

Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action

The **Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative** has been accredited by the National University of Ireland, Galway, as a Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action.



Module 1



Module 2



Module 3



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in Youth Leadership
and Community Action
(NUI Galway, Ireland)

A registration fee applies for the Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action. For the academic year 2019-2020 this is €300 per person.

"Great experience and opportunity to gain skills which will be of huge benefit to me in the future both on and off the pitch."

"Helped me develop a lot of skills I didn't know I even had!"

"It is such a worthwhile course in memory of a legend Dermot Earley. It is a brilliant course for people who love GAA and who are or want to get involved in their local GAA club or community."

"I would 100% recommend this course. I think its a once in a lifetime opportunity which has made me wiser on and off the pitch."

"I got to feel like a leader for the first time in my life which I discovered I really like."

How do I apply?

Please contact either Bryan or Stacey.

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"The greatest reward you will ever get is the satisfaction of doing your work well and doing it to the best of your ability"
Dermot Earley



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This exciting Foróige programme enables young people to develop the skills and qualities necessary to be good leaders, and challenges them to use these skills to improve society. The DEYL Initiative takes its name from one of Ireland's most inspirational leaders and one of Connacht's greatest Gaelic sportsmen, Dermot Earley (1948-2010), as tribute to his lifetime of sporting and professional achievements and his commitment to community service.

In his sporting life, Dermot Earley was one of the all time great GAA players. Professionally, Dermot is regarded as one of Ireland's most distinguished public servants, serving in the defence forces for over forty years, including four years in New York as senior military advisor at United Nations Headquarters. His exceptional professionalism and dedication made him a wonderful ambassador for Ireland, the army, the GAA, and the UN. Dermot continues to be recognised regionally, nationally and internationally as a visionary and inspirational leader.

"Your attitude is more important than your ability, your motives are more important than your methods, your courage is more important than your cleverness and always have your heart in the right place."



Dermot Earley



The Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative aims:

- To enable young people to develop the skills, inspiration, vision, confidence, and action plans needed to be effective leaders, both on and off the pitch
- To empower young people to make a positive difference to their society through the practice of effective leadership

The programme will motivate and equip young people to:

- Identify their personal strengths and the motivations that inspire them to become leaders, both on and off the pitch
- Develop a clear vision of what they would like to achieve as a leader
- Develop a greater understanding of their style of leadership
- Explore the challenges and difficulties of leadership
- Set clear goals and develop action plans to achieve them
- Develop clear communication skills
- Explain and apply methods of conflict resolution
- Practice problem solving and critical thinking skills as part of a group
- Explore local, national and global issues
- Identify goals and vision for the future
- Organise and plan a project



What's involved?



The **Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative** is open to GAA and Foróige members aged 15-18 years old.

Module 1

- 15 hours of workshops
- 15 hours reflection/self-directed learning

Module 2

- 15 hours of workshops
- 15 hours reflection/self-directed learning

Module 3

- 20 hours community action project
- 10 hours group & individual reflection

