

Dermot Early Youth Leadership Initiative

The current Government guidelines in relation to Covid-19 and social distancing place limitations on the traditional delivery methods of the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative (DEYLI). These changes will be reflected throughout this document. Our preferred delivery method for both tutor training and the overall delivery of the programme is face-to-face facilitation, but we recognise that in the short term online interactive delivery will be required.

What is the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative (DEYLI)?

A partnership between the GAA, Foróige, NUI Galway and the Dermot Earley family, this exciting programme enables young people to enhance their leadership skills and qualities and challenges them to use these skills for the betterment of society. Participants explore their personal vision and passions, and hone key skills such as planning, decision making, critical thinking, goal setting and problem solving – all essential to quality leadership. It is based on the values and leadership qualities demonstrated by the late Dermot Earley Snr., one of the GAA's and Ireland's greatest leaders.

What will the participants achieve?

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. They will also enhance their leadership skills while taking a unique life-enhancing journey with other young GAA and Foróige members.

What is expected of participants?

The DEYLI schedule mirrors that of the academic year, October-May (approx.). Participants are required to attend all the sessions in each module and reflect on the sessions in their own time. Participants must be motivated developing as a leader and be willing to participate in activities and work with others.

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

The format of each programme will be decided by the facilitation teams in consultation with participants to ensure that the agreed schedule works for all parties involved.

Modules 1 and 2 involve 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.

Module 3 involves a 20-hour self-directed community action project. During this module young people use their enhanced leadership skills to bring to life a project that benefits their local or global community. During the project young people note their progress in a reflective journal and complete a portfolio to showcase their work.



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When should the programme start in the club?

The programme should begin in October 2020 and run until May 2021. Those who graduate with the Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action from NUI Galway will do so at a ceremony in the college in October 2021.

Who is eligible to participate in the programme?

To participate young persons must be:

- Be aged 15-18
- Be a GAA and/or Foróige member

How many participants are required to roll out the DEYLI?

We advise a minimum of 10 participants and maximum of 20 in any group.

How much does it cost?

A €40 registration fee covers the cost of three 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. (This does not need to be paid in a lump sum.)

Is there a requirement for all participants to register for the NUIG certificate?

Registration for the NUIG Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action is optional. It is strongly encouraged that those that have completed the programme would put their work forward for accreditation but it is not compulsory. Participants can still complete the full programme without receiving the accreditation. There is also the option to register at a later stage should they not be in a position to do so in the current year of participation.

Can local clubs join up to deliver the DEYLI?

Absolutely, we would love to see local clubs working with one another to deliver the programme. This may also reduce facilitator workload. Traditionally, the programme has been run at county level with participants from multiple clubs coming together in a central location for workshops. However, to reduce travel requirements clubs are being encouraged to host the DEYLI for their own members, or to work with other local clubs as part of a hub.

How many tutors are required?

A minimum of 2 tutors are required to co-facilitate the programme but three would help share the workload. If your group exceeds 20 participants, a third tutor is required.

Do tutors receive training?

DEYLI tutor training will be delivered on the 19th -20th of September in Croke Park. It may be necessary for this training to be delivered virtually due to Covid-19.

Following on from this, interested tutors will have the option to pursue a further Foundation Diploma in Training and Education from NUIG. Details available on request.



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Is there a cost associated with tutor training?

No, all training costs and expenses will be covered.

For more information who can I contact?

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