



## New Appointment

Ireland Active welcomed a new member to the office team this week with Niamh Norton joining as our Office Administrator. Niamh has come to us from Professional Development, a corporate training company. Niamh previously worked as a PE teacher in the UK, graduating from the University of Wolverhampton where she obtained her BA(hons) degree and Post Graduate Certificate in Education. She also holds a qualification in Leisure and Management and several coaching awards. Niamh has a keen interest in GAA and running.

Niamh is looking forward to her role as Office Administrator and working with Ireland Active members.

Niamh can be contacted at: [niamh.norton@irelandactive.ie](mailto:niamh.norton@irelandactive.ie)



## Ireland Active Leadership Forum

**New event for 2017: Ireland Active Leadership Forum sponsored by McSport.**

We are delighted to invite you to our 2017 Leadership and Networking Forum-



The Sports Equipment Specialists

When: **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 6.30pm**

Where: **Dublin 2, City Centre, TBC**

RSVP: [sarah.kerrigan@irelandactive.ie](mailto:sarah.kerrigan@irelandactive.ie) / 01-6251192

The event MC will be Eoin Conroy, Titan Experience and the event will include canapes and drinks.

On the eve of the 6 Nations our special guest will be **Stuart Lancaster, Senior Coach, Leinster Rugby and ex-England Rugby Head Coach** who will give his insights on what it takes to succeed on and off the field at the highest level, including all that comes with the highs and lows of high performance sport.

Lancaster is a former Leeds Tykes player and played representative rugby with Scotland at age grade level. Having been forced to retire due to injury at the age of 30, the qualified teacher moved into coaching and had roles with the Leeds Academy and Leeds Carnegie before being appointed as the RFU's Head of Elite Player Development in 2008 and England Saxons coach. He was appointed to the role of England Head Coach in 2011 and led the team through four Six Nations campaigns and 2015 Rugby World Cup. *Lancaster* joined Leinster Rugby as Senior Coach in September 2016.



## Strategic Plan - Regional Meetings

The Ireland Active Strategic Plan Regional Meetings are taking place at the following locations:

- **Dublin** - Thursday 2nd February, 4pm-6pm (venue TBC)
- **Cork** - Monday 6th February, 2pm-4pm (venue TBC)
- **Galway** - Tuesday 7th February, 2pm-4pm, Ardilaun Hotel
- **Cavan** - Wed 8th February, 2pm-4pm, Cavan Crystal Hotel

Email Sarah to book your place - [sarah.kerrigan@irelandactive.ie](mailto:sarah.kerrigan@irelandactive.ie).  
(Places are limited in some venues)



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## ISSPC Courses 2017

### Upcoming Full ISSPC courses:

- **Killarney** - 1st, 2nd and 3rd February 2017
- **Portlaoise** - 13th, 14th and 15th February 2017
- **Waterford** - 20th, 21st and 23rd February 2017



All Full ISSPC courses include 3 consecutive days and an additional 4th day approximately one month later.

If you would like to complete a foundation or revalidation course at these venues, or are interested in attending or hosting a course in a different location, [let us know](#).

[Request a booking form](#) and details of prices, please state the location you would like to attend.

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## E-Vetting Information for Ireland Active Members

The National Vetting Bureau (Children & Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 - 2016 commenced on the 29th of April 2016. From that date, a statutory obligation was placed upon all organisations to Garda vet every person prior to taking up a role which involves work with a vulnerable person and /or a person under the age of 18 years.

Section 21 of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016 places a legislative requirement on relevant organisations to conduct vetting in respect of employees who were in their employment prior to the 29th April 2016, and who have not been previously subject of a vetting application by that organisation. In that regard, it has been directed by the Minister for Justice & Equality, that vetting must be sought in respect of this category of personnel by 31st December 2017.

[Download the E-Vetting Message to Ireland Active Members January 2017.](#)

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## Active School Week 2017

Active School Week 2017 (ASW) will be running from 24th to 28th of April. Over the past few years Ireland Active members supported ASW by offering swim passes, taster sessions and facility or gym offers.

ASW is a Department of Education and Skills initiative supported by Healthy Ireland for all schools, primary and post primary.



The aims of the week are to energise the school day and promote fun and inclusive physical activities. **The benefits of taking part include:**

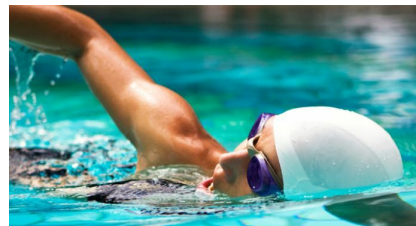
- Forging stronger links between schools and the local community
- **Raising awareness about the physical activity opportunities and facilities available in every local community.**

If you would like to be involved this year, [register your interest](#).

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## The International Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre Conference, Dublin, 2017

The International Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre Conference is an IAKS, UIA Sports & Leisure WP and Aura Holohan joint initiative. It will take place at the The Helix, Dublin City University on 9th and 10th February 2017.



The theme will be 'Innovation' and will take a holistic view of the design, development and operation of swimming pools and leisure centres.

[Download the event press release](#) or [click here for tickets](#).

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## European Health & Fitness Market Report 2017

EuropeActive in cooperation with Deloitte are conducting an online survey on the European Health & Fitness Market. The results of this survey will give an insight into market development and trends in the fitness sector.

The survey will contribute to the industry and is a great tool for facilities, suppliers, investors, government and other stakeholders. The survey will take only 5-7 minutes. In return for your participation Europe Active will provide you with the results of the Irish industry -



[Start the survey.](#)

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