



NEWCASTLE WEST REGIONAL ATHLETICS HUB PROJECT



What was the idea

A steering committee was set up in January 2015 to plan and develop a fully equipped 400m, eight lane athletics track for the athletic community in Newcastle West. The project received huge support from schools both primary and secondary, the athletics clubs, the disability sector, community games areas and the general public. A large area of County Limerick and part of North Cork and North Kerry will benefit from having the facility .



Planning for the future

The project which received full cross-party support from local politicians and Limerick City and County Council has gone through a process over the last 8 years. The physical development of the project which began in June 2021 is still in progress with drainage and foundation work nearly completed on the nine-acre site.



How has this funding made a difference?

The group were successful in their application for funding from the Wind Farm Community Funds, this along with additional sources of funding permitted the project to progress.

'The steering committee who went to source and secure funding towards the cost of the development would like to thank SECAD who administer The Wind Farm Community Funds on behalf of the E.S.B, this fund provided us with an opportunity to seek out part of the funding required for our project'

'The multi annual commitment from the fund along with the flexible support in relation to contract dates, has taken huge pressure off our committee'

'We would like to thank all the staff at SECAD for all their kind words, help and support and for sticking with us on this very long journey.'



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Amount Awarded

€60,000 commitment, €6,000 per annum for a duration of 10 years

Jim Galvin– Newcastle West Regional Athletics Hub



"It was a pleasure to experience the professional and warm way in which the staff of SECAD have worked with us throughout the project, the pandemic and everything else we met along the way"



Key Users

- Athletics Clubs
- Primary & Secondary Schools
- The Disability Sector
- Recreational Users
- Competitively Trained Athletes

Linked to Sustainable Development Goals



Project Financing

- Wind Farm Community Funds
- Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund
- Sports Capital Programme
- Hinterland Fund
- Limerick City and County Council
- JP McManus Benevolent Fund
- Local Government and Heritage Department of Housing

