



# **Angling For Youth Development Ireland**

## **PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION PACKAGE**







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## INTRODUCTION

The Angling Council of Ireland (ACI), share a long history of working with community groups on angling outreach and youth courses. ACI has piloted the AFYDI project in the South East and achieved success running fishing courses for young people, summer projects and youth services. The aim is to develop and promote angling, freshwater and sea, working closely through local clubs and service providers.

'Something Fishy' is a schools programme that was developed and launched by IFI in 2004. It is aimed at 5th & 6th classes in Primary schools. ACI coaches are now trained in the delivery of this programme and work with IFI staff to deliver it.

In 2011 the ACI made a decision to develop an education and outreach programme for youths at a national level. After examining the best of what was available in other countries it became clear that the 'Angling For Youth Development' (AFYD) programme in Scotland most closely matched ACI's aims.

AFYD is a youth diversity programme created by Strathclyde Police and East Renfrewshire Council's Education Department. It developed from the work of two community based Police Officers who found that involving young people in a worthwhile hobby reduced anti-social behaviour and appeared to positively influence their quality of life. The programme produced positive results, such as improvements in participant's confidence, behaviour and interaction with their peers, communities and other bodies.

The ACI is the registered Angling National Governing Body in Ireland and recognised the potential of this programme. The programme was modified to suit the needs youth angling in Ireland. The ACI is collaborating with its partners in the European Anglers Alliance, currently its membership is around 3.5 million throughout Europe. We are working together to further develop youth angling across Europe. The EAA is committed to youth angling and has arranged a series of international conferences to develop best practice.

In 2011/12 AFYD Ireland (AFYDI) projects were developed and piloted by ACI's coaching division. These were delivered in partnership with IFI staff in Waterford. They were widely recognised as successful with very positive feedback from both participants and organisers.

Setting up and running an AFYD-Ireland hub is an exciting and challenging undertaking, but rest assured you will be supported along the way.



## Mission Statement

AFYDI is a volunteer based programme. Through its structures and activities it strives toward a sustainable culture of inclusivity and angling excellence, enabling the personal development of young people through the sport of angling.

## Why Angling?

AFYDI is not just about fishing as a sport. It can help address many other issues and act as a springboard to channel young people into new experiences and opportunities and is a tool for social inclusion.

Angling in all its forms is a great leveller, because it builds bridges across social and economic divides. It can help develop a young person's motivation, skills, self-confidence, social care, personal enterprise, and promote physical exercise and good health. It can also lead to the development of a more responsible lifestyle.

It is a useful educational tool, in that the sport calls for knowledge of science, geology, geography, natural and social history.

It can provide employment opportunities and assist in a community's economic growth. Angling can also address social problems by reducing crime, truancy and anti-social behaviour, thereby helping to create safer and more caring communities.

It can be a positive, pro-active, and creative force for the improvement of both our social and natural environments.

## Aims & Objectives

**Aim** - To offer young people of all backgrounds and abilities opportunities to participate in the sport of angling, thereby improving their quality of life.

### Objectives to -

- Allow the participants a chance to enjoy the sport of angling.
- Provide safety awareness through education and good practice.
- Develop young people's skills and self-confidence.
- Encourage responsible and positive participation within the sport and the community.
- Divert people away from anti-social behaviour, reducing crime and creating safer communities.
- Raise awareness of all participants of environmental issues related to the countryside through angling.
- Provide instruction of the highest quality in angling techniques and fishing etiquette.
- Support any participant wishing to obtain recognised qualifications in angling and angling related subjects.



## **Who are we?**

AFYDI is a non-profit making organisation. It is a partnership of public sector agencies with voluntary sector organisations.

## **What do we do?**

AFYDI is a powerful educational and vocational training tool, whilst our programmes are very much angling based, we have designed and are continually developing a range of inter changeable modules to create programmes for teaching people about the sport of angling, our biodiversity and our environment.

These modules can be adapted to assist those of our partners in targeted messaging to participants who require additional educational or social direction in their lives.

Courses are designed to complement the curriculum in both Primary and Secondary Education. We even take participants fishing!



## **How do we do it?**

Where there is interest shown in establishing an AFYDI hub in a particular area AFYDI will organise local partners to form a steering group. The steering group will be directed by a locally designated project leader to provide the logistical support required for AFYDI to operate. Ideally the steering group will comprise of representation from local schools, Garda youth diversion projects, school completion programmes, local Sports Partnerships, youth support groups, scouts and guides, Inland Fisheries Ireland, angling clubs, local businesses (tackle shops), wildlife organisations etc. The Steering groups are responsible for recruiting from their local community the coaching team, which includes angler's, to assist in the delivery of the programme

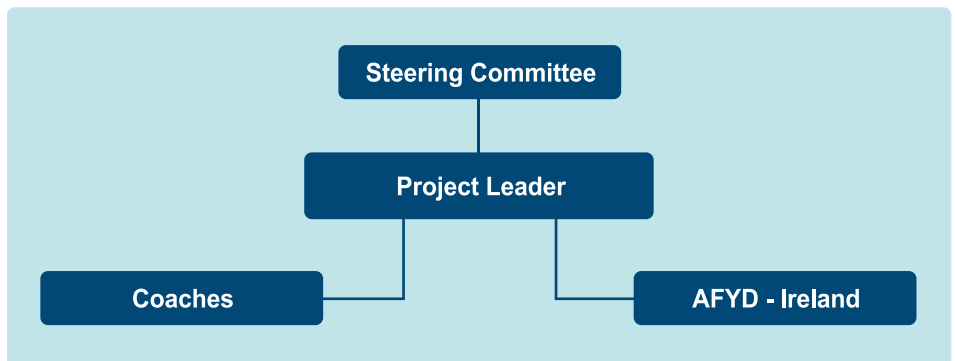


## Hub Structure



It is recommended that a hub contains at least 6 partner organisations

## Local Structure?





## **Hub Membership**

- Membership is at the discretion of the AFYDI and any organisation or group involved or interested in youth issues may apply to join.
- Application forms should be filled in and submitted to a designated representative of AFYDI.
- AFYDI reserves the right to decline applications for membership.
- AFYDI may require a registration fee and annual subscription from each individual AFYDI organisation to cover administration costs.

## **Courses**

Our course has been developed for students in Secondary Education / Community Programmes and can be undertaken in the disciplines of

- Game Angling (including Fly tying)
- Coarse Angling and
- Sea Angling

*Further courses are available (please see the web site) including coaching courses.*

## **Course Operation**

Flexibility in the delivery and duration of courses is expected. AFYDI anticipates that different courses may concentrate on various aspects of the lessons to a greater or lesser degree. The Modular Lesson notes should be viewed as the basic amount of information needed to cover a particular lesson effectively.

The coaching team on any AFYDI course will consist of a number of angling coaches; the senior coach must hold a minimum of ACI Level 1 accreditation. It is recognised that the coaching team may not consist solely of anglers and specialist coaches or guest speakers may be required to present certain parts of the course effectively.

All course coaches must have undergone Garda vetting. Guest speakers and specialist instructors do not require vetting if accompanied by a course coach.

The educational pathway is not purely about attaining qualifications in angling but also providing opportunities for a number of vocational training programmes and other awards such as the President's award.





Where there are specific or special needs and a targeted programme needs to be developed for a particular individual or group of individuals AFYDI will work with the expertise provided within the steering committee to ensure a programme that suits that individual or group's needs.

***All participants taking part in AFYD Ireland programmes are expected to respect other participants and coaches and work within the Code of Conduct.***

## **Benefits**

The benefits of this programme for everyone involved are immense and can be categorised as follows:

### **PARTICIPANTS**

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| 1. | Improved motivation                 |
| 2. | Skills acquisition                  |
| 3. | Increased self confidence           |
| 4. | Improved communication skills       |
| 5. | Improved and responsible lifestyle. |
| 6. | Employment opportunities            |

### **EDUCATION**

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| 1 | Reduced truancy                          |
| 2 | Improved behaviour                       |
| 3 | Alternative route to return to education |
| 4 | Vocational qualifications                |
| 5 | Lifelong learning                        |
| 6 | Alternate qualifications                 |

### **SOCIETY**

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| 1 | Reduced anti-social behaviour |
| 2 | Community involvement         |
| 3 | Improved environment          |
| 4 | Economic development          |
| 5 | Social inclusion              |

### **ANGLING**

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| 1 | New membership recruitment |
| 2 | Awareness of fish welfare  |
| 3 | Better anglers             |
| 4 | Improved fisheries         |

### **THE PARTNERS**

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| 1 | Shared resources                          |
| 2 | Targeted messaging                        |
| 3 | Reduced operating costs                   |
| 4 | Employee development / skills acquisition |
| 5 | Positive PR                               |



When a partnership group applies to join AFYDI it requires the support of a variety of local interests / organisations where it will be based. We will assist in providing presentations and information to those interested parties and if everything is approved we will arrange for the new AFYDI teams training, provide a full copy of the course modular lesson notes, with their complimentary power point presentations, a specialist speakers / coach contact list, participant contracts / consent forms, a child protection policy, participant contracts, disclosure applications and generic risk assessments. Full details of our child welfare and vetting policies together with our safety policy are to be found on our website <http://afydireland.ie/>

We are now in a position to equip new hubs with game, coarse and sea angling equipment. We also provide equipment lists and supplier's information, funding source information and offer public liability and personal accident insurance for participating AFYDI groups enrolled in the programme.

We encourage AFYDI groups to operate their own training sites and we will assist them in the design, planning and proposed development stages of them if so required. We arrange competitions between the participating AFYDI groups for both the coaching teams and the course participants and believe in regular shared information exchanges between the groups.

## **Winding Up**

If upon the winding up or the dissolution of AFYDI there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the AFYDI but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the AFYDI and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the AFYDI under or by virtue of Clause hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the council at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then to some charitable object.

*For further details please go to the AFYDI web page at <http://afydireland.ie/>*

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