



Soccer

Community Relations through Sport

26th November- 17th December 2009

The Football Association of Ireland delivered a 4 week Youth Certificate. This was held at the Aura Leisure Centre in Letterkenny.

Aim:

The course is designed to assist parents and young coaches, to introduce children (aged 6-9 years) to fun soccer games and FUNdamental movement skills in a well-structured, stimulating and safe environment.

Objectives:

To provide coaches with the ability to:

- Plan, organise and implement a coaching session
- Identify the stages in the development of young players at the FUNdamental phase aged between 6-9 years
- Coach children between the age of 6-9 years in a fun, safe and friendly environment

The feedback was positive from all the participants and some have expressed an interest in moving forward into other courses through the FAI or their local soccer club.

Trevor Scanlon FAI Development Officer in Donegal commented:

"I believe the programme has much merit and will no doubt prove valuable in helping to developing a positive approach promoting sport, education and in turn healthy lifestyles to young people. I am more than happy to support the development of the project in whatever way I can."

Ulster GAA are planning on delivering the next coaching course in February