

Soccer

3rd - 24th November

Strabane Melvin Youth Group/Castledearg Youth Forum

These two groups were introduced to the programme after speaking with the Sports Development Department of the Strabane Council. Both groups were very keen to get involved and also expressed an interest in coming together as one group during the training. They began their first session as a joint group on the 3rd November at the Melvin Sports Complex Strabane.

Soccer was the first sport selected and after advice from youth leaders in the Strabane youth group we contacted the local soccer club, Sion Swifts' who run a very successful soccer academy in the local and surrounding area. We were keen to involve the local sports clubs as much as possible to establish a strong link between the group and the club. 2 coaches were selected and sessions began on the 3rd November.

In addition to the coaching the Irish Football Association through development officer Kevin Doherty, will run a grassroots leader award for the group. This attendance based Award is aimed at volunteers, youth, and aspiring or existing coaches working in the area of Grassroots Football. The course is 3 hours in duration, with both theoretical and practical content. Participants who complete the course will be presented with the 'Grassroots Leader's Certificate' and resource booklet.