

# **BALLINA COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE CLG**



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## **TO WHOM IT CONCERNS**

**Ballina Community Sports Centre is a vibrant not-for-profit organisation located at the heart of the community. We aim to provide a socially inclusive and affordable environment that addresses the health and leisure needs of the local community through the provision of top-class facilities and expert fitness advice.**

**We have identified the need for a boxing arena for the town of Ballina but we do not have the capacity or the expertise to develop this facility on our own. This arena will have permanent boxing rings and customised training equipment which will allow suitably qualified, Garda vetted boxing coaches from the town and county to deliver boxing tuition to patrons.**

**Ballina Community Sports Centre does not have the space for these features to be erected on a permanent basis though we recognise the need to have a training facility which would match that in which boxers would have to compete at county, regional, national level and beyond.**

**Ballina Community Sports Centre will manage the new facility and we envisage its use by many other community organisations and individuals. This will have the added advantage of maximising the potential of the Centre when it is not in use for boxing.**

**The Dick Hearn Centre will be responsible for furnishing a list of suitably qualified coaches and will oversee training programmes based on the ability and fitness levels of their patrons. We note that the Dick Hearn Centre has the full support of the County Mayo Boxing Board and we would envisage making the centre available for their use also.**

**Our proximity to other facilities, clubs and schools as well as being located so close to the town centre will also be hugely positive added value benefit for all organisations of having access to potential new members.**

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