



Draft Blessington Local Area Plan Submission - Report

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Topic

Community Development (incl. sports facilities & schools, etc.)

Submission

Hi, My name is Ciaran [REDACTED]. I joined Poulaphouca Paddlers Kayak club when I was 8. I wasn't really into GAA and soccer like a lot of young lads but I loved kayaking. Through the club I got all my canoeing Ireland skills assessments done and I am now a kayak instructor and a SUP instructor. I am in college now and joined the college kayak club and help them out as an instructor. I also play canoe polo with Poulaphouca Paddlers, Kilcullen Kayay Club and Maynooth University Kayak Club. Through the club I've made life long friends, we have great memories of summer camps, trips, participating in events like the Liffey Descent and getting to play in Polo Leagues. The club was a huge part of my childhood and I am lucky that I can now volunteer as a qualified instructor and give back to the club, giving the next generation the opportunity to get the same experiences I got from the club. After experiencing facilities in other clubs like Kilcullen and Galway Clubs, I realised that Poulaphouca Paddlers have very basic facilities and can see the benefit of having a proper premises for boats and changing facilities to help the club thrive. Please help them to achieve this. Thank you.

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