Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Sports Forum

Coach Education & Club Development

PROGRAMME 2026/27



Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council

Welcome

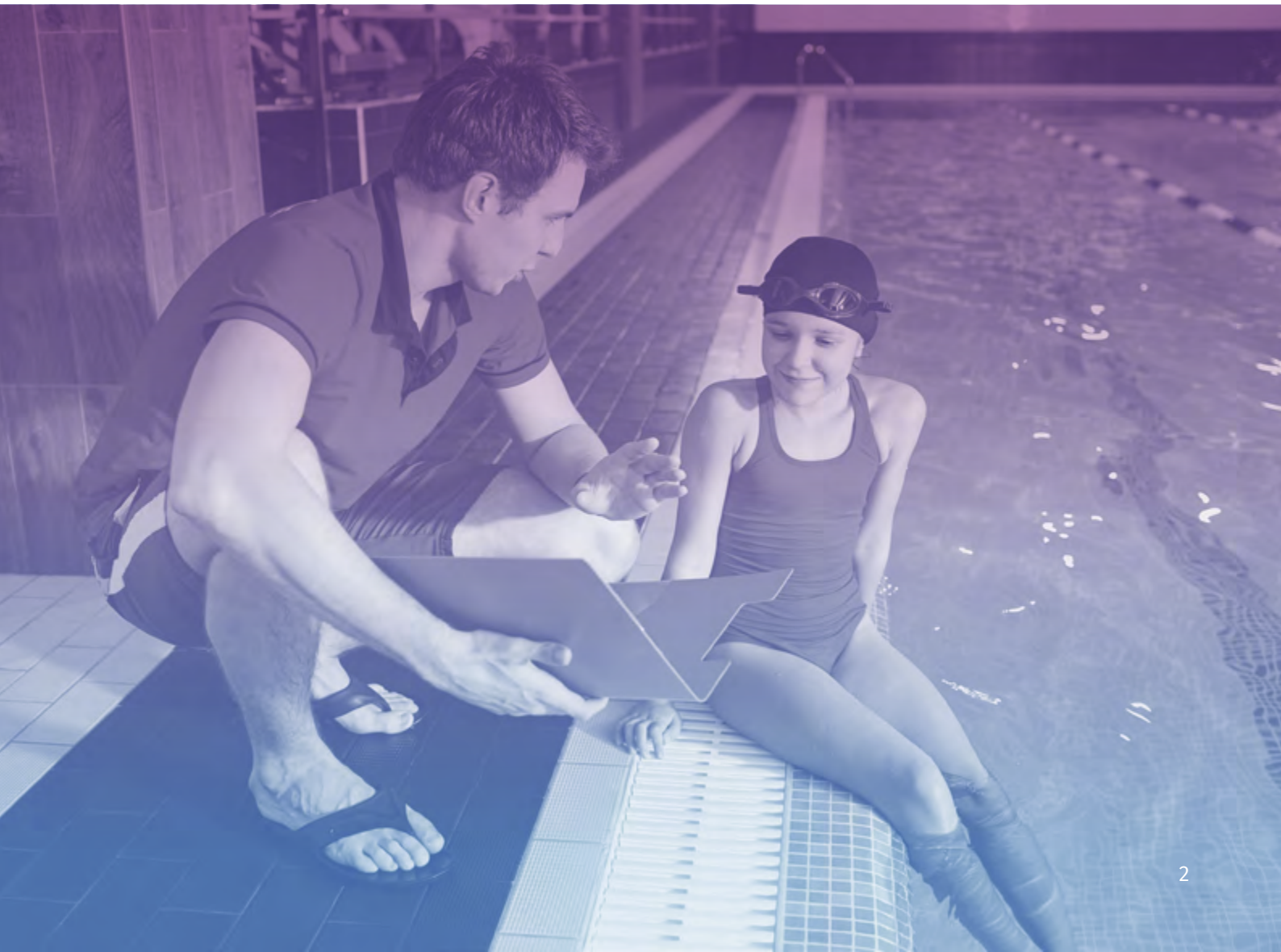
Welcome to the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Coach Education and Club Development Programme for 2026/27.

At Council, we have a strong commitment to support the ongoing development of coaches, sports volunteers and sports club administrators throughout the Borough. We have compiled this programme to provide opportunities to further develop the knowledge and skills relevant to these roles, in enjoyable and engaging environments. The programme sees a blended approach to delivery with a mixture of online workshops as well as practical workshops.

The programme offers a mixture of minimum operating standards that are required for good club governance and club and coach development workshops to support coaches in the day-to-day running of their club sessions, which are practical in nature and relating to achieving optimal performance.

For more information relating to any of the workshops please contact:

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Coach Education & Club Development Programme 2026/27

Course	Date	Online/Venue	Time	Cost
Emergency First Aid for Sport	Mon 5 & 12 Oct 26	Ardmore Recreation Centre	6.30pm - 9.30pm	£5: Affiliated £15: Non-affiliated
Walking for All Walk Leader Course	Wed 21 Oct 26	Armagh Cricket Club, The Mall, Armagh	6.30pm - 9.00pm	Free
Safeguarding Children & Young People in Sport	Thu 22 Oct 26	Online	7.00pm - 9.00pm	£5: Affiliated £10: Non-affiliated
Emergency First Aid for Sport	Thu 5 & 12 Nov 26	Dromore Community Centre	6.30pm - 9.30pm	£5: Affiliated £15: Non-affiliated
Autism and Sports Coaching	Wed 2 Dec 26	South Lake Leisure Centre	6.30pm - 9.30pm	£5: Affiliated £10: Non-affiliated
Safeguarding Children & Young People in Sport	Tue 26 Jan 27	Online	7.00pm - 9.00pm	£5: Affiliated £10: Non-affiliated
Emergency First Aid for Sport	Wed 10 & 17 Feb 27	South Lake Leisure Centre	6.30pm - 9.30pm	£5: Affiliated £15: Non-affiliated
Safeguarding Children & Young People in Sport	Thu 4 Mar 27	Online	7.00pm - 9.00pm	£5: Affiliated £10: Non-affiliated
Emergency First Aid for Sport	Wed 22 & 29 Mar 27	Gilford Community Centre	6.30pm - 9.30pm	£5: Affiliated £15: Non-affiliated
Designated Safeguarding Officer	Wed 31 Mar 27	Online	7.00pm - 9.00pm	£5: Affiliated £10: Non-affiliated

Course Details

Safeguarding Children & Young People in Sport [Online]

This workshop aims to raise awareness of Child Protection issues in sport and introduces participants to the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport. This workshop is important for all adults involved in children's sport, but is particularly recommended for Coaches, Leaders, Administrators and Officials.

Designated Safeguarding Officer [Online]

This workshop aims to support those undertaking the role of Designated Safeguarding Children's Officer in sports clubs including creating an awareness of key legislation and good practice, how to respond in a range of situations of concern and how to develop the standards of safeguarding within a club environment. Attendees must have attended 'Safeguarding Children and Young People in Sport' prior to attending this workshop and must be over 18 years of age.

Emergency First Aid for Sport [Face-to-Face]

This 2 evening x 3hr workshops will cover elements of First Aid applicable to anyone who is responsible for coaching/supervising a team or individuals.
A 3 year certificate of competency will be issued following successful assessment. Attendance at both sessions is compulsory.

Autism and Sports Coaching [Face-to-Face]

The Autism and Sports Coaching workshop is a 3 hour course designed to give people a basic understanding of Autism and the potential challenges for inclusion in sport. Participants will learn through practical examples, ways to include people with Autism in their sessions and look at potential strategies and support for keeping people with Autism engaged in sport and active recreation.

Walking for All Walk Leader Course [Face-to-Face]

The Walking for All programme aims to get more people walking through regular, led walking groups based in the local community. The Walking for All Walk Leader Course will give you the skills and knowledge to help you become an effective walk leader and to plan safe and enjoyable walks for the community. This course, along with subsequent participation in the Walking for All programme, will support your club in creating opportunities for members to enjoy the social, mental, and physical benefits of walking.

Booking

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, however priority will be given to Coaches and Clubs within the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area.

Affiliated clubs of the Sports Forum can avail of subsidised places as part of their affiliation. Voucher codes and separate booking instructions will be issued to these clubs or can be requested from **Laura O'Hagan** at **laural.ohagan@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk**.

All courses have a minimum number and therefore courses are subject to cancellation should these not be met. Please note we require 48 hours notice of any cancellation. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in your club being charged at the full non-affiliated rate. Consideration will be given to participants under exceptional circumstances who cannot attend and inform us of these reasons.

All courses can be booked online at
armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/coacheducation

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Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Sports Forum

The Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Sports Forum is a voluntary organisation that supports Clubs and Individuals through the following Grant Programmes:

Club Development Grants:

- NGB Quality Accreditation / Reaccreditation Grant & Advancement Grant
- Volunteer Development Grant
- Grant Aid for Coaches & Umpires/Referees
- Representative Sporting Clubs

Individual Grants:

- Talented Athlete Grants
- Talented Athlete Leisure Access Card
- Bursaries

Affiliation

Affiliation for the 2026/27 financial year is still open and costs £30 per year for a club and £20 per year for an individual. New members wishing to affiliate must be affiliated to the Sport NI, Sport Ireland or UK Sport recognised Governing Body. Clubs and Individuals must be based within the Council area. Clubs must submit a copy of their club constitution as part of their affiliation to the Sports Forum.

Clubs wishing to affiliate can do so here:
armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/abc-sports-forum/

Sports Directory

The Sports Forum holds a sports directory of its affiliated clubs offering a wide range of sporting and physical activity opportunities across the area.

To view the sports directory, please visit:
armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/resident/abc-sports-directory/

If you require any further information on the services that the Sports Forum provide, please contact:

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INTERESTED IN SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

in the Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area?

We want to talk to you

Please contact the Sports Development Team at Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council

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