An Introduction to the HSE Community Games

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- ❖ Established in 1967 in Dublin by a group of local volunteers
- ❖ Motto 'A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body'
- ❖ Volunteer led, providing sporting and cultural opportunities for young people aged 6 to 16, across the whole island of Ireland
- Organised at Area (local community), County, Provincial and National level
- ❖ Over 200,000 children participate annually in Community Games activities
- ❖ List of events includes over 50 sporting and cultural activities
- There are approximately 10,000 volunteers involved in running the regular activities and competitions provided ay Area (community), County, Provincial and National level







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This relationship between the Community Games and the HSE is a very natural alliance, as we both strive to promote a healthy ethos within the population of Ireland...





We are committed to providing the best possible experience for young people who participate in our activities and events as participants and volunteers. Our motto: 'A healthy mind in a healthy body' captures perfectly how we wish to see our young people grow and prosper while partaking in appropriate, enjoyable, safe and healthy sporting and cultural pursuits.

- ❖Inform and educate on health related issues
- *Raise awareness of behaviour that impacts on our health
- Participation in activities in a positive atmosphere, with fair and healthy competition
- Disseminate information on policies, e.g. health promotion, healthy eating, anti-bullying, social inclusion and integration

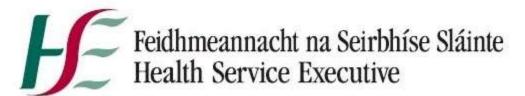






Example of Good Practice at our National Events:

- Healthy food only provided for volunteers and participants
- Encourage anti-smoking
- ❖ Volunteers agree to abide by our Code of Conduct which includes acceptance of all health and welfare related policies
- Information distributed on Child Protection, Healthy Eating, Integration and Inclusion
- Health Service Executive representatives present providing guidance and information on best practises.



Thank you for your attention!



