

## New initiative aims to support Cork boxing clubs



Michael Crowley and Eithne Lydon (Cork Sports Partnership) and Colm McGinty (Irish Sports Council) presenting equipment to Ballincollig Boxing Club members Hugh O'Connor (Chairman), Nessa Hartnett (Foroige) Hon.Sec., John Deasy and Paul Kenny (Coaches). Included is Tim Harte, Chairman Cork Indoor Sports Committee.

*Picture Mike English.*

**Details of a scheme to support the establishment of new boxing clubs in Cork were announced by Michael Crowley of the Cork Sports Partnership recently. The clubs to benefit are Ballincollig, Shanbally, Mayfield and Ballyphehane.**

Speaking at the launch of the scheme Michael Crowley said, "This we hope is just the start of our sports programme in which we will support, not just boxing, but other targeted sports as well. We hope to provide equipment, but also to support coaching courses, training of tutors and such help as may be required to enable these

clubs to grow and develop into the future, with as many young people as possible involved."

With input from the Irish Sports Council, the local sports partnership is in a position to provide some finance towards the registration of these clubs with the County Boxing Board and the IABA.

The Cork Boxing Board and members of the Cork Ex-Boxers Association are fully behind this scheme and Ted Barry, President of the Cork Boxing Board, said that they were delighted to receive the support of the local sports partnership and of the Irish Sports Council and that they were looking forward to working together to provide access to the sport of boxing for as many people as possible within their own communities.

"We are anxious to provide coaching support to the volunteers involved in these new clubs and will address this as a priority early in 2010," he concluded.

Also present were John Wiseman (Hon. Sec Cork Boxing Board), Willie O'Leary and Dommy Murphy (Cork Ex Boxers Association) and Tim Harte, Chairman Cork Indoor Sports Committee.

The Cork Local Sports Partnership coordinates the delivery of programmes and initiatives to promote participation in sport, exercise and physical activity in Cork. Funding is provided by the Irish Sports Council, who were represented by Colm McGinty, and receives local support from a wide range of partners and agencies including HSE, Local Authorities and VECs.

Further information is available on web site [www.corksports.ie](http://www.corksports.ie) where you can register your club or event.