

PRESS ADVISORY NOTICE 11th August 2014

HSE Community Games Festival kicks off next weekend!

The HSE Community Games Festival will be taking place over two weekends from the 15th to 17th August and from the 22nd to 24th August at Athlone IT and Athlone Regional Sports Centre. Over 7,500 children from all over Ireland will be participating in over 50 wide-ranging activities: from Table Tennis to Debating, Indoor Soccer to Duathlon, Athletics to Rugby.

The HSE Community Games has teamed up this year with Healthy Ireland, the new national initiative promoting health and wellbeing throughout the country. Speaking at the Community Games launch on 22nd July, Dr. Cate Hartigan from the HSE said, "We are delighted to support the Community Games in 2014, and to make it part of our Healthy Ireland programme. Encouraging more children, families and communities to be active, and to see the enormous benefits that this can bring, is one of the most important changes that we all want to see in Ireland. On top of that, the community participation and volunteerism that is an essential part of Community Games adds to our shared wellbeing in towns and villages nationwide. Well done to everyone involved and we're looking forward to this year's festival."

The HSE Community Games would like to express their sincere thanks to all the volunteers from the length and breadth of Ireland for their time and invaluable efforts in making sure that the HSE Community Games National Festival is such a successful event year after year.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

If you would like to attend the Festivals on either weekend please email sinead@communitygames.ie so that you can be issued with a Press Pass

Photos from SportsFile will be sent on the Sunday of both weekends along with results and a Press Release.

The HSE Community Games is an independent voluntary organisation operating in over 600 local communities throughout the entire island of Ireland. The HSE and the Community Games aim to promote healthy active lives and to have a positive impact on young people and their families in maintaining their health, in particular through being active and eating healthily.

The HSE Community Games festival will take place this year in Athlone Institute of Technology, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, over 2 weekends in August:

National Festival Weekend 1: 15th – 17th August 2014

National Festival Weekend 2: 22nd – 24th August 2014

For a List of Events and the weekends they are on, please see our website

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