



What is the Dermot Early Youth Leadership Initiative?

Brought together by Foróige, the GAA, NUI Galway and the Dermot Earley family, this exciting programme enables young people to develop the skills and qualities necessary to be good leaders, and challenges them to use these skills for to improve society. The DEYL Initiative takes its name from one of Ireland's most inspirational leaders and one of Connacht's greatest Gaelic sportsmen, Dermot Earley (1948-2010), as tribute to his lifetime of sporting and professional achievements and his commitment to community service. The programme has been developed as a way of exploring vision and passion, and to enable young people to develop key skills such as planning, decision making, critical thinking, goal setting and problem solving that are core to leadership.

What will I get out of it?

The programme enable young people to develop the skills, inspiration, vision, confidence and action plans to be effective leaders. Young people who complete all three modules of the programme are eligible to receive a Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action from NUI Galway.

What is expected of me?

The Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative is a year long commitment for participants. Young people taking part in the Dermot Early Youth Leadership Initiative need to be interested in learning how to become a leader, willing to participate in activities and work with others. They are required to attend all the sessions in each module and reflect on the sessions in their own time.

How long does it take to complete a module of the programme?

Module one and two have 15 hours of workshop content plus time for reflection. The 15 hours can be completed in several ways. For example:

- One hour a week over 15 weeks
- A few hours over a series of weekends
- Completed in one week during the summer or mid term breaks.

The format of each programme will be decided by individual facilitator teams with input from participants.

Module three is a 20 hour self-directed community action project. During this module young people use their leadership skills to carry out a project that benefits their their local or global community. During the project young people note their progress in a reflection journal and complete a portfolio to showcase their work.



When will the programme start?

The programme will begin in September 2019 and run until May 2020. Young people who apply for the Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action from NUI Galway in 2019 will graduate in October 2020.

Who is eligible to do the programme?

9 counties are participating in phase three of the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative. Those counties are Galway, Roscommon, Dublin, Kildare, Offaly, Donegal and Antrim.

To apply you must be:

- From one of the listed 7 counties
- Be aged 15-18 (must be 15 or over by 1st September 2019 to apply)
- Be a GAA and/or Foróige member

Can more than one young person from my club or group apply?

Yes. While a geographical spread is desirable, participants will be selected based on their application forms. There is no limit on the amount of young people who apply per club or group

How do I apply?

Young people need to complete the online application form and identify an adult who recognises their leadership potential and abilities to nominate them. The nominator must then complete a nomination form.

Both the application and nomination form are available on the GAA website:

www.gaa.ie/community

Is there an age limit?

You must be 15-18 years of age to take part on the programme.

How much does it cost?

A €40 registration fee covers the cost of your workbooks.

Participants have the opportunity to go on to complete a Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action through NUI Galway. There is a €300 fee attached to the accreditation.

Who can I contact?

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