

SWIM IRELAND

2017 Swim Ireland Congress and Awards

Mayo Footballer Andy Moran Headlines 2017 Congress



Swim Ireland Annual Awards 2017

The 2017 Swim Ireland Awards and Congress take place at the Great National Hotel, Ballina.

The Awards will start with a reception from 7pm, followed by dinner and awards presented to our international swimmers & divers, Clubmark Clubs, our 2016 Olympians and Paralympians and our Annual Awards including the Hall of Fame and Presidents Award.

After dinner entertainment will be provided by 'Flat Out'.

Tickets are selling fast, get yours now at the link [HERE!](#)



Congress 2017

Swim Ireland Congress returns as a forum for members from all disciplines to meet, share ideas and talk about the things that are most important to you. This is a call out to all to come along and contribute.

The Swim Ireland Congress will take the following format:

Times

Sessions

12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch and Registration
1.30pm -2.30pm	Andy Moran (Mayo and GAA Footballer of the Year 2017)
2.30pm – 3.00pm	Education – Develop your club through accessible and cost-effective training opportunities
3.00pm – 4.00pm	Open Forum (Q &A with Swim Ireland) including Discussion on the topic - <i>Should Swim Ireland build and run their own facility?</i>

Andy Moran

As we are guests in Mayo, a passionate GAA county, what better way to start the afternoon then with a look at the highs and lows of an inspirational footballer who was crowned player of the year in 2017. The Mayo man put in some sensational performances in his side's run to the All-Ireland Final and we will have Performance Director Jon Rudd on hand to probe into what has gone into making it such a successful year. This will be an exciting start to the day which will give attendees a real insight into what it takes to get to the highest levels of an amateur sport that is clearly at the heart of so many Irish people. Attendees will also get an opportunity to ask questions.

Swim Ireland Education – Develop your club through accessible and cost effective training opportunities

The accessibility and cost of Swim Ireland courses has been a longstanding concern for Swim Ireland members. Attending Congress this year will give you the opportunity to find out how Swim Ireland have addressed these concerns, with the Education Department presenting the new format for Level 1 and Level 2 Teaching and Coaching Courses, as well as providing a preview of the new CPD Menu which will be rolled out in January 2018. Swim Ireland Education are taking a leap into online learning and are delighted to present our Swim Training and Education Platform (STEP), come along and see how this can support your club to develop.

Open Forum – (Q & A with Swim Ireland)

Following on from the successful Q & A session in 2016, A number of Swim Ireland Staff, Board Members and National Committee leads will be on hand to answer questions and discuss topics that participants are interested in bringing to the congress. This will be an open forum that will allow participants to pose questions to the panel that we believe will incite some thought-provoking discussion.

The panel will include members from the following areas:

Performance, Membership, National Competitions, Education, Officials and Youth Development

Discussion Topic – Should Swim Ireland build and manage their own facility

With the growing costs of fees and access to facilities across the country, Swim Ireland is interested in hearing the opinions of our members in relation to building and running its own facility. This will give members an opportunity to view their opinions, asks questions and outline any aspects they would like to discuss. As a sport where the NGB or clubs do not own any facilities this could be a vital step in growing the number of events Swim Ireland is able to deliver.

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Youth Congress

Youth Congress is an opportunity for our young athletes to have their say and give their opinions on what their National Governing Body does for them as members. Our agenda topics are as below and we will be looking for guidance and ideas on the development of these from our youth membership, during congress.

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- Intro to Youth Congress
- Questions to be put to the SI Forum on behalf of Youth Congress
- Discussion topic: '*Should Swim Ireland build and run their own facility?*'

3.00pm – 4.30pm

- Personal Athlete Development – Athlete Toolkit
- Youth Congress – what does this look like; Regional and National
- Young Peoples Strategy 2018-2020

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