



Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative



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If your actions
inspire others to
dream more, learn
more, do more and
become more, you
are a leader."
John Quincy Adams

What is the Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative??

The Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative (DEYLI) takes its name from one of Ireland's most inspirational leaders and one of Gaelic games most iconic proponents, Dermot Earley (1948- 2010).

The initiative, a tribute to Dermot's lifetime of sporting and professional achievements and his commitment to community service, is brought to life through a partnership between GAA, Foróige, and the University of Galway. The programme empowers young people to enhance their leadership capabilities to better enable them to reach their full potential and have a positive impact on the world around them.

Dermot Earley, footballer and soldier

- ✓ Won minor, U21 and 5 senior Connacht titles with Roscommon
- ✓ Won 2 All Stars, 1974 & 1979
- ✓ Managed Roscommon and Kildare senior football teams
- ✓ Commissioned as an Officer in the Defence Forces in 1967
- ✓ One of the first Army Rangers
- ✓ Overseas to Lebanon and Middle East, Military Advisor in NY
- ✓ Retired as Chief of Staff in 2010 prior to his death in June 2010

Who is the Program for?

The Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative is aimed at young people aged 15 – 18

Because of the workload and commitment required it is recommended for Transition Year students

It is not recommended for those who have county commitments unless they can commit to the 80% attendance required to pass Modules 1 & 2

To participate, the applicant must be a member of St Joseph's Doora Barefield GAA/LGFA/Camogie Club

Aims of the Programme

The programme enables young people to:

- ✓ ☐ Identify their strengths
- ✓ ☐ Develop a leadership vision
- ✓ ☐ Understand their leadership style
- ✓ ☐ Explore the challenges and difficulties of leadership
- ✓ ☐ Develop clear communication skills
- ✓ ☐ Explore local, national and global issues
- ✓ ☐ Apply methods of conflict resolution
- ✓ ☐ Practice problem solving and critical thinking skills as part of a group
- ✓ ☐ Identify goals and a vision for their future and develop action plans
- ✓ ☐ Deliver individual and group presentations
- ✓ ☐ Complete a project

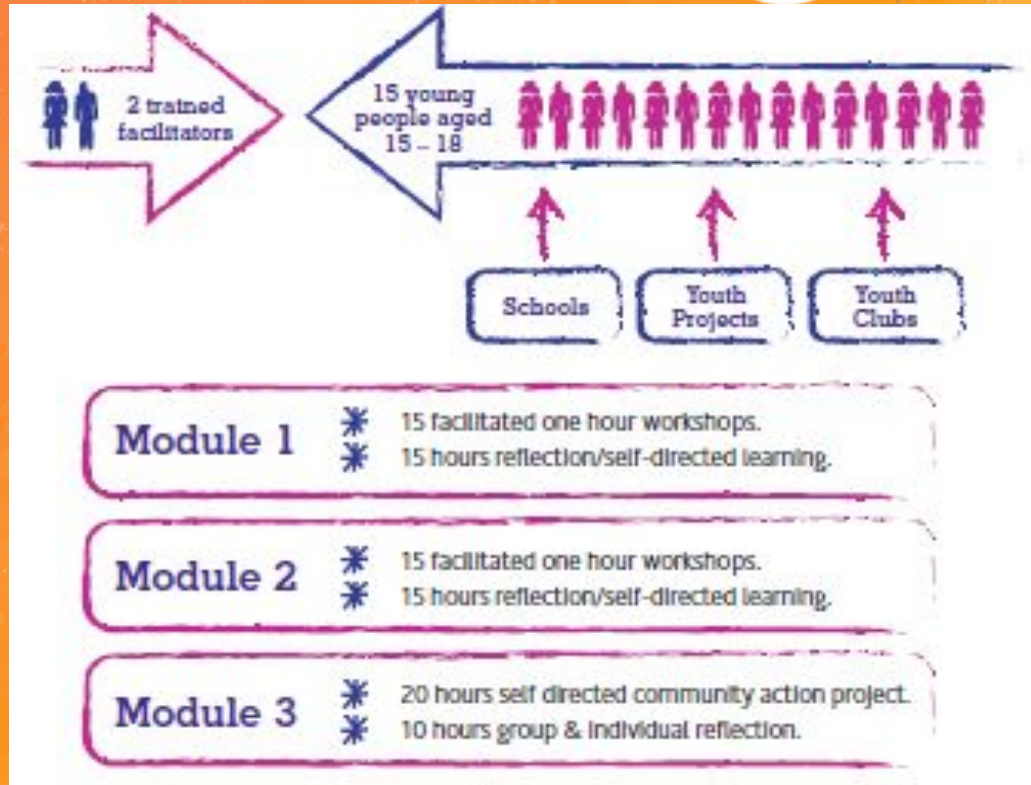
Positive Outcomes

- ✓ Goal Setting
- ✓ ☐ Empathy
- ✓ ☐ Critical Thinking
- ✓ ☐ Communication Skills
- ✓ ☐ Teamwork
- ✓ ☐ Problem Solving
- ✓ Leadership Skills
- ✓ ☐ Community Involvement
- ✓ ☐ Resilience
- ✓ ☐ Identify Values
- ✓ ☐ Social Support
- ✓ ☐ Emotional support



What's involved?

Although we have facilitated larger groups than recommended in the past, we have been advised by Foróige to reduce the number to a maximum of 16 participants. This will apply from the 2026/2027 group on



Content

MODULE 1

- ✓ 15 x 1hr facilitated sessions
- ✓ Each session is themed i.e communication skills, critical thinking, team work, self awareness etc.
- ✓ Sessions are made up of activities that will help you develop the skills
- ✓ Throughout the sessions you develop a leadership goal and put an action plan in place to achieve the goal.

- **Note: Most evenings will cover 2 sessions and will run for 2.5 hrs with a break between sessions**

MODULE 2

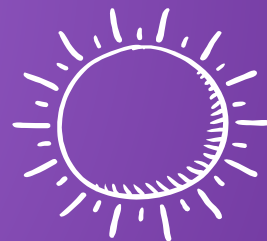
- ✓ 15 x 1hr facilitated sessions
- ✓ Team project on issue of your choice.
- ✓ Sessions focus on developing previous learned skills and introduces themes on planning, conflict resolution, debating, critical thinking etc.
- ✓ Throughout the session you will be working on a team research project which your team presents to the group.

Module 3

- ✓ 20 hour Community Action Project (individual or group)
- ✓ Individual Learning Journal (Diary)
- ✓ Portfolio

EXAMPLES OF ST JOSEPH'S DB PARTICIPANTS COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS

- Hurley Swap
- All Stars Inclusive Camp
- Nutrition Information and demonstration evening
- Running mental health programme in school
- Coaching younger sports teams
- Community clean ups/garden transformations
- Combatting Loneliness in the Senior Community





Module 1



Module 2



Module 3



Foundation Certificate
in Youth Leadership
and Community Action
(NUI Galway)

What do I need to give?

- ✓ Commitment to attending (80% required for module 1 & 2, which means you cannot miss more than 3 sessions, 2 sessions delivered most Saturdays).
- ✓ An enthusiastic and open minded attitude
- ✓ Complete workbooks for Module 1 and Module 2 of the programme.
- ✓ In Module 3, complete
 - 20 hour Community Action Project with a minimum of 4 meetings
 - portfolio
 - learning journal.

More information on Module 3 will be shared with parents and participants at the end of module 2



What will I gain from taking part?



- A certificate on completion of each module
- You must complete and pass all 3 modules to be eligible to graduate with a **Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action (NQF Level 6)** from University of Galway (A university certificate before completing your leaving cert!!)
- Participation in a programme that will increase your interpersonal skills and demonstrate your initiative when applying for college and jobs in later life.
- Proof to future employers of your commitment to personal development and to being a leader within your community.



How am I graded?

Module 1 & Module 2

- ✓ Attendance – 80% minimum required, 15 sessions per module, most evenings will cover 2 sessions.
- ✓ Participation
- ✓ Workbook (you must keep these safe throughout the programme)
- ✓ Presentation

Module 3

- ✓ Community Action Project
- ✓ Learning Journal
- ✓ Portfolio



Before applying.....

- ✓ Participants should be 16 years old on Jan 1st of year graduation (2027), (as set out by NUIG). Participants may still participate in all 3 modules but may have to wait to following year to graduate.
- ✓ Must be a member of St Joseph's Doora Barefield GAA/LGFA/Camogie Club
- ✓ 80% attendance is required to pass each module (80% of 15 sessions, most evenings 2 sessions are covered)
- ✓ Module 1 and Module 2 workbooks are required at a cost of €60.00
- ✓ Sessions will run on Saturday evenings between 5pm - 6.30pm or 5pm - 7.30pm
- ✓ Module 3 - Certification Fee €300 payable to NUIG - payment dates to be confirmed

Before applying.....

Please be sure you can commit before applying

This program requires a substantial time commitment: 1.5 – 2.5hrs weekly
accommodating school breaks.

We work to a fixed timetable to cover 3 modules from September to June and meet the
foroige/NUIG submission deadlines – timetables are published on the DEYLI tab on the
St Joseph's Doorabarefield GAA webpage here

<https://doorabarefieldgaa.com/dermot-early-youth-leadership-initiative/>

Applying to DEYLI

- ✓ Apply here by selecting the google form link
(<https://doorabarefieldgaa.com/dermot-early-youth-leadership-initiative/>)
- ✓ Complete all questions on the google form and submit

That's it!

- ✓ When applications close, participants will be selected at random to fill the 16 available places
- ✓ Applicants will be contacted via the email addresses provided on the application form.

Partnerships/Sponsorship/Fundraising to help subsidise costs.....

- ✓ *Do you know any business or company that would consider partnering with us on this initiative?*
- ✓ *Is there a local business that might sponsor part of the programme?*
- ✓ *Can you give your time to help with fundraising?*

If you can, please get in touch: DEYLI.StJosephsDBGAA@gmail.com

Check out our frequently asked questions
page here

<https://doorabarefieldgaa.com/dermot-early-youth-leadership-initiative/>

Or

Feel free to contact us
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