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ACCELERATE

Management Development
Programme 2022/2023



ACCELERATE is Sport Ireland's sector specific Management Development Programme. Its main aim is to foster excellent management capability in sports organisations funded by Sport Ireland.

If you are looking to:

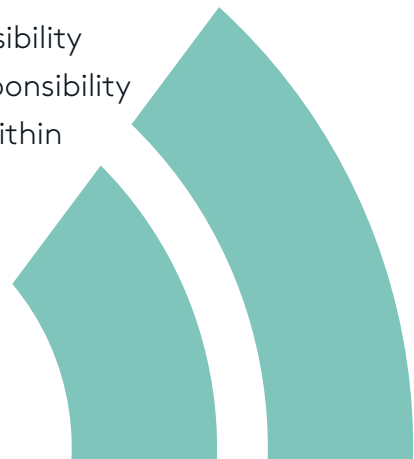
- Develop the skills, acquire the knowledge and understand the behaviours needed to be an effective manager
- Build a professional network with other managers in the sports sector
- Attain a level 6 QQI award in Management

then ACCELERATE is for you!

ACCELERATE is specifically designed for:

- People currently in Managerial roles with line management responsibility
- People currently in Managerial roles without line management responsibility
- People who have been identified for a future Managerial role within their organisation

All participants must be employed in sports organisations funded by Sport Ireland.



The programme experience and key features:

ACCELERATE will be highly experiential and will consist of 3 core modules, namely Self Management, People Management, Project/Financial Management and Governance.

It will include the following elements:

- Psychometric Assessment and Coaching
- Blended Learning
- Networking opportunities and peer support
- Online learning platform and support

The programme modules:

SELF-MANAGEMENT

- Self-Awareness
- Character, Competence & Trust
- Wellbeing & Time Management

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

- Managing Remote Teams
- Legislation, Policies and Regulation
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Team Building (optional)
- Conflict Management
- Innovation
- Business Writing Skills
- Performance Management

PROJECT MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE

- Project Management
- Financial Management
- Governance







When will the programme run?

The programme will commence in October 2022 and will run until June 2023.

What are the key dates?

PREPARATION	→	October 2022 Wednesday the 16th of November 2022 (Induction Day)
MODULE 1: Self-Management	→	Wednesday the 23rd of November 2022 Wednesday the 7th of December 2022 Wednesday the 18th of January 2023
MODULE 2: People Management	→	Wednesday the 8th of February 2023 (optional) Wednesday the 22nd of February 2023 Tuesday the 14th of March 2023 Tuesday the 28th of March 2023 Tuesday the 18th of April 2023 Tuesday the 2nd of May 2023
MODULE 3: Project Mgmt, Financial Mgmt & Governance	→	Wednesday the 17th of May 2023 Wednesday the 7th of June 2023
ASSESSMENT	→	June 2023
GRADUATION	→	October 2023



Where will ACCELERATE take place?

Programme activities will take place either virtually or at an in-person Dublin based venue. These dates will be communicated on the schedule you will receive at the in-person induction for the programme.



The application process

To apply, please complete the Application Form and email it to odc@sportireland.ie by no later than 12pm on Thursday the 29th of September 2022. Applications via post will not be accepted.

All applications will be reviewed by Sport Ireland for eligibility, and applicants will be notified of their status in writing by no later than 3pm on Thursday the 13th of October 2022.



Questions

Should you have any questions in relation to the programme and the application process, please contact the ACCELERATE Programme Lead, Michelle Carty at odc@sportireland.ie



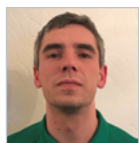
ACCELERATE Management Development Programme 2019/2020

Past Participant Testimonials



"I found the ACCELERATE programme to be hugely beneficial in my role. The modules were relevant, informative and practical. The opportunity to network with colleagues from the Sports sector and share experiences was very valuable, especially for first time managers. I thoroughly enjoyed the programme and would recommend it to anyone who is interested in growing both professionally and personally."

Vydehi Muppavarapu, Evaluation and Research Manager, Sport Ireland



"ACCELERATE was a really enjoyable programme. It was great to meet other people from the Sports Sector, connect with and learn from them. I felt that my management skills have developed from the various modules that were covered. My personal awareness has also increased as a result of the psychometric assessment and the modules."

Fiach Andrews, Sports Inclusion Disability Officer, Kildare Local Sports Partnership



"The programme content was clear, relevant and effective. It was delivered in concise modules that were easy to absorb. The main benefits came from doing practical assignments related to my role and organisation, knowledge sharing and interacting with my peers from other sports bodies. I thoroughly enjoyed the programme and would recommend to anyone stepping into a leadership role."

Orla Nugent, Programme Executive, Triathlon Ireland



"The programme was excellent for my professional growth as the content was very relevant to my position. The tutors were of a high standard and challenged the participants to engage and give their opinions."

Paddy O'Reilly, Regional Development Officer, Special Olympics



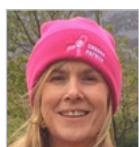
"The ACCELERATE programme is a fantastic programme. I feel I gained a lot personally and professionally from this course and would highly recommend it. The content is very practical, clear, and helpful for a variety of roles within organisations. The most beneficial part for me was the invaluable learning from my peers within the group. Learning from peers from a similar role to me and those with different roles really helped to develop my management skills."

Donna Berry, Hub Coordinator, Laois Sports Partnership



"Great course, I really enjoyed it. It was great to interact with others in the same position as me in other organisations. I felt that the learning happened in a variety of ways, from each other, the content in the virtual classroom sessions and the research required for the assignments."

James Geraghty, Club Development Officer, Irish Athletic Boxing Association



"I really enjoyed the course and found it very practical and informative. I am new to the managerial role and learnt so much that I can put into use."

Catherine Ryan, Office Manager, Clare Local Sports Partnership



"High quality course and great to connect with others from similar roles. The course was nicely spaced which helped with juggling work commitments also."

Richard Doyle, Club and Competition Support Executive, Connacht Rugby

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Application Form

SECTION 1: Personal Information

Please complete the following information regarding your Application electronically.

Applicant's Name:	
Organisation:	Job Title:
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	Mobile Number:
CEO/Most relevant Senior Leaders Number:	
CEO/Most relevant Senior Leaders Email:	

SECTION 2: Personal Statement

Please use the space below to complete a personal statement indicating why you believe you should be selected for the ACCELERATE Management Development Programme. Please indicate what you hope to achieve from participation on the programme and how it will build management capability within your organisation.

SECTION 3: Approval

ACCELERATE Applicant:

Type in Name of Applicant

All applications must be supported by the CEO in the participant's organisation.

I support the above application.

CEO:

Type in Name of CEO/Most relevant Senior Leader



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