



CEO Update

The team in the office have been busy over the past few months working on several initiatives and events on behalf of our members. It is important that the sectors voice is heard by government, that partnerships are forged to benefit our members, that industry standards are raised, that our members have an opportunity to network and learn and that training needs are met.

Below is just some of the work we have been doing-

National Sports Policy Submission

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport asked for submissions on a new National Sports Policy for the coming 10 years. We made two submissions, one of our own and a joint submission with Swim Ireland around the development of a swimming strategy.

Click the link below for the more details on the Ireland Active and joint Swim Ireland and Ireland Active Submissions.



Strategic Plan Regional Meetings

We are aiming to launch our new Strategic Plan in May 2017 for the 2017-2020 period. In developing the Plan we have had a number of stakeholder engagements which included Board strategy meetings, members survey and 5 regional meetings during February 2017. Read the full story for the key themes from the meetings.

[Read the Full CEO Report](#)

Events Calendar 2017

We have developed a calendar of the main events happening over the coming months which include-

- Workplace Wellbeing Day- 31st March
- FIBO- Irish Night at the Corkonian, Cologne- 6th April, 9pm
- Active Schools Week- 24th - 28th April
- Ireland Active Strategic Plan launch- May TBC
- fit4all Week- 8th -14th May
- National Fitness Day- 29th September
- Ireland Active AGM- September TBC
- Ireland Active Conference & White Flag Awards- 9th /10th November - TBC
- Ireland Active Christmas drinks- 7th December

Register your interest or find out more about events by emailing sarah.kerrigan@irelandactive.ie.

Member discount available for the **FIBO Trade Show**, email info@irelandactive.ie



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Training

Safeguarding Children Training

We have been working with Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, on developing industry specific training for those working in the leisure and fitness sector. We are developing policy and course materials currently and are aiming to launch courses during Summer 2017.

Ireland Active Swimming & Spa Pool Operators Courses

Well done to everyone who took part in recent courses in Kingfisher Waterford and Portlaoise Leisure Centre.

Courses currently being organised, register for updates by clicking on the link:

[Cavan - Foundation & Revalidation Courses, April TBC](#)

[Dublin - Foundation, Full and Revalidation Courses, May TBC](#)

If there is any other training which you feel may be required for the sector and/or to be provided by Ireland Active please contact Sarah- sarah.kerrigan@irelandactive.ie / 01-6251192

Please also contact us if you would like us to list your training opportunities.



Member and Supplier Focus

Each month we will bring you updates from our members and suppliers. This month we are featuring:

- Tallaght Leisure Centre
- CustomerLink
- Complete Leisure Supplies

[Read the full feature](#)

If you have a news story or update, send the details to info@irelandactive.ie.

White Flag National Quality Standard

Thank you to all our members who returned feedback on the White Flag National Quality Standard Process. We are currently working on this year's criteria, with online applications due to open on 23rd March 2017 and briefings to be held in April (more details coming soon). Sign up or register your interest [here](#).



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