

Press Release

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Sportsworld - FAI Soccer Sisters Easter Camps are launched

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Irish women's senior Internationals Aine O'Gorman, and Lauren Dwyer were joined by 10 girls from Corduff NS today to launch the Sportsworld FAI Soccer Sisters Easter Camps.

The Sportsworld FAI Soccer Sisters programme is open to girls between the ages of 7-12 years old and gives them the chance to play football in a fun environment with girls of their own age and ability. The camps cater for girls of all levels of skill from those who have never played, up to those who play regularly.

The programme is now in its tenth year, and had been a part of the huge increase in participation in the girls game at a grassroots level since 2006. Over that period the number of girls playing soccer nationwide has increased from 12,500 to 23,500.

The 2015 Sportsworld FAI Soccer Sisters Easter Camps will be the biggest ever, with 105 camps taking place across the country, an increase of 15% from last year's camps, providing over 2,000 girls the opportunity to get involved. The two day camps are all overseen by FAI accredited coaches and the girls will also receive an FAI Sportsworld Soccer Sisters Umbro jersey as part of the camp. A full list of all 105 camps is available on www.FAI.ie/SoccerSisters

Sue Ronan, Senior Women's International Manager, said; "The FAI Sportsworld Soccer Sisters programme has become a huge factor in developing the female game at grassroots level. Participation numbers have risen steadily since its first year in 2006, with many going on to join clubs, which is ultimately the objective of the programme."

Lauren Dwyer, Senior Women's International, and a former Soccer Sisters attendee, said, "The Sportsworld FAI Soccer Sisters camps are a great way to introduce girls to the game for the first time. I used to really look forward to the soccer sisters camps during my Easter holidays from school. Growing up, boy's football used to be the focus of schools and clubs, but the camps really gave us girls the opportunity to develop our skills, make friends, and have lots of fun too."

The price for Camps range between €10 and €20 depending on the venue and places are limited. To register or get more details on this year's Sportsworld FAI Soccer Sisters log on to www.FAI.ie/SoccerSisters or email SoccerSisters@fai.ie