

Joint venture aimed at increasing camogie numbers

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A MAJOR venture between the Cork Sports Partnership and Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, aimed at increasing participation in camogie at all grades, was launched last week.

The joint partnership hopes to implement a coaching and development programme at grassroots level for ten selected clubs in Cork city and county.

It is hoped that this will lead to increased participation while also providing instruction for coaches and volunteers within those clubs.

Speaking at the launch, Michael Crowley, co-ordinator with Cork Sports Partnership said: "This project is the first major joint venture between camogie and the Sports Partnership, it has the potential to increase participation on a large scale. As well as providing additional opportunities for young girls to participate in camogie through developing club and school links, this venture will also provide a solid platform in camogie for those clubs in the future.



The launch of the Cork Sports Partnership.

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"We have approached this programme in a unified way, which we feel will have many positive effects on how these clubs and camogie will develop for the future."

Maurice O'Sullivan, Sports Development Officer outlined how the ten clubs were chosen and said he hoped that on completion of this project it would be possible to expand to other areas and clubs.

The ten clubs who will benefit are Grenagh, Blarney, Youghal, Na Piarsaigh, St. Finbarrs, Bandon, Carrigtwohill, Brian Dillons, St Colums and Bantry.

Deirdre Murphy, Mun-

ster Camogie Development Officer and Marian McCarthy, Chairperson Cork Camogie Board said they were delighted that such a programme had been implemented and thanked the Cork Sports Partnership for their assistance in putting the programme in place.

"This will have a major impact on the game in Cork," said Ms McCarthy.

It was announced at the launch that a course for club coaches will be held on 10 and 17 May while on 5 June a GO GAMES Blitz will be hosted by Na Piarsaigh club to bring the curtain down on the programme.