

Great Team Day for Irish Youth Olympics Squad

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A highly motivated Irish squad, including Donegal athletes Ruairi Finnigan, Letterkenny AC and Karl Griffin, Tir Chonaill AC, assembled in the Deerpark Hotel, Howth for a Team Day at which full details of Europe's biggest and most prestigious competition for young athletes – the Under 18 Youth Olympics - were outlined. The Irish team departs from Dublin, early next Monday morning event is for mini Olympic style competition that will be held later this month in Trabzon, Turkey.

The Team Day proceedings were chaired by the Team Ireland's Chef de Mission Tom Rafter and excellent contributions were also made by the OCI's sports director Martin Burke and the team's chief medical officer, Dr. Rod McLoughlin.

Over 50 squad members – athletes, coaches and managers – enjoyed the event and left excited at the prospect of going for gold in Turkey. Ireland will be represented in five sports – athletics, cycling, gymnastics, tennis and swimming – and will field the cream of Ireland's young sports stars in the drive for medal success.

The European Youth Olympics are a vital part of the Olympic calendar, giving young Irish athletes the chance to compete in a major multi-sports event, one which is effectively a 'mini Olympics'



14 July 2011: Members of the Irish squad Ben and Megan Kelly, athletes who are trainees and will be competing in the 400m and 400m hurdles respectively, as the team get together for final preparations ahead of the European Youth Olympic Festival. The Olympic Council of Ireland will be sending the largest team ever, as scores of athletes will compete in 5 sports, Athletics, Cycling, Gymnastics, Swimming and Tennis with a realistic hope of medal success. The European Youth Olympic Festival will take place from the 23rd to the 29th July in Trabzon, Turkey and is a stepping stone for athletes to compete in the summer Olympic Games in future years. Irish Team for European Youth Olympic Festival, Howth, Dublin. Picture credit: Brendan Moran / SPORTSFILE



SPORTS 12 July 2015: Members of the Irish squad who will compete in athletics, track, from left, Ben Kieley, 400m, Craig O'Shea, 100m, Sean Collins, 200m, Matthew Morrison, javelin, Murray Lawlor, 500m, Karl Griffin, 800m and Ruaridh Ewan, 1500m, with front row left, Amy O'Donoghue, 500m, Sarah Lavin, 100m hurdles, Megan Kelly, 800m hurdles, Aisling Conry, high jump, Shauna Crotty, 100m hurdles, 1500m, Caoimhe MacCollaigh, 800m, and Ciara Giles Deegan, 200m, as the team get together for final preparations ahead of the European Youth Olympic Festival. The Olympic Council of Ireland will announce the names of the Irish team to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in a ceremony to be held in the summer of 2016. The European Youth Olympic Festival will take place from the 23rd to the 29th July in Trabzon, Turkey and is a stepping stone for athletes to compete in the summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Photo credit: Brendan Moran. 0766110116



17 July 2011. Members of the Irish squad who will compete in swimming, hockey, from left, Sean O'Brien, Ulster Individual member, from Thurles, Dublin, Brendan Gilmore, Ulster Swimsport, from Ardara, Co. Wick, Brian O'Connell, Ulster hockey, Ulster and the Swimsport, from F. Galway, Co. Kerry, David O'Connell, DRI and Ulster hockey, from Galway, and Laila Finghton, DRI hockey, from New Ross, Co. Wick, and Ulagh Flood, DRI hockey, from Kesh, Co. Wick, Paul Dunne, swimming coach and Betty Beatty, swimming team manager, as the team get together for final preparations ahead of the European Youth Olympic Festival. The Olympic Council of Ireland will be sending the largest team ever, in excess of 60 athletes will compete in 7 sports, Athletics, Cycling, Canoeing, Swimming and Tennis with a nucleus group of medal aspirants. The European Youth Olympic Festival will take place from the 14th to the 24th July in Trabzon, Turkey and is a major event for athletes to compete in the summer Olympic Games in future years. Irish Youth Badminton Team, Dublin, Ireland, 2011. Photo credit: Brendan Gilmore, OLYMPIA 2011.