the club has membership under the age of 18, the club must operate under best practice for children in sport and demonstrate certification in Child Protection & safeguarding.
5. Clubs/groups must have suitable insurance cover in place.
6. Demonstrate why the additional training and education is required
7. Demonstrate how additional training and education would lead to continuedparticipation in sport and physical activity.
8. Applicant group/ club must have a bank account in the club/ group/ organisations name.

**What applications are ineligible for this scheme?**

* Applications from individuals
* National/Regional/County Governing Bodies/ Statutory agencies
* For profit groups/commercial organisations
* Private facility owners
* Clubs based outside of County Meath
* Clubs not affiliated with a National Governing Body
* Club affiliation fees and travel costs.
* Costs such as entertainment or prizes
* Initiatives which are being used as fundraisers
* Applications from community organisations/ schools not linked with a club

**Eligible Courses (may include):**

* Sports specific Coach Education (e.g. Athletics, Basketball, Gaelic, Soccer).
* Committee and / or Volunteer education, Administration & management courses
* Generic courses outlined on application form, Child Protection (where course is not delivered by Meath LSP), First Aid, Sport Leader Award etc
* Sport Ireland Coaching courses e.g. Coaching Children, Physical Literacy, Coaching Girls, Coaching Young people.
* Personal Development (leadership roles, governance, organizational skills, building self-esteem and confidence etc)
* Active Disability Ireland – Autism in Sport, Sports Inclusion & disability awareness workshop.

**Ineligible Courses (will include):**

* Courses outside Ireland
* Sport related courses delivered by bodies not recognized under the National Coaching Development Programme or by the National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGB’s) if one exists.
* Generic sports courses delivered by a non-recognized agency
* Day to day running costs (e.g. insurance, transport)
* Courses not directly related to applicant club/ organization e.g. team building.

**How much funding is available?**

Volunteer Supports Grants – maximum **€1,000** per club

**Evaluation Report Form**

Applicants should note that successful clubs/organisations must complete and submit an evaluation report form (provided by Meath LSP at programme end)

**NOTE:**

Applicants should note that successful clubs/organisations must comply with any reasonable request regarding publicity from Meath LSP

\*\*\*Meath LSP Club Grant committee decision is final\*\*\*

**Closing date for applications: Thursday 10th October @ 4:00pm**