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Games Development Coordinator



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About Darren and his role

What does your role as a Games Development Coordinator involve day to day?

Primary & Post Primary school coaching, Primary School Football blitzes, Supporting clubs & coaches in my region (Coach Education), Academy Squads & Go Games football fixtures coordinator.

How do you support clubs and coaches in your area?

Through Formal & informal coach education.

What's one initiative or programme you've helped deliver that you're particularly proud of?

Introduction to GAA day for Junior & senior infants.

What do you think are the biggest challenges in games development at local level?

Volunteer burnout, attracting and keeping players, Coaching standards.

What's your coaching or development philosophy?

Continuous learning: Encourage coaches & players to reflect, learn & improve.

How do you measure success in your role?

Coaching standard, Participation & county squads being competitive at all age levels.

What do you enjoy most about working in GAA games development?

Supporting coaches through coach education & academy squads.

What's one piece of advice you'd give to young coaches or volunteers starting out?

Don't be afraid to ask questions or seek advice from more experienced coaches, and be open to feedback and new ideas.

