

COACHING SEMINARS

PRESENTER PROFILES

PETER JONES - Sports Development Officer, Waterford Sports Partnership

Peter Jones has worked with Waterford Sports Partnership for the past five years as a Sports Development Officer and is responsible for the delivery and promotion of participation in sport and physical activity for the people of Waterford. His work involves supporting local sports clubs and coaches with a particular focus on training and education. The three pilot coaching courses being delivered in conjunction with Coaching Ireland stem from Peter's original ideas of fostering a generic coaching ethos across all sports. He is a qualified PE teacher and was Head of Physical Education in Somervale School in Somerset. In addition to this role, Peter was responsible for coordinating the development of primary school sport for teachers and students in the twelve feeder schools. Peter has played sport to a high level himself and has extensive coaching experience across a wide range of sports leading representative teams in the UK in Soccer, Rugby, Basketball and Athletics. Since moving to Ireland in 2006 Peter has been involved with coaching numerous teams such as Wexford and Stradbally Senior Gaelic Football, East Munster Rugby Cadets and is currently coaching Waterford City RFC.



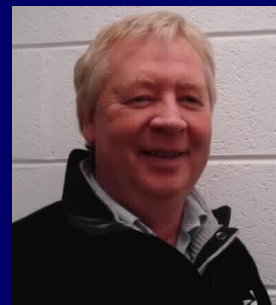
JASON RYAN - PE Teacher, Colaiste Chathail Naofa, Dungarvan

Jason Ryan has just retired as Wexford Senior Football Manager. Jason coached the side to the Division 3 Championship in the National League after coaching Clongeen to their first Wexford Senior Football title in 2007. Jason's management reputation was further enhanced by taking Wexford to their first Leinster Final in 52 years. As a player Jason played inter-county football for Waterford up to 2007 and is currently an active playing member of the De la Salle GAA Club. A Physical Education graduate from Strawberry Hill in London, Jason became Head of Physical Education in Salesian School, Surrey. Whilst in University, Jason worked as a coach for Major League Soccer in the USA and also for Wimbledon FC and the FAI. This was in addition to working with various county and development squads in Soccer, Basketball, Hurling and Gaelic Football. Jason has taught in De la Salle College, Waterford and is currently teaching at Colaiste Chathail Naofa, Dungarvan, leading them to a National Active School Award in 2007/08.



DECLAN O'LEARY - Coaching Ireland, Head of Coaching Services

Declan O' Leary is Head of Coaching Services at Coaching Ireland. Declan oversees a team of six Coach Education Officers and their administrative support team. The team works to develop coaching best practice guidelines and support materials, supporting National Governing Bodies in rolling out the Coaching Development Programme of Ireland and in supporting coaches in their work with the children, players and athletes that they coach. Declan has a MSc. in Sport and Exercise Science, a BA in Physical Education and has previously worked with the IRFU and as a PE teacher. His current work includes developing the CDPI Third Cycle, overseeing the piloting of a revised CDPI Level 3 Course, representing Coaching Ireland at European Coaching Committee meetings, revision of the CDPI core syllabus and working with a range of National Governing Bodies in the CDPI.



JOHN O'NEILL - Development Officer, Munster Rugby

John O' Neill has been working with Munster Rugby for the past 6 years. John's role is wide and varied. John is responsible for the development and promotion of rugby in the Cork and Waterford Regions. John works closely with schools and clubs developing players and coaches. He is also responsible for talent identification in the South East Region, which has proven to be very successful, to date seventeen players that have been identified and all competed at provincial level this month. John is an IRB and an IRFU qualified tutor. He is also a very successful coach with AIL success with Waterpark RFC in 2000. At present John is the Munster Junior Head Coach and the South Munster Regional Development Squad Head Coach.



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