

Developing Better Club Structures

Step by Step Guide

1. Identify club(s) in your County that require assistance regarding Better Club Structure
2. Once there is a general agreement set up a meeting with the club(s). All members must be in attendance
3. Get club(s) to record Where they are **NOW** regarding:
 - A Club Officials List the current number of volunteers involved in the Committee and the role each volunteer plays
 - B Members How many members does club have at present?
 - C Schools List Number of schools in the area and identify number of girls attending
 - D Club/School Links Establish is there a school/club link at present.
 - E Facility What facilities does the club have at present?
 - F Teams List number of teams involved in the club at present and numbers of girls/ladies involved in each team
 - G Coaches/helpers List the number of Coaches and helpers associated with each of the teams in the club
 - H Link with GAA Club Does the club have an established link with the Bord na nOg section of the club?
 - I Finances What are the clubs finances like at present? Does the club have a sponsor?
4. Get Club(s) to discuss **WHERE** they want to be in 1 year's time regarding?
 - **Club Officers (Discuss what key roles within the club are needed)**
 - **Members**
 - **School Links**
 - **Facilities**
 - **Teams**
 - **Coaches/Helpers**
 - **Links with GAA Club**
 - **Finances**
4. Clubs devise a plan on **HOW** they are going to achieve above?

Suggestions:

Open Night

- Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Have forms available for all parents with info to include name, contact number, would you like to be part of X LGF Club?, If yes in what capacity would you like to be involved?
- Forms for players will be available too in order to build up database
- Night will involve parents/players being informed of the aim of club and where they hope to go and how they hope to achieve it.
- In addition the importance of volunteers and assistance for the club to run efficiently will be highlighted

AGM

- Putting in place new officers.
- Prior to AGM it would be important to head hunt few volunteers as it is of vital importance that club have good working committee.
- All personnel should receive LGF Club Officer booklet prior to AGM to understand roles and responsibilities before seeking election
- All officers will receive training at club leadership programme organised by County Board
- Ensure all officers do the basic 4hr code of ethics course
- Ensure Children's Officer does the required code of ethics training

Launch Club / Registration Night

- Invite distinguished guests and inter County players to attend night.
- Identify role of club in community etc
- Hold registration on same night. Ensure all relevant forms are signed.
- No players can play with club unless registered

Coaches / Helpers

- Approach personnel to assist with helping out the various teams
- Organise Ladies Gaelic Football Ready, Steady Play Volunteer Programme for persons who will be assisting with coaches for year ahead
- Coaches who would like more in depth coach training can attend FUNdamentals Coaching Course that will be organised by County Board in New Year.

Finances

- Budget costs for the year
- Identify and approach potential sponsors

Club/School Link

- Can you appoint school liaison officer to create link in local schools?
- Has the club a notice board in the school?
- Does the school participate in Cuman mBunscoil and could Club assist with coaching teams?

Promotion:

- Appoint quality PRO with appropriate skills
- Get information out there about the club

Initiatives:

- Use initiatives such as the examples below to get people through the club gates and to create interest in your club
 - Come and Try Days
 - Gaelic4Mothers & Others