



MANY VOICES  
ONE GOAL

# Grassroots Integration and Football Project

*Encouraging playing and volunteering in local football.  
Facilitating language learning and supporting greater community  
connections through involvement in football.*



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## In Brief

The FAI is actively seeking to establish and support a network of collaborative Alliances between local Clubs and Communities. We want to support these partnerships to encourage participation and integration of people from diverse backgrounds, including refugees, asylum seekers and people from non-European countries, through and in football. For clubs this will help increase the number of players and volunteers, while in a societal context, it will help to promote and develop integrated communities via football.

## Who might form an Alliance (this list is not exhaustive)?

1. Club and an NGO/community group
2. Club and a Volunteer agency
3. Club and a school(s)
4. Club and local integration agency

## How will the Alliances be supported?

- The Project will support the organising / running of club based 'Open Days' and 'Training Sessions'
- Support will be available to run 'Volunteering in Football information evenings / sessions'
- Football and Language Skills programmes will be available & supported
- Assistance in organising Adult Futsal Leagues in local communities





## Expected outcomes:

Build the capacity of clubs and community partners to run actions that:

- Provide integration / engagement opportunities between people from Irish and other diverse backgrounds, nationalities (Refugees, Asylum Seekers and non-Europeans)
- Encouraged greater Volunteering opportunities
- Gets more people playing football (children and adults)

We expect to support 17 club and communities alliances annually.





## Call for Alliances-clubs and community organisations

Are you a club keen to engage people in your community and to promote integration through football? Are you a community group, NGO or an organisation that would like to work with local clubs and the FAI to promote diverse groups participation including children and adults from diverse migrant backgrounds?

If so, the FAI is rolling out a project to develop partnerships between clubs and community groups which will assist them to run joint football integration actions, and we would like to hear from you.

### What will be provided?

- Support to run club based open days or training sessions
- Support to organise volunteering in football information evenings or sessions.
- Support to run football and language skills programmes
- Support to get adults playing futsal

### Contact:

Please register your interest by emailing **Des Tomlinson** at [des.tomlinson@fai.ie](mailto:des.tomlinson@fai.ie) or by calling 0868590524 for an informal query.

The date for expressions of interest is currently open and will close once over-subscribed, therefore an early expression of interest is strongly encouraged.

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