

UCD Sport in the Community 2021-22

A synopsis of UCD sports clubs work within the community, both at a local and national level. It contains details of what this involvement included and with whom their efforts were for. Despite being faced with the challenges COVID presented to sports club committees, their enthusiasm and commitment to initiate and support local and national causes was not deterred.

The disruption to mental health services due to the pandemic highlighted the need for centres such as Jigsaw. UCD AFC's partnership with Jigsaw, alongside UCD Student Union, was well timed, providing additional exposure and funds to the important work of Jigsaw.

Hundreds of club members dedicated their time to coach and lead their clubs in UCD. Off campus, American Football, Canoe, Tennis, Trampoline, Table Tennis, Volleyball, GAA and Taekwon-Do contributed to the running of various events and competitions, through committee representation, involvement with NGB's and to more national causes.

The Canoe, Sailing, Surf, Boat, Mountaineering and Sub-Aqua Clubs raised vital funds by challenging their members to either grow moustaches or travel hundreds of kilometres in aid of the Movember Foundation.

Via the Ascend charity and alongside UCD In the Community, UCD Sport organised taster sessions delivered by the Mountaineering and Shaolin Clubs, for female refugees from Afghanistan. Our thanks to the Poolside Café for sponsoring refreshments for the participants.

Both the Men's and Women's Rugby Clubs welcomed the return of Daffodil Day to campus, the generosity of UCD students, staff and the local community saw over €10,000 raised for the Irish Cancer Society. Additionally the Tennis Club dedicated one week of training and the Trampoline Club ran their annual Pink Bounce both in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

The UCD Marian Basketball Club Christmas Day Dinner fundraiser raised €1,800 for the Knights of Columbus to help them serve over 3,000 meals.

The Mountaineering Club held a "Women Who Rock" event that celebrates women in the outdoors and their yearly Psych Night where club members share stories of epic adventures raised funds for Mountain Rescue.

During the year the Sub-Aqua Club regularly volunteered for local beach cleans ups. The Canoe Club ran their annual Pub Quiz raising €350 for the Irish Community Air Ambulance. The Windsurfing Club organised a charity ball, "Board ball" raising funds for Bodywhys. The GAA and Trampoline Clubs raised funds for Women's Aid. The GAA Club also fundraised for Temple Street Children's Hospital and the Trampoline Club ran a "Merch sale" and a "Dragons Den 3" event for Marymount Hospice in Cork. The Fencing Club fundraised for the Irish Heart Foundation. Both the Rugby and Ultimate Frisbee Clubs supported the Ukrainian Appeal.